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SATURDAY —WILL BE A— RED LETTER DAY.

In the Millinery Department.

We have prepared a regular opening display of trimmed hats and bonnets and will place them on sale Saturday next at greatly reduced prices. The usual dull time in millinery department has commenced, but we are determined that there will be no dead days here, and for that reason we are placing before you some of the greatest bargains we have ever offered.

\$3.50 Hats at \$2.50.	\$5.40 Hats at \$3.50.	\$5.00 Hats at \$4.00.	\$6.50 Hats at \$5.00.
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If you need a hat ask miss this sale you are losing money.

SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS IN CARPET DEPARTMENT.

Lace Curtains at \$1 per Pair.

3 1/2 yds long and extra wide, Nottingham and Brussels net effects, good value at \$1.25, on sale Saturday at \$1.

Lace Curtains at 75c. a Pair.

3 yds long and extra wide, an exceptionally fine curtain and extra size and splendid designs, at per pair \$1.25.

Tapestry Curtains at \$2.50.

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White Enamel Curtain Poles

Complete at 12 1/2c. Here's curtain poles that won't cost you much, and they're new and stylish, white enamel curtain poles with brass ends, on sale at 12 1/2c.

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Here is the best wool carpet in the land just passed into stock, full yard wide, all the colorings to choose from, 2 ply and guaranteed pure wool, at per yard 75 Cents.

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Tapestry Brussels Carpet will wear as well as most \$1 carpets, with elegant borders to match, the most artistic carpet we have ever shown for the price, per yard 75 Cents.

Brass Extension Rods.

At 10c, 12 1/2c, and 15c each. This is an exclusive red bargain, just what you want for bedroom curtains, a pelisse curtains and a variety of other uses, on sale special at 10, 12 1/2c, and 15 Cents.

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SAYS CHARGES NOT PROVEN

Report of the Judges Against Gamey All Through—White- wash Stratton.

Not a Word of Condemnation of
Stratton's "Forget" Suggest-
tion—A Partisan Deliver-
ance.

Toronto, June 5.—Chancellor Boyd and Chief Justice Falconbridge reported to the Legislature yesterday their finding in the Gamey charges. After a lengthy review of the evidence they go on to say:—

Mr. Gamey had no personal intercourse with any member of the Ministry except the Provincial Secretary. With two or three of the others he had some official correspondence, but with the rest not even that.

With regard to the added charge of conspiracy, the Commissioners are of the opinion that, as a matter of law, there is no evidence whatever to sustain it as against the members of the Government and the other persons charged. And, according to the methods of an ordinary trial, they would be discharged from the said accusation by the presiding judicial officer.

This being so, the matter of the original charge alone remains, and as to the Provincial Secretary there is the testimony that has been commented upon.

In our opinion the charges stand disproved by a great body of evidence which appears to be more accurate and credible than that adduced in support thereof.

We, the undersigned commissioners, appointed by commission under the Great Seal of Ontario, bearing date the 28th day of March, 1903, for the purpose of hearing and investigating certain charges preferred by Robert Ross, a member of the Legislature of this Province, in a statement made on the floor of the House on the 11th March, 1903, and in certain other statements made by the said Mr. Gamey in the Legislature on the 27th day of March, 1903, having inquired into and investigated the said charges, respectfully report thereon to your Honor in manner following:—

At the time of the said commission, the written details of the charges made by Mr. Gamey in his place in the Legislature on the 11th day of March were in his possession, and the contents thereof were ascertained in the said commission by means of the full reading of the same which appeared in the issues of The Toronto Globe, Mail and Empire, and World newspapers respectively, of date the 12th March, 1903.

During the progress of the commission the original text of the said charges in the writing of the said Gamey was put in evidence, and was found to correspond almost literally with the said newspaper reports, but, for the sake of accuracy, the said original statement is now set forth at large, as follows:—

(Then follows Mr. Gamey's speech in the House.)

The text of the charges read before the House is regarded by the commissioners as a document of supreme importance. Its statements and its omissions invite critical consideration. Its preparation was undertaken in a leisurely way, with care, with deliberation, during part of at least ten days, and with corrections, with a desire to make it accurate, and with opportunity to refer to books and memorandum of dates to assist, and subject to the final perusal of Mr. McGregor, Mr. Gamey's alleged confidant and counsellor throughout. It was thus prepared (comprehending everything that was deemed important) in order to make a solid base for the impeachment of the Provincial Secretary on the floor of the House.

The commissioners now proceed to consider in the light of the evidence already summarized, and of other evidence to be adduced, to the next division of this inquiry, that is, as to the protest and the patronage, and both may be treated of together.

