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### PLUGGING CHARGES PROVEN

In the Soo election trial the petitioner has succeeded in sustaining the charges of wholesale perjury by American pluggers at Michipicoten and Helen Mine, points on the Hamilton Spectator. The question of agency was also established to the satisfaction of the judges. The men found guilty of being accessories to one of the worst political crimes ever perpetrated in this country—and there have been some pretty bad ones—

George Sutherland, who had charged the Grit organization.

William Coyne, assistant manager of the Lake Superior Company, a subsidiary company of the Consolidated Lake Superior Company, a concern which received financial assistance to the extent of over \$2,000,000 from the Ontario Government.

"Lank" Kennedy, alias Ferguson, who was in charge of the famous expedition, had the pluggers hired, handled the money and engineered the plugging operations at Michipicoten and Helen Mine.

Yesterday the judges simply rendered their decision on this series of charges, but intimated that later they would deal with Sutherland, Coyne, Kennedy et al. It is to be hoped that the punishment meted out to the offenders will be sufficiently severe to put a stop to such unblushing political corruption in future.

In giving judgment, Chancellor Boyd reviewed the story of the famous trip of the Minnie M. and said the "salient points" in the evidence of Purser Cole were fully corroborated. In describing the American citizens taken on the Minnie M. he called them "a cargo of living beings, chiefly roughs." Reference was also made of the call at Batchawana Bay, "where the unique spectacle was witnessed of a deputy returning officer consulting as to the personation of voters in the list at his poll." Continuing the chancellor said:

"From there they went to Michipicoten Harbor and to Helen Mine, at both of which places they voted. They were all given free transportation, free food, free liquor throughout. They were schooled and drilled as to the business of personation and of the actual consummation of that personation the court had not the slightest doubt. There were no others at these places who could have given the votes that were cast."

"There were thus a cluster of offenses against the election law—free transportation to voters, payment of expenses, free drinks, free board, personation, in all of which Kennedy, alias Ferguson, was the chief agent, assisted by Galvin, the keeper of a saloon at the American Soo. It was also shown that Coyne had ordered the party to be carried free of charge, that Kennedy had settled up with Galvin on the return trip, who afterwards paid off his men \$2 apiece, probably making considerable on the transaction himself. Evidently there was plenty of liquor and plenty of money floating around. Who is responsible for all this?" asked the chancellor. "First, Kennedy, but Sutherland had appointed him, and he must therefore be considered as an agent of the respondent."

The chancellor also commented strongly on the fact that at the Liberal meeting on Saturday night warning had been given the Liberals of the projected trip, but no notice was taken of it by the candidate, nor his workers. The only charge was that the number of pluggers was reduced, only 20 being taken instead of 100.

Had Candidate Smith been desirous of having an honest election he could have stopped the expedition, especially as his attention was called to it, but he didn't raise his hand to prevent it, and, said the chancellor, he "could not be allowed to share the benefits of the transportation without also running the risk of suffering the penalty involved. We shall give out our findings as to the particular acts of wrong-doing proven after we have had a further opportunity to confer about them," concluded the chancellor.

The chancellor considerably refrained from mentioning that Attorney-General Gibson was also warned of the contemplated expedition, but he seemed to regard it as an election roorbach.

There is no doubt that the whole Grit machine knew of the rascality proceeding. It adds another to the long list of crimes committed by the machine in its efforts to help the discredited and corrupt Ross government in power. According to the evidence of the Conservative scrutineers every one of the 23 votes cast at Helen Mine was illegally polled. The pluggers were sworn, but they had

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no hesitation in taking the oath on the lake Bible.

There are still 150 more charges to be investigated, but it is doubtful if the judges will get through as they have to leave on Saturday night. There is no doubt that the election will be voided—sufficient evidence to do that has been presented already—but it is to be hoped that the Conservatives will press the investigation and prove as many charges as possible. Let the people of this province see how Premier Ross wins elections when he makes up his mind to F-i-g-h-t!

### NOT A CREDIT TO THE PARTY.

Brantford Expositor, Grit.

The disclosures thus far made in connection with the Soo election trial, more particularly as to the doings on the Minnie M. are not of a very creditable character to the Liberal party.

### GRIT MACHINE RASCALITY.

Brantford Courier.

Is there any rascality of which the Ontario machine is incapable? Those pluggers on the Minnie M. had enough booze with them to see moving pictures en route.

### THEY HAD A PULL.

St. Catharines Star.

For two whole years the Ontario Attorney-General pleaded his inability to stop the prize fighting at Port Erie. But a stern detective stopped a mere amateur bout recently, and the boxing game was dealt a knock-out blow. Mr. Gibson's reluctance apparently proceeded from the fact that "good party men" were financially interested in the Port Erie gambling and fighting plant.

