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The Royal Commission.

A candid, critic of the Government can surely find no intent to defeat the ends of justice in the instructions issued to the commission, which will investigate the Gamey charges. The leader of the Opposition, in duty bound, entered a protest, but it was very perfunctory and might better have been omitted. The gravamen of his complaint was that only members of the House were permitted to lay charges against members of the Government. Are members of the Opposition afraid to face the responsibility? Dr. Reame and Mr. Sutherland have assailed the integrity of the Ministers on the floor of the House. In this they were protected by parliamentary privilege. Under that shelter a member may say what he pleases with impunity. It remains to be seen whether Messrs. Reame and Sutherland are willing to formulate their charges for judicial investigation. If not, they will stand convicted of taking a cowardly advantage of their immunity as members of the Legislature to slander the Administration and mislead the public. Gamey's accusations have the merit of being specific, but Messrs. Reame and Sutherland have dealt in innuendo. It is well that the Government has offered the authors of these anonymous charges an opportunity to prove them.

It is a quibble to argue that the scope of the investigation is restricted, because only members of the House may lay the indictments. It would suit the Opposition to put up a straw man for this purpose, but the responsibility cannot be shirked by such craven methods. If anyone has a complaint against any Minister he may place it in the hands of the Opposition. The latter will only be too delighted to take the brief if there is any case for the complainant. One of the objections urged against a royal commission was that witnesses would not answer questions which might incriminate. It will be seen by the terms of reference to the commission that this objection has been met. The clause reads: "We direct that upon the said inquiry no witness shall be excused from answering any question upon the ground that the answer may tend to incriminate him, but that no evidence given by any person or witness before you shall be receivable in evidence against him in any criminal trial or other criminal proceeding against him hereafter taking place in giving such evidence." The Premier may confidently appeal to the House and the public that he has shown his good faith and redeemed his pledge to grant the fullest and freest inquiry.

"Loaded Dice."

That there is room for fair discussion, and an honest difference of opinion, as to whether a Committee of the House or a Commission of Superior Court Judges should investigate the Gamey charges, is beyond question. Neither mode of investigation need be open to the charge that the Government loaded the dice, and but for the frenzy of the Opposition there would have been no such suggestion. That any Liberal leader would receive justice at their hands after the speeches already made is exceedingly doubtful. They have condemned the Provincial Secretary without a trial, and ground their teeth at the Premier, while Mr. Latchford, the Minister of Public Works, is branded for even writing a letter to Mr. Gamey after the latter had promised his support to the Government.

That the Premier has no desire to play with loaded dice is verified by his choice of two Superior Court judges to investigate the charges, who, prior to their elevation to the bench, were Conservatives—Chancellor Boyd and Chief Justice Falconbridge. The Chancellor never took any part whatever in politics, but was a Conservative, appointed to the position he now holds by the late Sir John A. Macdonald. In these appointments, as in the scope of the commission, to which we have already referred, the Premier has shown his bona fides. The great body of Liberal electors apply the same standards to public as to private life. Individuals calling themselves Liberals have been guilty at times of corrupt practices, but the Liberal party as a party has never been identified with a fraud in the sense the Conservative party rejoiced at the Gerry-mander Act and condoned the Pacific Scandal.

The marked contrast between the conduct of the leader of the Opposition and the fairness of the leader of the Government in appointing two Superior Court judges, both of whom, if anything, are Conservatives, should inspire the Liberal party with further confidence in its able leader, and in his determination to maintain Provincial politics on the high plane on which Sir Oliver Mowat placed them. The charge of loaded dice falls, as it is to be hoped the Gamey charges against the Provincial Secretary will.

The Premier and Mr. Tarte.

In the House of Commons yesterday Sir Wilfrid Laurier officially explained the circumstances of Mr. Tarte's resignation from the Cabinet. The discussion was enlivening, but threw no light on the matter which the public had not already had. The facts are so transparent that a ministerial explanation became a matter of form. Mr. Tarte is still unable to see that his position was constitutionally untenable, and attributes the Premier's action to the influences of a cabal in the Cabinet. Liberals who admired Mr. Tarte's administrative ability and are still grateful to him for his services to the party, must regret that he takes this point of view. He should remember that long before his retirement from the Cabinet Liberal journals protested against his tariff propaganda, and pointed out that he was stultifying his colleagues and making his continuance in the Government impossible. Mr. Tarte is too fair, and has too much respect for his profession, to say that these utterances were inspired by his enemies in the Cabinet or elsewhere. He knows the Liberal journals of Ontario were his staunch defenders during the years in which he was hounded by the Conservative party as a traitor, a renegade and a corruptionist. The Conservative press, equally with the Liberal press, declared that Mr. Tarte had antagonized the tariff policy of his own party and had disqualified himself as a member of the Government. His speeches were used as campaign material by the Opposition. Mr. Tarte resents the charge that he was disloyal to his colleagues, and says that he was advocating a revision of the tariff because it had been promised by the Finance Minister. We do not think any Liberal understood Mr. Fielding to promise, or even hint at a revision of the duties in the direction of higher protection as demanded by Mr. Tarte.

