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EDITOR CARMAN ' **COMMITTED FOR TRIAL**

Belleville Justice Holds Him On Libel Charge in \$1,000 Bail.

Plet to Steal the Constituency Is Proven, That the Bold Scheme Had Toronto Origin and That the Public Conscience Should Waken -Lott and Shibley Prime Movers-Police Magistrate Harryett

Belleville, Dec. 10. — Magistrate Wood last night committed T. S. Carman, editor and proprietor of The Ontario, for trial on the charge of criminal libel, preferred by E. Gus Porter, M.P.-elect.

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The defence furnished a surprise by showing that the article complained of was not published on the day named in the indictment and asked that the case be thrown out. It was proved by the only witness on behalf of Mr. Carman that the date line of the paper, "Thursday, Dec. 4," was a typographical error, the alleged libel being contained in the issue of Thursday, Dec. 3, but Mr. DuVernet amended the information, and the magistrate declined to throw the case out on a technicality.

During the morning, strong evidence was produced by the prosecution. R. E. Harpel told a story connecting E. G. Ruttan completely with the ballot box conspiracy, and showing that the boxes were in actual The defence furnished a surprise by

the ballot box conspiracy, and showing that the boxes were in actual use on election day.

It was also proven that James Vance, secretary of the Ontario Liberal Association, had telephonic communication with W. J. Shibley on Nov. 9, the day before Shibley skipped, and before his name was mentioned in connection with the plot. Mr. DuVernet asked that the charge be withdrawn, it being founded upon a mistake.

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Police Magistrate Wood's report on the evidence in the ballot box conspiracy fills fourteen pages of type-written foolscap. The Magistrate, after specifying the libel, and stating that the inuendo was that Mr. Porter, in order to injure B. O. Lott, devised a scheme to impute to Lott the criminal offence of securing his criminal offence of securing his election by trafficking in bogus bal-

ot boxes, says:
"I have undertaken the duty of in-"I have undertaken the duty of the vestigating this charge with extreme reluctance. Public responsibility, however, is not new to fie. As county councillor, member of the Legislature and Justice of the Peace, I have served the public for many years, but in the discharge of the public of the peace of the public of the peace. duties I never had an investiga tion of so obviously painful and un-pleasant a nature. The publication of this libel has been amply proved, as there can be no question that the defendant is one of the proprietors and publishers of the said newspap-er, The Ontario, and that the libel

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"The untruth of the libel on Mr. Porer is established by its having been roven that the scheme was conceived and brought into execution by W. J. hibley and B. O. Lott, each a canditate for election to parliament, assisted y F. J. Reilly and others, and that orter, so far from having any hand in the outrage, was to be the victim of this starious plot to steal a constituency, am constrained to say that the evince given in other courts established efact that this is no solitary instance electoral corruption. From the exeme west of Ontario to the east a ntinuous series of crimes against polical honesty have been shown to have en committed. From the evidence of indig and trickery at elections, which been committed. From the evidence of frauds and trickery at elections, which have been so frequent of late, I HAVE RELUCTANTLY COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT PUBLIC HONOR IN CANADA HAS STEADILY DECLINED. Such deterioration can only be stopped by a serious awakening of the public conscience, and I trust that the evidence that has been brought forward in this case may give such a shock to public opinion as to make the 'saving remnant' of honorable men in the province awake to the seriousness of the position. It seems to me that one of the most dangerous sophistries that can be urged in respect of crimes of this character is that there is a different standard of honesty and duty in public and private life. If the public conscience becomes seriously weakened it cannot fail to affect the standards of private honor.

Originated in Toronto.

"The scheme seems, so far as B. O.
Lott is concerned, to have originated at
Toronto, for the evidence of Phillip Lott
shows that B. O. Lott told him that
one James Vance, a Liberal organizer,
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arranged with Carscallen for a new supply of boxes on an improved plan, the vital feature of which was the handle. Shibley told Reilly to look after the matter, and the latter went to Watertown and interviewed Carscallen, who refused to manufacture them, and said that his foreman, C. Roof, was doing the work. Roof, on being seen by Reilly, and being asked whether the work was finished, said: 'He had not things right.' After Reilly returned to Kingston, about the beginning of October, he was introduced by Shibley to B. O. Lott at the British Hotel, Kingston. It is shown that Lott was anxious to go O. Lott at the British Hotel, Kingston. It is shown that Lott was anxious to go to Watertown to see the boxes, and wished Reilly to accompany him. The evidence shows that it was then well-known by the parties interested that the boxes were to be used at the coming elections. About the end of the first week in October, B. O. Lott and Reilly went to Watertown and registered at the Hardiman Hotel—Lott under a false name. Lott kept in the background and sent Reilly to interview Roof.

