GEORGE STEPHENS FAILS TO PRODUCE PROMISED PROOF

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men in Raleigh.

A voice—That's a lie.

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two, and they were both Kent County men, Ward Stanworth and A. B. Carscallen, both of whom made magnifiscallen, bethe with the county of the magnifiscallen, bethe with the county of the crowd cheer after cheer and Boyer. The three gentlemen got a wonderful reception. As they slowly made their way through the crowd cheer after cheer and to day I issued writs against Mr. Boyer and Mr. Purser for damate to grasp their hands.

"They can't sell Dover with Corry Purser and Bill Boyer around," cried a stalwart and the cheering broke a stalwart and the cheering broke a training that the meeting. Mr. Stephens is asking for your votes. He has represented you for four years and also for almost a year since it is alleged the bribes were made. If he was good enough for your for the next four years, Mr. Stephens is developed the bribes were made. If he was good enough for you for the next four years, Mr. Stephens is developed the bribes were made. If he was good enough for you for four years and also for almost a year since it is alleged the bribes were made. If he was good enough for your years, Mr. Stephens is developed the training for almost a year since it is alleged the bribes were made. If he was good enough for your years, Mr. Stephens is developed the training for

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The three gentlemen seated them. The three gentlemen seated them selves on the end of the platform and another tedious wait ensued.

At 8.17 George Stephens entered and was greeted with mingled cheers and was greeted with mingled cheers and was greeted with mingled cheers and was freeze of "You'll get beat with your writs."

GEO. STEPHENS SPEAKS.

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"I am very sorry," said be, "that if a four distribution of the said of the said

the angry calls.

"Fair play, please, gentlemen," he said. "Mr. Stephens is here to disprove the charges against him. We should reserve judgment till we hear

his defence."
"Give him a free ride on the elec-tric road back to Chatham," called called

ence."

"I am very sorry," said he, "that this meeting has occurred by anything I have said in the past. I worked hard in what I thought was the best interests of this township and Raleigh and Harwich. I worked hard to get the clauses and charters of this electric road through parliament. It was fought by the Sabbath Day Alliance and by the telephone and telegraph companies but I fought them all and succeeded in getting the bill through." tric road back to Chatham,
a voice.
"Costs \$250 a ride," cried another.
"Three cheers for Stephens," retaliated a third and three counter cheers were called for Clements.
Then everybody cheered for both.
On motion of J. G. Kerr, John Grant, of Dover, was elected chairman and proved himself a worthy president of the gathering.
By this time cries of "outside, outside," were heard from the gathering without who were demanding an

open-air meeting.
"No," said Mr. Stephens, "we bet-

"No," said Mr. Stephens, "we better stay inside."

'You go, Herb, and we'll all go,"
declared an enthusiastic Conservative addressing himself to Clements.

Ward Stanworth on behalf of Mr. Clements asked every one to give Mr. Stephens a good hearing. "He is here to answer the charges," said Mr. Stanworth, "and I trust all will remember to accord him that right which is due every Canadian—the right of making the fullest and most ample defence he desires and has promised."

ample defence he desires and ample defence he desires and always. J. G. Kerr, a Chatham lawyer, was the first speaker.

"I am always glad to meet the people of Dover," said he, "for lam sure of two things—a fair hearing and fair judgment. It would be a pleasure to discuss the political issues of the day with you but to-night this pleasure is clouded. We are not the political issues but to clear the character of George Stephens.

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Tin this nail a week ago last Saturday a charge was made against Mr. Stephens which, if true, prohibits him from holding a seat in Parliament, and if it is true the Liberals of Chatham will not support him nor do we ask the Liberals of Dover to support him.

Voices—They won't!

Mr. Kerr—Do not judge before you hear both sides of the question. I have here a number of affidavits from a number of people who were present at the meeting at which it is said George Stephens offered bribes to Councillor Boyer and Reeve Purser.

Mr. Kerr then read an affidavit from Mayor W. E. McKeough to the effect that as far as he knew no such offer had been made by George Stephens. ffect that as far as he knew no sach ffer had been made by George Steptens.

