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A COMPLETE VINDICATION

The Toronto News, edited by Mr. J. S. Willison, said editorially Thursday:

"The Chatham Planet has scored a victory in a rather singular libel case. The officers of the 24th Regiment became involved in a difficulty with the regimental band. Certain actions of the ex-bandmaster were commented upon at a meeting of the officers, and The Planet in its report gave the substance of these criticisms. The ex-bandmaster took offence at the terms of the report, and instituted proceedings. It took the jury only seven minutes to decide that the plaintiff had no cause of complaint, and judgment was rendered for the defendant with costs. The Planet naturally is delighted with the result. It is to be congratulated on the complete vindication of its report."

ROSS IS RESPONSIBLE.

The Toronto News, of which Mr. J. S. Willison is editor, blames Hon. G. W. Ross for the present deplorable condition of affairs in Ontario politics. It says:

"Mr. Ross' friends find fault with the criticism to which he is sometimes subjected, but how can he stand as a chivalrous and honorable public man if he sanctions such methods as were employed to bribe and coerce the electors of Sault Ste. Marie and consents to outrage the Constitution and to lie in wait for a trickster's advantage, as in the case of North Renfrew? He knows how much he is sacrificing for Mr. Stratton and his machine and he should know also that the price is infinitely more than he can afford to pay if he desires to have an honorable place in the history of his province. He may win North Renfrew, and the victory may give his Government two or three more years of office. He may lose, and if he does his Government will hardly survive, and all the shuffling and plotting and buying of the last few years will have gone for nothing. In any event a change of Government in Ontario cannot be long delayed, and there are grave reasons to fear that the Liberal party will go out of office loaded with a record of official shuffling and of electoral ill-doing that will discredit it for half a generation. Much of this Mr. Ross could have prevented, and he, more than any other man, will be glad to account for the unworthy practices by which his Government continues to hold power, and by which his party remains dominant in Ontario."

THE GLOBE'S SOMERSALT.

For a complete change of front the attitude of the Toronto Globe upon the Muskoka election stands with few parallels, points out the Stratford Herald. Its "before and after taking" statements are as different as the emaciated and fattened features which adorn the patent medicine advertisements. Before the election the Globe announced that:

"Mr. Gamey is the chief platform supporter of the Conservative candidate in Muskoka. The electors are asked to regard him as a persecuted man, hounded by two unjust judges. It will be interesting to learn Muskoka's answer to his appeal."

That was on Friday, Oct. 23. On the Saturday following the Globe's special Huntsville correspondent wrote:

"Mr. Gamey has made the present bye-election a test of his own position before the country. He sees nothing but defeat ahead of him, and by getting out of the riding hopes to escape the inevitable judgment which would be involved by Mr. Mahaffy's defeat. It is too late, however, to disassociate himself from the campaign in Muskoka and the result of the election will be the riding's judgment of Mr. Gamey's story."

Surely after committing itself to such statements as these, the Globe might have had the good grace to take its medicine quietly. But, the election over, and a Conservative candidate returned in Muskoka, that paper on October 28th suddenly changed its views, finds out that it never expected Mahaffy to be defeated, that it knew just what was going to happen before-hand, and that "the loss of Muskoka was not unexpected." The reasons given are these: First, that its history is Conservative; second, that Mr. Mahaffy had bettered the voters' lists for himself by at least 150 votes. In a half column of comment upon the bye-election results, not one word is said of Gurney, nor of "the riding's judgment of Mr. Gamey's story." Does the Globe wish to take back what it said, or does it admit that the verdict of the commission has been reversed by the highest court of all, the electorate to whom Gurney's story was submitted? Of the significance of the vote in

Muskoka there can be little doubt. It is not necessarily an endorsement of all that Mr. Gamey has said, but it is most emphatically a declaration that the voters of that constituency believe that a bribe was offered by one of the Ministers of the Crown, a man to this day a member of the Liberal Cabinet, and that the Commission erred in finding him guiltless, however right they may have been in censuring the man from Manitoulin. Stratton, not Gurney, has been on trial, and the people of Muskoka have declared against Stratton in no uncertain way.

It is no wonder that the Globe's post-election statement disregards the Gurney charges altogether.

This is the 519th day of the North Renfrew vacancy.

Whatever he may be compelled to say openly, in his heart of hearts John Bull must feel proud of Johnny Canuck for exhibiting so much spunk. Just what was to be expected from a chip off the old block, eh John?

The Toronto Telegram remarks:

"Mahaffy's election as expressed in the terms of Osgoode Hall prose would sound as follows:

"Re Gurney - Muskoka, J., delivers judgment reversing Boyd, Chancellor, and Falconbridge, C. J."

Some of the Canadian papers that were fiercest in their criticism of the Canadian judges that sat as a commission to investigate the Gurney-Stratton charges are most horribly shocked at the thought of criticising the English judge who sat on the Alaskan Boundary commission. To some people a title is an emblem of infallibility.

