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LIBERAL STALWART

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know, among those mentioned as aspiring for the Liberal nomination were R. L. Gosnell, Jonas Gosnell, F. Sturges, myself and others. We had all a right to aspire and were willing to take our chances in fair competition.

LETTER FROM ROSS.

However, that was not to be. I had a visit from Mr. Vance, the Liberal organizer, who said he heard I was probably aspiring for the nomination. I said I couldn't say until after the meeting. He told me to let it drop, there were five candidates in the field and they had to be dropped. Mr. Vance showed me a letter from Premier Ross on the matter, which he had with him. He impressed it on me and said he would call again. Then Mr. Lee's name was mentioned, but said Mr. Lee declared he was not and would not be a candidate. Mr. Vance left saying he was going through this emergency as it was important, and I never heard from him again.

But Mr. Lee's name then appeared on the scene. When the delegates were appointed I submitted to them the question as to whether I should let my name be brought up, and there were only two dissenters to the proposal that I should be a candidate. Now, what happened? Ridgeway! At a private caucus in the Arlington hotel it was decided in the machine interests that all the other candidates must stand aside in favor of Mr. Lee. "We'll snare John under so bad that he'll never crop up again." That was exactly what was said—you see I know. Now, this faction was not very strong. It did not represent the good men of East Kent. It consisted largely of officials appointed by the present Government. Some of them are within the hearing of my voice. They dare not stand up now and deny it.

You men of East Kent know me. I am able honestly to take the proud position to-day that after many years among you all no man can rise and say anything detrimental to my character. Yet Mr. Lee essays to tell you that I am bought by the Conservative party. "They have given him \$400 and we'll have to give the sucker \$400 to keep out." I ask you to take my word for it that this is false. I have never been promised a cent, directly or indirectly, and have nothing whatever to do with the Conservative party. I am a poor man, but I have money enough to pay my own expenses in this campaign.

THE MAN WITH THE WORD OF HONOR.

Again those of you who read The Planet and perhaps other papers saw that on the last nomination George Johns came to the hall and big John Lee took little George Johns by the arm and they walked up and down the aisle and George Johns didn't run. And the insinuation was made that I had been bought off. I ask you to take my word for it that this, too, was false. I don't mind telling you what did happen when "Big John Lee took little George Johns" by the arm and wandered up and down. John Lee said, "Please don't run. I want to get this thing by acclamation. If you don't run I'll give you my word of honor never to seek again and I'll give you my word of honor to assist you next time." That was John Lee, the man with the word of honor.

Now I ask volunteers in my campaign. One volunteer is worth a dozen pressed men. If I am elected I shall seek to serve and guard your interests. I read Mr. Lee's speech at the Ross meeting—it didn't last long. After reflecting on me he called on all Liberals to stand shoulder to shoulder for their party. I tell you that was endorsed by all in the Reform party in this riding. I don't want to be harsh to Mr. Lee. I often think he talks a good deal and thinks very little, but I trust he is fair-minded. In his own interests he should withdraw that ugly statement he made in Bothwell two weeks ago that "Johns would only get ten votes here and they would be the riff-raff and rag-tail working class of people." As far as I am concerned I can tell Mr. Lee that I would be proud to be the representative of the working class of people.

TRIBUTE TO WHITNEY.

Continuing Mr. Johns gave as instances of the way the machine frustrated and balked the will of the people the McLaughlin trouble at Walsburg and the Taylor abuses at Bothwell.

In reference to the latter he said: This Taylor was the Police Magistrate in Bothwell. He was brother to the manager of the Globe newspaper and seemed to have a pull with the Government. His abuse of his position as was appealed to as Mayor of Bothwell and received petition after petition from many of the best citizens. I appealed to the Government and to Mr. Fleming again and again and got no satisfaction. I wrote Ross and Fleming till I was tired. The people became indignant at me and, after two whole years of waiting, I sitting that if I didn't get an answer by the following Wednesday—four days—I would consider that the Government intended to take no notice of our demand for an investigation. I waited till Wednesday—till Thursday, in fact—and the House adjourned Friday. Then I did something that made my party vexed. I communicated with Mr. Whitney. The following day Mr. Whitney brought the matter up in the House and in reply to his question the Government said they would put on the investigation of Taylor and his methods at once. Arrangements were made for the investigation the next day.

