

## How the Conservatives Win Elections.—The Toronto "World" Tells How They Work.

Just previous to the Dominion general election held on Nov. 7th, 1900, the Ontario Conservatives, through some of their Toronto leaders, imported a large number of the worst kind of political operators from some of the worst districts in some of the United States cities. These aliens and foreigners, under the pretense of being detectives, were sent into the ridings to act as expert operators and corruptionists. One of the experts was captured the day of the election, in 1900, at Brantford, but allowed to go on promising to leave at once.

W. F. Maclean, M.P. (Conservative), proprietor of *The World*, Toronto, was a candidate for the office of Mayor of the City of Toronto, in January, 1902. His opponent was O. A. Howland, ex-M.P.P., and one of the leading Conservatives of the Province. Mr. Maclean was defeated, and on Wednesday morning, January 8, 1902, *The World* gave prominence to the following:—

### "The Surest Way.

"Are you a worker in that sub-division?"

"Yes, I can handle it.

"How much will it cost?"

"Two hundred dollars.

"And you will guarantee to keep the vote even for that?"

"Yes.

"All right. Here is the money. But do you see this other hundred dollar bill?"

"Yes.

"And you know this gentleman here?"

"Yes, I know him and can trust him.

"Well, I am going to give the hundred dollars to him, and if you make the majority in your division ten or better, he will hand the bill to you when the count is made and the majority is shown.

"I understand, and I'll do it."

### Tory Headquarters.

On Thursday morning, January 9, 1902, *The World* had a number of pointed articles on the methods employed to elect Mayor Howland. One of these was headed "Wholesale Demoralization." It said, "The more the voting of Monday is investigated, the more evident it is that wholesale demoralization prevailed in the polling booths." *The World* acquits Mr. Howland of it. The men who did it were agents of one of the corporations, and all Sunday and Monday they were at work spending thousands in heading off what promised to be a Waterloo. There was no such vote polled for Howland as the ballot-boxes show. John o' the East, John o' the West, the old organizer (Robert Birmingham), and the old experienced bird, that has made his boast of handling St. John's Ward for thirty years or more, were all in it."

The Albany Club, King street, Toronto, the head centre of Toryism in the Province, was in favor of Mayor Howland, and here is how *The World* of Thursday morning, January 9, 1902, refers to the nest under the heading "Professional Corruptionists"—"The public are being aroused at last to the existence in Toronto of an organized machine of professional corruptionists. They have a nest in the centre of the city. They handle the money of corporations; their mission