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A GREAT SENSATION.

GAMEY OF MANITOULIN WAS LAYING PLOTS.

Wednesday, March 11, bids fair to be long remembered in Ontario political history as one of the most sensational of days. Whether it will mark the overthrow of the Liberal administration in disgrace or reveal a dastardly plot to discredit it by any means fair or foul will soon be known.

It will be remembered that some weeks ago, Mr R Gamey, M. P. P., Manitoulin, caused it to be known by interviews published in the Globe and other ways that, though elected a Conservative, he intended to give the Government an independent support, the inference being that by doing so he would secure favours for his constituents. His action was bitterly denounced by his Conservative friends and papers on both sides of politics denounced the move as an unworthy one.

The debate on the address was begun by A. G. MacKay and Valentine Stock as mover and seconder, who both made laudatory addresses of the government. These finished, Leader Whitney was supposed to follow, but on this occasion he sat still and nodded to the young stranger at the end of the opposition benches. Mr Gamey rose and after a brief reference to the two speeches began to read a long statement purporting to show that since August last he has been developing a plot to trap the government in iniquitous doings. He listened to approaches by several men, acting, he says, for Hon Mr Straton, the Provincial Secretary. "Good things" were promised - he is in store for him if he could see his way to change his allegiance.

Only on Tuesday night of last week Mr Gamey made an appointment with Frank to meet him in an office in a piano factory at 7:30 p. m., but cunningly, at 7 p. m. Mr Gamey had secreted three stenographers behind some piano cases, and these waited for the interview to begin. Frank came and intently unsuspecting his surroundings, was artfully led into an incriminating conversation, which no doubt will in due course appear.

Mr Gamey at the conclusion of reading all this left his seat dramatically, walked up the house to his leader's desk and laid thereon the documents and \$500 in cash, which Mr Whitney at once placed under lock and key. Needless to say the House and almost every member of it was surprised, and the Premier at once said that such charges demanded the most searching investigation, and such would be made at once. The house adjourned, and never did mover and seconder of an address receive less attention.

A commission of High Court Judges is to be appointed at once to investigate charges which should land either Mr Straton or Mr Gamey behind prison bars. It behoves every member of the government to lend itself to the clearing of the air, and if one or more of its members is guilty to accept the inevitable and insist on letting the axe fall where it may. The good name of the Liberal party is not to be sacrificed to shield men in high places, if they desert principle for policy or party. The good name of the province has already been too much maligned by a continual cry of corruption as a partisan cry when there was little but guesswork at the bottom of it. This charge affects the honor of the province and in common with all true liberals we demand a thorough enquiry. It is high time that rulers and ruled should set before them in blazing letters the great truth that "righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is a reproach to any people."

DEBATE ON THE GAMEY CHARGES

Mr Pettypiece M. P. P. for E. Lambton made one of the best speeches in the debate. He so roused the ire of Mr Whitney because he wanted to read from the Mail and Empire confirmation of the Globe reports of his speech, that the leader became violent to a degree as to draw from the Premier the remark: "My Hon. friend is very bold to-day. What does he mean? Is he going to play the role of prizefighter in this House?" and Mr Whitney said "That is my attitude," and accompanied the word by shaking his clenched fist in the direction of the Premier.

Mr Pettypiece wants the enquiry broadened to investigate every charge and innuendo made by the opposition in recent years, but he insisted the time had come for specific details, and not insinuations which were besmirching the fair name of the province. "The time has come when any hon. member

who has a charge to make should do it definitely. If the hon. member for Manitoulin succeeded in establishing the charges he had made, he would deserve well for coming out straightforwardly; if they were shown to be utterly false, then he would be no worse than his leader, who had made similar charges, in an indefinite way, for the last four years, without having the courage to put them into definite shape.

The leader of the Opposition had referred to the opposition which had been expressed by Sir Richard Cartwright to a commission of Judges proposed to be appointed by the House of Commons. But in that matter (the Caron investigation), it the hon. gentleman looked into that question carefully he would find that the circumstances were entirely different. The Judges who were to be selected by that House were their own creatures. The Judges in the case under discussion were not the creatures of the House. It was well enough to talk of patriotism and to use other such high-sounding phrases. They all knew, however, that any committee appointed would have a majority of one or two members of the Government side of the House; it would be a committee of diverse elements, sentiments and feelings, and would view the case from different standpoints."

SOME OPINIONS.

