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"OH, WAD SOME POWER THE GIFTIE GIE US, TAE SEE OORSELS AS ITHERS SEE US."

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PLOT TO BRIBE M.P.P.'S EXPOSED IN THE HOUSE.

Mr. Gamey Names Mr. Stratton As Author of Conspiracy.

BIG POLITICAL BOMBSHELL.

Exploded Under the Government During the Session on the Floor of the Legislature—Premier Ross Overwhelmed by the Magnitude of the Disaster and the Cabinet Immediately Convenes, While Rumors of Retirement Are Rife.

Toronto, March 12.—The Legislature met at 3 p.m. yesterday. The galleries were well filled.

The House passed an interim appropriation of $400,000, and a resolution was adopted appointing a committee to strike the standing committees.

Address Moved and Seconded.

The address in reply to the speech from the throne was moved in a speech, extolling the benefits bestowed upon the Province by the Ross Government, by Mr. A. G. McKay.

Mr. Valentine Stock of South Perth seconded the motion in a speech which referred to the various items in the King's speech eulogistically.

GAMEY'S DRAMATIC STORY.

Member For Manitoulin Gives Details of How He Came to Change Into a Supporter of the Government.

Instead of the leader of the Opposition, Mr. Whitney, gaining the floor of the House, Mr. R. R. Gamey, member for Manitoulin, arose. It was clearly against the usual order of things, but, as he was elected a Conservative and had in an interview given out that he would support the Government on the opening of the House, everybody expected to hear an explanation of his defection from the Conservative ranks. He then read the following statement in a clear voice:

MR. GAMEY'S STATEMENT.

"I was elected in May, 1902, as a straight Conservative, defeating J. M. Fraser, the Liberal candidate, by about 340 majority, and beating the combined vote of Fraser and McMillan, Socialist candidate, by about 100 votes. The returns by the returning officer were held back and not declared until June 17. This, I believe, was done to give the government a chance to protest my election, if necessary, after they saw how the rest of the protests stood. In due time a protest was entered in the usual way. Several parties were sent up to the riding to lock up evidence.

"About August 7 I was going to Toronto and met Capt. J. Sullivan in the lunch room at Allandale and he said to me: 'I hear, Gamey, they have strong evidence against you up there.' I replied that I had heard nothing of that. He continued the conversation and confidentially remarked to me as a friend, as he said, that I would be disqualified, and said if he was in my place he would resign. I laughed at him and paid no attention to it. I went on to Toronto and he remained.

Would Disqualify Him.

"In Toronto, at the Walker House, where I stay, I met his son, Frank J. Sullivan, who also broached the subject of my protest and said he understood they would disqualify me, and I told him that that was utterly impossible, as I had done nothing by which they could disqualify me; and he remarked that evidence sometimes could be colored, altered and bought, and that he believed they were determined to disqualify me. He would, he said, if he were me, resign rather than face a fight. I told him that his father had spoken that way, and I wondered why he was speaking thus. He said only as a friend, as he had known me a long time, and he felt sorry that I would be disqualified. Why, he said, that could be arranged, a good thing could be made out of it and the trial avoided. I asked him how, and he said after some further conversation that $5000 in cash could be got and lots of chances of more later on, as the government must have more support.

"I replied that I thought that that was impossible, as no man could leave either side now, and the government would ruin themselves by dealing with anyone while it was so close, and I told him I did not believe they would do so. He replied that he could soon convince me, and if I would stay over a couple of days he would prove it. I decided to see what they would do, and on my return to Gore Bay I would lay the whole matter before some Conservative friends.

Arranged the Secret Meeting.

"About Tuesday, August 12, Frank came to me and said a prominent Liberal lawyer of the city would be up in his father's room at the Walker House and that I should go to the room, giving me the number. He told me no mention would be made of money, but that the lawyer would talk of a stock proposition by which my profits would realize $3000 in six weeks or less and $2000 after the first session of the House. I went to the room, and Frank and the lawyer were there. I will not mention the lawyer's name to-day, but he is prominent in Liberal ranks.

"The lawyer said he understood Frank and I had spoken of a stock company in which I could make $3000 in cash in six weeks and $2000 towards spring, and I said we had. He said it could be arranged, he thought, but no mention was made in his presence of supporting the government, and no question of the trial was spoken of. We only had a short talk, and he went out, and I have never heard of him in any way since in the deal. Frank and I agreed then that if anything was done each should take half.

Government Was Anxious.

