

### A CLEAR DUTY

The people of Manitoba have declared clearly and unmistakably that they want justice and impartial justice meted out to those responsible for the Parliament Buildings graft. It is the duty of the new government to let justice take its course. The law of the land provides that every man accused of a crime against his fellowmen may be tried before twelve of his equals. The new government should see that all those implicated in the Parliament Buildings graft should be brought to trial before a jury in the same manner as all others who commit crime against society are tried and if they are found guilty, punishment should be given them as impartially as to others who may occupy humbler but not less important positions.

### INDEPENDENCE IN MANITOBA

The growth of the independent spirit in politics is evident from the recent Manitoba elections. At the previous election, a little over a year ago, there were eight independent candidates for the Manitoba house, only one of whom was elected. In the elections held on August 6 there were again eight candidates not connected with either of the two old parties, and three of these were successful while two others came within a few votes of election. Two of the independents elected, F. J. Dixon, in Centre Winnipeg, and T. D. Ferley, in Gimli, were not opposed by the Liberals, tho Mr. Dixon had to contend with a Socialist opponent as well as the Conservative nominee.

Mr. Ferley was an unsuccessful candi-

date in a three-cornered fight a year ago, the Conservative candidate at that time polling more votes than the Independent and Liberal together. Three candidates were originally placed in the field for this election, but the Liberal candidate withdrew before nomination day and Mr. Ferley was elected by 1172 to 562—a case of perseverance rewarded. The most closely contested elections in which Independent candidates were running were in North Winnipeg and Assiniboia, which is a suburb of the capital city. In the latter constituency a three-cornered fight last year gave the Conservatives the seat with the Independent at the bottom of the poll. This time the Conservative, owing to the exposure of the late government, which he supported, was hopelessly at the bottom of the poll, while the Liberal candidate beat the Independent by only 55 votes. In North Winnipeg also, last year, the Conservative candidates won out thru the splitting of the progressive vote between the Liberals and the Social Democrats. This time the Conservatives were nowhere and in one seat the Liberal candidate won out by 2,439 votes against 2,189 for the Social Democrat, while in the other seat Ald. R. A. Rigg, the Social Democratic candidate was elected by 2,494 to 2,263 for the Liberal nominee. Mr. Rigg's election was perhaps the greatest triumph for the independent forces, because he had to contend against the organizations of both political parties; but so far as a popular endorsement is concerned the honors of the day rest upon F. J. Dixon, who was elected in Centre Winnipeg Seat "B" as an Independent Progressive, by a ma-

jority of 4,555. Last year Mr. Dixon was elected in the same constituency by a majority of 1,513, which was up till then a record for the province. It was generally expected that on this occasion the biggest majority would go to Hon. Thos. H. Johnson, the new Minister of Public Works, who ran in Centre Winnipeg Seat "A" and had only one opponent to meet. The Socialist candidate who was on the ballot against Mr. Dixon polled 784 votes, but in spite of this the Independent Progressive candidate had only 20 votes less than Mr. Johnson and had a majority 235 votes bigger. The Liberal organization and Liberal party press naturally did not welcome the nomination of Independent candidates and in constituencies where there was a three-cornered fight it was contended that a vote for the Independent candidates was equal to a vote for the Conservatives. The returns of a year ago indicated that the splitting of the vote between Liberal and Independent candidates gave four seats to the Roblin party, and it was predicted that the same thing would happen again. This occurred in only one constituency, however, this being Ste. Rose, where the Conservative candidate had a majority of 29; while the Independent polled 266 votes. Altogether the campaign of the Independents in Manitoba was a great success. They have three good men in the legislature and the next election will probably see this number increased.

The value of the district representative depends very largely upon the spirit and manner in which farmers make use of him.



PREMIER NORRIS—MANITOBA'S NEW MANAGER

Manitoba: Now, young man, I have hired you at a good salary to manage my affairs, and here is your contract. I expect you to do what you have promised and to be honest and straightforward. The last manager I had didn't suit me, and you know what happened to him.