

FRIDAY, MARCH 2,

MANIPULATION OF BALLOTS.

How Conservatives Worked
Elections in Man-
itoba.

EXPOSURE MADE.

Mr. Graham Reads Instructions
Issued to Heelers.

WERE SENT FROM TORONTO

A Sensation in Ontario Legislature—
Mr. Ross to Deliver Budget
Speech on Thursday.

In the Legislature last evening Mr. Graham (Brockville) created a sensation during the course of the debate on the address by reading the instructions issued to Conservative workers in the Manitoba elections in 1896. The instructions, he charged, emanated from the Conservative headquarters in Toronto, and they enumerated all sorts of rascally devices for manipulating the ballots in the interest of candidates

of the party. The point sought to be made by Mr. Graham was that the use of these instructions accounted for the intimate knowledge of improper practices which he said had been displayed by the Conservatives so far as Ontario elections were concerned. Mr. Graham further said that the instructions read by him were alleged to have been sent to Manitoba by Mr. Robert Birmingham, and the latter acted as organizer for the Conservatives during the general elections of 1898 and several of the subsequent bye-elections. Mr. Wardell denied that Mr. Birmingham was the Conservative organizer, but Mr. Graham read a circular issued by Mr. Birmingham, showing that he was directing election matters for the Conservatives as late as February 12 last.

Before the House adjourned the arrangement was come to that the debate should close on Tuesday, and the Premier announced that he would deliver the budget speech on Thursday.

Mr. Carscallen is Severe.

Mr. Carscallen in resuming the debate on the address said he felt more like making a patriotic speech than a political speech. He was sure that every Canadian heart to-day beat with emotion as it realized the meaning of Lord Roberts' praise to the Canadians. (Cheers.) It was said the Opposition had no policy. "Why, sir, the gentlemen opposite have stolen all our policy," said the member for Hamilton. The Government had undoubtedly stolen the Opposition's sawlog policy. If the Government's nickel bill restricted the manufacturing to Ontario he would vote against it, but if to the Dominion he would vote for it. We were engaged in nation-building in this country. (Applause.) Reviewing the achievements of the two parties, he declared the Conservative party to have been empire-builders, while the policy of the Liberal party was destructive. (Opposition applause.) In England the Conservatives had built the empire, had maintained it, and were extending it. (Opposition cheers.) Did they ever hear of a prominent Conservative in this country who was not loyal to the empire? (Voices—Sol. White.) There was no justification for voting away millions to contractors and promoters such as had thronged the buildings last session. His view was that railways in the future should be under public control and public ownership. "I do not know any relative of mine," he went on, "whom I would recommend to go to the northern portions of Ontario to settle for agricultural purposes."

Government on Trial.

"The Government," said Mr. Carscallen, "are on trial for aiding and abetting high crimes against the State, and do not let us have any uncertainty as to what the charge is." In Mr. Carscallen's opinion there was evidence to connect two of the Ministers with elec-