"During that trip I also saw D. A. Jones of Beeton, who seemed to be authorized to deal with me. He also suggested that the government were very anxious to get information for the trials against Smyth and Miscamphell, which I told him it would be impossible for me to do. I left Toronto for home about the 12th. On my return home I consulted J. R. McGregor of Gore Bay, secretary of the Manitoulin District Conservative Association and asked his advice. I consulted him because he was the only executive officer in Gore Bay, whether to tell what had been then done or not; but we came to the conclusion that I should go on and get some evidence that we could prove and see how far they would go, and whatever we did would be told on the floor of the House, and absolutely no one would know before we decided that I would have to give the government evidence that I really meant to go with them, and only by fully convincing them could we hope to get any evidence or attach any of the cabinet. So far we had no evidence against anyone in authority. Nothing more was done or said until about August 19. I received a letter from D. A. Jones of Beeton, as follows:

Framing Up the Game.

"'In accordance with our conversation, I saw the present acting manager and talked over our arrangement, and I explained the whole matter as arranged between us, and it was entirely satisfactory and steps will be taken to carry out the deal fully, and I am now prepared to say that you will receive better treatment than you expected. You will be given certain powers that will place you in a position that you could not otherwise occupy, and I will assist you so no other will dare to oppose you with any chance of success. In the meantime by shaping things and paving the way. You know how to manoeuvre and I will be fixing things here for you. I wish you would send me further pointers as we talked and I will pull things in line to suit, and we can pull together now as we can pull so as to make some money. I can tell you now we can make a good haul at once. Now, you being an outsider and a Conservative, having agents and friends in Algoma and Sault Ste. Marie, you can find out certain important information that will be sufficient to answer the purpose desired. You can communicate it privately to me and I can pop it, and to the proper place. No one can ever learn the orizin of the information. That will make a clear sweep of the three and you can be more liberal with the funds when they are thus easily got. Get all information as soon as possible and state figures, value of same and it will come to hand quick sure. If I was situated like you I could pick up thousands of dollars worth soon and no one would ever dream of you or me in the matter. It is a snap worth trying for. Let me hear from you as soon as possible so I can shape things in time. Address all my letters to Beeton, marked "personal," and I will get them. No other will see them. Yours in haste. Signed D. A. Jones.

Met at Midnight.

"This I answered by saying I would be down shortly and see him. On August 21 I was out at my farm, 10 miles from Gore Bay. That night between 11 and 12 o'clock a rap came to my door after I had gone to bed. My brother Wilfred was there. He went to the door and said a gentleman wanted to see me. I got up and went to the door and Capt. J. Sullivan was there and wanted to see me privately. I went down to the barn with him, put in his horse and we sat down. He said they were anxious to go on with some arrangement and he wanted me to give him some document asserting that I would suppport the government so that he could show the ministers that he was succeeding.

"I told him I wouldn't do so that night, but would go to Toronto in a few days and meet him there, which he agreed to. He went back to Gore Bay that night, after staying about one hour. He was alone. It was a clear moonlight night. I asked my brother in the morning if he would know the man if he saw him again and he said he would and he said he thought it was Capt. J. Sullivan.

Cap. Sullivan Comes In.

"In the morning my brother and I drove to Gore Bay and I took my brother across on the mail steamer that day to Cutler and down to Sudbury, as the Cap. was with us, so that he would be sure of the man, and I explained to my brother then what he was at. Before leaving Gore Bay that day I saw J. R. McGregor and explained what the Cap. wanted. He said: Go ahead and see what they will do. I left the Cap. at Sudbury and the next day I went to Arnprior and about Aug. 26 I arrived in Toronto and saw both the Cap. and his son Frank at the Walker House and had different interviews. In the Cap.'s room Frank drew up an agreement by which I agreed to support the government, which I signed, and Frank signed an agreement to pay me $3000 in cash and $2000 after the session. They were afterwards both destroyed. I went back to Arnprior about Aug. 29, and returned to Toronto about Sept. 1. Had many talks with Frank Sullivan and his father about matters up to the 9th.

His Share an Island.

"The Cap. was trying to secure a timber limit for his share, McGregor Island. He told me he had discussed the deal with the Hon. J. M. Gibson first, but that Gibson had asked him to see Hon. J. R. Stratton, and Stratton seemed to be the one they did business with from that time on. I also discussed the question of whether Smyth of Algoma could be bought or not, and I said I would try to see him after I went back.