The London Times has come down a peg. It now admits that it is regrettable that Lord Alverstone, having come to a fresh conclusion about the elects, failed to make the nature of his decision clear to his Canadian colleagues. The complaint of the Canadian commissioners is that he not only failed to make the nature of his fresh decision clear, but he did not think it worth while to make it known that he had reached a fresh decision.

ONE ALVERSTONE, TO WIT.

"Toronto Telegram.

Annexation seems to have more friends in England than it has in Canada.

AN OVERSIGHT.

Brantford Examiner.

In the excitement Justice Alverstone might also have handed the Americans the Manitoba wheat crop in addition to everything else they asked for.

WHAT DUNN DUNNO.

Hamilton Spectator.

If it be true that Captain Dunn, of the Petrel, thinks he is two miles this side of the boundary in Lake Erie, when he is a mile and a half the other side of it, he'd better come ashore.

WHERE THEY DRAW THE LINE.

Toronto Star.

The Daughters of the Empire deny that their feelings have been so Alaskarated that they are throwing away their medals. History shows that the grief of women tears its hair and rends its garments, but never gives back any jewelry.

RUBBING IT IN.

Hamilton Spectator.

The Spectator is under deep obligation to the Grit propaganda at Ottawa for a pamphlet containing Sir Wilfrid Laurier's speech on the Grand Trunk Pacific scheme, in French. The speech is taken from the French Hansard, and was printed in the Government bureau at the expense of the people, and delivered free in Hamilton under the much-abused frank.

YEARNING FOR GREATER THINGS

Dundas Banner.

There seems to be a growing sentiment throughout the country that a great deal of energy is lost over township fairs, and that it would be better to abandon them altogether and consolidate all funds for a grand county fair which would occupy four days. Such an eventuality would bring about the reform we are demanding, because competition would be spread over so wide an area that personal claims would not have their present influence, and the professional exhibitor, instead of receiving the dandy-pammy treatment he now receives, would receive more kicks than half pence and find his exhibits thrown out.

UNCHANGED BY DEATH.

Mount Morris Index.

"I was strolling through an Oklahoma cemetery one Sunday afternoon with a native of this town," says the editor of the exchange, "and we came across a new tombstone. On the top of the marble slab was a hand with the index finger pointed upward. My guide stopped and looked at it, and then looked at the name on the face of the monument. 'Well, well,' he declared, 'if that isn't just like old Thompson. He never did order more than one beer at a time.'"

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SATELLITE

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Again I am constrained to point out that The Planet wins.

Dr. Thornton says that eggs ought to be an expected diet for competitors in a relay race.

It's wonderful what influence some people think they have with the mighty Pere Marquette.

When in doubt on Thames St. select the narrowest pavement. That is probably the sidewalk.

I guess a sausage maker is a very careful and canny fellow, because he always makes both ends meat.

Political parties for all time have had organs, but the Ross crowd is the best to get panned. - Hamilton Spectator.

Doc Arnold says he knew he could win that Trustee race, but when he went home there wasn't a darned egg around the house.

And it's all the more remarkable that the fastest time was made in The Planet relay race considering the weight of news each competitor carried.

The man who is accused of feeding his wife ground glass probably wanted a divorce, but his wife couldn't see through it. But she had quite a pain.

One thing about that Muskoka election was that the Grits had their whole Hart in the contest. I am afraid they never got him out of it, though.

The fastest time of the day was made in The Planet relay race at the C. C. I. sports. This was to be expected, and my mention of it is not egotism.

Betsy and me may have killed the bear, but I think that you will all agree that blank got the car-shops. I know about twenty men who would like to fill in that blank.

I've been waiting patiently for three days for the credit of getting the car-shops. But everybody is so busy claiming the honor for themselves that they have overlooked me.

Between you and me, it's funny how a man can go out and sit in the marsh all day freezing and waiting for ducks, and then come home and dilate on the pleasures of duck shooting.

I don't believe the report that the Chatham girls are preparing a petition to the Minister of Militia asking him not to have the park lighted and stating that the moonlight is quite sufficient.

An unknown man hugged a Hamilton girl on the street last night. Will this keep the girls in or cause a stampede at night. - Hamilton Spectator.

A St. Thomas girl wants to know what a hug is. This gives foundation for the report that St. Thomas girls are so ugly that hugging isn't popular in that place.

WHERE SHE WELCOMED.

The hostess welcomed her friends in a pretty gown of biscuit voile. - Toronto Globe.

In Chatham, the hostess generally, welcomes her friends in the front hall, but perhaps they do things differently in Toronto.

YOU TAKE YOUR CHOICE.

It costs 50 cents for a marriage license in Belleville and a dollar for a dog tax in Kingston. But it is worth half a dollar more to be a dog in Kingston than a married man in Belleville. - Kingston Whig. It would be far better to be a goat in Brockville than either a dog in Kingston or a married man in Belleville. - Brockville Recorder.

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