The Montreal Herald referring to the Gamey Sensation, says: "There is no other case on record where the head of a government attacked in this way has so promptly, without the least prevarication, taken the stand the stand the public have the right to expect. At Ottawa, when matters of this kind came before the House, there was not a single instance of similar prompt action. The colleagues of the minister or member assailed shuffled away from the attack, evaded the direct issue, altered the charges to suit him and themselves, and generally, until forced to it after long and hard fighting, denied the public that recognition of their rights in the case which Mr Ross has so promptly conceded."

The Globe says: "So far neither the Liberal members nor the Liberal press have blocked the way to an immediate and searching investigation, nor judged accuser or accused. They will preserve that attitude until justice is done, and either the one or the other found guilty. They know that at least one member of the Legislature of Ontario is a traitor who should have no place among honest men, but whether that one be the member for Manitoulin or the Provincial Secretary they decline to say on any man's unsworn and unexamined evidence."

The Conservatives are appealing against the judgment unseating Andrew MacCampbell as member for Sault Ste Marie, and are also going to protest the election of E. J. Davis in N. York. Talk about the cool shades of opposition! The Conservative party ought to be warm with the work they undertake

Dromore.

During the past week business has been almost at a standstill in our town owing to bad roads. The concessions are bare from one end to the other, while the roads are full of snow yet making it almost impossible to get out. Our mail carrier has to use three different rigs to reach Holstein.

Mr James Eccles moved last week into his new home known as the Leslie farm which he purchased last year and was lately vacated by Mr. Lochie McDougall who has moved on Mr. Alex. Pollock's farm which he has rented for a term of years. We are sorry to lose Mr McDougall and family from our midst, yet welcome Mr Eccles and family, and wish them both every success.

Messrs Wm Lester and James Hay, two of our smart and promising young men, left last week for Carman, Manitoba, where they intend trying their luck in the West. We wish them every success.

Mr. Wm. J. Hay has engaged with Reeve McQueen for the summer at a good wage.

Mr. Humphries, of Uxbridge, father of Rev. Mr. Humphries, well-known here, is at present visiting at the home of Mr and Mrs J. Wilson, of this place.

We are pleased to say that Miss Lizzie Laughton, who was laid up last week with grippe is almost herself again.

Dromore choir enjoyed a practice with their own organist at the home of Mr and Mrs J Garson last week.

BOOTHVILLE.

The la grippe is having a number of people fast on its clutches just now.

Mr Chas McQueen is suffering from the grippe and on Friday night he took a serious turn but is improving now.

Dan and Arch Ferguson, Balsam Valley, had the grippe also and obliged to stay two weeks longer from returning to the West, as they intended.

The debate meeting at the school has discontinued its meetings for this year and they were much appreciated and enjoyed by all who attended.

A meeting held in Dromore last week in the interest of the extension of the telephone. Great interest was taken by all present and steps will be taken to forward it from Dundalk to Hopeville, from Hopeville to Swinton, from there to Boothville, to Brownsville, Dromore, Yeovil and

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Last Sunday morning while watering his horses at the well Neil Alex McQueen had a miraculous escape from drowning, the side of the well caved in and he fell in with it, but on falling he caught the pump and with his great strength and presence of mind he was able to save himself from a horrible death.

Wedding Bells are ringing. Live Stock Markets Toronto.

Trade at the Toronto Cattle Market continued slow to-day, especially in export cattle. There will be cattle wanted next week, and dealers say prospects are for a better trade. Total run amounted to 36 cars, including 361 cattle, 280 sheep and lambs, 1,289 hogs and 34 calves. Export Cattle-The run offering was very light, there being only two loads on the market. The demand showed no improvement, but the light run gave a slighter firmer feeling to prices. There is prospect of more shipping space offering in the near future, and was wanted next week. A good cattle will be wanted next week. A good \$4.35 to \$4.50 was paid for the few good exporters offering, and in one case \$4.65 was paid for extra picked stock. Butcher's Cattle-Plenty of common stuff was offering, and was sold at prices well within quotations. The best of the offerings brought \$4.25 to \$4.35 but better prices would have been paid for better stuff. Common to medium sold at about \$2.70 to \$3.50.

Milch Cows-Extra good milch cows continue scarce and in demand. There was a light run of other kinds on the market, and not many were wanted. Steady at \$35 to \$60 each. Calves-Calves were fairly plentiful and trade was good. The market is quoted steady at \$2 to \$10 each and 4 1/2 to 6c per lb. Good yearlings continue in demand.

Sheep and Lambs-The run of offerings was rather light and the market was active. An advance of 10c per cwt is noted on the prices of export bucks and lambs. The market is otherwise steady. Hogs-Receipts of hogs were fairly large, and there was a good trade done all round. The market is steady at \$6 35 for select, and \$6.10 for lights and fats with not much prospect of a change.

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