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ASTOUNDING REVELATIONS.

R. R. Gamey Charges the Provincial Secretary, Hon. J. R. Stratton, With Serious Offence.

Mr. Robert R. Gamey, Conservative member for Manitoulin Island, stated in a speech at the Ontario Legislature last Wednesday afternoon that he had, for the purpose of securing evidence of corrupt practices against the Ministry, consented to accept a sum of money as the consideration for changing his political allegiance. The member averred that after being elected, and after a protest against him had been lodged, an endeavor was made to induce him to resign by a threat of disqualification. This proving fruitless, Captain Sullivan, as representative of the Government, proffered \$5,000 for his support. After consultation with a party friend, it was decided to lay a trap for the Government. Subsequently Mr. Gamey had an interview with Mr. Stratton, Provincial Secretary, to whom he handed a letter promising to support the Government, in return for which he received \$3,000 in a package which was taken to the smoking-room in the Parliament Buildings, and laid on the table by a messenger, and which Mr. Gamey alleges is the same package that he saw in the possession of Mr. Stratton. Of this money, Frank Sullivan, a Government go-between and son of the Captain, took half. A significant change is that Mr. Gamey waited upon Mr. Stratton in reference to rumors which were going about as the result of Cap. Sullivan's indiscreet disclosures and that the Minister left the room to see Premier Ross, returning with the latter's advice that nothing be done. Later Mr. Gamey signed an interview, breaking away from his party, in return for which Mr. Stratton, through Frank Sullivan, gave him \$1,000 in notes. Finally, on Monday, February 9th, Mr. Gamey induced Sullivan to meet him in the office of the Crossin Piano Manufacturing Co., 102 West Adelaide street, where the two held a

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the whole series of political rascallities which have disgraced the Province in recent times.

We confess that we are profoundly sorry for the Trinite Minister, and should be glad to have him cleared of all suspicion of complicity in his Minister's operations. He has labored long and well in many a good cause, and there is not to be found in the speeches of any of our public men any better or more eloquent expression of the Canadian and Imperial patriotism of our people. It was an unkindly fate that set him to lead a party which had governed too long, and whose usefulness in office was well nigh exhausted. He struggled as best he could to extend still further the official life of Liberalism in Ontario, and to escape the consequences of a series of political rascallities which lamentably disfigure the generally fine record of Liberal administration in this Province. He knew that many men would judge him only by his ability to retain office, and to continue the distribution of the Provincial patronage. He was far too willing to be measured by this standard. If he had set his face with invincible sternness against all forms of political trading and electoral crookedness, even at the expense of office, it would have been so much better for himself and the party to which he belongs. We cannot but think that he has failed to meet this supreme test, and now he and his Government must pay the consequences. True, we have still to hear the defense of the Provincial Secretary and the Cabinet, but unfortunately the indictment seems damning and conclusive to the last degree. As the case now stands, the good name of the Province imperatively requires the exclusion of Mr. Stratton from public life and the overthrow of the Administration in whose behalf he operated.

NOTES.

The New York American, when it says Canadians look forward to annexation, is simply talking rubbish. The American citizen believes firmly that his country is to remain as it is. And that is just the attitude of Canadians regarding Canada. The truth is that Canadians believe this to be one of the self-evident and positive conditions that needs consideration no more than does the question of whether or not the sun will rise to-morrow.

Principal Gorden, of Queen's University, made favorable impression at the recent meeting of the Canadian Mining Institute at Montreal. The Principal combatted the popular impression that the great wealth of Canada lies in her agricultural resources. If agriculture, he said, was the only resource of the country, Canada could never hope to take her rightful place among the foremost nations of the world. He alluded to the great mineral wealth of the country and to the need of Government co-operation in granting just, stable and uniform laws. Above all, he said, it should be the policy of everyone interested in Canada's great industries to see that not only in the raw material mined and produced, but that it is utilized in the manufacturing industries.

A SHAMEFUL STORY. There is not in the history of Canadian politics a more shameful and sordid story than that which has just been told in the Legislature. It is a pitiful revelation of what men will do in the desperate game of party politics. A Minister of the Crown, sworn to the faithful discharge of great and responsible duties under our system of Government, is hopelessly involved in a vulgar conspiracy to purchase a political opponent, and the Government of which he is a member, is irretrievably involved in the miserable business. Although Mr. Stratton has been the chief electiofieering member of the Cabinet, we cannot quite know how far his colleagues are responsible for his methods. But this much is clear. The Government was determined to hold power at any cost, and the incriminated Minister must have felt that so long as his proceeding were concealed from the people, and his methods politically successful, he was safe from serious remonstrance. It is inconceivable that he would have dared to do this work if he had felt that the atmosphere in which he moved was invincibly hostile to his proceedings. We may fairly conclude that if exposure could have been avoided, the whole Liberal organization would have been willing to profit by Mr. Stratton's discreditable operations.

It is significant to find that some of the men who came into unenviable prominence in other political scandals appear in this later transaction. A Government which retains such instruments in its service cannot hope to be taken seriously when it protests its zeal for honest elections. It is hard to reach any other conclusion than that these men were on the permanent staff of the political department. They must have drawn their money from the campaign chest, and acted under instructions from the responsible agents and advisers of the Government. This of itself constitutes one of the formidable counts in the indictment, and gives a peculiarly official character to

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towns: J. J. Richardson, concession No. 3 to consist of the easterly six sideroads

from 15 and 16 sideroads to

township St. Vincent including

lines: J. W. Kenny, concession No. 4 to consist of the westerly

concessions from 15 and 16 sideroads to

township St. Vincent, and that the

commissioner and that the joint supervision with each

concession when necessary.

By law No. 77 appointing commissioners and fixing their powers was then passed.

The following accounts were

viz. John Smith for work on sideroads \$5.35; Timothy E. McFarland for work charged.

Woods hill for keep of M.

J. M. Davis, expenses.

Mrs. Barrett to asylum, \$5.35.

McGraw, assistance with Mrs.

Dr. Moore, for medical examination of Mrs. Barrett, \$5.35.

Eggers, for medical examination of Mrs. Barrett, \$5.35.

Burnett, \$6.00; Miss Curry, for Mrs. Barrett four weeks, \$8.00.

Gill, salary as assessor, \$6.00.

The council adjourned until

N. L. Currie, clerk.

Notice to Creditors

In matter of the estate of the late Mr. J. W. Wright of the Village of Markdale, in the County of Grey, Ontario.

The Receiver is hereby given notice to file his statement of assets and liabilities and to commence suit against the estate of the late Mr. J. W. Wright of the Village of Markdale, in the County of Grey, Ontario, who died on or about April 1, 1902, and the said Mr. Wright, before his death, left no will.

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