Lott Sees the Box.

"Roof said: 'He had spent several nights over the matter, but he had got something pretty slick.' The trick box was shown to Lott, who was altogether satisfied with it and expressed the opinion that 'It had not a large enough false receptacle to overcome,' and he suggested that this receptacle should be enlarged, and his suggestion was carried out. Reilly had previously arranged with one Whalen, a revenue officer at Prescott, to receive the boxes which were to be sent to Prescott by way of Ogdensburg. Itwas arranged that the same of the thingston; four to John Bremner, at Bancroft, and six to Philip Lott at Central Ontario Junction. Shibley, and B. O. Lott were to put up the money for the expenses, and a letter is produced, asking Lott to send his share. From the evidence it appears that Shibley contributed \$100 and Whalen advanced \$10. It was about Oct. 1 that Byron Lott told his brother Philip, further course of a conversation on the Sunday before the nomination day, of new ballot boxes.

"Philip Lott, however, says that in March, 1904, Byron had an old bogus ballot box hidden in a barrel in his barn. This box was not satisfactory to Byron Lott done the subject. Mr. Hurst gave his evidence on the investigation, and corroborated Philip Lott, with whom Philip Lott said he had many interviews on the subject. Mr. Hurst gave his evidence on the investigation, and corroborated Philip Lott, with whom Philip Lott said he had many interviews on the subject. Mr. Hurst gave his evidence on the investigation, and corroborated Philip Lott, with whom Philip Lott said he had many interviews on the subject. Mr. Hurst gave his evidence on the investigation, and corroborated Philip Lott, with whom Philip Lott said he had many interviews on the subject. Mr. Hurst gave his evidence on the investigation, and corroborated Philip Lott, with whom Philip Lott said he had not were stion between Philip Lott and his brother Byron on Sunday before nomination, Byron said he had several letters from Reilly, with regard

"By means of a telegram from B. O. By means of a designant man but to to Shibley, a meeting was arranged at Harrowsmith and Philip met Shibley there on Monday, Oct. 24. At this interview Shibley said that the matters about the ballot boxes were all matters about the ballot boxes were all right, and that he was keeping out of it so as not to get mixed up in the affair, and gave Philip a letter of introduction to Reilly. He also said he had received \$50 from B. O. Lott, but had not got the balance. Shibley arranged for one Edmund Ruttan, to drive Philip to Kingston. This man Ruttan, as shewn by evidence, knew all about the ballot boxes and talked freely about the matter. Philip saw Reilly in Kingston and was introduced to him under the name of Hughes. Reilly was suspicious until the letter of introduction from Shibley was produced. Reilly then told Philip to tell his brother that twenty boxes were across the River St. Lawrence and were with a friend at Prescott, and that parcels of six and four boxes were across the River St. Lawrence and were with a friend at Prescott, and that parcels of six and four would be shipped on Wednesday night following, four to Bremner at Bancroft, and six to Philip at Central Ontario Junction. The remaining boxes were to be taken on Wednesday night by Ruttan and delivered to Shibley for use in Frontenac. Rellly took Philip's address on a card, which Philip states ne afterwards found in a parcel which was sent to him. At this interview Rellly spoke of the fine points of thebox, and explained its modus operandi, and said: 'They're a winner. It will take God Almighty to defeat the Ontario government at the next election. 'A man could separate the sheep from the goats all day long; just as he wanted them.' Rellly denied, however, that he made the latter statement, but Philip Lott, on being recalled, positively confirmed his former statement.

