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A LIBERAL OPTION.

That strong Liberal journal, the *Montreal Witness*, which, of late years, has given evidences of ability to swallow anything Ross offers it, is opposed to the judicial commission proposition. The *Witness* says:

"Mr. Goldwin Smith, whose opinion is of value, considers that the Ontario Government should be judged by a parliamentary commission rather than by a judicial commission. In that way he thinks that the whole guilt of the Government would be exposed, while a judicial commission would confine itself to the personal act of Mr. Stratton. He is of opinion that the Government proposed the unusual course of a judicial inquiry so as to limit its scope, while 'the public interest, the honor of the legislature and of the Government call for a perfectly free inquiry into the case, with all its circumstances and in all its bearings.' We do not suppose that Goldwin Smith hoped that a committee nominated by the Ross Government would give an unbiased verdict. That is not to be expected; but it would necessarily expose the whole case, which would then go to a jury of the people, who are, after all, the only tribunal that can be looked to to deal with the matter. What is wanted is, first, a full public investigation, and then an immediate reference to the people."

IMPARTIALITY WITH A BIAS.

It is interesting to observe the effort of the Government press to preserve an impartial and judicial attitude towards the bribery charges. The chief organ, which has abandoned its campaign for "sun-clear men," and its commendations of Mr. Gamay as "a man of force," assures the public that impartiality is essential just now. It warns us not to forget "the lessons of charity," nor to indulge in "harsh and cruel pre-judgment." In the meantime, as its contribution to the stock of impartiality, the *Globe* alleges that Mr. Gamay is a liar.

Following the example of the *Globe* the Liberal press throughout the country is going wild with impartiality. According to the *Hamilton Times*, Mr. Gamay's charges are the result of "a plot," skillfully concocted. Another equally impartial critic, the *London Advertiser*, declares that in any event Mr. Gamay is the guilty party. It says:—"Even if the story had some element of truth in it, Gamay's disgrace would be scarcely less than if he had fabricated his charges. Take the word of a character such as Gamay has confessed himself to be against the word of a Cabinet Minister! Still more impartial is the *Montreal Witness*, when it remarks that "We have the accuser self-convinced of having formally sold himself for a given sum of money and given perquisites, of having accepted money and used patronage, and then having refused to deliver the goods." For a truly impartial and unbiased view of the case the public will naturally turn to the *Peterborough Examiner*, owned by Mr. Stratton. From that source we learn that the charges simply go "to show the desperate lengths the Opposition will go to cast discredit upon the Government." According to this impartial Examiner Mr. Stratton is subjected to vicious attacks because "he is a strong man in the province," and "his organization" saved the Government from defeat. We have the inspiration of the charges impartially revealed. Moved by this disclosure the impartial *Chatham Daily News* calls upon the Liberals to "logically assume the innocence of the Administration. Curiously enough the spirit of impartiality which operates to exonerate the implicated Minister has the opposite effect so far as the man who exposed him is concerned. It leads the *Montreal Herald* to declare that Mr. Gamay "will have to make out a very complete case indeed to clear himself of the reproach of implicating a lot of people in his plans without their knowledge." Another Liberal newspaper, the *St. Catharines Journal*, likewise finds the accuser guilty, for it is convinced that "the man who is the soul of honor is not the man to besmirch himself as Mr. Gamay has done." It adds that the member for Manitoulin is "not worthy the respect of any class of humanity." Prompted by the same impartial spirit the *Ottawa Free Press* declares that the person who stands in the most undesirable and suspicious position in connection with the case is the accuser. But the climax of impartiality, as taught by the Liberal press, is exemplified by the *Chatham News*, when it announces that "there is just a possibility that Gamay, who, 'all alone,' did that dramatic stunt, may end his career in the penitentiary."

Altogether the result of impartiality is to show what a martyr Mr. Strat-

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ton has been to the cause of the machine, and what a wicked character Mr. Gamay is. If this were ordinary politics of the Maybee pamphlet style it might be easily understood, but when it comes to us in the garb of impartiality, declaring sanctimoniously that the case is in "another hand than man's," we are disposed to concede that in his own peculiar line Mr. Peckaniff was a mere novice. — Mail and Empire.

ENGLISH EMMIGRATION.

London (England) Mail.

The present spring will probably witness the largest emigration from England that this generation has seen. There are many signs of this. The popular song of the hour is on it. Parties have been organized for months past, and one of them alone, with 2,000 members, sets out in March. The Canadian Government is making a special endeavor to secure settlers.

HE GOT THERE.

New York Tribune.

When Mr. Chamberlain was about to begin the speech which he made from the balcony of the Marine hotel at Durban he was startled by the sudden apparition of a reporter who slid down a pillar from the roof and arrived breathless and dusty, but notebook in hand. Mr. Chamberlain was astonished. "Whom do you represent?" he said. "The entire press of the empire," was the reply.

THE ART OF SUBSTITUTION.

The Lancet.

Nowadays the art of substitution would appear to permeate every trade. It is urged that jam can no longer be made with cane sugar, because it crystallizes. Again, beer, we are told, can no longer be made from hops and all malt. Some are said to prefer chicory to coffee, while others would have us believe butter is inferior to margarine. We would like to see it insisted that upon the label of the bottle of all spirits there shall be printed a clear statement of the nature of the contents, whether the spirit be all-malt whiskey or partly malt, and partly grain spirit, or an all-grape brandy, and so forth.

THE ETERNAL FEMINE.

Macoupin County Argus.

One of Carlinville's young business men is not so constant a church-goer as his wife wishes he was. Not long ago she took their little daughter to church and the little miss, like some bigger people, came home feeling specially self-righteous. "Papa," she said, "I'm sprised at you. Just staying at home to read the

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"Oh-h-h yes I can, papa. It was blessed are the dressmakers."

SIDE SPLITTINGLY FUNNY.

Ottawa Citizen.

Every time we think of that young man Gamay from the wilds of Manitoulin paddling over to the mainland and selling that large gilt gold brick to the sand-papered and emery-wheeled Mr. Stratton, dealer in second-hand legislators, we come near injuring our diaphragm.

"You should not feel tired all the time—healthy people don't—you take Hood's Sarsaparilla for a while."

LOUISVILLE.

The roads are drying up very fast. Mrs. Warner is improving slowly. We are all sorry to lose our blacksmith. He will move to Chatham the last of this month.

We are glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Williams back in our vicinity again. Our school teacher, Mr. Tobey, is thinking of leaving us at Easter. We will all miss him.

Hilliard Blackburn is able to be out again. Miss Ray Blackburn called on her friend, Miss Myrtle Smith, last Thursday.

Miss Tena Arnold was united in marriage to C. Oldershaw, of Chatham last Wednesday evening.

A. Adams gave a little social party the other evening. All present had a pleasant time. Wm. Mirdeth had the misfortune to break his boggy last week while driving through the heavy roads.

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