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Startling and Damaging Statements of Reeve Purser

and Councillor Boyer-Offered Them \$250 Each to

Pass Township Bonus of \$75,000.00 of the

People's Money to Electric Railroad Project

in Which He was Interested.

INVITED BY REGISTERED LETTER

STEPHENS SOUGHT TO BRIBE

NO 239

Great Clearance of LINOLEUMS

Inlaid Linoleums at a sq. yd. Four yd. wide Linoleums at a yd. 48c

When in Clasgow our buyer made a special purchase in Linoleums. In conjunction an immense stock lot of inlaid and printed linoleums. We have just taken out of bond our delivery of this purchase and now have a splendid assortment to offer you at the above prices. The regular value of these goods is 90 and 60c

Expansion Sale of Lace Curtains

The syndicate place an order for 25,000 pairs of lace curtains; more than any wholesale house in Canada would buy at one time. We by this means secure a special dissount, and can offer you better values than any other house in the trade. In addition to this, for our great sale we have taken leading lines and marked them this way—

\$1.50	lace	curtains	for	\$1,12
\$1.75	lace	curtains	for	\$1.35
\$2.00	lace	curtains	for	\$1.48
		curtains		
\$2.75	lace	curtains	for	\$2.10

Expansion Sale of Floor Oilcloths

3 excellent designs in floral and block effects, standard quality, 2 yds wide, suitable for rooms or for put-ting under stoves, on sale very special at per square yard

Expansion Sale of Art Squares

A good opportunity to carpet a bed room, dining room, or sitting room. Every rup mentioned is pure wool with the exception of the lowest pric-

with the exception of the lowest priced quality. They are at these prices—3 yds by 3 1-2 yds, \$9.00 rug for \$6.25.
3 yds by 3 yds, \$7.00 rug for \$4.75.
3 yds by 4 yds, \$10.50 rug for \$8.50.
2 yds by 3 yds, \$7.50 rug for \$5.25.
3 yds by 3 1-2 yds, \$10.00 rug for \$7.65.

Expansion Sale of Hemp Carpets

Good hemp carpets are not quite so effective in appearance as cheap unions or tapestries but they will out wear them. We have three ex-sellent designs in hemp carpets, flor-al and stripes, 33 in wide, extra heavy quality, very serviceable, regular price 25c a yd, en sale for

18c Jute carpet for

TO MEET CHARGE HE SHIRKS

MEMBERS OF DOVER COUNCIL

with other members of the syndicate we cleared Reeve's Concise Charge--Eloquent Addresses by Clements, Reaume and Pike--Clements Sets Forth His Policy--Dr. Reaume Addresses His Compatriots in French--A

Magnificent Meeting.

at the meeting in Pain Court Saturday night, when Reeve Cornelius Purser, of Dover Township, announced

from the platform that George Ste-

A profound sensation was created | was crowded. This was the first meeting in the campaign and had been called in the interests of H. S. Clements, the Conservative candidate. Although Mr. Stephens and his

A DUTY TO PERFORM

By far the most serious and reprehensible feature of the campaign in West Kent developed at Pain Court on Saturday night with startling suddenness that nigh

A definite charge of the most serious character was preferred by men of the highest reputation against Mr. George Stephens-a charge that Mr. Stephens personally sought to bribe members of the Council of Dover Township to vote away a bonus of \$75,000 to the proposed electric railway, in which Mr. Stephens was in-

It is a charge that, unless completely and irrevocably refuted, surely precludes the possibility of Mr. Stephens being a candidate for the votes and suffrage of the honest men of West Kent.

Fortunately for the good name of our county Reeve Purser and Councillor Boyer have made their statements at the very outset of the campaign-at the initial meeting thereof. There is ample time for our friends of the Liberal party to thoroughly investigate the serious charge for themselves. It is a duty they owe to themselves and to the county of Kent.