All arrangements were made, witnesses subpoenaed, J. B. Rankin, K. C., retained and all gathered at the hall for the proceedings when, at the very last minute instead of Mr. Fleming putting in appearance came a telegram from the Government: "We are in receipt of Taylor's resignation, hence it is not necessary to proceed further with the investigation. There was no provision made for the payment of the expenses of the witness fees for the people we had subpoenaed from work all over the country. Mr. Taylor went to the Yukon where he got another Government appointment."

For over a year I was trying to get that money for the people but couldn't get any satisfaction from the Government. Finally the Chief of Police came to me and asked me if we hadn't better sue Mr. Fleming or the Government, as he could see no other way out of it. I asked him to wait until I made a last appeal and I wrote the Government that if I didn't hear from them within two weeks I would again have to appeal to the Opposition leader and have him take up the matter and reopen the case. That brought the money and it came forthwith—Applause.

I didn't like to do that but there was no other course open. And it gave me a revelation of the methods practiced under the name of Liberalism. Mr. Johns concluded by asking support as the people's candidate—Applause.

DR. SAMSON.

Dr. Samson was greeted with applause. He said it was time for a change in Conservative catch cries, such fiddlesticks as the margin, on school books and the eternal cry of corruption.

The great issue was the development of New Ontario which was being brought about by the Liberals and Conservatives, including Mr. Clancy, who was here to-day. He had nothing to say against Mr. Whitney. He was one of the most delightful citizens in our country but he was not a strong enough man to take hold of these great public issues.

Continuing Dr. Samson in eloquent language described the virgin barrenness of New Ontario and its development until factories, mills, railroads, etc., were now in operation. All this had to be ascribed, he said, to Mr. Ross' progressive policy.

Dr. Samson concluded amid applause.

MR. CLANCY.

James Clancy, M. P., got a rousing reception. Before speaking further, he said he desired to allude to the statement made by Mr. Lee that he (Clancy) had told him on the railroad train "in a private conversation"—mark his own words—that he had never found a cent wrong with Mr. Fraser's accounts. It was, as he had already pointed out, a simple invention of Mr. Lee's imagination, but he now wanted to draw attention to something more. Even had it been so Mr. Lee told them it took place in a conversation that he said was "private." Didn't that fact reveal in itself—apart from the falsehood—a demonstration of the man's honor, the man who sought the confidence of the people of East Kent. At his own estimate one who took part in "private conversation" and then did the little tattle business—Laughter and applause.

At this point Dr. Samson was seen making his way out of the hall.

"Is that Dr. Samson leaving?" said Mr. Clancy, pointing down in his direction. "I would ask him to remain as I have several things to say to him concerning his comments and I would like to have him here to correct me if I go wrong. Hold on, Dr. Samson!"—Laughter and applause.

"Come back there!" "Why are you going out?" "What's the matter?" "Stay and hear him," and other comments were up from the crowd, but Dr. Samson made his way out.

"It doesn't look just right to see a man sink away that way," was Mr. Clancy's comment amid applause. Continuing Mr. Clancy said he was considerably interested in hearing Mr. Lee so ardently condemning the election frauds and that neither he nor the Liberal party would condone them. Why then, according to Mr. Johns, was this man Vance gallivanting through the constituency? Why was Vance seeking to manipulate Mr. Lee into the seat? This Vance was one of the notorious machine and corruption gang that Mr. Lee repudiated. Not alone that but there is another one of the right in the constituency at the present time. Mr. Lee sleeps and herds with them. If I am wrong let him stand up now and challenge my statement. Mr. Clancy turned around but Mr. Lee's seat was empty. "Why, he's gone, too," he declared amid laughter and applause.

