

## THE GLOBE'S EX-EDITOR ON LIBERAL TRADITIONS

The Interview Which Records Gamey's Conversion Seems to Have Been Revised in the Office of Chief Election Manager of the Cabinet.

The Policy of the Liberal Leaders in Ontario Means That the Worst Elements Must Have an Unchallenged Predominance.

Toronto, March 23.—"The Liberal Position" is the caption of a two-column leader in the News of this evening, evidently from the brain and pen of Mr. J. S. Willison, ex-editor of the Globe. The editorial has attracted very general attention, not only for what it says in condemnation of Premier Ross' treatment of the Gamey charges, but for what it reveals of the impression produced upon the mind of the writer by the overwhelming evidence of the surrender of the last defences of purity within the party to the assaults of the worst elements of political corruption. It is the voice of the prophet who deplores the vanished glory of the Liberal party and fittingly concludes with a wail from Haggai. Mr. Willison writes:—

Many peculiar and suggestive facts have been revealed through the presentation and discussion of the Gamey charges in the legislature. There can be no doubt in any unprejudiced mind that the charges are infinitely damaging to the Government. It must be equally clear that the methods adopted to break the force of the attack are unworthy of the ideals and traditions of the Liberal party. It is no reflection upon the judges of the country to declare that ever since confederation royal commissions have been the refuge of guilty ministers. This was not the fault of the judges, but of the letter of their instructions and the employment of legal restrictions to balk investigation. In the Pacific scandal, where hardly a shred of defence remained to the accused ministers, escape from the judgment of the people was sought through a commission. Mr. Edgar's charges against Sir Adolphe Caron were radically altered by the Government, and then bundled off to an outside tribunal. In both cases the Liberal members of parliament stood upon their rights and privileges and refused to appear before the judicial commissions. Their charges were absolutely established by the evidence laid before the house of commons. The commission performed no useful public service.

### PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEES EFFECTIVE.

The charges arising out of the West Huron and Brockville elections, in a desperate expedient to prevent complete investigation, were sent to a commission subject to such conditions that the judges appointed to conduct the enquiry could not even attempt to perform the task committed to their hands. The Ontario bribery plot of 1884, established by conclusive evidence in the legislature and before the committee on privileges and elections, was passed on to a commission, and a divided verdict returned. The West Elgin election scandal was investigated by a commission, and even the Government which ordered the inquiry hardly ventured to give a serious character to the findings. On the other hand, the Rykert and McGreevy charges and the departmental frauds of 1891 were handled by parliamentary committees, with the result that corrupt officials were exposed and punished, a minister forever discredited, and two private members driven out of parliament. It is idle to deny the significance of these historical facts, and vain in face of the evidence to contend that a commission is a better method for the exposure of political crookedness, and a better guardian of the honor of parliament, than the committee on privileges and elections.

### MR. FOSTER'S POSITION.

These facts received additional significance from the character of the debate now proceeding in the legislature. A Liberal Government is on trial, and the Conservative politicians, who stand to profit by thorough investigation, find it necessary to use the arguments of Blake, Mills and Cartwright in order to sustain their contentions. The Conservative opposition in the legislature know as well as did the Liberal opposition in the house of commons that their best field of operations is the parliamentary committee. They know that before a commission they will be handicapped. They believe that the chief object sought in the appointment of a commission is to limit enquiry, and to evade judgment. Even Mr. Foster, who sat in the Government which sent a garbled version of the Edgar charges against one of his colleagues to a commission, demands that the Gamey charges shall go to a parliamentary committee. "In what other way," he asks, "could rascality such as was contemplated be exposed?" The man who condemned Mr. Tarte cordially approves Mr. Gamey's methods. "Let the legislature," he says, "vindicate its own honor, and probe the case to its depths. We want no limitations or restrictions, nor should the ministers want anything less than a free, untrammelled inquiry by the house." He knows why charges go to commissions. But his attitude now contrasts badly with his attitude as a federal minister. He would have done as well to leave the words unsaid. It is by such exhibitions of partisan inconsistency that public life is dishonored, and the people disgusted with the trickery and insincerity of party politics. As much must be said of those Liberals in the legislature who quote Sir John Macdonald and Sir Chas. Tupper in support of the course they are now taking, and in

contempt of all the higher standards of the Liberal party. The voters in the constituencies have the right to protest against the action of leaders who would bind them to such tortuous courses. They have the right to revolt when they are asked to turn heels over head at the demand of a few men in office whenever they get enmeshed in some serious embarrassment through their own want of honor or lack of principle. Party obligation ceases then the party policy is reversed and the bad methods of political opponents adopted. Only the docile tools of the politicians submit to party authority under such circumstances.