"I urged them to withdraw the petition against Smyth, and also discussed the question of sawing-off Davis' petition, which Sullivan said the government were most anxious to do. And, when Davis left for Winnipeg, Frank said he would never face a trial, and would give big value to have a saw-off. I told our lawyers about this. About Sept. 9, I was taken into Stratton's office by Frank Sullivan, and discussed the arrangement with him.

Stratton Indicates Line.

"No money was mentioned, but the word 'consideration' was mentioned. Stratton told me personally I would have the patronage of the riding entirely in my own hands, and that I could suggest anything that might be of use to conciliate my friends in the riding. The License Board was discussed, and I said we must have a new inspector and at least two new commissioners, and several other changes were spoken of in the riding, which he agreed to. He showed me the letter I would have to sign, addressed to the Premier, agreeing to support the government, and agreeing that I was not receiving any value for the same. It was typewritten. The consideration was to have been paid that day, but he was not ready.

"I then went down town, and, at about 1.30 o'clock p.m., Frank Sullivan and I were to go to a prominent lawyer's office, which we did. This lawyer, when I arrived there, had the letter that I was to sign, and I signed it in his presence. He then said he would keep it, but Frank said there was some stock question to be settled before he would part with the letter.

Lawyer Is Cautious.

"The lawyer said he knew nothing of that, and had nothing to do with that, but he would give us his word that, if we would leave the letter with him, he would hold it in his possession until we were satisfied, but Frank refused to do so, and took the letter with him. I know the lawyer's name.

"We then had an appointment with the Hon. J. R. Stratton for the next forenoon. We went up to his office about 10 o'clock on Wednesday, Sept. 10, and he was not ready, or not there, and we waited about the building. I waited part of the time in the smoking-room. About 12 or 12.30 o'clock Stratton was ready, and Frank Sullivan and I went into his office together.

Cabinet Agent Ready.

"Stratton said everything was ready, and we left the letter with him, and that Frank and I should go down to the smoking-room and wait there, and a party would bring a parcel and lay it on the table in that room. I saw Stratton take out of his inside pocket a large, well-filled envelope. We went down to the smoking-room and waited a short time, and Mr. Myers, acting secretary for Hon. J. R. Stratton, took the parcel from Stratton's office, and gave it to Mr. Chase, who carried it to the smoking-room and laid the same large envelope parcel on the table. He walked out again without speaking. Frank went over and picked up the parcel, and we walked down to the washroom, and Frank took the parcel out of his pocket, and counted it. There was three thousand dollars in Ontario Bank bills, of hundreds, fifties, twenties, tens and fives.

More Money in Sight.

"Frank handed me $1500 of this. I will tell where that money is when necessary. Frank tore up the envelope. I then left the building alone and went to dinner. I showed the money to a Conservative in the city, and will tell his name when necessary. I went to the Crossin Piano Factory in the afternoon. I left for home on Thursday night, Sept. 11. I explained all this to one Conservative in the city, and to J. R. McGregor, on my return to Gore Bay, and we decided to stick to our original arrangement to not mention it until the House met, as we were afraid they might fix things up in some way before the House met, if we told. About Sept. 18, I received a letter from Frank Sullivan.

To Put Through "Other" Deal.

"'Toronto, Sept. 16th, 1902.—Dear Bob: I had a talk with our man this morning, and he wants me to try and put thru another deal. He will pay all expenses in connection with same, and will make it worth your while if it goes thru. Can you run over and see that party, and if he is willing to do the right thing I will arrange to meet you and him at the Soo, and we can fix things up all right. I will be able to go up about the 5th or 6th of October. In the meantime work on the proposition and see what can be done. Answer at once, care of Walker House. (Signed) F. J. Sullivan.'

"About going to see Smyth, I answered that I would shortly, but he wanted more evidence. About September 21 I received another letter from D. A. Jones about the same matter.

Had "Gilt Edged" Things.

"'Beeton, Sept. 19, 1902.

"My Dear Gamey.—I was sorry I did not see you before you left, as there were some points in regard to our mining matters that I wished to talk over. By the way, if you have not already received your R. R. papers, and do not at once, write me, as I ordered them to go forward, and if they do not I will see after them next week. Is there any mining news around there? I have some gilt edged things now, and I think you can make a nice pot out of it. You see that party that we was trying to see and arrange or get things in the shape of a verbal option, and your efforts will place us in a shape to make a haul, sure. I will surprise you when I see you. When are you going to Toronto, that I can meet you there? Yours in haste. (Signed) D. A. Jones."

Others in the Trap.