### GAMEY GAINS, STRATTON LOSES.

Galt Reporter.

After the legislative whitewash of the Hon. James R. Stratton came the bye-elections, out of which the Ross Government emerged a bedraggled, struggling oligarchy. In those elections Mr. Gamey participated, telling his plain story in such a way as to capture the imaginations of his audience and establish himself as a political force to be reckoned with. Mr. Stratton, on the contrary, returned from Muskoka to Toronto a much weaker man than the day he left Queen's park, to seek at the hands of electors an endorsement of his conduct.

Since then Mr. Gamey has addressed, by invitation, dozens of public meetings in Ontario. He has scored every time off his own bat, the people recognizing in the man from Manitoulin a player of the scoring kind who is good at both attack and defence. Meanwhile the provincial secretary has grown weaker in the country. Scarcely an honest Liberal can be found to defend his intrigues. Yet Ross sticks to him like a brother in the vain endeavor to ward off the inevitable. He would rather sacrifice his party than dismantle Mr. Stratton. Why the Premier assumes this attitude can be imagined. The provincial secretary knows too much to get his walking papers and while he remains at the head of a department Gamey is certain to gain ground among the electors.



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## Local Briefs

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Warden Sifton was in the city Saturday on business.

A. McDougall, of Wallaceburg, was a Chatham visitor Saturday.

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The pavement on St. Clair street was opened to traffic Saturday.

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Miss Hazel Fielder, Head street, has returned from a visit to the Pontiac Fair.

The new seats were put in the commercial department of the C. C. I. Saturday.

J. W. and Harry Smith, of Stewart, spent Saturday with Chatham friends.

Messrs. W. Lloyd, H. McIntyre and W. Durfy, of Blenheim, were in the city yesterday.

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Miss Isla Fielder, of Detroit, is spending a week with Miss Hazel Fielder, Head street.

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The new pavement on MacLean street was started to-day. The ground was being prepared Saturday.

Probate of the will of the late Rose E. Findlay, of Chatham, was granted to her sons, Ernest Findlay and Geo. W. Findlay.

House to rent—Fine frame house Lydian Avenue, Apply to J. C. Fleming, Victoria Ave., or County Treasurer's office, Harrison Hall.

D. J. McDonald has on exhibition in his hotel a half dozen tobacco leaves grown by Thomas Leggatt, of Raleigh, one of Kent's most up-to-date farmers.

Miss Burns has reopened classes in china painting at studio, Thames street.

When you want an artistic design, call up or visit Victoria Ave. Green Houses. Phone 181.

A brown mare attached to an old buggy was stolen from Courtwright Friday night. The Maple City police were notified Saturday. There has been a number of horses stolen of late.

Mrs. John Cooper will be in Chatham to receive her pupils at her studio at the residence of Robert Cooper, King street west, each Saturday and Monday until further notice.

J. N. Prudhomme, brother of Rev. Fr. Prudhomme, who has been visiting in Big Point for four months, left Saturday afternoon, for Montreal. He was accompanied by Roland Cheff, who has entered St. Lawrence College.

People needn't worry about neighbors' chickens scratching up their lawns. All that is necessary is to serve the owner of the offending chickens with a written notice and then if the owner doesn't take action to stop the nuisance, he can be fined in the police court.

John Walker, Judge Houston and Archie Park went down to the Home of the Friendless Saturday and examined the furnace, which was out of repair. The three are members of the Advisory Board of the Home of the Friendless. It was found that the furnace needed a new grate and one will be put in at once.

The police spent Friday searching for the swag belonging to the stores recently burglarized in this county and this city. They carefully examined the Boyd house and also searched along the C. P. R. and G. T. R. tracks but couldn't find the cache. The police have a certain quantity of the goods but are now looking for more and expect to get them.

Frank Blonde left for Dresden to-day to start work on renovating and remodeling the R. C. church there, for which work the Blonde Co. have the contract. Two new altars will be built and a vestibule, sacristy and sanctuary will be added. A new communion rail and new gallery stairs will be put in and the gallery lowered. The spire will also be remodelled. The improvements will all be made from plans prepared by E. Blake Arnold.

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**TILBURY.**

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pecially powerful sermon from Proverbs x. 5, in which he urged his hearers to industry in gathering the harvest, both in material and spiritual matters, and pointed out the far-reaching consequences for good or evil as our example. The church was handsomely decorated with flowers and appropriate music was rendered, which included a solo by Burleigh Campbell in the evening. The thank offering realized \$35.

Rev. T. Dobson preached yesterday in Ridgeway.

Miss Victoria Aylesworth, of Chatham, was yesterday the guest of friends here, prior to her departure next morning for Philadelphia, to take a course in training for kindergarten work. She formerly taught the junior room of Tilbury Public school and is deservedly popular here.