A voice—What does he know about the only interest he had in it was the benefit it would be for Dover and that he never did anything impact that he never did anything i

had any financial interest in it and the only interest he had in it was the property of the fact and the control of the half and the control of the control of the half and the control of the control of the control of the half and the control of th "This is the evidence," said Mr.

Mr. Stephens—Independent Conservatives come to me and say that they will take my word for it. Gentlemen, I would rather talk tariff or G. T. P. to you but I feel that my character must be vindicated.

Mr. Stephens was applauded as he resumed his seat.

punish me in the proper way. This is done for the purpose of defeating me at the polls.

Voice-And we will.

resumed his seat.

The Chairman then introduced Mr.

McKendry, a promoter of the Electric

Road, but the air was rent with cries

for Purser.

The crowd was finally quieted with
the assurance that Mr. Purser would
be heard later on.

THE TORONTO PROMOTER.

Mr. McKendry professed to be a Conservative. "This is the first time that I have ever appeared on a Liberal platform in the interests of a Liberal candidate." ral candidate."
"Hot air," came from the crowd.
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Mr. McKendry — Ask the Conservatives of Toronto if I did not help them.

"Turncoat," again from a man in the crowd.

Mr. McKendry—I am no turncoat and you are in the dark or you would not say that. I am a Canadian first of all and above politics. Just because I am opposed to a man politically is no reason why I should hound him, but I should shake him by the hand. I believe it is my duty when I know that statements made against a fellow Canadian are not true, to tell what I know. I am a promoter of the road of which you have heard so much spoken. I may say that I am not ashamed of my position. Promotiog railroads is not my business. I have been a merchant on Yonge Street and a manufacturer on Front Street, Toronto, for years (interruptions from the crowd). I, and those associated with me went to Ottawa to get the charter which was needed. We asked Mr. Stephens to help us get the bill through parliament. We would have gone to a Conservative if he had been the representative for West Kent. Mr. Stephens assisted us from the first. We had to have directors and we asked Mr. Stephens to be a provisional director. Mr. Stephens never had the offer of a cent and if anyone says that Mr. Stephens never had the offer of a cent and if anyone says that Mr. Stephens has the charter and we are going to put it through. If Mr. Stephens is going to get five or ten thousand dollars out of it I would like to know where I come in. He helped the bill through parliament and helped with the councillors. I myself would not give 250 cents to have that by-law submitted. There is some mistake about it. I can hardly imagine one Canadian getting up against another and making such a charge. I was at the meeting and went with Mr. Stephens afterwards to the hotel and no such offer was made at the meeting. I cannot understand such a construction being placed on anything that was said at that meeting.

"All we asked was that the people should say whether or not they wanted a line between Chatham and Wallaceburg. This would be a good thing but you and telegraph companies but I lought them all and succeeded in getting the bill through."

Mr. Stephens then read his own affidavit in which he denied the charge of any wrong-doing in connection with trying to get the by-law submitted in Dover.

'I am sorry," said he, "if anything that I did say was misconstrued to mean a bribe. If the councillors understood that day that I tried to bribe them it was their duty to expose me then instead of bringing the matter up on the eve of an election. It is not the first time that the Conservative party has tried to lie me out of my position (cries of sitdown,) in 1900, they sent men out to tell the colored men that they should not vote for me, that I had told men to go into my store and get guns to shoot all the colored men in Raleigh.

A voice—That's a lie.

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"And they also said that I blocked a pork packing industry for Chatham. And then the Chatham newspaper," said he, "is one of the vilest printed papers ever printed on the face of the earth. I have seen and read all of the papers printed in Canada and I can say that in Ottawa The Planet is considered the dirtiest and vilest and filthiest paper ever printed and the statements contained in it in reference to the last meeting held out here were as false as false can be. One statement made was that that I knew these charges were to have been made, through a registered letter sent to me by Mr. Clements. I got the letter but there was no reference in it to the charges.

A voice—Produce the letter.

Mr. Arneld—The information condid not want this. We wanted a historier from Chatham to Wallaceburg and for that we wanted a bonus of \$20,000. It was suggested that if branch lines were run to Pain Court and Mitchell's Bay that a bonus of \$75,000 could be got from Dover. We were opposed to it and so it is absurd on the face of it to say that I or any other persons would give \$520 to any man to have such a bylaw submitted. Now I am all right politically but I want to die when I fail to tell the truth.

