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TIME FOR A CHANGE. No apology is necessary for giving up so much space as the Star does today to the Ontario bribery case.

We have, then, the charge made openly on the floors of the legislature, and said to be supported by documentary evidence that a member of the Ontario liberal government bargained with a member, through the medium of a notorious political hater, and paid him \$4,000 to turn traitor to his convictions and his party.

Mr. Gurney tells a straightforward story, and the Montreal Witness correspondent says that he spoke with every evidence of sincerity. Not only that, but he produced the letters and the money in the case and handed them to the leader of the opposition.

Of course every effort will be made to deceive the public, and, even if Mr. Stratton should be convicted by the evidence, the people will be asked to believe that nobody else is guilty.

Mr. Gurney played a part few would care to play, but he has done Canada good service. For years the province of Ontario has been at the mercy of a corrupt government, which by methods the most rascally contrived to keep itself in power.

And the same machine that was operated in the provincial elections was made use of in the last two federal campaigns. Thoughtful people will naturally ask themselves if it is not time for a change.

New Brunswick has lately had an example of political corruption without parallel in the history of the province. Whether are we tending? There is a government in Ontario that should be defeated, as the Star has no doubt it will be as soon as there is an opportunity.

It is not pretended that the bribers and the men open to corrupt influences are all in one party. But it is perfectly clear to every observant citizen that no period of conservative rule, either in province or dominion, has shown anything like the revelations of the last five years.

Referring to the proposed commission on transportation and terminal facilities, Hon. Mr. Prefontaine says it will probably be named within two weeks and he believes Sir William Van Horne would accept the chairmanship.

The Grand Trunk now appears to be quite willing to help develop the port of St. John. It wants to make Quebec and St. John the terminals of its trans-continental system.

The Fort Kent dam project is before the house at Ottawa, supported by the Hon. John Costigan.

The Telegraph is still chuckling over Mr. Foster's defeat. The Telegraph is said to have got over \$15,000 for government printing last year.

Is it quite the proper thing for loaded teams to be driven over the lines of hose during the progress of a fire?

ADVANCE IN LEAD. LEADVILLE, Colo., March 14.—The American Smelting and Refining Company has announced another increase of 15 cents in the price of lead, making \$3.90 the present basis of settlement.

MR. AGAR'S TURN. FOR FREEDOM. He Takes Messrs. Carleton and Trueman to Task.

In today's Freeman Mr. John L. Carleton assumes responsibility for the editorials in last Saturday's issue which provoked so much criticism. Mr. Carleton expresses regret that anything he wrote should be open to censure, and says that the paragraphs in question had seemed to him to be "mild, timely, absolutely fair, and correct in statement and deduction."

Mr. Agar also has a sharp letter in today's Freeman with a signed letter in today's Freeman which charges Mr. Carleton with writing partisan paragraphs and pointedly denies that gentleman's statement that the Catholic vote in the county was solid for the government.

Mr. Agar severely scores Mr. Trueman for mentioning the question of religion at all at St. Martin's in connection with the campaign, and concludes with these vigorous remarks:—"Mr. Trueman says he will do anything to create religious animosity."

LOOKS TO SYDNEY. Napier & Son, of Glasgow, Want Information About the Facilities for Shipbuilding.

SYDNEY, March 12.—A communication was read at the town council meeting here tonight from J. W. Carmichael & Co., of New Glasgow, on behalf of Napier and Son, shipbuilders, Glasgow, Scotland, asking for information relative to the prospects of the shipbuilding yards on this side of the Atlantic.

HALIFAX SEALERS DO WELL. Three Schooners Sent From There Have Landed 5,300 Skins.

The schooners which were despatched from Halifax and Victoria to the sealing grounds off Cape Horn and the Falkland Islands, are making big catches. Capt. Balcom has received a dispatch from London notifying him that 5,300 seal skins to each vessel, the three Halifax schooners Edward Roy, Beatrice L. Corkum and Ola M. Balcom.

