## The Planet

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THE CONFESSION OF PRITCHETT

Political morality in Canada seems w have reached such a low ebb that the people accept everything as a matter of course. Is there another country in the world, civilized or pagan, which would have tolerated the Ross Government 21 hours after the exposures which have been made of its connection with the machine gang? Yet the Ontario Government has brazenly retained offfice in spite of all. The exposures of the shameless depravity which was resorted to to put and keep it there, have bud no effect. And what is worse still, a country which pretends to be Christian and to practice the ordinary principles of Christianity and civilization makes no out ary against rulers who are only in office because their crooked supporters, according to these supporters' own admissions, have committed almost every crime forbidden by the laws of Seed and man. It did not need the affidavits of Pritchett, read by Mr. Whitney in the legislature, to show the level of political depravity this province had reached. . Anyone who has followed the course of the Ontaric Covernment in protecting and shield ing its criminals must have known already the depth of electoral rottenness whereat Ontario was wallowing. But here are Pritchett's affidavits, which only go to prove what we all knew before:

Pritchett's Confession.

I, John G. Pritchett, of the city of

I, John G. Pritchett, of the city of London, in the Province of Ontario, contractor, at present of the said city of Detroit, make oath and say:

L. On the tenth of January, A. D. 1899, Con. O'Gorman, a brother of John O'Gorman, came to my house in London and told me his brother Jack' wanted me to go to the West Eigin bye-election, and act as a deputy returning officer. I said I would do so, and on the following morning I was at the Dake House, St. Thomas, where I saw Con. O'Gorman, Captain Sullivan, Squire Hunt and John Lyle.
O'Gorman told me I was wanted as
deputy at sub-division number five,

the Five Stakes. 2 I went home that night and returned to St. Thomas next morning. I went to the sheriff, who was the returning officer, and told him I had been sent for to act as deputy at the above named sub-division, but he said that appointment was already made, and the deputy had just then received his ballot-box and papers. I went back to the Daké House and reported this to Con. O'Gorman and Squire Hunt. Later that day they asked me to take sub-division number six, of Southwold. I went to the sheriff mistake, and that I was wanted for number six, Southwold. He said his son was out there, and might appoint a man, but he expected him back soon. The sheriff asked if I was a voter in the riding. I said yes. He asked me to bring somebody to identify me. I again went back to the Dake House and reported. While I was talking to Con. O'Gorman and Hunt a railroad man came in. One of the two asked this man to go with me to the sheriff, and he did so: On our way he said he would introduce me as Marshall B. Johnson, who was a baggageman on the Michigan Central, and a good Grit. He said he would undertake that Johnson would give no trouble. I was in-troduced as Mr. Johnson, and the sheriff asked me to call again, as his son had not returned. In the afternoon I was appointed. I signed a paper and got my box. No oath was administer-ed to me. John Lyle, chairman of the sub-division, told me George King

would be my poll clerk.

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3. I drove out that night, and on election day I went to the polling place. Lyle and others were inside. I asked for George King. He stepped I asked for George King. up and said he was the man. I administered the ouths regularly to the officials, and opened the poll. The votficials, and opened the poli. The voting went on quietly, and was all perfectly regular. At five o'clock I had the room cleared of all who were not entitled to be present, at the counting. I turned all the ballots out of the box moon the lable. A service or from upon the table. A scrutineer from each side assisted in opening out the ballots and in placing them face downwards upon the table. That was done quite regularly. Ne one saw any vote or anything but what he was entitled to see. I then began to count, and the poll clerk and scrutineers (five in all) tailied according to my calling out. No one but myself saw for whom the ballot was marked. No one asked to see I would have refused any such request. One ballot was marked for request. One ballot was marked for the Liberal candidate with only one stroke, and another had no mark whatever. Both of these were laid aside, and later on were rejected. All the other ballots were counted. As I picked up eacl ballot I called out Macpicked up eac! ballot I called out Mac-nish or Macdia, mid, as the case might be, and I ther threw the ballot back into the box From time to time I called for Machish a vote that was in fact for Macdiarmid. This is called slipping a vote, and each slipping hakes a difference of two in the count. As nearly as I could indeed I threetelinged difference of two in the count. As nearly as I could judge I thus slipped nineteen votes from the Conservative to the Liberal candidate. The result was a majority of twenty-seven votes was a majority of twenty-seyen votes for Macnish, where in fact, he was in the minority. I made up my return, placed it in the box, and at my request the scrutineers sealed up the box. placed it in the box, and at up the box. the scrutineers sealed up the box. which I took back to St. Thomas, and red to the returning officer.

