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AWFUL EXPOSURE OF GOV'T. MAY CAUSE ROSS' RESIGNATION

Toronto, March 11.—An exposure of political corruption, which perhaps is without a parallel in the history of parliamentary government in Canada, and made this afternoon in the Ontario Legislature, when, from his seat in the House, Mr. Gamey, member for Manitoulin stated that HE HAD BEEN OFFERED BY MEMBERS AND AGENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT BRIBES RANGING FROM \$1,000 TO \$3,000, AND ACCEPTED THE MONEY TO CHANGE HIS ALLEGIANCE FROM THE CONSERVATIVE TO THE LIBERAL PARTY. The statement, supported, as it was, by LETTERS IMPLICATING MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT IN THE CONSPIRACY, cannot be regarded as other than most damaging, and the resignation of the Ministers against whom charges are made, or possibly the entire Ministry, is at any moment probable.

The exposure came as a thunderbolt to the legislators. Certainly the Government was completely taken by surprise, and it is known that not until half an hour before the member for Manitoulin spoke was even the leader of the Opposition aware that Mr. Gamey's statement was forthcoming. The secrecy with which Mr. Gamey had for nine months hatched the plot without divulging anything about his actions to one member of his political belief, except the secretary of the Conservative Association of his constituency, was certainly a strategy of a remarkable type, demonstrating unusual force of character, particularly when it is known that since the beginning of the year he has even suffered repudiation, rejection and persecution by the party which he was elected to support.

As the result of an emergency meeting of the Cabinet the Government has decided to appoint a commission of Judges to investigate the charges.

An Indescribable Scene

The scene in the Legislative Chamber was almost indescribable. A. G. MacKay, of North Grey, and Valentine Stock had in half-hour addresses moved and seconded the speech from the throne, applauding the Government for its administration of the affairs of the Province.

As Mr. Stock concluded his address at five o'clock, Premier Ross looked across the chamber to the Opposition benches, expecting Mr. Whitney to reply in the ordinary course of parliamentary procedure, but at that moment Mr. Whitney was looking far down the chamber to the occupant of the seat at the extreme end of the front row of Opposition benches. The Conservative leader nodded his head, and from the seat indicated there arose a comparatively young man, a stranger to the old members of the House, and addressed the Speaker. THIS YOUNG MAN WAS GAMEY, THE MEMBER FOR MANITOULIN. The members of the Government glanced hurriedly at each other in perfect astonishment that the debate should be interrupted in this unusual manner. As Mr. Gamey proceeded and made known what was coming, SURPRISE DEEPENED INTO CONSTERNATION AMONG THE OCCUPANTS OF THE GOVERNMENT BENCHES. Word by word, sentence by sentence, Mr. Gamey, with unwavering voice, read his carefully prepared statement, occasionally raising his eyes from the written document, as with extended hand he emphasized some important point of his address.

Mr. Gamey's Speech

Mr. Gamey said in part:—"I was elected in May, 1902, as a straight Conservative, defeating J. M. Fraser, the Liberal candidate, by about 340 majority, and beating the combined vote of Fraser, the Liberal, and McMillan, the Socialist candidate, by about 100 votes. The returns by the returning officer were held back and not declared until June 7th. This, I believe, was done to give the Government a chance to contest my election, if necessary after they saw how the

MR. GAMEY REVEALS SCANDALOUS ACTION OF MEMBERS OF CABINET

Members and Agents Bribed Member for Manitoulin to Change Allegiance from Whitney to Ross.

Disgrace to the Whole Gov't Administration—Prominent Part Taken by Notorious "Cap" Sullivan.

Mr. Gamey Declares, in His Place in the Legislature, that he was Offered and Accepted \$4,000.

The Money Came from Provincial Secretary Stratton, he Says, Through Agents.

He Intended From Outset to Trap the Corruptionists with the Object of Final Exposure.

The Secretary of the Manitoulin Association the Only Friend he Took Into his Confidence.

He has Documentary Evidence to Support the Charges—A Commission of Judges

rest of the protests stood. In due time a protest was entered in the usual way. Several parties were sent up to the riding to look up evidence. About August 7th I was going to Toronto, and met Capt. J. Sullivan at the lunch room at Allandale, and he said to me:—

"I hear, Gamey, they have strong evidence against you up there."

I replied that I had heard nothing of that. He continued the conversation, and confidentially remarked to me, as a friend, he said, that I would be disqualified, and said if he was in my place he would resign. I laughed at him, and paid no attention to it. I went on to Toronto and he remained.

In Toronto, at the Walker House, where I stay, I met his son, Frank J. Sullivan, who also broached the subject of my protest, and said he understood they would disqualify me. He would, he said, if he were me, resign rather than face a trial. I told him that his father had spoken that way, and I wondered why they were speaking thus. He said only as a friend, as he had known me a long time, and he felt sorry that I would be disqualified.

"Why," he said, "that could be arranged. A good thing could be made out of it and the trial avoided."

I asked him how, and he said, after some further conversation, that

\$5,000 in Cash Could be Got and Lots of Chances for More, Later on,

as the Government must have more support, I replied that I thought that that was impossible, as no man could leave either side now, and the Government would ruin themselves by dealing with anyone while it was so close, and I told him I did not believe that they would do so. He replied that he could soon convince me, and if I would stay over a couple of days he would prove it.

I decided to see what they would do, and on my return to Gore Bay I would lay the whole matter before some Conservative friends.

