

# THE OLD WAY AND THE NEW

Following Mr. C. N. Smith (Soo), Mr. R. R. Gamey spoke on the Address. His speech, which follows, is brim full of interesting information concerning that great country known as New Ontario, and shows in vivid contrast the slipshod way in which it was administered by the late Liberal government and the business-like manner in which the Whitney Government are conserving its vast resources to the enrichment of the people of Ontario.

MR. GAMEY: Mr. Speaker, before I take up the questions relating to the address, I desire to make just one brief reference to a remark of the hon. member for the Soo, introduced yesterday, regarding the "spoils system." You will remember with me, Sir, that he talked very eloquently and waxed warm on the dismissal of an old gentleman at Blind River. He told the House that the Conservative Party had dismissed him and that they had generally treated him very badly. The hon. member for Algoma went into this matter, and will, no doubt, deal with it in an address within the next day or two. But, Sir—I desire to be just as brief as possible—a Report was made by Dr. Bruce Smith, who is the Inspector in charge of Prisons for this Province, and his Report deals with Mr. Tansey's case. Dr. Bruce Smith says:—

## DR. BRUCE SMITH'S REPORT

"This man came into the service first, (I think in 1884) as a Guard at the Central Prison. He was discharged for drunkenness and sleeping on duty. When the Lock-up at Blind River was erected in 1901 he was appointed Provincial Constable with a Jurisdiction extending from Bruce Mines to Spanish River at a salary of \$400 a year. He acted as Lock-up Keeper from the first at Blind River, supplied fuel, etc., and fed the prisoners at his own expense, for which he was afterwards reimbursed, but was not appointed Lock-up Keeper till January 1st 1904. He applied for payment for the two years before this, but was refused."

(Remember this was the Liberal Government,—the hon. member for the Soo did not give us anything about this.)—

"His salary as Keeper was \$75.00 a year."

—From the Liberal Government! They were so anxious to keep him well that they paid him \$75 a year as Lockup Keeper!

"When the Lock-up at Blind River was turned over to the Municipality, Tansey still acted as Constable but not as Keeper. His drinking habits led to his final dismissal, and he went to Kenora where he was arrested in May or June, 1907, for drunkenness, was too ill to be cared for in the Gaol and was placed in the Hospital there."

On the recommendation of Dr. Bruce Smith, Inspector, the money authorized by the Government was paid to Mr. John Muncaster who had supplied the family with groceries and kept them from starving for some months. If it had been paid to Tansey it would have gone in drink and