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THAT MYSTERIOUS LETTER

Assume that R. R. Gamey concluded after the election of 1902 to turn Grit, not because he was bribed with money by the Government, but simply because "Manitoulin was his politics" and he thought it would be advantageous for himself and his constituents to be on the winning side for patronage and colonization fund purposes. Accepting that assumption as a fact and thinking along those lines from cause to effect: Why should Hon. G. W. Ross require the production of a typewritten certificate, signed by Gamey, that he was not turning over because of the exertion of any wrongful influence upon him, — in plain English, a certificate that he had not been bribed?

On the fact of it, was not that transaction an evidence of guilty knowledge that there was a "discreditable deal on?" No hard-headed reasoner can square that typewritten letter transaction with his common sense in any other way but that the premier's reckless "wicked partner" put up a job which Premier Ross was not averse to having carried through and taking advantage of, but he stipulated for documentary protection in case it should misarry.

From that point of view the pertinence of Mr. Gamey's questions in the Legislature can be easily understood. The fact that the letter was asked for at all was decidedly suspicious; that it was without an envelope indicated that it was delivered by hand and not mailed; that it was not filed away like ordinary correspondence, but placed in a private drawer, further indicated its importance as a sort of policy of insurance against an accident in connection with the negotiations; that there was no formal acknowledgment of its receipt, which is a cast iron rule in connection with Government correspondence, contributed further to enfold in mystery the document whose existence it is difficult to explain on a straightforward basis.

If Mr. Gamey had simply deserted the Opposition and joined forces with the Government, there would be nothing discreditable to Mr. Ross in accepting his adhesion. Such things have happened before in other parliamentary bodies and will happen again. Under such conditions there would be absolutely no reason or necessity for Mr. Ross to provide himself with a typewritten certificate that Gamey had not been bribed. In fact if a number of the Opposition proposed to change his allegiance to the Government voluntarily it is conceivable that Mr. Ross, as a practical politician, would never for a moment think of throwing any obstacle in his way, — least of all to risk offending him, and possibly causing him to reconsider his decision, by insulting him with a request for a certificate that his conversion was not due to bribery! Indeed, the Globe interview in which Gamey agreed to give his reasons should have been as satisfying to Mr. Ross as it was intended to be to the public.

There is another point which this process of reasoning naturally suggests: Suppose Gamey had been a volunteer convert, not a purchased mercenary, would Mr. Stratton have dared to endeavor to change the wording of the Globe interview after it had been signed by Gamey, and without the latter's knowledge? So long as Gamey's reasons were satisfactory to himself and he agreed to vote for the government, Mr. Stratton should not have been inclined to risk scaring him off by tampering with the political recantation to be published. In other words, as a volunteer convert, as distinguished from a purchased mercenary, Gamey should have been such an embodiment of "found money" to the government that Ross and Stratton would be disinclined to make so much bones about accepting a political windfall, especially when they needed it so badly.

THE FIRST DIVISION.

Says the Hamilton Herald, Liberal:— After three weeks of debate, during which nothing of particular importance was said, the first division in the legislature took place yesterday, and the government's majority of three was held intact. These long and dreary debates on the speech from the throne seldom serve any useful public purpose, and it is even doubtful if they are of any use from a party point of view. Not a vote is ever changed by them, and they have no appreciable effect on opinion outside the house. For the first two or three weeks of a session the leg-

Scrofula

It is commonly inherited. Few are entirely free from it. Pale, weak, puny children are afflicted with it in nine cases out of ten, and many adults suffer from it. Common indications are bunches in the neck, abscesses, cutaneous eruptions, inflamed eyelids, sore ears, rickets, catarrh, wasting, and general debility.

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Legislature is simply a debating club, the chief object of which appears to be practice in the art of impromptu oratory.

