

## The Planet.

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### NEXT MONDAY'S CONVENTION

Everything points to a great convention here next Monday, when the Liberal-Conservatives meet at one o'clock in the Opera House to select a candidate to contest East Kent for the Legislature.

Advices received from all parts of the riding are to the effect that the Conservatives, confident of coming victory in Ontario, are determined to put up the fight of their lives in East Kent. North of the Thames, and South of the Thames, the Conservatives are a unit in calling for the selection of the strongest man as the candidate to carry the party standard in what promises to be the shortest, sharpest and most decisive political contest ever waged in this province.

Go where you will, the feeling among the people, Liberals, Conservatives and Independents, is that the days of the Ross Government are numbered and the end is near. It is, therefore, with hope born of confidence that the men of Kent will assemble here next Monday.

As stated last week, the convention will be a wide open one, free not only to Conservatives but to all who desire to end the present intolerable state of affairs and who wish a return to honest electoral methods in Ontario.

Let the convention fearlessly speak its mind in regard to the disgraceful doings of the present Government and its hirelings, declare for honest methods and Mr. Whitney's platform of forward legislation, select a strong, clean candidate from the many within its ranks, and it can adjourn confident of the result.

Let Monday next mark the dawn of a new era in Liberal-Conservatism in East Kent.—Ridgeway Dominion.

### LET MR. ROSS RETIRE

"Let them take up each minister's career one by one, let them go over the acts of our Legislature and show if they can, where a minister degraded his high office, or for gain, political or otherwise, prostituted the trust which the people had committed into their hands, and if they do I will retire from the leadership on five minutes' notice."

These are the words of the Hon. G. W. Ross, spoken at the recent Liberal convention. They were not intended merely to tickle the ears of his followers assembled at the convention, but were meant to reach the ears of the entire Province. It is only right, says the Guelph Herald, that the challenge thus thrown down should be accepted, and that proof should be forthcoming that Mr. Ross, as claimed over and over again by Conservatives, Independents and Liberals, has, "for political gain prostituted the trust," not committed into his hands, but stolen from the people by him.

The Guelph Herald takes one single instance. At Sault Ste. Marie on the 25th October, 1903, two political meetings were held. While the Conservative meeting was going on the Liberals were holding another in the opera house, at which the Hon. Mr. Harcourt and the Hon. Mr. Gibson were present. Consternation was caused at the latter, when Mr. Boyce read a signed statement by Mr. Macampbell, addressed to the Hon. the Attorney-General, calling his attention to the fact that there was to be a deliberate attempt to steal this election from the people. The statement explained that the steamboat "Minnie M." was chartered in the interests of the Liberals, to leave for Michipicoten and other outside polls, with one hundred passengers. The only answer the Attorney-General gave to that statement was that he was not a policeman.

Every means was taken by Liberal supporters of Mr. Ross to prevent the Conservatives finding out who were the selected crowd of passengers which set out on the "Minnie M." on October 26th. No telegraph wires reached Michipicoten, so the Conservatives hired the tug, "Roach," to follow the "Minnie M.," but the Liberal lawyers threatened to prosecute the owners of the tug, and compel them to pay a fine of \$500, if they carried any passengers. The intended pursuit was thus thwarted. The election was held and Mr. C. N. Smith was declared elected.

Quite apart from the "Minnie M." the methods employed to gain this victory were scandalous. They earned the now celebrated denunciation of the Rev. F. G. Tapscott, and another gentleman said, "The whole thing was a huge steal from beginning to end, the like of which I don't think was ever seen in Canada before. West Elgin could have been nothing like it."

Here, therefore, adds the Guelph

Herald, we see the Hon. Mr. Harcourt and the Hon. Mr. Gibson going to Sault Ste. Marie in order to obtain "political gain" for the Hon. Mr. Ross. Every seat was of the greatest importance to Mr. Ross, his majority was vanishing.

It was the old problem over again, the Government had been denied the popular support and it was forced to again employ the fraud which has been its chief characteristic for the past six years in order to obtain power.