### COURSE OF THE GOVERNMENT.

There is a furious outcry against these independent journals which, in consequence of election rascalities and the Gamey charges, have condemned the Government. But look at the facts. Mr. Gamey was elected to support Mr. Whitney. In his canvass, and even in the recent by-elections, he attacked the methods and policy of the Ross Government root and branch. Mr. Whitney had done nothing to forfeit his confidence. There was no change in the personnel or the policy of the Government. But it is suddenly announced that Mr. Gamey has undergone a great conversion, and will support the ministers he had so lately denounced. The interview which records his conversion seems to have been revised in the office of the chief election manager for the Cabinet. The patronage of Manitoba is transferred to the apostate. Surrounding this undoubted fact are charges that \$4,000 was handed out of the office of the provincial secretary for division between Mr. Gamey and his constituents. There are allegations of a conference between Mr. Gamey and his confederates, which was overheard by concealed stenographers. We have no satisfactory repudiation of Mr. Gamey's statements by the men through whom the approaches were made, or who served as Mr. Gamey's decoys. Where did the money come from? Did the Liberals put up several thousands of dollars out of sheer love for "Liberal principles" and a burning desire to keep the "grand old party" in office; or are they on the regular staff of the Government's purchasing department and funds of the party organization? Is it a Conservative conspiracy, and did Mr. Gamey buy himself and lead the Sullivan from the path of rectitude; or was the transfer of patronage to Gamey a payment on account, and a ratification of the work of the purchasing department? Are we to take Mr. Stratton's bald denial against all these facts, all this evidence, and all this evidence? It does seem that the natural man would be only too eager to get his defence before the public in all its details, to force Gamey and the Sullivan into the witness box, to overwhelm his accusers with shame and confusion. We may condemn Mr. Gamey's methods, but would any other methods have proved effective? Mr. Sutherland, of South Oxford, and Dr. Reame, of North Essex, have charged that they also were approached by agents of the Government in its hour of extremity. But they spurned the advances, they obtained no evidence, and as a consequence everywhere among Liberal partisans the whisper goes that they are liars. It is, however, conceivable that two such men would tell anything but the simple truth, while the transfer of patronage to Mr. Gamey, even before he had given an earnest of good faith by his votes in parliament, proves the desperate anxiety of ministers to increase the number of their supporters.

### INDEPENDENT AND LIBERAL.

Liberal politicians and Liberal journals profess to be mightily distressed because independent papers find evidence of guilt in these circumstances. They, however, have eaten their own words, trampled on Liberal traditions, set aside the professions of a lifetime. They have always contended that Parliament should be the guardian of its own honor. They have always held that charges of corruption made upon the floor of Parliament should go to the committee on Privileges and Elections. They have always argued that commissions were the natural refuge of guilty ministers. Do they think any one believes that they have now undergone a sudden conversion out of sheer regard for public morality, have just discovered that the committee on Privileges and Elections is a useless and partisan body, and have just experienced the conviction that a genuine concern for the integrity of public life requires that the parliamentary committee should be superseded by the judicial commission? If Mr. Stratton is innocent, what harm could come to him or the Government from a parliamentary investigation? Is it compatible with innocence that the Liberal press should be required to deny all its past, and that the Liberals of the country should be asked to reject all the teachings of their leaders for a generation, in order to accommodate themselves to the exigencies of a few men in Queen's Park? By the very action of the Government the Liberals in the country are released from their allegiance and entitled to pronounce their own intelligent judgment in the premises. The course the Ontario ministers are now taking was held to create suspicion of guilt against Conservative ministers at Ottawa. It cannot be held by the same party to show innocence in Liberal ministers at Toronto. If Liberals demanded parliamentary committees when they were in opposition at Ottawa, why should they fear a parliamentary committee when they

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are in power elsewhere? It is the Independent journals that are now showing loyalty to Liberal teachings, and though they may be charged with prejudice and treachery and injustice, they are not likely to be silenced.