"When speaking to oJnes, while in the city, he spoke of some one being sent up to see Smyth, and Frank Sullivan also spoke of some one being sent up for the same purpose, and he was anxious to prevent anyone else dealing with Smyth but himself, and he told me one day that he telephoned to a person in the city to wire some one to put Smyth on his guard, but I did not know whom he phoned to and do not know whether Smyth was telegraphed or not. Possibly some one in the city can recollect the 'phone message, as I believe he 'phoned to some prominent Conservative in the city, and he said he had refused to give them his name and they were surprised. About the last week of September I wrote Smyth a short note asking him to come down to our Agricultural Fair at Gore Bay on the 2nd of October, so we could put him on his guard, but he did not come.

"About September 25 I received a letter from my leader, J. P. Whitney, drawing my attention to the statement made by Capt. Sullivan, in Ottawa, that I had given a written promise to support the government. I wrote Sullivan, and he replied as follows.

Playing the Game Through.

Toronto, Sept. 27, 1902.

"Dear Bob,—I am just in receipt of yours of the 25th inst., and I must say that I am as much surprised as you are. I never made such a statement; and, further, I will forfeit $1000 if you can get a man in Ottawa that heard me say such a thing. I was interviewed by a reporter there, and all I said and more is in the interview. I will get a copy of it and send it to you. I am writing now before I see Frank, as I feel that I want to let you know at once I did nothing of the kind I am accused of. When I see Frank I will have him write you more fully. Yours truly (Signed) J. Sullivan."

"On Sept. 29, I wrote Hon. J. R. Stratton, asking for appointment of one Thomas Fletcher, as J.P., at Spanish Mills, and also about the road grants question. (We did this to get some written evidence of the patronage deal). Stratton replied on Oct. 2, as follows:

This Is "Confidential."

Toronto, Oct. 2, 1902.

Confidential.

My Dear Gamey,—I have your letter of Sept. 29, relating to the appointment of Mr. Fletcher, customs collector on your island, as a justice of the peace.

I have transferred your letter to the Hon. Mr. Gibson, Attorney-General, who has charge of the administration of justice, and have asked him to approve of your recommendation, and I will see him on my return to the city in a few days in regard to it.

When the estimates are being prepared for the coming session, I will ask the Minister of Public Works to speak to Mr. Boyd in the direction indicated in your letter.

I do not know that it would be impossible for members to obtain railway passes just now. It has not been customary to issue passes to the members of a new parliament till the opening of the session. However, if you were to communicate with the general manager of the C. P. R., Montreal, or the general manager of the G. T. R., Montreal, they might meet your wishes in that direction. Yours, sincerely, J. R. Stratton.

R. R. Gamey, Esq., M.L.A., Gore Bay, Ont.

Stratton Very Solitious.

"Hon. J. R. Stratton also wrote me on Oct. 2 about the appointment of a returning officer for the referendum, as follows:

Toronto, Oct. 2, 1902.

Private and Confidential.

My Dear Sir,—Would you approve of the appointment of the late R. O. as the R. O. for the taking of the referendum vote on Dec. 4?

I am leaving on Saturday for Halifax, and will not be back for a week, but the R. O.'s will be appointed during the coming week.

Your reply will be handed by my private secretary to the Premier. I am writing you confidentially. It might be desirable to have the same R. O. Yours, sincerely,

J. R. Stratton.

R. R. Gamey, M.L.A., Gore Bay, Ont.

The Proof of the Deal.

"We decided to have the Sheriff appointed, or rather recommend the Sheriff, instead of the old returning officer, just to see proof of our deal. I spoke to the Sheriff, and he wanted it, and he went to Toronto and saw the Premier. Jackson told me, when he returned, that he was asked if his appointment would be satisfactory to Gamey, and if he (Jackson) thought Gamey would give them any trouble when he came down. On Oct. 8, I wrote Hon. J. R. Stratton, asking him to appoint Sheriff Jackson. His secretary replied as follows:

Toronto, Oct. 10, 1902.

Dear Sir,—In the absence of the Hon. Provincial Secretary, who is out of the city for a few days, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of Oct. 8, with reference to the appointment of a R. O. for taking a referendum vote. I have transferred your letter to the Hon. the Premier. I have the honor to be, Sir, yours, very truly, E. C. Myers.

For Minister's Secretary.

R. R. Gamey, Esq., M.L.A., Gore Bay, Ont.

Talked of State Secrets.