That Mr. Ross knew of the danger which threatened from the exposure of this matter, is fully proved by his calling the Legislature on the very day named for the hearing by the courts of the protest against Mr. C. N. Smith and the other protested elections.

The protest at the Sault has been heard, however, with what results the whole province knows to its shame. The very name of the Minnie M. causes true Liberals to hang their heads. But to prove the case still further against the Attorney-General he has refused to bring the men named by the judges to trial. It is the statutory duty of the County Crown Attorney to prosecute them, he is under the control of the Attorney-General and when he refused to do his duty then it was for the Attorney-General to act. But Mr. Gibson did not. He was even appealed to by the private prosecutor and declined to aid him.

In this plain statement of facts, proved beyond a shadow of doubt, Mr. Ross's challenge has been accepted, and he has been shown, as well as the Attorney-General, "to have degraded his high office and, for political gain, to have prostituted the trust" which he has the audacity to say "has been committed into his hands by the people."

Mr. Stratton now announces that he has retired from politics "for a time." If the Ross Government is returned to power the men in high places who have offended most will be given positions of influence and with substantial remuneration. Stratton et al. know too much to be dropped. Their eclipse is only "for a time," to give the government an opportunity to hoodwink the electorate.—Stratford Herald.

### WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Kingston News.  
Graham is a fit successor of Stratton.

### STRATTON WAS TOO SERIOUS.

Toronto News.  
With such a unanimous party, Mr. Stratton must regret his resignation. It seems to have been unnecessary.

### THE GLOBE'S HALF TONES.

Toronto Telegram.  
Even Col. J. P. Whitney must hope that the Ontario Liberal convention is not as black as it is painted in the Globe's half-tones.

### GET AT THE FACTS.

Woodstock Express.  
Fault is found with Magistrate Wood for giving too wide a scope to the investigation in the bogus ballot box case. The fault is not a serious one, and no complaint will be made by those who have nothing to fear. The important thing is to get at the facts. Even if the rules of evidence be stretched a little in getting at the truth, no harm will result. Hard and fast rules are sometimes the better for being stretched. We have already seen how investigations may be conducted so as to prevent the facts from coming out; a little experience in the opposite direction will do no harm.

### SUBMIT A. G. BLAIR MYSTERY TO

A. F. WOOD, J. P.  
Toronto Telegram.  
The Toronto World should move swiftly in the direction of calling in A. F. Wood, J. P., to investigate the Blair mystery.

It cannot be said that A. F. Wood, J. P., is the highest tribunal in the British Empire or that his powers exceed those of the supreme court of Canada or of the Boyd-Falconbridge commission.

It can be said that A. F. Wood, J. P., is the head and whole body of the only tribunal that ever brought out the facts as to political crime in Ontario.

### A ROTTEN POLITICAL SYSTEM.

Montreal Witness, Liberal.

One intolerable evil which seems to be abundantly proved by this ballot box investigation is the fact that throughout our whole electoral system the candidates on the government side have the appointment of the returning officers. If all men were sinless this would be a minor matter, as, though the returning officer is in the place of an umpire, he is so fettered in by regulations that his partiality could do little harm. Where social conditions are so degraded as they seem to be in parts of Canada, when a candidate has been found to presume on general perjury in the interests of party, the system simply means playing with loaded dice. The parties criminally approached presumably looked for reward in further appointments. Both parties in Canada are rotten with this patronage system. The government can't buy a blotting pad without reference to the patronage register and finding out some beneficiary who has served the party in elections—loaded dice again.

### A Change For The Better

The Way Physicians Now Treat Catarrh.

Physicians who formerly depended upon inhalers, sprays and local washes or ointments now use Stuart's Catarrh Tablets because, as one of the most prominent stated, these tablets contain, in pleasant, convenient form all of the really efficient and reliable catarrh remedies, such as red gum, blood root and Hydrastin.

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Dr. J. J. Reitter says: I suffered from catarrh in my head and throat every winter and it would hang on clear into summer, with stoppage of the nose and irritation in the throat affecting my voice so that I was continually clearing my throat before I could speak plainly; it finally extended to the stomach causing catarrh of the stomach.

