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THE PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN.

The people have spoken in North Renfrew and—as in Muskoka—they have rendered an emphatic verdict against an administration woefully derelict in healthy, honest sentiment, cumbered by the barnacles of corruption and decaying immorality, weighed down with the loss of those fine principles of integrity and uprightness in its leaders and handicapped by a too long tenure in office.

There may be other issues which have entered into the campaign in North Renfrew—but the essential, important, paramount issue to the people of this Province has been honesty and integrity in the administration of our public affairs. It appears to The Planet that this great, problem must take first place on all others in the interests of the good name of our Province.

Men are at the head of our Province to-day who have no right to occupy that proud position. Not alone have they gathered around them and consorted with degrading barnacles of the Stratton and Sullivan stamp, but they have shown themselves as totally unable to appreciate ordinary honesty and straight-forwardness. The man who holds the high position of Premier is the man who, it will be remembered, on the occasion of his last visit to Chatham, alluded to the crimes of ballot stuffing and switching and burning as "little things" hardly worth mentioning and certainly not worth "blustering over." And it consequently occasioned the people of Kent no surprise to see the Globe report this same man in his North Renfrew speeches as "alluding briefly to the Gamey incident"—a mere triviality.

These things are more than "incidents"—they are more than "little things." They are of vital, paramount interest to the public life—and private life—of our Province, and it will be a grand thing for Ontario when men who advance such views are banished from all responsible and influential positions.

There is an old saying that it is always darkest just before the dawn. Perhaps the darkness that has settled down over Ontario is merely an indication that the dawn is not far off. There are hopeful signs. The exhibition of spirit and courage by certain of the party press is one of them. We have always believed that a party newspaper may do more good by a few words directed pointedly at the evils in its own party than by pages—and even issues—directed against the evils in the other party, and The Planet hopes it will not fail in its own duty in that respect.

Much could doubtless be said regarding Gamey—and The Planet will not hesitate to say it if circumstances arise which warrant it. But at the present time the question which appeals most pertinently to every honest man in the Province is, Did Stratton try to bribe Gamey? It matters not who or what Gamey was,—if he was bought he was bought and the government from Mr. Ross down (the celebrated typewritten letter of assurance to the contrary notwithstanding) were privy to the transaction and furnished the money. Gamey has told his story personally in Muskoka and we have the authority of the defeated candidate for the assertion that his version of the affair impressed the electorate so strongly with its straightforwardness and truth that they returned a member to oust Ross, Stratton and the corrupt organization they represent. The average rural elector is a keen judge. If he is personally impressed with the truth of a man, no government-selected royal commission is going to substitute its dictum in his mind for the shrewd judgment which weighs the personal testimony of a chief actor in a transaction and decides whether or not that testimony is true.

It has been said that the people of Ontario are the jury who will ultimately render the verdict on the Gamey-Stratton case. Gamey went to the jury represented by the Muskoka electors and after hearing from his own lips the recital of that disgraceful transaction they accepted it as true and gave a verdict against Stratton and the Ross government. The same thing has happened in North Renfrew. The Strattonites may strive to interrupt and blackguard the witness in an endeavor to hamper the delivery of his testimony. If Gamey is wise he will refuse to allow himself to be diverted from his purpose of setting the facts before the electors. If he recognizes the attacks of such men as McKay and allows himself to be drawn into platform altercations, he will be only playing into the hands of his political enemies. His policy is to ignore attacks

and interruptions and resist any efforts to divert him from his purpose of laying the story of the Stratton scandal coolly and calmly before the people of this province. It is not an easy task, but Gamey has shown himself a man of nerve and determination, and the best incentive to keeping his temper and refusing to be irritated by political baiters is the knowledge that he can best turn the tables on them by ignoring their efforts to frustrate the calm, convincing recital of the damning facts.

Muskoka and North Renfrew have rendered the people's verdict. It will give heart to both Liberals and Conservatives who desire to bring about a cleaner, clearer state of public affairs. The regime of corruption is surely tottering to its fall—and a brighter era will dawn for Ontario.

And the best sign of all is the self-respecting stand taken by honest Liberals themselves. This was evident in North Renfrew—it is evident in West Kent. No voice is raised by such sturdy, honest stalwarts as Hugh Macdonald, Nathan H. Stevens and others—the pioneers of vigorous McKeenize and Mowat Liberalism—in support of the machinations of the coterie of corruptionists masquerading as a Liberal government in Toronto. What heartburnings such men suffer in seeing the ideals of their strong characters and the traditions of their party ruthlessly shattered and begrimed can well be understood.

But the end is in sight. North Renfrew has contributed a marked evidence to the power of the people—and the mandate will be far-reaching. And very sincerely do we hope that the new government will be such as to command the universal respect and support of the people of our province.

WEST KENT'S CHOICE.

The Dominion wishes to endorse every word The Chatham Planet has said complimentary to Mr. Herbert S. Clements, chosen on Monday as the Liberal-Conservative standard bearer in West Kent. Mr. Clements' is a strong personality. On the right side of forty, he is full of vigor and determination. He is an indefatigable worker, a good canvasser, well acquainted throughout the riding, and what is of more importance, well liked and respected. Mr. Clements, in brief, is one of the ablest and brightest among the younger politicians in the western part of this Province, and in the fight about to commence will give a good account of himself. All Mr. Clements needs to redeem West Kent is the whole-hearted, active support of the gentlemen present at the convention of which he was the unanimous choice.—Ridgeway Dominion.