Eliminate the element of corrupt payment of money, and consider whether, apart from that, any imputation can be cast upon the Provincial Secretary. The whole trend of the evidence, (apart from the statement of Mr. Gamey) goes to show that the matter of his supporting the Government in power, was first broached by him, and stated as a settled thing on which he had long made up his mind. The letter of the 10th September, signed by Mr. Gamey, was a correct expression of his sentiments in writing, in accord with his many early utterances on the same line. It is in these words, dated, addressed and signed in his handwriting:—

Mr. Grant says that the detailed report of the result of the investigations received by him on the 16th September was discouraging to his hopes of success, so that he was willing to make adjustments to get rid of this protest (Page 1,036). Mr. Grant says he had not then heard of the Aylesworth letter of 10th September, and had no communication with any member of the Government about this "settlement by saw-off." He says it was dealt with as others, and in no exceptional way. (Pages 1,037 to 1,065.) And, herein he stands uncontradicted.

(It may be noted that the Provincial Secretary says he did not know that the letter of the 10th September was signed by Mr. Gamey until he was

so told on the 23rd October.) (Page 2,623.)

However undesirable may be this method of suppressing election petitions, it is one in which both political parties concur, and it is not forbidden in terms by legislation, though it will not bear election judges' hands at different times recommended.

But to return: There is nothing in the evidence to lead to the belief that Mr. Grant acted in these election matters any less fairly than Mr. Bristol, whose conduct has not been impugned. Nay, the statement read in the House itself exculpates Mr. Grant, who is referred to as a lawyer "prominent in Liberal ranks," and in August, 1902, "No question was made in his presence of supporting the Government, and no question of trial was spoken of; we had only a short talk, and he went out, and I have never heard of him in any way in the deal since." (Exhibits, page 62.)

Proceeding now to deal with the matter of patronage: Though it is mentioned in the statement, yet it is so in no emphatic manner, as compared with the alleged money payment, what is mentioned is necessary to begin some time before the interview with the Sullivan and the 7th of August.

The statement to the House suggests, and the evidence of Mr. Gamey affirms, that he was first tempted to stray from the path of party allegiance by the overtures of Frank Sullivan in August, 1902. He emphasizes the distinction which exists between his conduct prior to 7th August and his subsequent conduct in these words: "Before the 7th of August I did not talk independence." (Pages 296 and 318.)

From the 7th of August until the statement in the House my position was to lead the Government and all the friends of the Government to believe that I would support the Government." (Page 438.)

Frank Sullivan's account is that Gamey approached him, and between the 7th and 10th of August told him that he, Mr. Gamey, intended to support the Government; his constituency needed a man to support the Government, and he said a number of Grits had voted for him. (Page 439.) He said he supposed if he did support the Government he would get the patronage, and Sullivan said he thought so. (Page 1,350.) And then Mr. Beatty's name was dropped. (Page 1,351.)

Now the evidence shows by the testimony of several witnesses that what was communicated to Frank Sullivan had long been pondered over by Mr. Gamey. The thought of support, or independent support, to the Ross Government was a constant to him, and had been expressed by him before August.

Statements made by Mr. Gamey to his uncle (D. A. Jones) are of importance, because the evidence of the interests of the new district, which depended on rather than the district version, where the two are at variance. Mr. Jones swears as far back as 1898 Mr. Gamey told him that his intention was to run for the Legislature, and if he did he would run as an independent, so that he would not be bound to support the Government. Ross Government was returned to power he would give them independent support similar to Beatty of Parry Sound. (Page 2,996.)

It is clearly proved from the mouth of many witnesses that Mr. Gamey as politician and candidate had long kept before his mind the names of Mr. Campbell, member for Algoma, and Mr. Beatty, member for Parry Sound, as useful precedents; he was not going to sit in Opposition, a mere voting machine with the party, like Mr. Campbell. (Page 1,763.) But he approved and would follow the course of Mr. Beatty, who, though elected as a Conservative, gave support to the government in order to advance the interests of the new district which was his constituency. These two names were thus used in conjunction in familiar conversation with his uncle, Mr. D.A. Jones, in June or July, after his election (page 3,002), and apparently before the protest (page 3,093). As early as 1898 Mr. Gamey quoted Beatty's example to Mr. Jones (page 2,996). It was discussed in the early August meetings of 1902 between Frank Sullivan and Mr. Gamey (page 1,351), and again in January, 1903, after The Globe interview, when Mr. Gamey said to Frank Sullivan to write to him about petition, standing, etc. (pages 1,316 and 1,317). It was reported to Mr. Boyd on the 16th August (page 1,883), and again to Mr. Stratton on the 9th September (page 2,421).