I bought a fifty cent box of Stuart Catarrh Tablets at my druggists, carried them in my pocket and used them regularly several times a day, and the way in which they cleared my head and throat and improved my hearing and general health I consider little short of remarkable. I had no catarrh last winter and spring and now I am entirely free from any catarrhal trouble whatever.

Mrs. Jerome Ellison, of Wheeling, writes: I suffered from catarrh nearly my whole life, and last winter my two children also suffered from catarrhal colds and sore throat so much so they were out of school a large part of last winter. My brother, who was cured of catarrhal deafness by using Stuart's Catarrh Tablets, urged me so much to try them that I sent to the drug store and bought a package and I am truly thankful for what they have done for me and my children. I always keep a box of the tablets in the house and at the first appearance of a cold or sore throat one or two of the catarrh tablets nips it in the bud and catarrh is no longer a household affliction with us.

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### MY CREED.

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Can make one life the brighter;  
If any little song of ours  
Can make one heart the lighter;  
God help us speak that little word,  
And take our bit of singing,  
And drop it in some lonely vale,  
To set the echoes ringing.

If any little love of ours  
Can make one life the sweeter;  
If any little care of ours  
Can make our step the fleetier;  
If any little help may ease  
The burden of another,  
God give us love and care and strength  
To help along each other.

If any watchful thought of ours  
Can make some work the stronger;  
If any cheery smile of ours  
Can make its brightness longer,  
Then let us speak that thought to-day  
With tender eyes aglowing,  
So God may grant some weary one,  
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—Exchange.

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### Humor and Philosophy

By DUNCAN M. SMITH

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#### IF HE IS ON THE SQUARE.

Though his coat is torn and ragged,  
And his shoes are far from new,  
And his frayed and tattered trousers  
At a function wouldn't do,  
And his overcoat is shiny,  
Looking much the worse for wear,  
We can still be glad to meet him  
If the man is on the square.

Fortune, shy and fickle goddess,  
May not stop at his address:  
When he reaches out to greet her  
He may have another guess.  
Though his pocketbook is empty  
And his days are full of care,  
We may still be proud to know him  
If the man is on the square.

For it isn't by his money  
Or his dress or flashy style  
That we may in truth discover  
If a fellow is worth while;  
If in fair and stormy weather  
On his friendship you can swear,  
It's a joy to call him "Comrade"  
If the man is on the square.

#### Fish and Fish Stories.

In many states there is a law against catching fish under a certain size for the protection of the fish crop. There should also be a law against fish stories over a certain size for the protection of the public.

While we should be slow about introducing European methods, yet it would doubtless meet with popular approval to have a censor for fish stories.



Let us have a man with a fat blue pencil in a tall office building to whom all fish stories must be taken before they are tried on the public.

By a little practice the censor should be able to cut down the length and number of the fishes to appropriate proportions and chop out the inartistic parts of the stories until fish stories would be fully as thrilling and reliable as census statistics. Some political party looking for a popular issue has the chance of a lifetime.

#### The Preferable Way.

The paths of glory lead but to the grave.  
Why, even though they do so, should we care?  
So do the paths of monarch and of slave,  
But glory's paths are rose strewn leading there.

#### When She Means It.

Don't believe all your hear about a woman's no meaning yes unless you wish to connect up with a jolt that will jar loose the favorite wart on the back of your neck.

Sometimes when you ask a woman to marry you, if she can't think of anything to do she may refuse you when she is dying to help spend your money, but under such circumstances she has you sized up correctly as a man who would come back the next evening with the same proposition in a more alluring form.

But suppose you are trying to sell a woman a sewing machine when dinner is behind and she is expecting company. At such a time if you assume that her no means yes it is a good guess that the police will be called in to make it plain to you that she meant just what she said, no more and no less.

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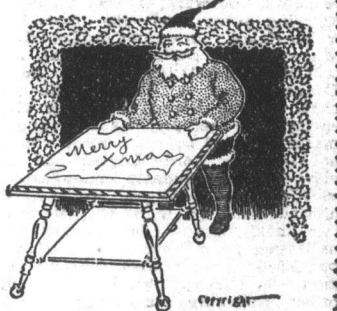
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