

West Elgin and North Waterloo Election Cases.

WHITNEY'S POLICY.

A few words about these cases, which seem to constitute the whole policy of Mr. Whitney and his associates :—

The Government appointed a commission of three County Court Judges to enquire into the alleged irregularities in West Elgin, and every opportunity was given Mr. Whitney to prove his allegations. The Judges' report is a death-blow to Mr. Whitney's charges. In North Waterloo the Government caused the prosecution of two men who were alleged to have done the crooked work, and the prosecution was placed in the hands of a Conservative lawyer, and the matter thoroughly investigated, with the result that both men were honorably acquitted.

In the North Waterloo election trial the Conservatives had two star witnesses, whose names were Allan R. Shantz and Albert Bossard. Shantz gave evidence of alleged ballot stuffing, and Bossard had a weird tale of bribery and corruption. No doubt the Judges at the trial were influenced to a certain extent by the stories told by these men, and all of Mr. Whitney's denunciations have been based on their evidence. And now it transpires that both of these men were bought to give their evidence, and it is *proven out of their own mouths*. Here is what Shantz was forced to admit on oath :—

Q. What bargain was ultimately made as to your telling ?

A. I was to get paid for it.

Q. How much ?

A. That was left to them at the time.

Q. Who do you mean by them ?

A. Ed. Scully.

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His Lordship (Meredith)—How much were you to get ? What was the bargain afterwards ?

A. They deposited a cheque for \$50.00.

His Lordship (Osler)—Who ?

A. Mr. Reid has the cheque.

Q. Whose was the cheque ?

A. It was signed by Mr. J. M. Scully (President of the Conservative Association).

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Q. (Reading from letter written by Shantz to one Lewis.) "As I have been fooled so long, I must have the same in twenty-four