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## PREMIER ROSS' RINGING SPEECH

### Ontario Liberal Leader in Moving for Royal Commission

### TO INVESTIGATE GAMEY CHARGE

### Declares Government will not go on with Business of the Country

#### UNTIL THE MATTER IS CLEARED UP.

Toronto, March 13.—The charge made by R. R. Gamey, M. P. P., of Manitoulin, that he had been bribed with the sum of \$2,000 to support the Government, and that this money had been conveyed to him by Frank Sullivan, a clerk in the Public Works Department, at the instance of Hon. J. R. Stratton, the Provincial Secretary, formed practically the sole topic of conversation in Toronto yesterday, as well as the subject of debate in the Legislative chamber, the galleries, floor and corridors of which were crowded as they rarely have been before.

The matter of debate was the procedure to be followed in making the investigation that everyone recognized as inevitable and necessary. The Premier proposed that the whole question should be removed from the political arena and referred to a commission consisting of "two of the Chief Justices of the Supreme Court of Judicature." This term includes the Chief Justice of Ontario, the heads of the three divisions of the High Court of Justice, that is, Chief Justice Moss, the Chancellor Sir John Boyd, Chief Justice Sir Wm. Meredith and Chief Justice Falconbridge. The commission might therefore be made up of any two of these Judges.

In the course of his speech, which was quite evidently that of a man fully seized of the responsibility attaching to his words, and of the grave nature of the subject before the House, the Premier declared that the Government proposed to govern the country as honorable men, with characters unimpeached, or not at all. As his speech will show, he made it thoroughly understood that if the Government were proven guilty of the charges made by Mr. Gamey, they did not wish any longer to remain in office. He asked that the House adjourn for three weeks to enable the commission to perform its duties.

Mr. Whitney, in his reply, took immediate issue with the Premier as to the method of investigation. He declared that a reference to a commission of judges, rather than to a committee of the House, was "loading the dice," and announced his attention of forcing a division along that line. Continuing his speech, he expressed his belief that not Mr. Stratton alone, but the Premier, the Attorney-General and the Commissioner of Public Works must make answer to the allegations contained in Mr. Gamey's charges.

Mr. Latchford, in a few spirited words, repudiated Mr. Whitney's further statement that he, Mr. Latchford, knew Mr. Gamey was being "influenced" to support the government.

At very great length Mr. Whitney argued in favor of a reference to the House Committee of Privileges and Elections.

#### THE PREMIER'S PROPOSAL

Premier Ross, immediately after the order of the day had been reached, rose and made his statement in part as follows:—Mr. Speaker, before proceeding with the orders of the day I desire to address the House briefly for a few moments with regard to the matter brought before us yesterday afternoon by the hon. member for Manitoulin. The charges made by the hon. member are of a very serious character, quite unexpected, as you can well understand; charges that impressed both sides of the House somewhat seriously, and charges which have given us, very

naturally, as members of the Government some concern.

I stated to the House yesterday afternoon that my esteemed colleague, the Provincial Secretary, denied these charges in toto, particularly with reference to that portion of them which was of a serious and corrupt character. I have a reason to believe that the statement of my colleague is true. I have unbounded confidence in his honor, in his integrity and his fidelity to his oath of office, to the serious responsibility which he has assumed as a member of the Government and as an adviser of the Crown. In the long time in which he has been known to myself and my colleagues we have found him trustworthy; we do not believe he is betraying that trust, notwithstanding the grave and serious charges made against him by the member for Manitoulin.

#### MUST HAVE INVESTIGATION.

This faith, however, is not a sufficient answer to these charges. Nor do I think in the interests of the Government, his own interests, or as responsible to a large extent for the honor and dignity of this House, could we for one moment permit that charge to stand without investigation. We propose to have it investigated. I advised his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor last evening officially that such a charge was made, that it was denied, and that it would be investigated. I desired that the representative of the Crown should know exactly where we stood in regard to this matter. The Government propose to proceed immediately with that investigation—that is as fast as is consistent with the interests of justice, and with such facilities for examination as circumstance will warrant.

#### A ROYAL COMMISSION.

We are proceeding by a royal commission. I mentioned yesterday that it was a matter which might very well be referred to the committee on Privileges and Elections, or a special committee. Either of these two methods would involve considerable delay we fear. The year is advancing. It is important that public business should be disposed of for the convenience of members and the convenience of the country. We do not want to delay. Moreover, we think that the examination by a commission of Judges of the High Court will be more satisfactory to the parties concerned. No matter what a committee's finding might be, if they exculpated the provincial secretary it would be said to be a partisan finding. Those who are prone to believe any charge against the government would disbelieve the finding of the committee, and instead of us settling what is at best a disagreeable matter, the evidence taken before the committee and the report of the committee would be still under that newspaper criticism and that partisan criticism which, in my humble opinion, does not make for the public interest.

