

## ROSS SHOULD RESIGN

"Canadian Liberalism has the best of reasons for extreme indignation and resentment because of the disgrace which the conduct of a section of the party in Ontario has brought upon it. The very name of Canada itself has been grossly besmirched.

The whole thing is utterly disgraceful and humiliating. If the Liberal Government of Ontario cannot clear themselves of complicity, direct or indirect, in it, there is but one thing for them to do and that is to resign and hide themselves from public scorn as promptly as possible, so as to free Liberals elsewhere in the Dominion from the ignominy which has been brought to their doors by even outward connection with such doings.

Nova Scotia may be "slow," its villages may lack special "spontaneity," it may be devoid of the "feverishness" of Ontario; but, and let us thank God for the fact it is a decent British Province, politically. It tries to conduct its elections upon a plane far above the American "saloon" and the Ontario gutter. This is measurably true of both parties.

We have our short-comings in this Province, of course. We are not by any means all that we should be in any way; but, without fear of being called pharisees, we can give devout and open thanks that we are not as Ontario would seem to be."—*Halifax Chronicle* (Liberal), Sept. 21, 1904.

## "HELL WITH THE LID OFF"

"During the past week in this fair Province of Ontario every right-thinking man has received sledge hammer blows, blows that have shocked him to his very foundations, in the revelations coming to us through the election courts. If Dr. Parkhurst described Tammany rule as hell with the lid off, then I think it is a fair description of conditions that have been revealed to us during the week. One man said to me that we are not as bad as the United States yet. Neither are we as bad as Sodom and Gomorrah. But the revelations coming to us ought to make every right-thinking man hang his head in shame when we consider that men are getting into places of power through the very tactics that they legislate against in our halls."—Rev. R. Fulton Irwin, in Askin Street Methodist Church, London.

## EVERY PULPIT IN THE LAND SHOULD SPEAK

Rev. Dr. McKay, of Chalmers Church, Woodstock, a Liberal, said in his pulpit on October 25:

"We have recently been startled by the deplorable condition of our politics. The boodling, the bribery, the perjury, the wholesale debauchery exposed by our courts during the past few weeks ought to bring the blush of shame to the cheek of every patriotic Canadian. The very foundations of responsible government are seriously threatened. It is high time for every pulpit in the land to sound the alarm."

## UNSCRUPULOUS MEN ON TOP

Among the strongest men in the Liberal party in North Wellington is Mr. J. A. Halsted, a leading citizen of Mount Forest. Mr. Halsted has been an active worker in every campaign since Confederation. In the hard struggles between Senator McMullen and Mr. Lionel Clark he was Mr. McMullen's chief lieutenant, and his shrewd, practical, business sense and his resourcefulness as a speaker, made his services invaluable. Mr. Halsted has been giving to the *Winnipeg Tribune* his views on the political situation in Ontario. He says:

"It is undeniably certain that it will be a good thing for Ontario at large when the Ross Government, the Liberal faction now in power, either gives