About Tuesday, Aug. 12, Frank came to me and said a prominent Liberal lawyer of the city would be up in his father's room at the Walker House, and that I should go to the room, giving me the number. He told me no mention would be made of money, but that the lawyer would talk of

A Stock Proposition

by which profits would realize \$3,000 in six weeks or less, and \$2,000 after the first session of the House.

I went to the room and Frank and the lawyer were there. I will not mention the lawyer's name to-day, but he is prominent in the Liberal ranks. The lawyer said he understood Frank and I had spoken of a stock company, in which I could make \$3,000 in cash in six weeks, and \$2,000 towards spring,

and I said we had. He said it could be arranged, he thought, but no mention was made in his presence of supporting the Government, and no question of trial was spoken of.

Frank and I agreed then that if anything was done each should take half. During that trip I also saw D. A. Jones, of Boston, who seemed to be authorized to deal with me. He also suggested that the Government were very anxious to get information for the trials against Smith and McCampbell, which I told him would be impossible for me to do. I left Toronto for home about the 12th.

On my return home I consulted J. R. McGregor, of Gore Bay, secretary of the Manitoulin District Conservative Association, and asked his advice. I consulted him because he was the only executive officer in Gore Bay, whether to tell what had been then done or not; but we came to the conclusion that I should go on and get some evidence that we could prove, and see how far they would go, and whatever we did would be told on the floor of the House, and absolutely no one would know before. We decided that I would have to give the Government evidence that I really meant to go with them, and only by fully convincing them could we hope to get any evidence or attack any of the cabinet. So far we had no evidence against anyone in authority. Nothing more was done or said until about Aug. 19th I received a letter from D. A. Jones, of Boston, in which he said:—

"I can tell you how we

Can Make a Good Haul at Once

Now, you being an outsider and a Conservative, having agents and friends in Algoma and Sault Ste. Marie, you can find out certain important information that will be sufficient to answer the purpose decided. You can communicate it privately to me, and I can pop it, and to the proper place. If I was situated like you I could pick up thousands of dollars' worth soon and no one would ever dream of you or me in the matter. It is a snap worth trying for. Let me hear from you as soon as possible, so I can shape things in time."

This I answered by saying I would be down shortly and see him.

On Aug. 21st I was out at my home, ten miles from Gore Bay. That night, between 11 and 12 o'clock, a rap came to my door, after I had gone to bed. My brother, Wilfrid, was there. He went to the door and said a gentleman wanted to see me. I got up and went to the door, and Capt. J. Sullivan was there, and wanted to see me privately. He wanted me.

To Give Him Some Document,

asserting that I would support the Government, so that he could show the ministers that he was succeeding. I told him I wouldn't do so that night, but that I would go to Toronto in a few days and meet him

there, which he agreed to. He went back to Gore Bay that night, after staying about one hour. In the morning my brother and I drove to Gore Bay, and I saw J. R. McGregor and explained what the captain wanted. He said:—

"Go ahead and see what they will do."

I left the captain at Sault Ste. Marie, and the next day I went to Arnprior, and about Aug. 26 I arrived in Toronto, and saw both the captain and his son Frank at the Walker House, and had different interviews in the captain's room. I went back to Arnprior about August 28, and returned to Toronto about Sept. 1st.

I had many talks with Frank Sullivan and his father about matters up to the 9th. The captain was trying to secure

A Timber Limit for his Share.

McGregor Island was mentioned. He told me he had discussed the deal with the Hon. J. M. Gibson first, but that Gibson had asked him to see Hon. J. R. Stratton, and Stratton seemed to be the one they did business with from that time on. About September 9th I was taken into Stratton's office by Frank Sullivan and discussed the arrangement with him. No money was mentioned, but the word "consideration" was mentioned. I SAW STRATTON TOLD ME PERSONALLY I WOULD HAVE THE PATRONAGE OF THE RIDING ENTIRELY IN MY OWN HANDS. He showed me the letter I would have to sign, addressed to the Premier, agreeing to support the Government, and asserting that I was not receiving any value for the same. It was typewritten. The consideration was to have been paid that day, but he was not ready. I then went down, and at about 1.30 p. m. Frank Sullivan and I were to go to a prominent lawyer's office, which was

This lawyer, when I arrived there, had the letter that I was to sign, and I signed it in his presence. We then had an appointment with the Hon. J. R. Stratton for the next forenoon. Frank Sullivan and I went into his office together. Stratton said everything was ready, and we left the letter with him, and that Frank and I should go down to the smoking room and wait there, and a party would bring a parcel and lay it on the table in that room. I SAW STRATTON TAKE OUT OF HIS INSIDE POCKET A LARGE, WELL FILLED ENVELOPE. We went down to the smoking room and waited a short time, and MR. MYERS, ACTING SECRETARY FOR HON. J. R. STRATTON, TOOK THE PARCEL FROM STRATTON'S OFFICE AND GAVE IT TO MR. CHASE, WHO CARRIED IT TO THE SMOKING ROOM AND LAID THE SAME LARGE ENVELOPE PARCEL ON THE TABLE. We walked out again without speaking. Frank went over and picked up the parcel, and we went down to the wash room, and Frank took the parcel out of his pocket and counted.

There were Three Thousand Dollars

in Ontario Bank bills of hundreds, fifties, twenties, tens and fives. Frank handed me \$1,500 of this. I will tell where that money is when necessary. Frank tore up the envelope. I then left the building alone and went to dinner. I showed the money to a Conservative in the city, and will tell his name when necessary. I went to the Crossin piano factory in the afternoon.

I left for home on Thursday night, Sept. 11th. I explained all this to one Conservative in the city and to J. R. McGregor on my return to Gore

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