### PARTY TYRANNY.

We have something like an absolute party tyranny in the country. Coercion and slander are ruthlessly employed to hold men in subjection, and to punish any one who dares to utter an independent judgment. We had an instructive illustration of this merciless spirit in the bitter and scandalous pursuit of Mr. S. H. Blake during the recent by-elections. It is practically held that no citizen may turn upon a set of political leaders, no matter to what practices they may descend or what courses they may pursue. This constitutes nothing less than a denial of free citizenship. It means that the worst element must have an unchallenged predominance in politics. It means the intolerable arrogance of party workers and the absolute despotism of political leaders. In the words of Boss Tweed, "What are we going to do about it? It is not essential to the welfare of this province that one set of politicians should hold office forever. It is vital that electoral fraud and corrupt administration should be punished. Loyalty to party becomes treason to the country when men under the rabid stimulus of party enthusiasm condone official chicanery and rascality. No man is fit for citizenship in a free country who has one standard of public morals for his political opponents and another for his political friends, and measures his patriotism by the exigencies of his party. Liberals might profitably ponder the words of the prophet Haggai: "Who is left among you that saw this house in its first glory? And how do ye see it now? Is it not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing?"

## THAT SAME OLD PAIN IN THE BACK

May Lead to Diabetes or the Dreaded Bright's Disease.

Unless it is Promptly Banished by Dodd's Kidney Pills—Berlin Man Talks About It.

Berlin, March 23.—(Special)—The remark "My back is bothering me again," is so frequently heard nowadays that aside from its discomfort many people look on pain in the back as something too trivial for more than passing notice. They forget, and often until too late, that it is one of the surest symptoms of Kidney Disease, and unless cleared out of the system will almost inevitably lead to Bright's Disease, Diabetes, or some of those terrible ailments which are but Kidney Disease in a more advanced stage.

This is what makes the case of Andrew Hauss, of this place, of particular interest. "I had been troubled with a pain in my back for over a year," says Mr. Hauss. "I tried everything I could that I could get to rub with or to take inwardly, but could not get relieved from it. One day I was advised to use Dodd's Kidney Pills, which I did, and I got better from the time I started to take them till I had finished one box, when I was completely cured."

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You are cordially invited to our Spring opening of Novelties, which is now on view. The display comprises a collection of gems that speaks volumes for the creative genius of our expert artists. Not alone in Millinery is it that elegance and exquisite taste is apparent, but wherever the eye turns one finds a profusion of charming novelties suggestive of a skillful and artistic blending together of fabric and color. Silks, Dress Goods, Trimmings, Fine Wash Fabrics, Gloves, Tailored Costumes, Jackets, etc., bear evidence of smartness to a greater extent than ever. Come and see the display. No better place than this to get correct ideas of Dame Fashions' fancies for Easter and Spring wear. Those who come will be amply repaid for the time spent with us.

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Don't let cheapness guide you. You must consider quality if you expect satisfaction. When that is missing disappointment is bound to follow.

This Spring we have gathered for selection an assortment of

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that lacks nothing of being perfect—perfect in infinite variety, perfect in its qualities, perfect in its tailor-made stylishness. Prices range from

Men's Suits from \$5.00 to \$15.00  
Boys' Long Pants, \$5.00 to \$12.00  
Boys' Short Pants, \$3.00 to \$6.50  
Children's Vestee Suits, \$1.75 to \$5.50  
Children's 2-piece Suits, \$1.98 to \$4.50.

But we can give you no adequate idea of the values presented until you have made an examination. So come in and examine, and we will leave it to your own judgment. **SEE OUR WINDOW.**

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### CHATHAM TOWNSHIP.

George McKerrall is wearing a broad smile. It is a son.

Miss Lillie Craven returned home last Friday from visiting relatives in London.