A voice—Where did you come from Mr. McKendry — Like yourself I came from the North of Ireland. Same voice—You are too big a liar Mr. Arnold—The information concerning the charges was not contained in the letter but Mr. Stephens has already admitted that he knew that the charges were to be made. Chairman Grant here had to call the meeting to order.

Mr. George Stephens, in his affidavit said among other things that he was a charter member of the Railway Company but had never had any financial interest in it and

form.

"Go on. Go on! urged the Liberal workers on the platform.

"The bar is still open," continued Mr. McKendry, "and sometimes it is bad for people."

Continuing he said "It was said that any farmer within a mile of the

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Continuing he said "It was said that any farmer within a mile of the road with 100 acres of land would be benefited from \$100 to \$1,000 by the establishing of the road. It is not policy either to ask a man to come into town to attend meetings called by the promoters and not pay his expenses. But there was nothing said about \$250. Where would Mr. Stephens get the money to pay this bribe? Not from me! He himself had no interest in the railroad. He was only a provisional director. If am prepared to give my affidavit of what I have said to-night and if the trial comes to an issue I will swear what I have said to be the truth."

As Mr. McKendry resumed his seat

As Mr. McKendry resumed his seat there were calls from the audience for Clements.

ANOTHER TORONTO PROMOTER. Chairman Grant explained that Mr. Clements would appear later on and then he introduced Herbert L. Dunn, another promoter of the road. Mr. Dunn said—

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another promoter of the road. Mr. Dunn said—

"I heard the whole matter discussed and I can corroborate what Mr. as McKendry has said. I have had charge of the legal matter of this company and of the charter from the leading men of this district, so we got Messrs. Stephens, Gordon, McKeough, Ball and Stevens to allow their names to be used. These gentlemen have not a cent's worth of interest in the railway and the whole story as fabricated is false on the face of it. I came direct from Toron to to attend the meeting. I went with Mr. Stephens and there was no talking aside, and no offers were made. It was so absurd to us that it seemed hardly worth while paying any attention to it."

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N. H. STEVENS. N. H. Stevens, one of the directors of the road, was the next speaker. "I am speaking of friends to-night," said he. "Messrs. Clements, Purser, Boyer and Stephens have always been rived of river and we have always been friends of mine and we have always

said ne. "Messrs. Clements, Furser, Boyer and Stephens have always been friends of mine and we have always dealt together. I regret this affair. You have all heard the affidavits as read, and all I can say is that I endorse what Mr. McKendry and Mr. Dunn have said. I heard no offers made and saw no one taken aside. We were going to ask both Dover and Chatham for a bonus of \$25,000 each for a line direct to Wallaceburg from Chatham. In the interests of Dover I would like to see the line go to Mitchell's Bay and Pain Court, but even if we got a bonus of \$75,000 we could not float the scheme, as it would cost \$200,000 to build the additional road. We would have to build a direct line and let the branches build themselves. I didn't see any offer made and can see no object in such an offer. I, started the Erie & Huron railway, and for every dollar the Dover farmers put in that they have received \$20. When you get an electric road you will save freights. I endorse what has been said in Mr. Stephens' behalf, but at the same time I do not say anything against Mr. Clements, Mr. Purser or Mr. Boyer. It is, I am sure, a pure misunderstanding. A petition of 50 ratepayers is necessary to get the bylaw submitted, so that Mr. Stephens might as well bribe any of you ratepayers as well as Mr. Purser or Mr. Boyer.

"If any man would offer me a bribe I, would knock him down. The

were opposed to it and so it is absurd on the face of it to say that I or any other persons would give \$520 to any man to have such a bylaw submitted. Now I am all right politically but I want to die when I fail to tell the truth.

A voice—Where did you come from Mr. McKendry—Like yourself I came from the North of Ireland.

Same voice—You are too big a liar to be an Irishman.

Mr. McKendry—What's that? Do not say that!

Same voice—Come down here and I'll shoot you.