Unless the charges are promptly and completely dispreven Mr. Stephens should immediately withdraw from the candidacy of the Liberal party in West Kent. We have been taught enough serious and disgraceful lessons on prevalent corruption and laxity of morals in our province and among our public men during the past few months to learn that such can be the only course open to him. If the charges be true-and it is incomprehensible that, if it were otherwise,

Mr. Stephens, knowing they were to be made, would have failed to accept the invitation to meet them like a man-there is but the one course open to the Liberals of this constituency. There is, fortunately, still time to summon a convention to nominate another candidate, and we believe that there are enough men of integrity in the party to insist upon this being done.

Happily the charge is not identified with the Liberal party or political issues and accordingly the men of that party are free to take such action as they deem wise in the interests of the good name of our county. It is hardly possible that they would willingly consent to assist a man lying under such a serious charge to a position as their representative in parliament.

A recent distinguished visitor to our country, the Archbishop of Canterbury placed his finger unerringly on the one thing needful in our public life.

"I am firmly persuaded," wrote his grace, "that if our political life is to be maintained at a higher level, and our public men are to justify the confidence we have been accustomed to place in them, electors must see to it that no political or partisan enthusiasm leads them to record votes for men whom they do not trust

value 25c and 35c a yd., or sale very special at 15c a yd. **Expansion Sale of**

Expansion Sale of

RIBBONS

Neck Ribbons, No. 60 width, in such plain colors as navy,

brown, pink, sky, white, cream, black, fawn, reseda, nile,

50 pieces of Satin Duchesse, Lousine and Fancy stripe

large collection of pretty fancy strines regular

17 inch wide pure linen crash roller ing, red border, regular 10c, expansion sale price at

Linen huck towels, fringed and bordered, regular value 10c each, ex-pansion sale special at three for 25c.

36 inch wide fine English bleached cotton, Horrockses, regular price 14c yard, expansion sale special

Honey comb bed spreads, full double bed size, knotted fringe all around, fine soft finish, regular value now \$1.25, expansion sale special

unbleached, in handsome floral design, regular 65c, expansion sale spe-

59c

62 inch wide pure linen tabling, unbleached, in neat polka spot design, regular 60c, expansion sale special

72 inch wide pure linen bleached tabling, in elegant floral design, re-gular 65c a yard, expansion sale spe-cial

72 inch wide pure linen bleached tabling, in new designs, regular 75c a yard, expansion safe price

Ladies Suits and Capes

12 1-2c

Ten only ladies' suits, with Eaton coats, short coats and long coats, with new skirts, made up in good styles of medium and dark color tweeds, regular value \$17.00 and \$18.00, expansion sale price

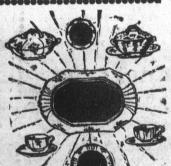
Ladies' black capes, medium weigh for fall wear, nicely trimmed around neck and front with black satin ribbon, regular price \$4.50 and \$5.00, expansion sale price

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phens had tried to bribe him. Those present were startled at the revelation. The people of Dover are fond of their Reeve and they hold him in the highest respect and esteem, and they were astounded that any one would dare to even offer to corrupt such a worthy and estimable citizen. Donne Gagnier's hall at Pain Court

friends had been urged to be present, they failed to show up. The wet, nasty night neither dampened the enthusiasm nor affected the attend-

Cornelius Furser, the well-known and highly respected Reeve of Dover, was greeted with an ovation when he mounted the platform, which was a



We are continually adding new styles and patterns to our already large stock of

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97 Piece Sets for \$5.50, in Blue, Brown and Pink, to go at these prices while the present stock

We have MORE EXPENSIVE SETS at all prices up to \$50.00 Our 1904 Lamps are in; new and choice designs. Crockery and Lamps on Second Flat.