"I left Gore Bay for Toronto about Oct. 2. I had wired Frank Sullivan I was coming. I saw both Sullivans, and they discussed the Davis petition, which I was to help to saw-off. There were other parties also arranging to saw this off, and Frank said they were getting big value to do so, and he wanted to head them off. We had frequently discussed this in September, and Sullivan told me that Davis positively would never face a trial; but nothing could be done about the sawing-off of Davis. We then discussed the Smyth deal, and I gave them to understand that he could not likely be bought.

Premier Advises Conspirators.

"I went to Toronto again about Oct. 21, and met Cap. Sullivan at North Bay, and spoke to him about the rumors that were going around, and told him I was going to see Stratton in the city. I saw Stratton that week in his office, and spoke to him about the rumors, and showed him Sullivan's letters, and told him Sullivan had been talking. He asked me to wait until he would discuss it with the Premier. Myers took me to a room, and I waited there a long time until Stratton came, and he said we had better do nothing about them. He said that was the Premier's advice. Stratton also spoke of a letter the exact duplicate of the other I had signed, which they wanted me to take home with me, and sign at Gore Bay, and mail, addressed to the Premier, Hon. G. W. Ross.

Schemers Worked Carefully.

"Stratton gave me the letter, typewritten, in which I agreed that I would support the government, and that I was getting no consideration for the same, only the ordinary privileges of a government supporter. After this, they were to give me back the one I signed in the lawyer's office. Frank Sullivan was with me when the letter was given, in fact he held the letter for a day. I took it home with me, and we decided at Gore Bay to make some alterations in the letter, to see if we could get a letter from them about the same. So I altered the letter, and made it read different to what they had. I mailed this letter, addressed to the Premier, Hon. G. W. Ross, about Oct. 30, at Gore Bay, but got no answer, and they did not return the other, but now have both.

"I wrote Hon. J. R. Stratton a few days after this, asking for the loan of $2000 until after the session, but his secretary, Mr. Myers, answered that Mr. Stratton was out of the city, and, on his return, the letter would be laid before him, but we got no further answer.

Kept Close to Their Man.

"I was in Toronto in December twice; saw Cap. Sullivan and Frank, but did not see Stratton. After I returned to Toronto, after helping my friends in the Perth by-election, I saw the Sullivans, and they said Stratton wanted to see me—he was getting afraid of me since I had gone up to Perth. I made an appointment to see him on Tuesday morning, 9.30, January 13th. When I arrived there he was not in, and I waited in the outer office. Vance was waiting there. Myers was there and another clerk, name unknown to me, and the lady stenographer. They all saw me. I chatted with Vance until Stratton was ready, and Vance asked me to let him go in first, which I did. He remained about 20 minutes. When I was called Stratton asked me why I was in Perth, and I told him I had no agreement with him before the voting in the House, and why I had altered the letter.

Deal Gave Them Pleasure.

"I gave him an evasive answer, and we discussed matters generally; and he was delighted with the results of the three Norths, saying Whitney would never have as good a chance again of writing 'Hon.' before his name as he had last summer, when the coalition was discussed. He gave me the particulars of the coalition deal, also Manitoulin affairs. I reported about Little Current lock-up, and he called in Dr. Chamberlain and I was introduced to him and discussed the lock-up with him.

"I also discussed other appointments. I left the city that night after telling the Sullivans how I got on with Stratton and agreed to come down again shortly. On my return to Gore Bay Mr. McGregor decided to go down with me the next time, and we arranged to go about the 27th. I went over to the Shore and up to the Soo and met McGregor at Sudbury on the 27th, and we arrived in Toronto on the morning of the 28th, both of us stopping at the Walker House. I saw both of the Sullivans that day, and Frank told me that he had wired me on the 27th to come down. I got that telegram on my return. It is as follows:

"'Toronto, Jan. 27, 1903.

"'Robert Gamey, Gore Bay, Ont.: Important that you be here on Thursday or Friday. Answer. (Signed) Frank.'

Plotters Get Uneasy.

"Sullivan told me that Stratton wanted to see me, and that he would arrange for time of interview on Thursday. He did so and 'phoned me to come to Stratton's office at 2.15 p.m. I showed this to McGregor, and he went to the buildings with me and saw me go into Stratton's office. At first Stratton was out, then McGregor and I went into the surveys department together and into the land sales department, and finally he went back with me and saw me again go into Stratton's door with Frank Sullivan.

"We went in at the door marked 'Private.' After waiting a few minutes Mr. Stratton came in and at once began to discuss matters. He wanted the license board names at once, and wanted me to sign at once an interview he had typewritten for The Globe. I told him it would never do to sign that, as it would ruin me and the government, but he thought not. I told him I would take it down town and make some alterations and then sign it if he liked.