Mr. McKendry—So that's the kind of people you are here. You threaten to shoot a man on a public platform.

"Go on. Go on! urged the Liberal of the places visited, because we were Canadians, and there is no statesman in the world who is better spoken of the places visited, because we have to put men in parliament who make your laws and handle your money. We should be proud that we are Canadians. When I was in England the Canadians were met everywhere with open arms and treated to luncheons by the mayors of the places visited, because we were Canadians, and there is no statesman in the world who is better spoken of Canadians, and there is no statesman in the world who is better spoken of in England than Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

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A voice—What about free corn com-A voice—What about free corn coming in?

Mr. Stevens-Come up here and

Mr. Stevens—Come up here and speak.

Same voice—No.

Mr. Stevens—Then shut up! Probably you are not in your right mind.

Continuing, he said:—

"We want the river dredged and we also want a boat to break the ice, so that you will have no more floods, and in order to get that you will have to have a representative who has some influence with the government. Don': let politics run away with your common sense. We should have a smelting works in Chatham and make the Maple City a manufacturing centre, and then we will want all the produce that you farmers can raise. It is the home market we want. It would be a calamity if Geo. Stephens were defeated. This county would go back five years, and this is the year when we have got to have the dredging done, and no one can do it as well as Mr. Stephens. Look at the work he has done at the Eau. He also got the armories for Chatham. He has weight and respect at Ottawa. I have been in the Northwest several times and I tell you that the bargain made in the G. T. P. scheme is better than the bargain made for the C. P. R."

"MR. PURSER'S RECEPTION.

The Chairman then called on Cornelius Purser, who was received with

The Chairman then called on Cor-nelius Purser, who was received with rounds and rounds of applause. Mr. Purser made a brief and pointed ad-

"I have a very few words to say, and they are not along political lines. As your representative as Reeve of Dover I come before you. We have all listened to the twaddle of these all listened to the twaddle of these orators from Toronto, and when it is all summed up it amounts to very little. I am a common farmer like yourselves and I can only give you plain facts in common farm talk.—Hurrah. I was called to the meeting in N. H. Stevens' office, with the Council. Mr. King was the only one absent from this meeting. The Eleccouncil. Mr. King was the only one absent from this meeting. The Electric Railway was discussed by the Toronto men, N. H. Stevens and Geo. Stephens telling how much good it would be to Dover. They talked about the route, first from Chatham to Wallaceburg, and then with the spurs to Pain Court and Mitchell's Bay. They didn't get the satisfaction out of me that they wanted to get.—Cheers. You have heard these affidavits read. I tell you that they have nothing to do with the issue.—Cheers. What we are discussing is what transpired between Geo. Stephens and me alone.—Cheers. I am telling you what I know, and no-body heard the words spoken but myt self and Mr. Stephens. Now, I have as good Reform friends as Conservative.

A Voice—Was he a friend of yours when he tried to bribe you? when he tried to bribe you?

Mr. Purser—After the meeting was over, Geo. Stephens called me aside and said,—'If you will submit the bylaw and help carry it, it will be worth \$250 to you.' Gentlemen, that is just what he said; you can *ake from it what meaning you like.—Cheers. Stephens knows this is true. A Voice—This township has been sold before!

your deputy-reeve for four years and your reeve for nine years, and Dover knows me, I think, as honest and true, and my word is as good as Stephens' word or anybody else's.—Yes! Yes! It looked to me as if all the money in it was for the promotors. I have been served with a writ, but if they can put me through for saying what is honest and true, then I'm the man to suffer.—Cheers. In closing, I thank you for your attention. Men, of Dover, it is time that these railway' promotors are finding out that the farmers are not such fools as they think we are."

Mr. Purser was given cheer after cheer as he resumed his seat.

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Cheers. Stephens knows this is true.
A Voice—This township has been sold before!
Mr. Purser—The promoters wanted to submit the by-law, but I believed it was not right to give away \$75,000 of your money.—Cheers. That might build the road for all that I know, and we might better build it ourselves.—Cheers. We don't want lawyers' talk. We want blunt, honest, common farm truth. I have been TO CALIFORNIA

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