

ALL CLAMOUR FOR ACTION

LIBERALS, CONSERVATIVES AND INDEPENDENTS, MEN OF ALL CLASSES AND CREEDS, PAPERS OF ALL SHADES CALL FOR THE REJECTION OF THE ROSS GOVERNMENT

Very strong are the demands that are made for the defeat of the Ross Government at this election. All classes of people, all shades of politics, are hoping that Ontario will rise en masse and effect reform.

The dreadful corruption and fraud proven in the courts of the land, have produced this call. Public opinion is against the continuance of the present condition of things, and the pulpit and the press demand a change.

It is notable that Liberal papers join in the universal demand. They feel that wrong has been done, and that further wrong may come unless punishment be administered.

The clergy—not Conservative clergymen, but gentlemen who are of the Liberal political persuasion—are insistent that the Ross Government should be required to go. They feel that the moral future of the country depends upon the action that is taken in this crisis.

Here are a few of the expressions of public opinion:

STRONG CONDEMNATION OF CRIME

At the Liberal-Conservative nomination in East Kent the following letter was read from Rev. Edward Softley, rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, Morpeth:

"W. B. Graham, Esq., President Liberal-Conservative Association:

"Dear sir:—Throughout all the past years of my ministerial life I have studiously refrained from taking any part in controversies of political parties. I regard the present time, however, as a crisis in the public life of our country. As a clergyman and a citizen I feel it my duty to speak a word in condemnation of the brazen dishonesty, lying and perjury which the courts have proven to be associated with the party now in power. The Ross Administration—it is not worthy of the name reform—has, in its efforts to retain office, been the means of casting a stigma and disgrace upon the fair name of the Province of Ontario. It is a Divine truth, which seems now to be scouted, that 'Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.'

"I sincerely trust that his Majesty's loyal Opposition will make it their aim and object in the present crisis to fight strenuously for the maintenance of our national righteousness and moral rectitude. In this effort they will merit and, I trust, receive the support of all true Canadians, irrespective of party.

Yours faithfully,
"EDWARD SOFTLEY,"