More Bribes Offered.

"It was agreed that I should be back about a quarter to six that evening. Sullivan and I went out, when Sullivan said I could get another cash payment if I signed it, so I told him to make the arrangements. I went into the Public Works Department with him and we parted there. I went down to the office of the Crossin piano factory for a short time.

"I then met McGregor and we went over the interview. I took my pencil and altered many words to make it read 'an independent support,' as we both decided the country would not stand for one minute for it as it was written then. We discussed the question then of refusing to sign the interviews and making everything public at once, but we decided to still stick to our original plan of not speaking until the House met. I added some more to the interview, and after getting it so that it might pass muster I took it back.

"I was to call for F. Sullivan at the office where one Doherty is clerk, in the Public Works Department, upstairs. I called there about a quarter to six and Sullivan left Doherty and me a few minutes to talk, while he went to see if Stratton was ready. After some time everything was ready, and about 6.30 p.m., or later, Sullivan and I went into Stratton's office, and I showed him the interview as it was altered.

Gave Interview to Globe Man.

I then agreed to give this, signed, to a Globe reporter to hold, on condition that $1,000 be given to us, and I was to write a letter to Mr. J. P. Whitney that night informing him that I would be independent during this session. I then agreed to furnish the names of a license board on my return home and also a lock-up keeper at Little Current. I then stepped out of the private office into the secretary's department and met Mr. Myers, who introduced me to a Globe reporter, whose name I have forgotten, but it was the same one who was at Sudbury with Hon. E. J. Davis in January, 1900, as he remarked to me that he had met me there and heard me speak on the mining policy.

"I then sat down at a table with him and he read over the interview and I gave it to him. It was the same interview that Hon. Mr. Stratton handed to me typewritten, with alterations I made with my pen and the additionals I wrote in. If The Globe will produce the interview it will show for itself, and it was handed to The Globe reporter in Stratton's outer office about 7 p.m. on the evening of January 23 in the presence of Mr. Myers.

One Thousand Dollars Paid.

Frank Sullivan then stepped into the office and said he was ready and he and I walked into the antechamber between the two offices together, where I saw Stratton just before going out and he told me he had handed Sullivan one thousand in fifties, twenties tens and fives, giving me the number of each. Sullivan and I walked downstairs and out of the west entrance together. Just outside the door Sullivan took the envelope out of his pocket and counted the money. It contained one thousand dollars. He handed it to me and I handed him back his half and put the balance in my pocket. It was mostly Ontario and Merchant Bank bills, and the portion I kept was nine fifties, Merchants' Bank bills, and two twenty dollar Ontario Bank bills, and one Ontario Bank ten. I think all the twenties were Ontario Bank.

"I then went out to College-street and took a car to the Walker House. Sullivan coming as far as Yonge-street with me. I wrote the letter to J. P. Whitney that evening and had supper and went to the Princess Opera House with McGregor and we discussed the affair there. I left for home next morning and McGregor remained in the city.

List of Road Grants.

On my return home, Jan. 21, I wrote to the Hon. Latchford and gave him a list of our road grants wanted and received the following letter in reply:

Toronto, Feb. 7, 1903.

Private.

My Dear Sir.—I have your letter of the 31st ult., enclosing list of road grants for the Manitoulin riding. It is a pretty large order, and I fear it will not be possible to grant all. I wish you would revise the list, and try to eliminate a few of the items. Possibly the smaller grants could be arranged for out of our general appropriation on Short Roads and Repairs.

Kindly give me brief particulars as to each of the larger grants, and I will endeavor to arrange for them in the estimates. Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) F. R. Latchford.

R. R. Gamey, Esq., M.L.A., Gore Bay, Ont.

Hard Part of Contract.

"I then did my best to pacify my friends, and that was the hardest task of my life, taking abuse from all sides. About Feb. 7, I wrote Hon. Stratton that I had to meet my executive on Feb. 16, and likely they would ask me to resign. I received a letter from Toronto, dated Feb. 11, registered at Yorkville on Feb. 11, p.m., signed 'X. Y. Z.'

Toronto, Feb. 1, 1903.

Dear Bob,—I understand they are holding a meeting at Gore Bay on Monday, Feb. 16, at which you will be asked to state your position. Enclosed you will find a typewritten letter. Read it over, and you will understand how to act.

