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"Stratton is Guilty— To His Very Feet"

Strong Speech by the Member for Manitoulin—Repudiates the Report and Says Judge Boyd Should Be Ashamed of Himself—The Globe's Twisting and Doubling the Manoeuvres of a Religious Monstrosity.

Startling Testimony of Excluded Witnesses Read in the Legislature.

Geo. B. Wilson Alleged to Have Told Three Persons that He was to Receive \$500 for Staying in Rochester and that Frank Sullivan Received \$5,000 for Testimony With the Object of Clearing Stratton.

Mr. Gamey Intimates that He has Further Disclosures to Make at the Proper Time.

Toronto, June 19.—"This report of the Royal Commissioners is absolutely false, absolutely wrong and absolutely unfair to me," said Robert Roswell Gamey, the man from Manitoulin, in the course of a three hours' speech in the Legislature, in which in a most exhaustive, although somewhat rambling manner, he gave his reasons why the House should not adopt the findings of the Commission. Mr. Gamey hit right out from the shoulder at his judges and his most recent accusers. He charged that Chancellor Boyd had deliberately twisted the evidence in an adroit manner as only a learned mind like that of the judge could do in order to relieve the Provincial Secretary as much as possible and reflect on him (Gamey). What had been intended as a coat of whitewash for the Government had turned out to be the declared, a coat of mud for the judiciary. He alluded to the editor of the Globe as a "religious monstrosity," and referring to a recent editorial in that paper he said he would much prefer to be likened to Titus Oates than to Rev. J. A. Macdonald. The black-clothed editor who had up to this been hanging his head over the press gallery, suddenly drew back surprised and then smiled. Mr. Gamey found particular fault with the inaccuracies that filled the report of the judges from beginning to end, and which he indicated in turn. One of the minor inaccuracies told them that Liberal members were fixing up election protests on Sunday. "If I were the Premier," said Mr. Gamey, amid laughter, "I would throw Boyd's report back in his face after that." Many of these inaccuracies, he asserted, did him the gravest injustice, while they all went to show that the Chancellor had started out to produce a finding satisfactory to his employers. Mr. Gamey also complained of the way in which the judges had accepted the evidence of all the officials and grafters and rejected his own. They said Myers, Boland, Sullivan, et al., did so and so, why did not they say Myers said he did so and so, and leave the people to judge between them and himself. Mr. E. F. B. Johnston was characterized by Mr. Gamey as that blustering, bluffing senior counsel for the defence, who tried to throw dust in my eyes. Mr. Gamey received a most attentive hearing from the Opposition benches, but the Government desks were practically deserted and the ten or fifteen members on that side present, including Mr. Stratton buried themselves behind their newspapers.

A sensation was sprung on the Legislature this morning when Dr. Beattie Nesbitt read the affidavits of three witnesses whose testimony was excluded by the Commission in the Gamey case. These were T. W. H. Leavitt, Conservative organizer, Toronto; Archie C. Davis, insurance agent, Rochester; and George Palmer, express agent, Rochester. All relate to the alleged spiriting away of Geo. B. Wilson, of Newmarket, the father-in-law of Frank Sullivan, who was afterwards brought from Rochester to testify. From these affidavits Wilson, in conversation with chances acquaintances at Rochester, said he was to get \$500 for staying away until after the investigation was over, and that Frank was to get \$5,000 for his testimony. The reason for sending to the States was, he told these men, that he had been aware of the scheme to bribe Gamey from the outset, and that Frank Sullivan had been in hiding at Newmarket for some days after the revelations were made by Mr. Gamey. The connection of Mr. T. W. H. Leavitt occurred through the Conservative organization having received a "tip" from Davis. Mr. Leavitt went to Rochester and himself confirmed these assertions. Dr. Nesbitt's reading of these affidavits caused much excitement in the House.

Toronto, June 20.—Mr. Gamey spoke on the finding of the Judges in the Legislature yesterday for five hours, and will continue on Monday. He spoke forcibly, and replied to the attacks upon himself with a good deal of spirit.

Mr. Gamey justified entering into negotiations with the Sullivan by the fact that he had to face a protest, with the prospect of financial ruin as a consequence. He admitted the folly of his trip to Buffalo, but said he needed a rest, and blamed his counsel for the scene they created in court after his disappearance. He said the others knew where he was, and they should have told Mr. Blake. By implication Mr. Gamey threw the blame on Mr. McEvoy for the missing leaves from the Crozier cash book. During his speech he was surrounded by an eager group of Opposition members, one of whom, Mr. Hanna, who has been a constant adviser, sat at his side on the floor of the next row of benches.