Is it possible this weather is playing a confidence game?

The Gamey debate may end tonight, and it may go on for a week. It is not often the Opposition gets such a chance to talk to the gallery.

Is Mr. Whitney fearful that Gamey is still playing tricks on him? It seemed so when he sealed the package with his own seal before witnesses and called these witnesses to attest that it was unbroken before he handed it back to Gamey.

The bye-election in the Rye division of Sussex yesterday confirms the belief that the tide has set in against the British Government. It is significant, too, that the Unionists rely on Chamberlain to stem it. Evidently the gentle Balfour's days are numbered as the leader of the party.

It is pointed out that nearly all the contributions to the Legislature debate so far have been newspaper men, namely, H. J. Pettipiece, E. J. B. Pense, J. P. Downey, T. H. Preston, Hugh Clark and Andrew Pattullo. Is the tongue mightier than the pen in their case?

Gamey's Cash.

Mr. Gamey laid on Mr. Whitney's desk \$500, and said it was the money which had been given to him as a bribe. He says he was given altogether \$2,000. Where are the \$1,500? Why didn't he put it all up?—Kingston Whig.

We haven't the libretto of this comic opera yet, but perhaps it is arranged for two acts with a wad of bills in each. And perhaps the party conspirators didn't care to trust Gamey with more than \$500 at a time.

Must Keep to Themselves.

[Punch.] American humorists have formed a club exclusively for humorists. The others insisted on it.

Across the Street.

[Boston Journal.] Across the street the bright lights flashed and gleamed. And fortune's favored ones were gathered there. The merry music of the dance streamed across the air.

Across the street it seemed so far away. That joyous world, from his unhappy sphere. Made up of weary toil, day after day. And year by year.

I turned from my window with a sigh. "That man has his differences, O God, so wide." I could not conquer that ungrateful cry. Though hard I tried.

Across the street, next night, across the street, the grim insignia from the door was hung.

I heard the passers by, low-voiced, repeat, "So fair, so young."

Across the street—ah, surely 'twas not so! That they were mourning who last night were gay.

Across the street, beside a single light. A cheerless company a sad watch kept. And she, the homaged one of yesterday. Forever slept.

His Idea of Work.

[Boston Globe.] Applicant—Please, ma'am, can you help a poor man who is out of work? Woman—I think I can find you something to do.

Applicant (gratefully)—Thanks, if you could give me some washing to do—I'll take it home to my wife.

The Message from Sudbury.

[Toronto Star.] Mr. Gamey, it seems, is receiving congratulatory telegrams from all directions, complimenting him on the course he has taken. He gets so many of them that he pulls them out in bunches, unopened, and lets reporters read and copy them. Yesterday a Conservative morning paper published five of these telegrams and among them this one:

"You are a gold brick worth a hundred Whitneys. George A. Loney." Mr. Gamey should be more careful

with his telegrams, or the fine favor in which he stands with the gentleman to whom he referred as "my leader" (his voice as he said it, choking with emotion, "according to an evening contemporary"), will give him the cold shoulder. Perhaps it would be safer if Mr. Gamey would submit his telegrams to Mr. Whitney before handing them out in bunches to the press.

No Cause for Despair.

[Chicago Record-Herald.] "Arthur," said Mrs. Gallivant between her sobs, "the cook came to me today and said that either she or our dear baby would have to leave this house for good." "There, there, dear, don't take it so hard," he said. "We can send little Francis to your mother or mine, can't we?"

Those Troublesome Questions.

[Stray Stories.] Little Willie—I say, pa. Pa—Well, what is it, my son? Little Willie—What did mother live on before Adam and Eve wore clothes?

WESTERN POINTS OF THE PROVINCE

ELGIN.

Joseph Walsh, of Rodney, has sold his splendid farm of 400 acres, lot 1, con. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

ESSEX.