Large quantities of oats are now being shipped from here by J. B. Stringer & Co. and Wm. A. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Stinger, of Detroit, are the guests of the latter's sister, Mrs. Edmonds.

**JEANNETTE'S CREEK.**

The Rev. Mr. McCormick will conduct the harvest home services in the Methodist church here on Sunday next. Services will be held at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. The ladies of the church will give a fowl supper on Monday evening from 6 to 8 o'clock, afterwards a good musical program will be given. Admission to supper and concert 25c and 15c.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Farquharson, of Chatham, are guests of H. Forbes on Tuesday.

H. Forbes took in the Black Watch Band in Chatham on Monday.

Two carloads of oats were shipped this week.

The Rev. Fr. Ladouceur is in London this week.

The proceeds from St. Peter's church picnic amounted to about \$800. The threshing is nearly all done.

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## LETTER BOX

### DRAINAGE APPEALS.

Editor Planet:

There must be a stop put to appeals from the Drainage Referee. The case of Bradley vs. Township of Raleigh, where Bradley received \$200 damages and costs justly, now the Council of Raleigh takes an appeal in this case as they say to keep others from bringing on similar actions. That was their plea in vs. Williams and Raleigh. What did they make out of it? Only added \$60,000 more costs. Pay the man his judgment. The majority of the men in the scheme are willing, if Massey and others say so. If the Council would put a sane man as assessor there would be no trouble.

C. A. WILLIAMS.

## DISTRICT DOINGS

### BLENHEIM

Sept. 19.—Mrs. E. Coburn, who has been visiting her son, Richard, has returned to her home in Detroit, accompanied by Mrs. Coburn.

Born—On Sept. 17th, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pickering, Ridge Road East, a daughter.

The annual harvest home of the Guild of Methodist Church, was held yesterday, the service being conducted by Rev. Mr. Millson, of Romney. A supper and entertainment will be served this evening.

Miss West, of Ridgeway, and Miss Flewell visited at the home of Rich. Coburn on Friday last.

Paste the date in your hat—tomorrow afternoon, Sept. 20, the Conservative meeting, addressed by Mr. Borden.

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in this section. A few hours at each farm was all that was required. The young men are practicing every night, preparing for the concert Monday evening.

### MORPETH.

The marriage of Miss Dora Alberta Walters, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Walters, is announced to take place in Trinity church, Howard, at 3.30 on Tuesday, Sept. 27th, to Mr. John W. Mason.

### SOUTH BUXTON.

George Foxton and hired man met with a bad mishap last evening on entering the village. The crowd was playing ball on the street and frightened his horse. The animal bolted and dashed into a deep ditch, throwing the occupants out, and causing a smash-up. Fortunately Mr. Foxton escaped with a few bruises, which might have resulted more seriously.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Robbins, bride and groom, of Cleveland, Ohio, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Robbins, of 8th concession. The bride and groom expect to leave in a few days for Colorado.

James Ross has nearly completed his cosy new house. W. H. Irwin, of Blenheim, is the contractor.

About two-thirds of the corn crop in this section will be a failure.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Clark are visiting in Toronto and other points east.

### CHATHAM CENTRE.

One of the most successful and most largely attended gatherings held here for some time was the harvest home festival given last evening in Chalmers' Church. In the early part of the evening a baseball match was played between the local team and Darrell, the former winning by one run. The supper was served in the new shed, each table was well loaded with fine samples of Chatham Centre's young ladies' best cooking as well as with fruits and chicken. The program was given in the church, which was crowded to its utmost capacity. Dr. Russell, of Chatham, acted as chairman and kept the audience in good spirits with his humorous stories and jokes. The music, supplied by St. Andrew's choir, of Chatham, was first-class. Solos were given by Miss Hill, Miss Somerville and Will Brackin, and were a treat to a country audience. Addresses were given by Rev. Mr. McKelvie, of Kent Bridge; Rev. Mr. Bucksborough, of Louisville; Rev. Dr. Monroe, of Ridgeway, and the pastor, Rev. Mr. McNeilly. These addresses, as well as being instructive, had their humorous side, and were much enjoyed by the audience.

Miss Nellie Forsyth, elocutionist, of Darrell, also gave two recitations, which were much appreciated. Proceeds of last evening, besides collection at Sunday services, were \$57.

It was found that after all had eaten to their fill a large amount of eatables were left over, so the ladies decided to give another social Tuesday evening, with a program of local talent.

### A HOPELESS CASE.

"Has George ever hinted that he has thought of you as a possible wife?" asked the anxious mother.

"No," replied the fair girl, with a faraway look in her eyes, "and I'm afraid he never will."

"Why," said the mother, "I thought

"Never mind what you thought, mamma, dear," interrupted the daughter. "Only last night he complained of feeling weary, and it was not yet 9 o'clock."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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