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DECLARED ILLEGAL

A fine commentary on the legal ability of Mr. F. W. Johnston, who engineered and carried the proceedings in the County Council last December, in appointing Mr. Holmes as treasurer, to take effect on the 1st day of January, that the whole proceedings have been illegal and cannot be carried out until the council again meets by a high legal authority as Mr. M. C. Cameron Q. C. who in a written opinion given to Mr. Ross, says the books cannot be audited by the present auditors, as their duties by law have ended, and they have no power or authority to audit the books of 1884, that Dr. Holmes is not treasurer until his securities have been approved by the county council, and that Mr. Ross remains treasurer until all this is done.

VOTE AGAINST THEM

We have, on previous issues of THE SIGNAL, exposed the villainy of the majority of the Hon. County Council in the wrongful dismissal of Col. Ross. In another column will be found the facts of the case over the signature of Hon. A. M. Ross. The statements therein made can be relied on, for the signature of Hon. A. M. Ross is equivalent to a certificate of truthfulness, even over that gentleman's own mouth. The issue is before the electors, and the case should not divide upon party politics, but upon the question of honesty as opposed to rascality. We take the ground that no honest, upright, right-thinking man would have been a party to the disgraceful job, and for that reason we ask all honest-minded electors to vote against the men who did the dirty act. Mr. Johnston, at his nomination speech on Wednesday night endeavored to defend his act, but failed miserably. Mr. J. C. Dettlor also failed to do so, but although he endeavored to screw up his courage, and said: "If the thing was to be done over again tomorrow, I would do it again," we don't believe he spoke the feelings of his head and heart. Mr. Dettlor, until the last County Council meeting, bore a good reputation as a public man, but in an evil moment he fell, like many a good man before. With his present light on the subject, we question very much if he would have allied himself with the conspirators and worse who perpetrated the rascality. But a man a past good deeds will not save him when he is known to be a party to a public crime—for the dismissal of an old and tried public servant without cause, save to find a resting place for a worn-out political party back in his, stand a crime. And so Mr. Dettlor, having made his bed, must lie in it. As for Mr. Johnston, no matter whether he be elected or rejected we can safely say that three-fourths of the capital and nine-tenths of the brain of the town of Goderich will condemn him through the medium of the ballot-box on Monday next.

TURN THEM OUT

Honest men of all political shades should endeavor on Monday next to help the cause of right, by relegating to private life every man who sacrificed himself by voting for the dismissal of Col. Ross. Hon. A. M. Ross, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Johnston, and Mr. Dettlor, the names of the persons at whose feet the rascality, and who will be straggled before the bar of public opinion on Monday next, are given below:

CASPER, of St. Catharines

HARRY MILLER, of St. Catharines

DURNIN, of W. Wawan

GRAHAM, of Stanley

WEBSTER, of Ashfield

ALLEN, of Colborne

ELLIOTT, of Goderich

FORSYTH, of Morris

BEACON, of Goderich

COOPER, of Clinton

CORBETT, of Clinton

COOK, of H. Wick

ROGERS, of Brantford

JOHNSTON, of Goderich

MCALLUM, of E. Wawan

DETLOR, of Goderich.

Let the ballot-box teach these lawless that the people will not tolerate any action from a moribund council.

THE TREASURER'S SECURITIES

On Thursday afternoon the Warden's committee of the council met in Goderich to take what was thought by the conspirators to be the final steps in the new county treasurer's appointment, but the result did not correspond with the expectations of the conspirators.

When the committee met, it was found that the securities of the county treasurer, which had been approved by the council, had not been approved by the county council, and that the securities of the county treasurer, which had been approved by the council, had not been approved by the county council.

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