Teachers of the Windsor junior and senior third classes in the public schools will have their salaries increased \$9 a year, and those teaching but one class will receive a raise of \$5.

The steamer City of Detroit River and Lake Erie. She left Windsor and went to Kingsville, encountering very little ice.

Smallpox is said to be spreading in Sandwich West. There are said to be four cases in the township.

One of the biggest sales ever effected in Sandwich real estate has been closed. John Askin has sold to Dr. Soper, owner of Windsor, but now of Pittsburg, Pa., 28 feet of river frontage, just in front of the old sanitarium grounds, for \$8,000. John Curry has sold to Dr. Soper 425 feet of similar property for \$10,000. It is Dr. Soper's intention to found a soda ash plant on the site, or failing this, to establish a sanitarium, proving the people of Sandwich give him liberal treatment in the matter of tax and water rates. The sanitarium would cost \$50,000.

Mrs. H. H. Smith, of Windsor, has received word of the death of her son, Charles B. Smith, at Memphis, Tenn. He was an engineer on the Illinois Central Railway, in his 36th year and unmarried. Before moving to Memphis he was an engineer on the Ontario Central Railway, running out of St. Thomas.

Fruit growers met at Windsor on Saturday, when over 200 of the fruit of Essex County gathered to air their grievances against the express companies before M. K. Cox, M.P. The farmers alleged that they had been overcharged and their packages pilfered, roughly handled and often lost in transit. After having proved themselves not guilty on the first charge, the representatives of the express companies complained that in some instances fruit was improperly packed, and this, they claimed, was responsible for the breaking of packages. Instead of rough handling, better service was promised the shippers, and also fewer delays in transit. The representatives also promised to establish a detective department to see that the rough handling nuisance would be abated.

BRANT.

Hereafter Brantford people who use bread made by the bakers will have to pay for it at the rate of 5 cents for a pound and a half loaf of a half pound.

Brantford Examiner: The season is advancing very rapidly in the country. In the surrounding country the farmers are hurriedly getting ready to begin their spring plowing. They report that the most ice now afloat is in the St. Lawrence. In some places plowing has already begun.

An ancient, Samuel K. Passmore, passed peacefully away at his late residence, Mount Pleasant road, in his 71st year. He came to Brantford in 1870, a few years in and around Woodstock, the balance of his life being spent in Brantford. He was a farmer and a successful one. He was married to Mrs. Mary K. Passmore, nee Richardson, of Brantford; Frank, of Brantford Township; Charles, of Mitchell; Mrs. Osborn, of St. George; Mrs. Quinn, of Gretna, Manitoba.

OXFORD.

The Lawson cheese factory at Peebles starts the season's operations next week. Rev. Peter Strath, M.A., aged 53, for twelve years pastor of the Presbyterian congregation of Inverkerk and Ratho, passed away at his home in Inverkerk on Sunday afternoon. His demise was the result of a lingering illness, following a paralytic stroke. In the death of Rev. Mr. Strath, the Presbyterian congregation loses a strong exponent of the gospel. He was pastor of the Inverkerk Church for twelve years. Prior to that he was pastor of a church near Harrison, having come to that post from the Northwest. He was the father of ten children, the youngest being an infant six weeks old, are left.

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Another club woman, Mrs. Haule, of Edgerton, Wis., tells how she was cured of irregularities and uterine trouble, terrible pains and backache by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"A while ago my health began to fail because of female troubles. The doctor did not help me. I remembered that my mother had used Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound on many occasions for irregularities and uterine troubles, and I felt sure that it could not harm me at any rate to give it a trial.

"I was certainly glad to find that within a week I felt much better, the terrible pains in my back and side were beginning to cease, and at the time of menstruation I did not have nearly so serious a time as heretofore, so I continued its use for two months, and at the end of that time I was like a new woman. I really have never felt better in my life, have not had a sick headache since, and weigh 20 pounds more than I ever did, so I unhesitatingly recommend Vegetable Compound."—Mrs. MAY HAULE, Edgerton, Wis., President Household Economics Club. —\$5000 forfeit if original of above letter proving genuineness cannot be produced.

Women should remember there is one tried and true remedy for all female ills, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Refuse to buy any other medicine, you need the best.

EAST MIDDLESEX ELECTION CASE

Dr. Routledge Keeps His Seat in Legislature.

FULL TEXT OF JUDGMENT

The Entire 135 Charges of Bribery and Corruption Were Dismissed.

Toronto, March 18.—The following is the complete text of the judgment in the East Middlesex election case, as handed down by Judges