What about Dr. Samson's statements? continued Mr. Clancy. Are election frauds little things? Is the fact that school book publishers are enabled to rob you people a little thing?

Here Mr. Lee made his appearance at the outside of one of the windows. "Here I am," he said to Mr. Clancy. "That's right, stay there," retorted the member for Bothwell amid laughter.

Now, Mr. Lee, he continued, addressing himself to the window, you know that when Mr. Ross was in Chatham he told the electors that the Government had collected several hundred dollars in fines for election corruption. But he didn't tell the people—did he, Mr. Lee?—that the money was all collected from the prosecution of the poor dupes who took the money. Of the machine men who distributed it not one cent was collected. They got their punishment in Government rewards.

A voice—What rewards? Mr. Clancy—My friend is quite right in asking. W. B. Preston, the manager, was appointed commissioner to England at \$5,000 per year. McDonald, the organizer, was re-appointed forest ranger and inspector. Coleman became license inspector, Robertson, who burned the ballots, got \$100 extra per year. That's the way they were punished.—Applause.

Mr. Lee says the Conservatives ought to have proven these charges of fraud and prosecuted them. Was it necessary to prove more than McNish confessed and Mr. Lee, I ask you, no, perhaps that would not be fair. I'll ask Mr. Herbert Smith, your agent and a good lawyer, whose duty was it to prosecute. Why, the Attorney-General's, is not that the case, Mr. Smith? Is not that the case, Mr. Lee? Now Dr. Samson talked of New On-

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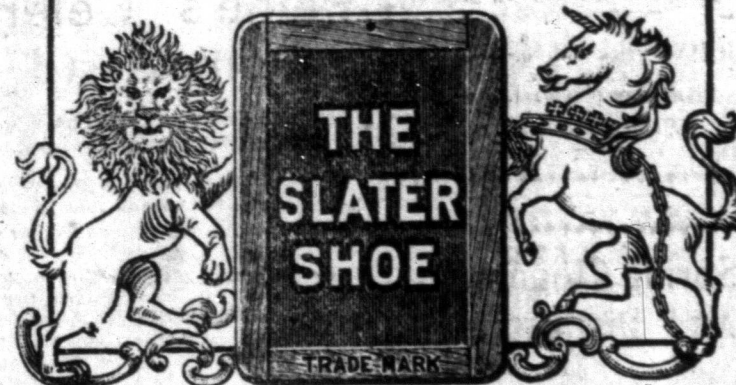
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tario. I'll ask you can any of your boys tell where the boundaries of New Ontario can be found? Can you, Mr. Lee? (Turning to the window amid laughter.)

Mr. Clancy was here called to his train and departed, after thanking the audience, amid hearty applause.

MR. MCCOY.

County Commissioner, J. N. McCoy, who spoke as a farmer, was given a good reception. He was still true to his Patron principles, and was, therefore, present to press the claims of Mr. Johns as a man of the people, able and competent to represent the riding at Toronto. He believed in frequent changes of government, and scored Mr. Ross for breaking his temperance pledges and hiding behind the referendum, a policy of shirk, in which the wily premier was supported by Mr. Lee.

Mr. McCoy also condemned the pulp concessions and illiberal character of the laws, which oppressed the settlers of New Ontario. Mr. McCoy raised a protest against the policy of railway subsidies and Land grants. Mr. Lee was a model Ross member, because he said nothing, but voted straight, according to the dictates of the party caucus.

Mr. McCoy closed a fine speech by an appeal to the electors to support Mr. Johns—Applause.

Mr. Lee closed the meeting, amid many interruptions and a rapidly thinning house. At the close there was a lively time for a few minutes between Messrs. McCoy and Johns and Mr. Lee.

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