AT YORK THEATRE TONIGHT. The famous Canadian Jubilee Singers are to begin their short season in this city with a concert of choice old plantation songs and melodies, at York Theatre tonight.

ST. JOHN'S MANSE. Rev. J. M. MacLean, CHATHAM, N. B., March 12. Dear Mr. Short—I have very great pleasure in bearing testimony to Short's "Dyspepticure" as a remedy for indigestion.

FOR FREEDOM. Czar Nicholas of Russia Announces Important Reforms.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 14.—A commission under the presidency of the minister of the interior, Von Plehwo, already has commenced work formulating a method for carrying out the reforms in provincial administration.

In the decree which was made public Thursday after referring to the efforts of his predecessors, particularly his father, to add to the welfare of the Russian people, the czar announces his decision to grant freedom of religion to all his subjects who profess non-orthodox creeds and to improve conditions of village life and those of the local nobility and peasantry.

The text of the decree is as follows:—"On ascending the throne of our ancestors by the providence of God we made a solemn vow before the Almighty and our conscience to sacredly guard the centuries old pillars of Russian power and to dedicate our life to the service of our beloved fatherland in indefatigable solicitude for our subjects."

It is an old and well known saying that "curses, like chickens, come home to roost." To go a step farther, the same is also true of blessings. Good wishes, no less than evil, are like boomerangs in their nature.

It is true both in a literal and figurative sense. It is continually being shown that the man who never does anyone a service if he can possibly help it, who seldom, if ever, has a good word to say for another, and whose life is of no particular benefit to the world does not, when in misfortune, receive a helping hand from his brother's services.

DEATH OF MRS. CONDON. (Moncton Transcript.) The many friends of Mrs. Penelope Condon will learn with extreme regret that she died at 11 o'clock this afternoon, after a lengthy illness from heart trouble at her home on Wesley street.

PROVINCIAL NEWS. The proposition of Messrs. Sen & Co. to the Halifax city council failed to get the necessary two-thirds vote. The firm asked the city to guarantee \$100,000 worth of bonds, 30 years, at 4 1/2 per cent, secured by mortgage on all their property.

MARRIAGES. TRITES-STILES.—At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hicks, Dorchester, N. B., on March 11th, by Rev. B. Havelock Thomas, Wilfred J. Trites and Miss Frances A. Stiles, both of Dorchester.

DEATHS. McWILLIAMS.—In this city, March 13th, at 11 o'clock, after a short illness, of the late James McWilliams, in the 76th year of her age.

BIRTHS. DUNCAN.—At Somerville, Mass., March 11, Theodore J. Duncan, aged 4 years. Eldest son of the late Peter and Mary Duncan. Woodstock papers please copy.

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SATURDAY SERMONETTE. Thou shalt be served thyself by every sense Of service which thou renderest. —Mrs. Browning.

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And usually the reward which we reap is two-fold, three-fold or in even greater proportion to the service we have rendered, in like manner as the farmer, who takes seed and plants it, weeks and months afterwards sees the result in the harvest which he gathers.

PERSONAL. Eugent Forsey, head teacher at Acadia Villa school, Hortonville, N. S., has been compelled through ill health to resign his position and expects to go to Mexico in a few days to recuperate.

Alphonse Turgeon, B. A., of Bathurst, has gone to Prince Albert, N. W. T., where he intends to take up the practice of law.

Mrs. John K. Storey and Miss Alice Scott, who have been absent since February visiting New York and Boston, have returned to their home in St. John.

F. W. Holt, cattle guard commissioner, is back from Ottawa. He is going to Sydney for a few days.

THE FERRY. To the Editor of the Star: Sir,—From time to time one reads in the papers articles about the ferry being self-sustaining and in this direction it might be in order to enquire how many "deadheads" there are on that list.

WEST ST. JOHN. BIRTHS. WILSON.—At St. John, N. B., on 12th March to Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Wilson, Queen Square, a son.