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The Ontario Campaign.

THE campaign in Ontario began the day after New Year's and is growing warmer. The Whitney party are making an appeal to the electors to turn out the Ross government on the ground that it is corrupt and its election methods bad, and they are also counting on Mr. Ross losing the temperance vote. Mr. Whitney and his followers are charging the government with non-enforcement of the liquor license laws, and his press is indignant at the exposure of the fact that Mr. Whitney is shown to have taken liquor himself after hours in a hotel, thus causing a license holder to break the law which Mr. Whitney complains is not enforced. If Mr. Whitney will make a campaign of that kind against the government he cannot complain if the government retaliates. The Liberals of Ontario think it is high time to retaliate and expose a crowd that is campaigning as a purity party. In the recent contest for Mayor of Ottawa one of the candidates ran a campaign in which he bid for the temperance and church vote and tried to place his opponent in the false position of standing in with the

hotel men. His opponent said publicly that the purity and temperance man was a hypocrite, and that they had often taken a glass of whiskey together. The candidate who said that is a Conservative but he is not likely to sympathize with the indignation expressed in the Conservative press because the Ross government is giving Mr. Whitney a Roland for his Oliver.

Mr Whitney has been going about the province denouncing "the Grit machine", knowing full well that the Liberal and Conservative organizations are alike. He insists that the misconduct of irresponsible persons at the Soo was simply a demonstration of the "machine". Yet he knows that a score of his supporters and workers were camped at the Soo night and day promoting the election of his candidate. But the Whitney party will actually go the length of saying that these workers and speakers, instead of being a "machine" were there to watch the Grit machine in the interests of pure elections! This Pharisaism, all the numerous professions of superior sanctity, led the Chancellor of Ontario to say from the bench at the Soo that

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