The great point with Mr. Gamey was to avoid resigning and also to avoid the protest, and remain member by professing adherence to the Ross Government, even by going so far as to put a declaration to that effect in writing. But, having attained, anyhow, the withdrawal of the protest, he manoeuvred so as to keep in touch, if possible, with both parties. When remonstrated with by Dr. Arthur as to his assisting the Conservatives in North Perth, when people understood he was going to support the Government, Mr. Gamey's reply was, though he was going to support the Government, he felt free outside of the House in the constituencies so long as there was a tution of the country. (July, 1895; 172 Hansard, pages 966-969 and 970.)

As to the demeanor and credibility of the witnesses generally, the commissioners would report that most of them seemed to be desirous to tell the truth. Of the more important witnesses the commissioners were impressed by the evidence of Dr. Arthur, Dr. Struthers and Mr. J. F. Boyd. Frank Sullivan and Mr. Gamey were two of the chief actors in the variety of transactions under investigation, and their evidence is contradictory and irreconcilable at most if not all important points. Both, by their own confession, practised systematic duplicity and pursued tortuous courses of dealing with self-serving interests much in view. Implicit reliance should not be placed upon their

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SATURDAY PLANET

The wonderful popularity of The Big Saturday Planet and its rapidly increasing circulation has resulted in the decision to enlarge the issue and develop it still further.

"Your paper is without a peer in the west," declared an enthusiastic patron of the Saturday issue — and is but one of many expressions of appreciation which The Planet is receiving daily.

As a result, to-morrow's big Saturday paper will be enlarged by doubling the size of the magazine and editorial supplement. It will therefore contain in all sixteen pages of interesting local reading matter—not boiler-plate reprint—and a series of handsome half-tone illustrations, and be in every sense a tribute to enterprising Canadian journalism in our young city.

Among the many special features of to-morrow's Saturday Planet will be:—

The opening chapters of the splendid new serial story, "When Boys were Men." This story is one of the best ever published in serial form. It was selected on its merits and is written in a bright, modern and up-to-date style that captivates the reader. Everyone should commence with the opening chapters to-morrow.

Chatham's Collegiate Cadet Corps is a very interesting history of our smart young lads in khaki, who have recently won honors at their annual inspection.

City Cyclists and their Rights — a model by-law suggested to Protect Pedestrians and at the same time extend some privileges to the wheelmen.

The Planet's exchange editor has been on the rampage for the past week with spectacles and shears. As a result he has discovered some very amusing lapses on the part of his contemporaries, which he chronicles in "Slips of the Sanctum Pen."

In his department of "Getting Together," the writer this week chats to the boys of the Cadet Corps and their fathers. He also has a few suggestions to make.

Waterbury Ard, The Planet's well-known, versatile and original Wal-jacobi "dramatic" cricket, writes of his experiences attending the circus, in view of the advertised visit of such an exhibition to Chatham.

The Maple City Sunshiners contribute their excellent department.

Then there is Joe, the talkative whiner; the Church Chimes; the District Daahes; the Satchel of the Satchell; the Talmage Sermon, and many other entertaining specials.

And, over and above all, all the latest news is presented in up-to-date style, ready for busy readers.

To-morrow's Big Saturday Planet should be in every home.

TELEGRAPH BREVITIES.

A big fire caused \$400,000 damages in Ottawa yesterday.

Rev. J. A. Rankin was elected President of the Toronto Conference.

Mr. William Armstrong of Hastings was thrown out of his wagon and killed.

Fighting continues between the Turkish troops and the insurgent bands in Macedonia.

Thirty thousand workmen are on strike at Oporto, Portugal, for shorter hours and increased pay.

A British commissioner reports that many people in Kwangsi Province, China, are starving.

The British Columbia Legislature has been prorogued by the Lieutenant-Governor. Dissolution will follow.

Garfield Fraser, aged eleven years, of Campbellford, lost his life by falling into a chute at Fowld's elevator.

A white man who led a mob which lynched a negro at Joplin, Mo., was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment.

Rev. Dr. Carman suggested quarantining the Legislature during the discussion of the Gamey commissioners' report.

Police and soldiers stormed a French monastery and arrested the inmates, who had refused to comply with the order to disperse.

The barn of Mr. Abraham Hamilton, near Listowel, was burned, with five horses, a lot of other live stock, fodder and implements.

Several shippers are tying up their vessels on the St. Lawrence, as the smoke from forest fires is so dense that navigation is dangerous.

Quebec and New Brunswick Provinces are still suffering from forest fires, and immense tracts of country have been burned over.

Word from Floodville, near Sussex, N. B., states that two elderly women, Mrs. John Linden and Miss Susan Taskin, were burned to death by forest fire.

Messrs. Richard McBride, Chief Commissioner and Premier; Chas. Wilson, Attorney-General; A. E. McPhillips, Provincial Secretary; R. F. Green, Minister of Mines; and H. G. Tatlow, Minister of Finance, gave the new British Columbia Government.

Girl's Strap Slippers..

A large variety of Girl's Strap Slippers has been put into stock at prices from

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