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4. I gave George King, the policierk, an order for all the fees, as I did not wish a cheque sent to Marshall B. Johnson. I told King to keep my portion of the fees, and he did so; at all events I have never heard from him. He said something about seeing me some time in London.

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He took me into a room and said I would have to get out of town for a while. I said I could not leave my business. He replied, "You must go or you will be arrested in the morning." He urged me to go and I consented. He handed me one hundred dollars, twenty five dollar bills, and sented. He handed me one hundred dollars, twenty five-dollar bills, and said I would get one hundred dollars a month so long as I should be away. I came here to Detroit that night.

8. In the early part of June Tom Lewis sent me another one hundred dollars, and in July he sent me three sums of twenty-five dollars each. Paysums of twenty-five dollars each.

sums of twenty-five dollars each. Pay-ments then stopped. I wrote to Lewis that unless they made the agreed pay-ments I would go home. He did not ments I would go nome. He did not reply. I wrote twice. I went home on the fourteenth of September, and re-mained two weeks: I saw Lewis two or three times, and said I would go or three times, and said I would go out on the street and take the chances unless they paid up what they owed me, and made arrangements for the future. He put me off; said he would see them. Later he said they would give me fifty dollars a month. I refused the fifty-dollar offer. He told me I had threatened O'Gorman, who said I might go to hell. Lewis said he did not think it was a square deal towards me, but he could not help it. Again, he said he had one hundred dollars for me, but he had not cashed the cheque, that he would have to go to the Bank of Toronto in the morning and get it cashed. On the evening of twenty-eighth September he gave me that one hundred dollars, and he said they would send me fifty dollars a out on the street and take the chances they would send me fifty dollars a month. I did not agree to take fifty dollars instead of the one hundred. I came back to Detroit. They have been sending me fifty dollars as fifty dollars. sending me fifty dollars at the begin-ning of each month by American express. I suppose it comes through Lewis hands. When I spoke to Lewis about this matter, he said he would have to write or go to Toronto about he would have to see them about

J. G. PRITCHETT. (Signed) The above named deponent, John G. Pritchett, being duly sworn, says that he has read the foregoing affidavit by him signed, and knows the contents thereof, and that the same is true in substance and in fact, of his own knowledge. knowledge. Subscribed and sworn to at the city

of Detroit, in the State of Michigan, one of the United States of America, this 29th day of December, 1899, before

WILLIAM L. CARPENTER, Circuit Judge 3rd Judicial Circuit,

Did you Fix the Bax.

1. John G. Pritchett, of the city of London, in the Province of Ontario, ontractor, at present of the said city of Detroit, make outh and say:

1. That on the 29th day of Decem-

ber now last past, I swore to an af-fidavit wherein I described the proceedings at poing sub-division number "six," Southwold, in the West Elgin election of January, 1899, for the Lo-

cal Legislature of Ontario.

That on the completion of the counting of the votes, as in my said counting of the votes, as in his affidavit mentioned, and while the scrutineers were engaged adding up the votes for the respective candidates, I took the counted ballots from the ballot box and placed them in the "counted ballots," or "used ballots" envelope, which I closed and fastened with the mucilage that was on the envelope lap. I thereupon requested the scrutineers to seal the envelope containing said ballots, which they did by dropping on the cover lap red sealing-wax and stamping the hot wax with the other end of the sealing-wax sinck. I then put all the papers, including the said envelope, back into the ballot box, and had the scruting the ballot box, and had the scruting the lost of the ballot box, and had the scruting the last of the box, seal the affidavit mentioned, and while the ballot box and had the scrutin-eers, after I locked the box, seal the lap by putting a string through the opening in which the padlock was inserted, and carrying each end of it to the side of the box and putting seal-

ing-wax on the ends of the string.