LOOKING BACKWARD.

The next date will be 1903, by-election, in which Gameyism proved disastrous to Dunlop, the Conservative candidate.—Banner of Thursday, December 24.

No one wants to "rub it in" to the Banner's poor little prognosticator. The rather let the lesson be pointed out kindly and leniently. In political affairs—as well as chicken cases—excitable individuals would do well to guard against prejudice warping judgment. The verdict of a just and intelligent electorate has shown—as every discerning man and woman felt assured it would show—that "Gameyism" did have its influence on Mr. Dunlop's candidature and vote, and that Strattonism and Rossism and Sullivanism had theirs on Mr. Hale's. And the joint results "proved disastrous" to dishonesty, immorality and corruption in public and political affairs—a verdict which the honest people of the Province, irrespective of party, will hail with satisfaction and approval.

Bye, bye, Barnacles.

Well done, men of North Renfrew!

Now we have seen what a young man can do.

Somewhat of a Hale storm struck North Renfrew Saturday.

The people of Ontario want clean government, if you please.

Wonder if Herbert Clements will roll up as big a majority as the other young man.

Well, they're off in the municipal arena, ladies and gentlemen. You pay yer money and you takes yer choice.

We can't just lay our hands on that ancient, respected and long-used roster of ours. The old fellow must be out crowing somewhere.

Although nearly ten years younger than Herbert Clements, Edward Dunlop, of North Renfrew, made a pretty good showing.

It will be noticed that for every day Ross and Stratton kept North Renfrew, vacant, Edward Dunlop—the candidate of good, clean government—gained just about three votes.

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Come to think of it, Bannery old boy, Gamey did "prove disastrous" to some one up there in North Renfrew, didn't he?

In every North Renfrew division where Gamey spoke the Conservatives made large gains. In every division in which Stratton spoke the Liberals registered immense slumps. These two facts speak eloquently for themselves.

The Chatham Planet gives us its word that Herbert S. Clements, the Conservative candidate for West Kent, is good-looking. We accept its opinion.—Windsor Record.

And quite right, too. And you can accept our opinion that he'll follow in the footsteps of Edward Dunlop, of North Renfrew, on election day.

The Conservatives of West Lambton have chosen Mr. James Clancy as their standard bearer to contest that constituency in the not far distant Dominion elections. Mr. Clancy is classified as one of the best political speakers, critics and campaigners in the Dominion. If Dr. Johnson is the Liberal candidate he will find no Hannah in Mr. Clancy.—Florence Quill.

Who is Herbert S. Clements, nominated by the Conservatives of West Kent?—Windsor Record.

Herbert S. Clements, sonny, is a young Kent farmer and business man. He is the son of a Kent farmer and a popular and respected young man. He is a champion of good, clean government and the policy of Canada for the Canadians. He is the coming member for West Kent. Anything else you want to know about him?

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WHEN THE BELL TOLLS.

"When The Bell Tolls," a romantic melodrama of some merit, was the bill at the Grand Saturday night and drew a good house. The play has a good plot and was well brought out by a very fair cast. The character of Robert Airsle, a deserted husband, was exceedingly well portrayed by Geo. Montserrat. The other members of the cast were of the usual one night melodrama stamp.

(Sound to The Planet by Press Agents.)

Following is the program which the Westminster Choir Glee and Concert Party will render at the Grand Opera House to-night:

Part I. Ballet, "Now is the month of Maying," Thomas Morley (1557-1604)—The Westminster Abbey Glee Party. Quartet, "My True Love Hath my reeve'ship," Henry Smart (1813-1879)—Master Shennons, Mr. Coward, Mr. Pownall, and Mr. Milton.

Male alto song, "An Evening Song," Blumenthal—Mr. Percy Coward.

Solo (with vocal accompaniment) "Tears of Anguish," Reichardt—Mr. Edward Shennons.

Song, "Daffodils a-blowing," Edward German—Madame Nooten.

Song, "The Yeoman's Wedding," Poniatowski—Mr. Herbert Hilton.

Glee, "The Bells of St. Michael's Tower," W. Knyvet (1778-1856)—Newly arranged by Sir Robert Stewart 1825-1894—The Westminster Abbey Glee Party.

Interval.

Quartet, "The Young Lover," Old German—The Gentlemen of the Westminster Abbey Glee Party.

Old Sea Song, "The Lowland Sea," arranged by E. Branscombe—Mr. Edward Shennons.

Old Scotch Song, "Loch Lomond," arranged by E. Branscombe—Madame Marie Hooten.

Lullaby, "Birds in the Night," Sir Arthur Sullivan (1842-1900)—Master Harold Shennons.

Two part song, "Venetian Boat Song," Blumenthal—The Boys of the Westminster Abbey Glee Party.

Humorous musical sketch—Mr. Dudley Causton.

Hunting chorus, "With Horse and Hound," A. J. Caldwell—The Westminster Abbey Glee Party.

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