Don't let them scare you. McGregor and Riley, the ex-druggist, were talking the night before last at the Walker House, and they decided they would have you promise to resign, if the convention decided so.

By all means stick to what you have done, and everything will turn out O. K. Yours, X.Y.Z.

Rough Work For Weak Ones.

"On Feb. 16, I wrote Frank Sullivan about the executive meeting, and asking him how Stratton felt. I received a reply, registered at Yorkville, Feb. 20, p.m., as follows:

Toronto, Feb. 20, 1903.

Dear R. R.,—Called on the man you spoke about, and he wants you to send in the names of the License Inspector and board at once. While Symes was down, he made a big kick about the patronage, but you have it all, and don't by any means have anything to do with them, at least not at present. When they saw they could do nothing, they said we should not make all the appointments without asking them. Well, you know how much they asked it when they had all the say. A fellow named Spencer of Little Current has applied for the position of License Inspector, and Symes has written, saying he is all O.K. The Liberals of Little Current have endorsed him also, but don't let that scare you. They have got to do what is right with you. I suppose that fellow Lewis will be your man. I said you had mentioned him and that he was a good man. I also added that anyone you named would be all right. About the fishing business, as the House is going to meet on March 10, we can fix it up when you come down, as I had the Fishery Commissioner notified that you control things. Don't commit yourself to any of those fishermen until you look things over here. Get your letter here as soon as possible, as he wants to appoint the men before the House meets. Yours,

E. J. Sullivan.

Discouraged by Public Clamor.

"I was so discouraged with the public clamor against me that, when McGregor returned and I saw him the day before the Conservative executive meeting, I wanted to be allowed to give particulars to the committee next day, but he insisted on sticking to our original intention of giving it to this House first. I have worried along the best I could, in the face of all kinds of insults and jeers.

"On Tuesday, Feb. 24, I registered a letter to Frank Sullivan, in reply to his of the 20th, asking for some particulars about my seat in the House, asking for the one Beatty had, and asking to be sworn in earlier than the rest, and asking Stratton to wait until I came down before I would give the names of the License Board. In the meantime I heard of negotiations on the part of the government, anticipating my resignation.

Sold Their Friends.

"They were not satisfied with selling their friends to me—a more despicable action never was committed—but they sent up an agent to interview J. C. McMillan, who was the Socialist candidate last May. The first agent did not get much encouragement, and then two more agents followed, of higher repute. I have all their names. They told McMillan as much as they dared of their deal with me, and I fancy a good deal more than they would like him to repeat. They told him they had not given me much yet but promises, but they were sure I could not face public opinion when I came to the House, and they were very anxious for a promise from him to be their candidate when I resigned.

"He wanted to know how they would satisfy me, and they told him they would fulfil enough of their promises to satisfy me. They were asked how they would again satisfy their own men on the Island, and they said that Symes had been down, and they had satisfied him, but Dr. McIntosh was still unsatisfied, and they hardly knew how to approach him. The Frasers were not taken into consideration, as they considered their influence nothing after their vote last spring. They got little encouragement from McMillan, and, later, another envoy was sent to him.

"On March 6, I received letters from Frank Sullivan, in reply to mine of Feb. 24, asking about my seat. They were as follows:

Program Quite Clear.

14 Lyndon-street, Toronto, Feb. 27, 1903.

"Dear Bob,—Your letter to hand this morning. Glad to hear that you will appoint who you want, not who the bunch at Little Current want. I will see Stratton this p.m. before he leaves and will make arrangements about appointments, seat, etc. I have been to see Stratton every day, until he has shown me all the letters from the island in favor of Spencer, but he says you have the say and nothing will be done until you say so. Still, I will see him again to-day and arrange for the delay in appointments. Re fishery business, when you are here at session will be time enough for that matter, and a little delay now will only make the Nobles more anxious to do the right thing. Of course, they are anxious now, and will be more so in a week or two. Will see you on the 9th inst. Yours faithfully, "Frank."

"Dear Bob,—Just returned from seeing Stratton. They will not appoint the inspector until you come down. They will also fix up the seat question all right. Stratton will get you Beattie's seat. You can be sworn in on the 9th or any day that Col. Clarke, Clerk of the house, is here. Stratton thinks it would be a good idea to send in the name of your license board at once. Make it about two Liberals if possible, but suit yourself. Everything all O.K. "Frank."

Nearing the Climax.