3. I afterwards delivered the 3. I afterwards delivered the said ballot box just as it had been sealed to the returning officer, at his resi-dence in St. Thomas, and then returned to my home in London the same

me some time in London.

5. On the night of the election Con.
O'Gorman settled with me in St. Thomas He paid me twenty-five dollars.

6. Since that I have taken part in the Federal bye-elections for West Huron and Brockville.

7. On the night of the fourth of May, A. D. 1899. Tom Lovis came to my house in London, and said there were warrants out for the West E'gin effair, and that there was one for me. He asked me to go to his house that night. I went there about half-past eight p. m. John O'Gorman was there.

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A. On the day next after the said election day Robert Reid, of Reid, and bag manufacturers, called me up at my residence by telephone between nine and ten a. m., and asked me if I could come up town to his office, that he wanted to see me. I said "yes," and immediately went to said "yes," and immediately went to said to me, "Did you fix your box up?" I said I did not, and that I had left.

it exactly as it was when it left the room-meaning the polling booth. I asked him why, and said that there was no danger, as the majority was too large for a recount. If they wanted it done I could go over and wanted it done I could go over and do it in a very short time. Ha then said that a Mir. Grant, of Toronto, was up, and would see about it. I told him that I had slipped about twenty ballots. Some other person came to the door of the office and is last and heard no times about it.

left and heard no thore about it.
(Signed) J. G. PRITCHETT,
The above named deponent, John G. Pritchett, being duly sworn, say that he has read the foregoing affidav to by him signed, and knows the contents thereof, and that the same is true in substance and in fact of his own knowledge. Subscribed and sworn to at the city of Detroit, in the State of Michigan, one of the United States of America, this 7th day of February,

1900, before me. (Signed) WILLIAM J. CARPENTER

Circuit judge, Third Judicial Circuit, Michigan OFFERED ANOTHER BRIBE, I, John G. Pritchett, of the city of London, in the Province of Ontarie, contractor, at present of the city of

Detroit, make oath and say:

1. That on the 26th or 27th day of September, A. D., 1899, 1 met Thomas Lewis, of London, by appointment with him, at his residence in said city of London, Ont., when he produced one affidavit already prepared, and said, offidavit already prepared, and said, "They want you to sign this," And I said, "What is it? What do you want me to sign?", and he then said it was to the effect that I had had nothing to do with the Brockville election. In reply to him I said that I could not make any such affidavit could not make any such affidavit, and would not sign anything to that effect.
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2. Then said Thomas Lewis, when urging me to sign the said, affidayit, offered me \$100, which he said he would pay me as soon as I would sign it, which I refused to do.

3. The Thomas Lewis who so remested me to make such affidayit, is o. The Thomas Lewis who so requested me the make such affidavit, is the Thomas Lewis, of London, Ontario, with whom I went from Toronto to the said town of Brockville on the tenth day of April, At D., 1893, to take part in the election there, and with whom, and in company with John O'Gorman, I returned Brockville to Toronto, on the night after the said election. The said Lewis, the said O'Gorman, and Alexander Smith, the organizer of the Liberal party in Ontario, all know that I was in Brockville at the time aforesaid for about twelve days for purposes connected with the said elec-

4. On the 28th day of February, Al D., 1900, the said Thomas Lewis alled me up by telephone at Detroit Michigan, and requested me to meet him at Carolan's saloon at the corner of Albbott street and First street, in the said city of Datroit. I went im mediately to meet him at said saloon at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. We met in the bar room, and he asked me to one side and opened the conversation by asking me how I was getting along.

