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## R. R. GAMEY, M.P.P., CHARGES HON. J. R. STRATTON WITH BRIBERY.

### He Declares Before the House That He Was Paid \$2,000 to Support the Government.

#### PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S STATEMENT IN DENIAL.

Premier Ross Promises an Immediate Investigation—The Story of the Member for Manitoulin Told in Great Detail—He Asserts that Frank Sullivan, of the Public Works Department, Acted as Go-Between and Received \$2,000 as His Share of the Bribery Money—A Plan by Which Sullivan is Said to Have Been Trapped Into Making Damaging Statements in the Hearing of Three Concealed Stenographers.

Robert R. Gamey, M.P.P., who gave an interview to *The Globe* on January twenty-ninth, announcing that, although elected as a Conservative, he would afford the Liberal Government an independent support because of their new Ontario policy and because his own politics were "Manitoulin," created one of the greatest sensations in the political history of the Province at the first business session of the Legislature yesterday by stating that he had been bribed with the sum of \$2,000 to support the Government, and had taken the money with the intention of securing proof of the corrupt transaction to lay before the House.

Mr. Gamey, in his statement, charged that payments of \$4,000 had been made by Hon. James R. Stratton, the Provincial Secretary, to insure his support, and that Frank Sullivan, an officer of the Public Works Department, had been the go-between. Sullivan, he says, received \$3,000 in bills on the first occasion from a messenger sent by Mr. Stratton to the smoking-room at the Parliament buildings, where Gamey and Sullivan sat waiting, and \$1,000 in bills on the second occasion, directly from Mr. Stratton. Sullivan, by an arrangement previously made, took half the money, giving Gamey the other half. On the second occasion, which, Mr. Gamey asserts, was the evening on which *The Globe* interview was prepared, Mr. Stratton, according to the story of the member for Manitoulin, told him personally the denomination of the bills in the package handed to and afterwards opened by Sullivan, and divided between the two.

**A Scene of Great Excitement.**

spoke of his intention of supporting the Government—that he had no use for Mr. Whitney, his mining policy was bad, and he was not in favor of giving any encouragement to the development of new Ontario. He believed the Liberal policy would be best for the improvement of the northern country, and he felt that the interests of his constituents would be best served by his supporting the Government. Mr. Stratton told him that if that was the case he had better declare his intention. The Government would in that event consider his recommendations, as they would do in the case of their other supporters. Mr. Stratton said he had never seen Mr. Gamey in any capacity outside of his office in the Parliament buildings, and only when he came in to see him on the business mentioned.

Mr. Stratton said that no consideration for support, or money, was ever mentioned, directly or indirectly, between them, in any shape or form. During his visits Mr. Gamey was very energetic and severe in denouncing Mr. Whitney. He said he was an impossibility as a leader on account of his undecided policy, his domineering disposition and his temper. Mr. Gamey's expressed dissatisfaction with Mr. Whitney as a leader and of his policy was exceedingly pronounced, and might have been considered extravagant if coming from the most bitter opponent.

#### The Probable Course of Procedure.

The procedure to be followed in the investigation promised by the Premier is a matter of uncertainty. In the case of the Pacific scandal a commission of Judges heard the charges and gave decision. In the investigation into