Those charges were made in his own rough, simple way, made without previous Parliamentary experience or legal advice, expecting they would be dealt with by the House. He had asked that that be done, and had consented to no other course. They had been tried by men specially chosen by the men charged, Judges acting not as Judges, but as commissioners. Since the days of Magna Charta, never in English history had a commission found a Ministry guilty. In the Pacific scandal the Judges found there was nothing wrong on the part of the Ministry, but they went on and were defeated. He had been told not to make a speech before the commission. He was cut off while giving his evidence. Compare that with the treatment given to Mr. Aylesworth. He stated something wrong, and it was called a mere slip. Had he himself done this it would have been called perjury. Mr. Gamey complained that he had no counsel before the commission. He should have had a counsel to cross-examine the witnesses. He asked why he had not had a chance to nominate at least one of the Judges. Why didn't the Government nominate two Judges and let him nominate a third? Everyone knew that perhaps the last man in the world to discover any political fraud was the Chancellor of Ontario. Which of the Judges was the graduate of a political school?

Mr. Gamey wished to say a word or two on some of the remarks of the Premier. He had said that the Government had been tried by fire. He wondered whether it was the fire that burned the West Elgin ballots? Mr. Whitney—Saved by fire. Mr. Gamey remarked that the Premier had said that Mr. Hammond told all in his evidence. He himself believed Mr. Hammond had told all the wrong impression, that what Hammond told was not relevant to the case. The Premier had also said there do so, that what Hammond was asked to forget was very relevant to the case. The Premier had also said there was nothing wrong in the patronage he had exercised, that the returning officer was appointed in the regular way, because he was the Sheriff, and of necessity must have got the appointment. That was absolutely wrong. The appointment was made because Mr. Gamey wrote, saying the Sheriff must be appointed, although the Provincial Secretary had suggested the appointment of the previous returning officer.

Mr. Gamey, continuing, complained that the Premier had spoken of "the virtue of the hon. member for Manitoulin—if he had any virtue," a nice statement for the Premier to make. He would say himself by way of offsetting this that he remembered when a boy that the school teachers and inspectors of the Province would say that if they wanted anything of the Minister of Education they could not take his word for it, but must have it in writing. Mr. Cameron had passed lightly over the slips of the Judges on some matters. Did they pass lightly over any errors he (Mr. Gamey) had made? Were they simply misses? Oh, no! The report of the Judges was absolutely false in many regards. The blustering, bluffing senior counsel of the defence had tried to throw dust into Mr. Aylesworth's eyes, and tried to get him to say things he had never said.

Mr. Gamey next referred to the report as that document "which bore the signature of the great high muck-rack of this land." He quoted from Mr. Aylesworth's evidence, which, he said, corroborated his statement in the House respecting the negotiations as to a "stock transaction." "So much for the speech of the great mogul from West Huron," said Mr. Gamey. Then he took up the speech of the Provincial Secretary, and said it was absolutely false to say he (Gamey) had had legal advice in preparing his statement. Mr. Stratton had said that the Opposition had had knowledge of his statement beforehand. "I wonder if he blushed when he said that," remarked Mr. Gamey. "It is absolutely false, just as false as the man is! What nonsense to put up such a rat of a story as that!" (Laughter.) He said no judge in the British Empire would find him guilty on that evidence. Why in the name of Heaven didn't you give me the naming of the Judges? (Laughter and applause.) You knew you were guilty, and you wanted to name the Judges—time-serving Judges.

Here there were cries of order, and Mr. Whitney said the mistake was in not addressing the Speaker. "I will address anybody you like," remarked Mr. Gamey, cheerfully.

If he had stayed on their side he could have roped in about all the money he wanted. He wondered how Mr. Stratton had made all the money he had since entered politics. The Judges had said the money came from somewhere, and the public thought all the roads led to Mr. Stratton. The letter to the Premier had not embodied his sentiments, but it was the letter of Mr. Stratton and Mr. Aylesworth. The \$5,000 paid for the Globe interview, he said, was a payment in advance; they had owed him \$5,000 yet. His bank books had all been produced, but Mr. Stratton's had not.

Mr. Stratton interrupted to say that his (Mr. Gamey's) bank books, checks, notes, everything, even down to his pantry accounts, covering the period from August 1 to March 1, had been produced, and examined for three days by Mr. Price and Mr. McPherson, Conservative lawyers, in company with Mr. Riddell.

Mr. Gamey said Mr. Price had told him only on Thursday that his (Gamey's) statement was correct. He referred to take Price's word, but if the Speaker ruled he should take Stratton's, he would take both, he supposed. (Laughter.)

"I regret some things I did in connection with this case," said Mr. Gamey, "but I want to say this, that I never exalted myself as a great patriot. I never made any such claim as that at all. The common attributes of ordinary mankind are enough to make anyone seek the rooting out of the condition of things that have prevailed in this Province for years I back in this Province, for years I back (Applause.) I don't need to get up on any pinnacle to see that condition of things. Some of my actions I could wish had not happened. I regret that I did not mention that \$2,000 in my statement in the House on the 12th of March. (Ministerial laughter.) Hon. gentlemen laugh. I was ashamed of my connection of borrowing money from Frank Sullivan. (Renewed laughter.) I thought, sir, that Sullivan would be more apt to tell the truth if he was going to get his money back; but that was not anything like enough for him. They did not ask me in my examination before the commission the first time; I was hoping it might come out at all."

