

On Thursday morning, January 9, 1902, *The World* had a number of pointed articles on the methods employed to elect Mayor Howland. One of these was headed "Wholesale Demoralization," it said, "The more the voting of Monday is investigated, the more evident it is that wholesale demoralization prevailed in the polling booths. *The World* acquits Mr. Howland of it. The men who did it were agents of one of the corporations, and all Sunday and Monday they were at work spending thousands in heading off what promised to be a Waterloo. There was no such vote polled for Howland as the ballot boxes show. John o' the East, John o' the West, (and) the old experienced bird, that has made his boast of handling St. John's Ward for thirty years or more were all in it."

The Albany Club, King street, Toronto, the head centre of Toryism in the Province, was in favor of Mayor Howland, and here is how *The World* of Thursday morning, January 9, 1902, refers to the nest under the heading "Professional Corruptionists." "The public are being aroused at last to the existence in Toronto of an organized machine of professional corruptionists. They have a nest in the centre of the city. They handle the money of corporations; their mission has been to corrupt representatives of the people and to corrupt electors; most of all to invade the one thing that ought to be sacred in our politics—the ballot box."

Here was an opportunity for Mr. Whitney to demand of his friends, the Conservative mayor and Conservative council of the City of Toronto, an investigation into the above charges made by one of their papers, *The World*, but he did not do so.

### **The Manitoba Election Frauds of 1896.**

It was proved before the Public Accounts Committee that wholesale frauds were perpetuated in Manitoba during the Dominion General Election of 1896. The conspiracy was hatched in Winnipeg. One, Freeborn, went up from Ontario, stating that he came from the chief organizer of the Tory party, Mr. N. Boyd, the Conservative candidate in Marquette, to whom Freeborn was sent, telegraphed to the organizer, and received in answer:—

"He was a first-class man in North Bruce."

Freeborn was thereupon employed in the election, and his employment was for the express purpose of teaching deputy returning officers how to manipulate ballots. In this nefarious business he was helped by two men named Anderson and Waller. These three worthies went through the Province into several