"Then I came to Toronto, and, on Monday, Feb. 9, went up to the parliament Buildings, and saw Frank Sullivan at the Public Works Office. He went with me after dinner to Col. Clarke's office, and was there when I was sworn in. He also took me into Mr. Glackmeyer's office in the afternoon. We discussed matters generally. I arranged for Sullivan to meet me on the evening of Tuesday, March 10, in the office of the Crossin Piano Manufacturing Co., 102 West Adelaide street, at 7.30 o'clock p.m. I went and saw three young men, shorthand writers, who are in the city from Gore Bay, that I could trust, and arranged with them to come to the same place before 7 o'clock p.m.

"There were four finished pianos in the office. Those we placed in such a manner that the three men could lie behind them and hear anyone talking distinctly in the office. I then met Frank Sullivan at the door on the street about 8 o'clock p.m., and we went up to the office and lit a light and discussed the whole affair. A number of questions were asked by me, and the questions and answers were distinctly overheard. I asked him questions about Stratton, about the whole cabinet, about the by-election work in the three Norths, and we have the answers taken down by these three men. I asked him all about the money, who handled it from Stratton to us, and about everything connected with the transaction."

Mr. Gamey's Conclusion.

When he had concluded, Mr. Gamey walked across the front row of the Opposition seats and handed his statement, documents and wad of bills to the leader of the Opposition. Mr. Whitney asked what he was to do with them. Mr. Gamey replied in effect, "Anything you like, but keep them safe." The leader hesitated a moment, then with a quick, impulsive movement grasped the exhibits. Another moment of hesitation in which the people wondered whether he will entrust them to Mr. Speaker or the clerk. But they go into the leader's desk; the lid is slammed, the key turned.

There is a short, vigorous speech from Mr. Whitney, and then the Premier rises and says that his colleague denies the truth of the charges, but that there must be a thorough investigation.

The life has all gone out of the debate on the address, and the debate is adjourned, and the House also.

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POISONING BY PERFUMES.

Power to Intoxicate and Benumb Has Been Proved.

Though it is popularly believed that strong perfumes have power to intoxicate and benumb, and though workers in perfume laboratories are occasionally so much affected as to need medical aid, little attention has been paid by physiologists to the effect of odors. But now a German physician has made a series of experiments which fully confirm the popular belief. The experiments were made not on human beings but on frogs which were put under glass bells with sponges saturated with various essences.

The effects are similar to those of chloroform. There is a brief stage of excitement, followed by partial or complete paralysis. Although many odors were used they were found to differ only in rapidity of action, and the notoriously heavy and "heady" musk was found to be one of the slowest. Camphor, peppermint, lavender, and cloves are also slow, while aldehyde, turpentine, elder flower, ylang-ylang, "peau d'Espagne," asafetida, bisulphuride of carbon, mustard, and nicotine act quickly and energetically. In some cases the effect was instantaneous. The frog would jump about in a lively manner, but would soon stop, close his eyes, and rub his nose with his paws. His breathing and heart action became slow and labored and he perspired profusely. If he still tried to spring he often fell on his back and had hard work getting on his feet again. If the action of the fume were continued the frog's breathing became convulsive, his head fell forward, and his only response to an external stimulus was a spasmodic attempt to breathe. His eyes turned outward and his heart beat more and more slowly until it stopped altogether.

Highwayman—"Your money or your life!" Poet—"Money I have none; but if you will tell me some of your adventures, I will write them down and divide the profits with you."

Softleigh—"Are you quite sure Miss Banks is not in?" The maid—"Of course I am. She gave me one of your photographs in order to make me doubly sure."

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When it hurts to cough, when coughing or a long breath causes pain, or a feeling of soreness in the chest, when the linings of the throat and bronchial tubes feel raw and sore, when you feel that the cold which you expected to wear away is getting the better of you, turn to Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine, and you will get prompt relief and cure.

Mr. John Clark, coachman, Port Hope, Ont., writes: "Being exposed to all sorts of weather I frequently catch cold. Last winter I was so bad with a cold I could not speak above a whisper, and had great pains in the chest. At last I feared it would develop into consumption if I did not succeed in getting proper treatment.

"A friend advised me to try Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine, and I began to improve before I had taken half a bottle. One bottle cured my cold, which, I believe, would have proven very serious if I had not used this medicine."

Mrs. F. Duyer, of Chesterville, says: "My little girl, of three years, had an attack of bronchial pneumonia. My husband and I thought she was going to leave the world as her case resisted the doctors' treatment. I bought a bottle of Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine from our popular druggist, W. G. Bolster. After the first two or three doses the child began to get better, and we are thankful to say is all right to-day after seven weeks' sickness."

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