The result of the first division is a cruel snub on Graham Cameron, the bright young Liberal member for West Huron. Mr. Cameron had sprung a sensation in the form of a long and labored argument to prove that North Renfrew is still vacant. An amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne was moved by Mr. Roy, condemning the government for the long delay in bringing on the by-election in North Renfrew. This had to be sidetracked somehow, so Mr. Pense moved an amendment to the amendment, expressing satisfaction that all the constituencies are now represented. If all the constituencies are now represented North Renfrew can't be vacant; but, just the same, all the Liberal members, including Mr. Cameron himself, voted for Pense's amendment.

This shows what solid logic and legal lore are worth in comparison with party interests.

INFORMATION FOR TRAVELLERS.

Brantford Expressor.

It begins to look as if satisfactory railway service will come with the opening of navigation.

A CLERGYMAN SOMEWHAT MUD- DLED.

Christian Work.

A clergyman was very anxious to introduce some hymn books into the church, and arranged with the clerk that the latter was to give out the notice immediately after the sermon. The clerk, however, had a notice of his own to give out with reference to the baptism of infants. Accordingly at the close of the sermon, he arose and announced that "all those who have children whom they wish to have baptized, please send their names at once to the clerk." The clergyman, who was stone deaf, assumed that the clerk was giving out the hymn book notice, and immediately arose and said: "And I should say for the benefit of those who haven't

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MISPLACED COMMAS.

Exchange.

He entered on his head, his helmet on his feet, his sandals on his brow, a cloud in his right hand, his sword in his right eye, an angry glare. He sat down.

ROOSEVELT.

National Magazine.

The grafters hate him.

The hair splitters hammer after his scalp; he declines to end his days discussing the difference between tweedledum and tweedledee. He gets things done.

The human wolves who worship money and despise common humanity hate him and will break him if they can, since they cannot beat him.

The little group of men who have come to think of the federal government as an exclusive private club, conducted for the benefit of themselves and their friends, and of the senate as its executive committee—they hate him, because he flouts their presumption and remembers that the government is always and instantly answerable to its masters, the People.

The Rockefeller, who resent his opposition to their plans for controlling the earth, resent his interference. So do the "divine-right" Baers and all the others who have "nothing to arbitrate" with the man they employ. The continental railway lobbyists and their owners who have always opposed an isthmian canal, hate him too; and they have the amazing cheek to impeach his recognition of Panama on moral grounds. As if there were either good sense or good morals in allowing a handful of petty grafters at Bagota to stand forever in the path of a world's waterway urgently demanded by the farms and factories of two hemispheres! As if these fellows knew the meaning of morality!

The kept papers—the Harper's Weeklies, the New York Sun and others of that shady ilk—they hate him with that most savage hate born of a sense of inferiority: he owns his own soul and takes orders from no man.

Who does like him? O, almost nobody except the voters.

DISTRICT DOINGS.

BLENHEIM

Feb. 6.—The Rev. G. B. Brown leaves to-day for Harrow, to preach the anniversary sermons at the Baptist church there on Sunday. Rev. Chas. Smithers will occupy the pulpit at both services in the Baptist church here.

Mrs. C. Vivian has returned from visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. Case, Ann Arbor, Mich.

The regular meeting of the town council was held last Monday night. A large number of applications were received for the different town offices the appointments were as follows: G. M. Baird and Chas. Senior, \$18 each.

Clerk, J. W. Gibson, salary \$250. Treasurer, James Rutherford, \$50. Assessor, John Mitholland \$50. Solicitor, R. M. Thompson \$60. Medical Health Officer, Dr. Quackenbush, \$25.

Engineer at Power House, A. H. Campbell, \$2 per day.

Chimney sweeps, D. Baxter and J. Hamilton.

Fence Viewers, Calvin Johnson, J. Pickering and S. H. Russell.

Chief Constable, W. J. Grant, \$275 and fees.

Assist. Constable, J. A. Nelles, \$275 and fees.

Constables, A. Brethour, J. M. Burke and John Marshall.

Engineer of Fire Engine—P. Burse, \$50 per annum.