Miss Jessie Hall spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Hall, Chatham.

James McKerrall was in Chatham Monday.

Miss Josie Lanigan returned home Monday after a week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Martin, River Road.

Miss Lena Hanson spent a few days last week in Dresden.

Wilfrid Weaver has recovered from a severe attack of la grippe.

Peter McKerrall, Jr., is suffering from an ulcerated tooth.

The roads in this vicinity are almost impassable. We hope for an improvement in the near future.

The maple sugar season is about over. Farmers declare it a poor year.

Mumps, measles, la grippe, etc., have died out entirely in this vicinity.

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### DOYLES.

B. Schaffer has taken a contract of sawing rails for Colonel VanTuyt. Chas. Towl had a saving bee on Tuesday. It was well attended by his neighbors.

The funeral of Mrs. Wm. Pasmore on Friday was well attended, notwithstanding the bad state of the roads.

James Taylor is making repairs on his house lately occupied by William Illman.

Ralph Ritchie is the guest of Chas. Towl this week.

John Carley, who has been firing on the M. C. R., has returned home.

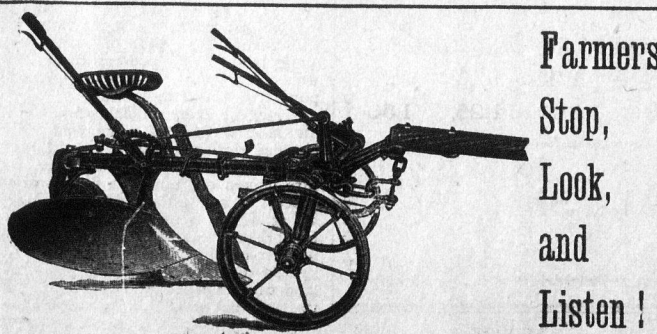
Mr. Wilson, driller for Mr. VanTuyt, has gone home owing to the illness of his sister-in-law. His place is taken by Jas. Doyle.

Edgar Larke, who has been seriously ill, has fully recovered.

Ralph Ritchie was the guest of Jas. Stover on Sunday.

Mrs. Fred Towl has returned home after spending a few days with friends in London.

Printer wanted; young man to work on advertisements. Apply at this office.



Farmers,  
Stop,  
Look,  
and  
Listen!

You cannot get farm help, how will you get your plowing done? Get the

Newest of All—Greatest of All—

## The Perrin Sulky Plow.

Guaranteed to pull as light as any Walking Plow of the same size. Over One Hundred Sold Last Year.

Just unloaded a carload; orders are coming early and fast. This is the only Sulky Plow manufactured that does work of two Walking Plows, and you can plow with it, wherever you can with a Walking Plow. Ask any person who has one.

Get the 18-2 Furrow Riding Plow, and Plow 4 acres per day with three horses.

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**A. H. PATTERSON,** Successor to

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PRINTER WANTED—Young man to work on advertisements. Apply at this office.

WANTED—A man to take charge of 1,500 acres of pasture lands in Dover West; buildings on premises. Apply to Dr. D. G. Fleming, Chatham.

WANTED—Competent men to appoint agents, whole or spare time. Commission paid. Apply John Doyle, Drawer 531, London.

### FOR SALE OR TO RENT.

FOR SALE—Second hand piano. Apply at The Planet Office.

TO RENT—Office room, ground floor, central locality. Address Box 159.

FOR SALE—6 1-2 acres platted into 46 lots on Poplar and Sandys Sts., Chatham, cheap. J. H. Davis, 28 Mansur St., Detroit, Mich.

FARM FOR SALE OR RENT—Part N. E. 1-2 Lot No. 3, Con. 2, Camden Township, 65 acres. Apply to J. A. Walker, Barrister, King street.

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HOUSES FOR SALE—Three houses on Grant St., and house and lot on Victoria Ave. For particulars, apply to Thos. Scullard, Victoria Block, or at this office.

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FOR SALE OR TO RENT—House, formerly occupied by Mrs. Wemp, Wellington St. West. Suitable for boarding house or for any family requiring house with plenty of rooms. Modern conveniences. Apply to W. E. Risipin, 115 King St.

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