

duty would be, to help crystallize into actual existence the policy of his chief, says by an object lesson to the whole civilized world, there is no use in trying to raise beef in Ontario. Dakota is the place to raise it! (Applause.) Now it is not a crime to go to Dakota and invest in a ranch at all, but it is a malversation of his duty for the Minister of Agriculture of the Province of Ontario to do that which will militate against the interests of dressed beef in Ontario, to say nothing about the deliberate insult which he offers to the position taken by his chief and leader. (Applause.) Then Mr. Pettypiece, whom I know very well—a very genial man who got into the Legislature by accident last election, and there is no joke about that, he will admit it himself—although a strong Government supporter, denounced Mr. Dryden's conduct and insisted that he should be relieved from office. Quite a hubbub was raised in the Government ranks, but Mr. Pettypiece stood by his guns. Now, Hon. Mr. Stratton is a colleague of Mr. Dryden, and Mr. Pettypiece justified his attack on Mr. Dryden at a meeting in his constituency, to his people, and they unanimously endorsed his attitude, and Mr. Dryden's colleague, Mr. Stratton, stood by and apparently took part in the condemnation of his colleague! Imagine, if you can, a British Minister standing on the platform by the side of a man who is denouncing the act of his colleague, a Cabinet Minister, and the Minister present saying nothing in reply and remaining in that Government! (Applause.)

NICKEL.

Another article in Mr. Ross' programme was nickel, but he (Mr. Whitney) would not give a nickel for all the results of that programme. (Laughter.) The cold-storage policy of the Government had resulted in one cold-storage station taking advantage of the Act which was passed. The only effect of the grants to the highways had been to make the County and Township Councils quarrel.

ELECTION SCANDALS.

"Now then," continued Mr. Whitney, "for some of the things for which the Government should be condemned." The public knew all about West Elgin and North Waterloo, but these questions were of infinitely more importance with regard to public morality and the happiness of the people than any others. He had called upon the Lieutenant-Governor, as the representative of Her Majesty, even if his Ministers were unwilling, that the cover should be taken off this iniquity, to compel them to do so, and he had also appealed to the religious press, but he could not say that he saw any appreciable answer to that request. All summer this agitation was kept up, and at last a commission was appointed—to do what? He said it publicly that the commission was issued with the deliberate intention of concealing the frauds and preventing punishment. (Hear, hear.) The instructions to the commission excluded all the scoundrels who had done the evil work excepting one or two, and the investigation was confined to the acts of the Returning Officers, Deputy Returning Officers and Poll Clerks! The commissioners exceeded their authority when they investigated the burning of the West Elgin ballots at the Parliament Buildings. Nine or ten boxes containing the bye-election ballots were deposited on one side of the room, and all the boxes relating to the other 94 elections were placed on the other. Somebody, as the commissioners said, undoubtedly went over and took one of the nine boxes that should not have been touched, and, stranger still, took the one containing the poison which would have killed the Ontario Government!

And yet, the commissioners, judges though they were, had the assurance to tell the people of this province that it was done involuntarily and by accident! The three men who signed the report might believe it, but they were the only human beings in the province who did. (Applause.) Mr. Whitney repeated