"Phil seek His Brother."

ings was published in the press on the 4th of November, not on the authority of obscure or unknown persons, but of persons of high standing and respectability in the community, one of whom is a former premier of the Dominion of Canada, another an ex-member of parliament, and the other the member-elect for West Hastings, gentlemen of such character and standing that it is impossible to believe they would give currency to such grave charges as were contained in their felegram, unless they were positively assured of the existence of a netarious plot and also pointed out that the first warrants were issued in the case on the 19th of November. "At this stage the Dominion authori-

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"At this stage the Dominion authorities intervened, and as far as my knowledge goes, the officials engaged did discharge their duties in an earnest and highly satisfactory manner. There is ample evidence given, by what I may term a cloud of witnesses, corroborating the statements of Philip A. Lott and J. P. Reilly on every material point.

"There remains to be stated," con-tinues Mr. Wood, "that the 20 boxes thus surreptitiously brought into Canada had been accounted for. The six received by Philip Lott are produced, four consigned to Bremner have disappeared, and of 10 consigned to Shibley, nine were drowned in Sydenham Lake and subsequently fished up again, and THE ONE WHICH DOUBTLESS WAS USED AT THE ELECTION IN FRONTENAC IS MISSING.

Demeanor of Witnesses

"The demeanor of many of the witnecces indicated clearly that they were anxious to tell the truth and the whole truth, and thus aid the efforts of the prosecution is mearthing the plot and bringing the offenders to justice.

"But it is my painful duty to state that in several instances witnesses from whom better might have been expected have thrown difficulties in the

pected have thrown difficulties in the way of eliciting the truth. On Friday, tre 18th of November, Mr. George Thrasher, a solicitor at law, and the hashed, agent of B. O. Lott at the last ection, stated in answer to the ques-non whether he had sent any money Reilly or Shibley at Kingston on

to Reilly or Shibley at Kingston on behalf of Lott:

Q.—"You are a supporter of Mr.

Lott?"

A.—"Yes."

Q.—"Did you send any money anywhere at Mr. Lott's request?"

A.—"Lidd not."

A.—"I did not."
Q.—"Do you know of money being "I do not."

"You are quite sure?"
"Yes, positive." When he was recalled on the 25th \$50 with Shibley's endorsement there and the letter accompanying it signed by him, which is as follows: To W. J. Shibley, Harrowsmith, Ont.: Dear Sir,—At the request of Mr. B. O. Lott herewith I send you my cheque for \$50 hoping that it will meet your re-

Most Astonishing.

"But in the face of these documents he states that he did not know why the \$50 was sent to Shibley and could not explain the sense in the letter 'hoping that it will meet with your recuirements.' He further added. Tonly desire to make myself plain in this matter. When I was here last Friday I gave all I knew concerning the matter; I heard the evidence that was given, and it struck me that the name Shibley had gone thru my office, and I communicated to the magistrate, stating that if I could find anything I would certainly bring it forth, I went home and found in my stub cheques on Oct. 12 that I sent a cheque to Mr. Shibley for \$50.' And this man was the financial agent of B. O. Lott.
"On Saturday, the 28th of November, John R. Bremner, editor of The North Hastings Reporter, admitted that he had in his previous examination withheld certain facts that he ought to have mentioned. This evidence was far from satisfactory. He had sworn to tell the whole truth, and specially asked if he knew anything further.

"I find that attempts were made to suborn some of the witnesses in this case to commit perjury—or to leave the jurisdiction to avoid giving evidence. Phillp Lott swore that before this investigation began he was called to his gate in the night and was asked by a man, who refused to show himself in the light, to deny his statements and was told that it would be made worthhis while to do so, and that if he left the country he would be comfortably provided for during his life.

"Reilly was also urged to leave the province and go to the United States upon a promise by Lott of \$500 cash and a monthly allowance by Shibley of \$25. John R. Bremner swore that he was urged at the Somerset House, Toronto, by Police Magistrate Harry-ett to swear falsely and to conceal what he knew of truth, and by Geo. Weese to kiss his thumb instead of them by Shibley, the distribution in view

was committed for trial. Harryett was taken before Judge Lezier in the afternoon and application made for bail by Mrf McCamon. The county judge refused the application and Harryett was locked up in the jail.

Gas Escaped From Bracket.

Toronto, Dec. 10.—The coroner's jury brought in a verdict that Frank Lougheed, the Markdale farmer who was found dead in his room at 169 Seaton street, came to his death by this beginning from the bracket."

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