Mr. Gamey went on to say that the Ontario Bank had assisted the defence by giving them all the information they could, and proceeded:—"Talk of my running away, and his boast of his bodyguard of such as the Sullivan and others of their kind, and all the protecting forces and influences that he had around him, perhaps no one can give him any great credit for his strong confidence of protection. If he stood his ground he stood jealously and cautiously at bay, associated behind the tried and trusted followers, and his forty witnesses, who preceded him in the box. On the other hand, I led in the attack; I had to bear the brunt of the battle, and I am still in the fight. (Hear, hear.) The world can judge as to who should be called a coward, and I am not saying this boastfully, because I regret it very much. I am simply answering the taunt which the hon. self-lauding and self-righteous Stratton has flung out to me. Rather than this, it would be more becoming to both of us to confess our faults and let the public judge of the merits of each man. (Applause.) If he had acted more wisely he would not have given away his case on the floor of the House, said Gamey, but he would have called Sullivan and Stratton before they could know what they had to answer, and then see what kind of stories they would have given separately. He had some more evidence, however, and he was not going to give it away as he had in this case. He was going to keep it until the proper time, and not allow the accused to fix up a school at a hotel to train witnesses to match his story.

Mr. Gamey spent much time in criticizing the commissioners' report, pointing out what occurred to him as inaccuracies and unjust inferences. He first complained of the omission of the letter from Frank Sullivan to himself on February 20th, saying that he had seen "the party mentioned." The commissioner said on page 23 that Sullivan, Aylesworth and Stratton had practically agreed, whereas, as he had shown, Aylesworth had corroborated his (Mr. Gamey's) evidence rather than the Provincial Secretary's.

Speaking of Mr. Stratton's visit to the trust company's office, Mr. Gamey said that if Stratton had remained there all the time it was claimed, Mr. Coffee would have been called. The fact that Mr. Coffee was not called was conclusive proof that Mr. Stratton was not there all that time.

When the commissioners wrote that Armstrong might be wrong to the extent of an hour in the time he saw him (Mr. Gamey) at the Exhibition grounds on September 9th, they were writing what was as false as if the words had been penned by the Provincial Secretary himself. The commissioners' comment on the evidence of the cab-driver, Green, was unjust and incorrect. Green did not confuse Stratton and Strathly in regard to the day in question. He was as positive as possible, and pointed Mr. Stratton out in the court.

Mr. Gamey spoke of the evidence of Dr. Chamberlain that he (Mr. Gamey) initiated The Globe interview. The whole tenor of Mr. Hammond's evidence was that Mr. Stratton told him to hang around so that they might get him (Mr. Gamey) to sign an interview for The Globe. He would bet dollars that that was what Mr. Hammond was to forget; nothing about the Carnegie library or the Niagara power. But they could not get Mr. Hammond to forget, though they did get Dr. Chamberlain to remember some things that he had never heard.

Mr. Gamey said that it was queer he had to keep on saying that Chancellor Boyd was wrong, wrong, wrong.

A Voice—"What about the other fellow?"

Mr. Gamey—Oh, the other fellow; he doesn't amount to a hill of beans, at which the Conservative members loudly applauded. A moment later he said he wished the Chancellor was there to-day, and he would rub it into him. (Laughter.) Mr. Gamey pointed out other statements which, he said, were absolutely false. If he were Sir John Boyd, he said, he would take that star off his breast while writing that report against a man from the country; but he had not shame enough in him. Mr. Aylesworth had sworn to reading something in the newspapers on the afternoon of September 10, which was not published until the morning of the 11th. I am not throwing bouquets at Mr. Aylesworth," said Mr. Gamey, "but in the main his evidence corroborates mine. Mr. Cavers' evidence had not been mentioned, but you can bet your bottom dollar it would have been mentioned if it had hurt me. If Stratton asks The Globe reporter to alter a document or to forget something it is passed over, but if I do anything of that kind, down I go in the mud, and am walked all over." (Laughter.)

Mr. Gamey then adverted to his trip to Buffalo, saying that he had been hounded and threatened by Liberals of all grades, had gone through three days of the most severe cross-examination that an unscrupulous lawyer could give, was under no subpoena, and had gone away for day or two as a rest. "I admit I was wrong; I say I was wrong in going away," said Mr. Gamey. He added that his counsel knew where he was; he had a telegram from them that day in Buffalo, and whether Mr. Blake knew it or not the others were wrong in permitting him that Tuesday morning to say he did

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