5. In this interview the

Thomas Lewis told me that the commission to investigate the West Eigin election would commence work at St Thomas on the next day, the first day of March, and that no doubt I would be examined the last of that week or the beginning of the next week, and that if I would give evidence the commissioners would come to Detroit to take it. He did not say whether or not the commissioners had said that they would come to Detroit but assert-ed that they would come if I would testify; that all I would have to say was that so far as my division was concerned evenything was regular. I said to him that I did not (want to I further said to him that if I be investigated.

were investigated, I would tell the whole thing. Lewis argued with me that I would be wise to do what he asked of me, and promised that if I asked of me, and promised that if would do so everything would be fixed up shortly. He wished and offered to pay me all arrears under the agreement made with me when I was obliged to leave London ten months ago to avoid arrest in connection with the West Eigin election, and said he would guarantee all future payments promptly until the whole matter should be fixed up. I replied that I did not want his money. He persisted in urging me to give the testimony he wanted, but as I refused to do so he finally said it would not be neceseary for the commissioners to come to

(Signed) J. G. PRITCHETT, The above named deponent, John

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Pritchett, being duly sworn, says that he has read the foregoing affidavit by him signed, and knows the contents thereof, and that the same is true in substance and in fact of his own knowledge. Subscribed and sworn to before me at the city of De-troit, in the state of Michigan, one of the United States of America, this 9th day of March, A. D., 1900. (Signed) WILLIAM J. CARPENTER,

Circuit judge, Third Judicial Circuit, Michigan.

THEY ALL ASK FOR THE PLANET

Our esteemed local acquaintance, the Banner, publishes some letters from Private Burrell and we find this sentence at the close of one of the

"Private Burrell closes his second letter with a request for a newspaper and news from home.

Really, now, the Panner, if it ever wishes to be regarded a as live, reliable, local paper like The Planet must become more particular about details. As a matter of fact Private Burrell, like all the other boys who write from the front, not only requested a newspaper but specified that that news paper should be a Planet. Of course the Banner's failure to mention the fact was a pure oversight which it will no doubt promptly remedy. The only reason we mention the matter is to call attention to the kind of literature the boys want so that it may be sent to them. They are all good friends of this great family journal either at home or abroad and have not forgotten it in their letters. We sym pathize with the Bauner in the matter ad feel sure that the failure of any of them to mention it is an oversight. They probably so seldom saw it when they were in Chatham that they have by now altogether forgotten its existence. To be neighborly, however, we will mention to them that it is still alive, at least was at the time of writ-

These requests for The Planet show that it is The Planet the boys would like to see their letters in and The Panet they would like to get to read. We will always be glad to find a cor-per for the letters if those who receive them will only drop them in as soon after they arrive as possible.

And still Ross & Co. have decency to resign.

The appearance of King street would be much added to if about nine out of every ten business fronts were given

Ballot Swiper Pritchett swears that Lewis told him he had to go to Toronto to get the hush money,: It would be interesting to know where the source of supply was lecated there.

Poor Banner! The Red Cross concert was not advertised in its columns and it proved a gillt-edged, doublebarrelled, meteoric-streaked, howling success. The moral is obvious.

The Liberal members are so persistent by their votes in helping the government smother another investigation, that it looks as if they were all parties to the work of the machine

All obituary notices of Osman Pasha, the great Turkish General, which have appeared should be filed away for future reference. It transpires that Osman is not dead. He has been very ill, but will soon be sufficiently recovered to read the nice things the papers have been saying about him.

If Spion Kop were government property and situated in Kent county, Generals William Hickey and James Dillon would never have attempted to storm it with the flower of Raleigh's yeomanry, simply for fear of being greeted on the near side with an official notice to the effect that "no Irish need apply."

The Channel Islands have been British colonies for something like 600 or 700 years. Recently the legislature, meeting in Jersey, decided to permit the official use of the English anguage. French has been used exclusively hitherto, and it is a remarkable example of British tolerance that the island was allowed to take its own time about making any change.

The exposures in Manitoba, after the fall of the Greenway government were bad enough, but what will come when the light is let in behind the secret doings of Hardy, Ross & Co.! Immense sums appear to have been used by and on members of the machine. Where were they obtained the Certainty not from private subscriptions? Then they must have been filched from the province. The interesting question therefore is, do the school book monopolists share up their plunder, or does it come from timbe limit deals and railway subsidies?

### TENDERS WANTED

S-aled Tenders, mark Church," will be received by the undersign ed up to March 30th, 1900, for the several works required for the erection of a new Presbytesian Church at Themsaville. The plans and specifications can be seen at my office. The lowest or any t nder not neces S. STEWART, M.D., saruy accepted.

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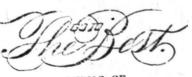
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