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Mr. Purser said: "I will have to say at the outset that this is the first time that I have been on a

splendid exhibition of the high esteem

n which he is held.

political platform, and I wouldn't be here now only I feel it is my duty am quite with Herbert Clements because I think he is honest and straightforward. I am going to as sist him, all that it is in my power to do. He has a farmer's platform, and I think they should support him The farmers have been neglected. am here to-night to make a statement, and I'm sorry to have to do so. Personally, I belong to a government that has no politics. It would be better if the two parties of this country bad less politics and more common sense. In Canada the people are divided into two classes Grits and Tories. At election times men go out and buy the votes of few men and the few who are bough are the ones who are running the government.

government.

"Last fall I received a letter asking me to attend a meeting in Mr. N. H. Stevens' office. Councillor King wasn't there. He didn't get his notice in time. There were present at the meeting two men from Toronto, promoters of the proposed electric railroad in Dover Township, Mr. N. H. Stevens, Mr. George Stephens, Councillor Lowis of Dover To. Reeve

railroad in Dover Township, Mr. N.
H. Stevens, Mr. George Stephens,
Councillor Lewis, of Dover Tp., Reeve
Cummings and Councillor Tompkins,
of Chatham Tp., and myself.
"George Stephens asked me what
I thought about the electric road. I
safd I hadn't commenced to think.
They then told me that they wanted
to get a bonus of \$75,000 from Dover
Tp. I told them I couldn't make any
statement until I had consulted the
ratepayers who were at my back.
Mr. Cummings said the same.
"After the meeting I was called
aside by Mr. George Stephens. He
said, 'IF YOU'LL SUBMIT THAT BYLAW TO THE PEOPLE OF DOVER
AND HELP CARRY IT, IT WILL BE
WORTH \$250 TO YOU.'
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AND HELP CARRY IT, IT WILL BE
WORTH \$250 TO YOU.'
Sensation, surprise and ironical
ories of "That's the man to support."
After the noise had subsided, Mr.
Purser continued, "You know the position I took."—Applause.
"They got the clerk of the township to give particulars and had a
by-law prepared and said they would
meet us at our next meeting. At our
meeting, we discussed the by-law.
Some of the councillors were in favor of submitting it."

A voice—Who were they?
Mr. Purser—"Mr. Lewis and Mr.
Crawford. I refused, however, and
pointed out that there was a danger
in submitting the by-law. Mr. Boyer, Mr. King and myself made up our

er, Mr. King and myself made up ou minds that we would not submit Those are the facts as plainly as Continued on Page Two.

TO CUT OFF THE PIONEERS

George Stephens Prosecuting Efforts to Have Old Residents Struck From Lists.

Considerable Indignation Manifest in Harwich Township-R. J. Gardiner is Agent in the Case.

There are ways of trying to win n election campaign — and other

And the nether ways are to be evdenced at the sittings of the Court of Revision on the voters' lists before Judge Bell at Blenheim to-morrow. True, the changes to be made by this

court do not affect the vote at the forthcoming election, but they show things nevertheless. A great deal of indignation is prevalent in Harwich over the efforts or

A great deal of indignation is prevalent in Harwich over the efforts on behalf of George Stephens to remove the names of two old and esteemed residents from the voters' list.

These gentlemen are: Paul Gerber, a respected resident of Harwich, who has owned and lived upon the farm where he now resides for past eleven years, and Angus D. Peck.

Mr. Peck is 84 years of age and quite blind. When he received Mr. Stephens' subpoena against him he could not read it, and started forth in fear and anxiety to learn its contents from kind friends. Mr. Peck was born in this county and has lived here all his life. He has lived on the lot in Harwich assessed to him for over 50 years. Half a century ago he was the teacher of No. 1 school house in Harwich, and many of the residents of the townships cherish memories of the old school days. The complaint against him on behalf of George Stephens is because he is alleged to have received some aid from the township.

"And the ironical part of it," said the indignant farmer who gave the facts to The Planet, "is that the case against the old gentlemen is being pushed for Mr. Stephens by young Mac Gardiner. Everyone who knows this young R. J. Gardiner knows, of course, how he has earned his right to protest against any old-time pioneer and worker receiving any assistance from his friends, by reason of the energetic way he has earned his own livelihood by the sweat of his brow."

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