Assist. engineer, Fire engine, W. E. Knight, \$25 per annum.

Firemen, L. F. Johnson, S. Burk, O. Williston, G. Furey, A. Murphy, Jr., G. Garrod, T. Hawgood, R. Leitch, G. H. Myland, A. Cox, C. Reynolds, J. M. Denholm, J. Larabee, A. Mel-

NEW SENSATIONS IN MEDICAL WORLD

Collingwood Bright's Disease Cure Brings to Light Others Equally Wonderful.

Mrs. Fred Philip, of Eglinton, Tells of Her Remarkable Experience.

Discharged From Two Toronto Hospitals—Dodd's Kidney Pills Brought Back Her Health.

Toronto, Feb. 6.—(Special).—The report from Collingwood of the wonderful cure of Mrs. Thomas Adams of Bright's Disease by Dodd's Kidney Pills has aroused great interest here and the discussion of it has brought out the fact that Mrs. Adams' case is not an isolated one, that right in Toronto there are people who, suffering from the most dreaded and fatal of Kidney Diseases, have found a positive and permanent cure in Dodd's Kidney Pills.

One of the most striking cases that has been brought to light is that of Mrs. Fred Philip, now residing on Broadway avenue, Eglinton, one of the northern suburbs of the city.

That Mrs. Philip was suffering from Bright's Disease and was in a most dangerous state, there is not the shadow of a doubt. She was in two city hospitals, Grace and the General, and left both places without a hope for the future.

IN THE HOSPITALS.

In Grace Hospital the doctors wished to operate on her but she objected, and leaving the hospital called in another doctor. He told her at once that she had Bright's Disease and had been removed to the General Hospital. The doctors here demurred to an operation on account of the danger.

On being discharged a second time without benefit Mrs. Philip stopped the doctors and started to take Dodd's Kidney Pills. The result is that to-day all the terrible swelling is gone, she is able to do all her own work as well as look after her bright little four-year-old child.

In an interview Mrs. Philip spoke freely of her terrible trouble and gave unstinted praise to Dodd's Kidney Pills.

MRS. PHILIP'S STORY.

"I was sick for six months," she said, "before taking Dodd's Kidney Pills. During that time I was six weeks in Grace Hospital and two months in the General Hospital. I was told in both places that nothing more could be done for me. I started taking Dodd's Kidney Pills in April and am still using them. They have done me a world of good. The Dropsy has all left me and I am now doing all my own work just the same as I was before I was sick."

The talk these cases have caused has also served to show how general the use of Dodd's Kidney Pills has become and how numerous are the cures effected of Pain in the Back, Rheumatism, Dropsy, and all the other results of diseased Kidneys. In fact, cures by Dodd's Kidney Pills can be found by the hundred, but a case in which they have failed to cure has yet to be reported.

The grave digger may have more to say.

WOULDN'T EAT

New York, Feb. 5.—Delirious from the use of morphine, it is alleged, and at the point of starvation as the result of a self-imposed fast lasting more than ten days, Mrs. D. W. Johnson, a wealthy widow, was taken from her home by a policeman, and placed in a hospital.

Struggling and shrieking the jeweled woman resisted for more than an hour the efforts of two policemen, two physicians and a nurse, to drag her from the rooms strewn with broken furniture and torn clothing, and on the walls of which she had nailed or hung leaves of bread, pieces of dough and fruit—food for want of which she was wasting away. Only after the ambulance arrived and finished its long journey to the hospital did she become quieter and gradually lapse into a heavy stupor.

The summary removal of Mrs. Johnson was taken on complaint of the other tenants of the house, who for the last two months have been anxious and terrified in turn by the wealthy widow. For days at a time, it is said, she would lock herself in the apartment, and begin smashing furniture, emitting the most piercing cries the while, and when the notion took her, would flood her rooms to the depth of a couple of inches with water from the faucets in the bathroom and washstand.

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