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THE FINDING OF THE JUDGES.

Thursday last Chief Justice Falconbridge and Sir John Boyd gave their finding in the famous case arising out of Mr Gamey's charges in the Legislature against Hon Mr Stratton for corruption and the whole government for conspiracy.

If it was feared that the finding would be non-committal, a sort of "one-as-bad-as-the other" affair, with slaps and warnings for both, such fear was entirely unnecessary, for the judges speak out in no uncertain tones and the finding of the eminent jurists is that Mr Stratton is entirely exonerated and that the charges of corruption and conspiracy are "disproved by a great body of evidence." So strong and definite is it that the Mail and Empire professes to be satisfied Mr Johnston did not write it, for it is stronger than any of his pleading, and calls it "Sir John Boyd's report" as if his colleague Chief Justice Falconbridge, had nothing to do with it, or was imbecile enough to be a complaisant tool or fool.

This is a vicious way of receiving such a report. These men have the record of a lifetime behind them, have achieved distinction and fame by honesty of purpose as well as by ability, natural and acquired, and to assume and insinuate that at this stage they drop every good trait and lend themselves to shield corruption and protect wrong-doers is surely a most unbelievable proposition.

We resent, and the press of the country not wholly bound by party ties should resent, the monstrous assumption contained in the campaign tactics of the Conservative leaders for some years back, that the Liberal party is steeped in corruption, that their press is venal, and that all of their thoughts, sleeping and waking, are planning evil things. For instance on May 1, the Mail and Empire in its leading editorial wrote "When one section of the press takes the side of evil, we are face to face with a condition that is fraught with increasing danger to the public," and further on talks of "the system which is doing so much harm."

Now the best thing this writer, and all who feel like him, should do is sit down and think real hard to convince themselves that there is no system of corruption, that the Liberal party is as the Premier said, "not a gang of brigands," but a combination of voters of like stamp to their opponents. We are even willing to say no better no worse, though during the year, of four members unseated by the courts for corruption, only one was a Liberal.

We have space for only a few extracts from the "finding," which is a lengthy, logical and lucid review of the evidence. Readers of the Mail and Empire, News, or World will perhaps feel surprised, and call it "an Astounding Finding," for they were only partially posted during the trial, the Globe and Telegram being the only two papers that published verbatim reports. Referring to Mr Gamey, the Judges say:

"It is difficult to frame any consistent account of Mr Gamey's career as member, for it was throughout inconsistent, as he played a double part. But this much appears in the evidence. His politics was Manitouiin, with Gamey as member, on the side of any Government in power, to the end that he might serve his constituency, and also secure shares in the various deals supposed possible by not over-scrupulous men."

After rehearsing various vacillating steps taken by Mr Gamey such as promising support, yet helping Conservatives in N. Perth, and by such means "growing in distavor with both parties as a doubleminded man with all that that suggests," the report continues:

"He surveys the situation. The glowing prospects pictured by Frank Sullivan have failed to become facts. The prestige of directing Governmental patronage appears to be meager and illusive. And then, it may be, comes the patriotic plan of deliverance by letting it leak out that money was at the bottom of his apparent disloyalty. The people supposed he had got a timber concession, and Dr Arthur and Dr Struthers told him that people would say he had been bought. Let him accept and profit by the belief, or rather the assumption of his mercenary defection, but by a desperate effort turn it into success by depicting his career as set forth in the statement for the House.

The temptation appears chiefly to be the expectation, if he could get corroboration of his story, that he would become Minister of Mines in a new Administration. Whether or not this is a correct appraisal of the member's erratic course will depend upon the estimate that may be made of this report, with its appendices of exhibits and evidence. Mr Gamey had no personal intercourse with any member of the Ministry except the Provincial Secretary. With two or three of the others he had some official correspondence, but with the rest not even that. With regard to the added charge of conspiracy, the Commissioners are of the opinion, that as a matter of law, there is no evidence whatever to sustain it, as against the members of the Government and the other persons charged. And, according to the methods of an ordinary trial, they would be discharged from the said accusation by the presiding judicial officer.

