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PROBABLE SCHEME FOR BUGGING BALLOT BOXES

Belleville Justice Commits Editor Carman for Trial on Libel Charge and fixes Bail at \$1000 in Defendant's Own Recognizance.

LOTT AND SHIBLEY PRIME MOVERS URGES THE AUTHORITIES TO ACT

Censures George Thrasher and Editor Bremner with Others For Making it Hard to Get at Truth in Matter.

Belleville, Dec. 8.—(Staff Special).—Police Magistrate Wood's report on the evidence in the ballot-box conspiracy case, published in the *Standard* of this city, has been the subject of a long and angry letter to the editor of the *Standard*, signed by George Thrasher, editor of the *Standard*, and others. The letter, which is being published in full, is a scathing criticism of the report, and is a plea for the authorities to act more vigorously in the matter. It says that the report is "a masterpiece of evasion and misstatement," and that it "does not even touch the real issue."

The Untruth Established.

"The untruth of the libel on Mr. Carman established by the evidence in the case, is a matter of which the public are well aware. The scheme was conceived and carried out by the conspirators, and the evidence in the case is so clear and so convincing that it is a matter of common knowledge. The authorities are urged to act more vigorously in the matter, and to see that the law is enforced against those who are guilty of such crimes."

Originated in Toronto.

The scheme seems so far as B. O. Lott is concerned, to have originated in Toronto. It is stated that Lott, who is a well-known figure in the city, is the prime mover in the scheme. It is also stated that Lott is in communication with other conspirators in other parts of the province, and that he is working to bring about a general election in which the ballot boxes will be bugged.

Colonel Wood.

Belleville, Dec. 8.—(Special).—Colonel Wood, who is the commanding officer of the Belleville police force, has been called upon to give evidence in the case. He has testified that he has no knowledge of the scheme, and that he has no communication with any of the conspirators. He has also testified that he has no objection to the *Standard* publishing the report on the case, and that he will do his best to see that the law is enforced against those who are guilty of such crimes.

Let's See the Box.

"Let's see the box," said the editor of the *Standard*, in a recent issue of his paper. He is referring to the ballot box which is alleged to have been bugged. He says that he would like to see the box, and that he would like to know how it was bugged. He says that he would like to see the box, and that he would like to know how it was bugged.

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BUSINESS METHODS FOR "GENERAL REFORM ASS'N"

H. M. Mowat Elected President—All Liberal Riding Associations of Province Were Represented

The Liberals of Ontario have lost no time in carrying out the mandate of the recent convention, requiring the formation of a thoroughly representative association for the province. The provisional executive appointed for the purpose called a meeting composed of the presidents of the riding Liberal associations, and the meeting took place in St. George's Hall yesterday, at 8 p.m. There was a good attendance, and the work in hand was taken up energetically and with enthusiasm. H. M. Mowat, K.C., Toronto, took the chair, and James Chisholm, Hamilton, acted as secretary.

Many Arctic Fleas.

Quebec, Dec. 8.—An Arctic expedition for the sole purpose of making a collection of fleas has just returned from the north after an absence from civilization of nearly four years. The expedition sailed in the schooner *Bluebell*, and was fitted out by Charles Rothchild of London. The skipper of the *Bluebell*, F. G. Simpson of Grimby, England, was chosen to secure specimens from the polar bear, the musk ox, and the other denizens of the region. The *Bluebell* sailed from London on August 10, and after a long and arduous voyage, she returned to the harbor of London on December 8.

UP-TO-DATE OFFICES.

Corporations or individuals requiring modern office accommodation should apply at once to THE NATIONAL LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY of Canada, for space in their building, corner Adelaide and Toronto streets. Plans for the rebuilding are now in preparation, and offices can be arranged to suit applicants.

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Great Preparations Made to Give Him a Formal Reception at 10.30 This Morning.

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Mr. Ross (nervously): My, John, I don't half like the furious manner in which Old Man Ontario is following us up.

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