This being so, the matter of the original charge alone remains, and as to the Provincial Secretary, there is the testimony that has been commented upon. In our opinion the corrupt charges stand disproved by a great body of evidence, which appears to be more accurate and credible than that adduced in support thereof."

LETTERS to the EDITOR

THE GAMEY CONSPIRACY.

The best laid plans o' mice and men gang aft agley." Mr Gamey and his confreres will doubtless understand and realize the full force of this expression of Robbie Burns more fully than they had ever done before.

The plot of which so much was hoped and expected has indeed acted as a boomerang and will do greater injury to the Conservative party than it can ever do the Reform Government that it had been expected to ruthlessly slay, for the utter falsity of the charges, as pronounced by the eminent and able judges upon the commission, and as appeared to all intelligent, fair minded men, whether Reform or Conservative, who followed the evidence, will go far to convince a thinking public that not only this but all of the other charges of corruption that have been so freely made against the Government have been malicious, untruthful, dishonorable and cowardly.

It cannot of course be expected that all of the more violently partisan Conservatives will accept the finding of the Commission with a good grace, yet, the Toronto World, a newspaper that all will admit to be a very strong and constant supporter of the Conservative party, long before the Commissioners made their report, pronounced Mr Gamey to be an untrustworthy man unworthy of a seat in the Legislature. If Mr Gamey be untrustworthy then his unsupported evidence should not be accepted or be considered to be of any value; and his statements that he received money or any other valuable consideration or bribe, from Mr Stratton or from any other member or friend of the Government are not only unsupported by any corroborative evidence but are emphatically denied and clearly proven by outside and disinterested evidence to be absolutely false and the evidence would indicate that Mr Gamey entered the political field as an adventurer with more ambition and greed than brain and with more brain than integrity.

But the Toronto News says: "Where did the money come from?" If Mr Stratton cannot answer the question can Mr Whitney? There does not appear to have been any good or sensible reason why the Reform Party in the Province in the position that the Government was then in, should have run so much risk to add one more supporter, and a very doubtful one, to their number in the House. But could Conservatives have helped to hatch the plot hoping to have exploded a bomb upon the floor of the House that would, in the first shock, have caused such a sensation and impression as would have enabled them to engage in an immediate fight, over perhaps the mode of investigating the charges, and to have defeated the Government in a vote before any actual investigation should take place? Desperate in having lost the election of 1902 and in the preceding election, at both of which times they had expected to win; the "My dear Foy" letter having been so readily seen through and laughed at, Mr Whitney's Buffalo friends having failed to do the business required of them, all other plans having failed, is it possible that the Conservatives could have provided Mr Gamey with funds to put out a Government that a discerning electorate had so persistently and so wisely refused to vote out? We do not make the charge, we do not ask any one to believe that the money came from Mr Whitney or his friends, there is no evidence to prove from whom or from where it came. We simply say that there is at least as good reason to believe that the money came from the Conservatives as that it came from the Reform party or from any member of that party.

Mr Gamey promises further revelations in the House this week. Perhaps he will explain why he did not tell of his $1200 loan from Sullivan, why he boarded a train with instructions to "Put me off at Buffalo", why the pages in the cash book of the Crossin piano factory were destroyed, why he so tampered with the $900 deposit slip and when he now expects to be made Minister of Mines.

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To-day was an off day at the Toronto Cattle Market. The run of cattle offering was light, and the demand was somewhat dull. Prices ruled pretty well as they did yesterday, however, and quotations all round are unchanged.

Export Cattle—The demand was, if anything, quieter than that of yesterday, as prices are still low in Chicago. The best cattle on the market brought about $4.70 to $5 per cwt and medium cattle in which there was very little trade, sold at $4.30 to $4.50.

Butcher Cattle—The run was short, and before the end of the day most of the cattle were sold at prices fairly well maintained. A few very fine picked lots sold as high as $5 per cwt, the general run of picked lots running from that price down to $4.80. Choice cattle sold at $4.60 to $4.70, and fair to good brought about $4.20 to $4.50.

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