#### JUDGES ABOVE SUSPICION.

Happily for us in this country, judicial decisions are received with a great deal of confidence, whether those decisions affect civil or criminal matters. Even where political interests are involved, seldom is it said that an election court displays a partisan character in this province.

It is not an unusual thing, therefore, Mr. Speaker, to have commissions for this purpose. I am following the precedent in this House, and I am following the precedent in the House of Commons at Ottawa, and although I had not time to look the matter up fully, I think from references I saw to some speeches on the question I could even find precedent in the House of Commons in England. I think the Parnell case was referred to a commission, and that involved the honor of a member of the House. That clears the ground so far as the commission is concerned. I am assuming that the member from Manitoulin has made these charges upon his responsibility as a member of the House, and that the papers he left in the hands of his leader, or alleged leader, are available.

Mr. Ross here paused for a moment, but Mr. Gamey made no sign. "I suppose," continued the Premier, "I am right, Mr. Speaker, in assuming—I hope that the statement made by the member for Manitoulin was made on his responsibility as a member of the House, not merely hearsay. Am I right in assuming that?"

#### NOTHING TO SAY.

Mr. Gamey—I have nothing to say.

Mr. Ross—Will the hon. gentleman say if I am right in assuming that?

Mr. Gamey—Let me tell my hon. friend I made my statement yesterday, and when I have anything further to say I will say it. (Some jeers.)

Mr. Ross—The hon. gentleman cannot escape in that way. If he made a statement and does not accept the responsibility for that, we say that in some other way he is obliged to accept the responsibility for that. (Ministerial applause.)

We shall not allow any member of this House to make charges against even a private member or against the honor of a member of the Government and I think the honor of a private member is just as dear to him as the honor of a member of the Government—without putting the person making these charges in a position to prove them, and that is the position we will put him in as speedily as circumstances will allow.

#### A THREE WEEKS' ADJOURNMENT.

I am going to move, then, presently for the appointment of a commission and if the House should agree to that view, I am going to propose that the House should adjourn for three weeks, pending the investigation, and to allow the report to be received, and for various reasons.

In the first place, I do not think either side of the House can comfortably go on with business while an investigation of this kind is being held either in this House or at Osgoode Hall, or wherever it may be held.

Secondly, I do not think that the members of the government can give their attention to the public business as they might like while such an investigation was pending, involving the honor of one of their colleagues.

These are two very good reasons, but perhaps most important of all—I, as leader of the Government, and my colleagues all share this view—do not feel that we could go out with public business while such a cloud, if I may use an easy expression like that, rests over the reputation and standing of the Government. I want to say to the country that unless our character will stand clear of reproach, above suspicion, vindicated of all such insinuations and charges as have been brought against us by the hon. member for Manitoulin, then we do not want any longer to govern this country. (Loud Ministerial applause.)

#### AS HONORABLE MEN ONLY.

We will govern this country as honorable men, with characters unimpeached, or we shall not govern it at all. (Renewed applause.) We ask this House to give us every facility, and I ask my hon. friend opposite to give us every facility for the vindication of our character and reputation as members of the government. I think every member of this House, irrespective of party, is bound to see that the matter in dispute is so settled. Every member has a stake in the honor of the House, no matter what political party he belongs to, and until this is so disposed of or settled by investigation, by the examination of the proper witnesses and by counsel, it will be in that unsettled condition in which I for one do not want to bring down any proposal to this House of any kind whatsoever.

#### A CLEAR STATEMENT.

If we have been guilty of these charges we are unworthy to sit here. We are certainly unworthy to ask hon. gentlemen in this House or the country to give us their confidence, and unworthy to bring down any measures to this House, no matter how simple. In order to facilitate this investigation we propose that the parties in this matter on both sides shall have a junior and senior counsel if they desire, and I think the House when the time comes will vote the necessary expenditures for that purpose. Whoever conducts the prosecution can elect his own junior and senior counsel. Means will be found to pay expenses of witnesses. It is a State prosecution practically. The State is bound to provide means to have that prosecution complete in all its details. We think that within three weeks the examination can be concluded and a report returned to his honor.

Mr. Ross then moved his resolution for a commission, and Mr. Whitney followed, denouncing the government and demanding that the matter be tried by a committee of the House. The debate is still on.

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#### NEW MARYLAND.

(Special Correspondence to the Herald.)

Mar. 12.—The men are about all home from the woods making things seem quite lively.

We are glad to hear that the sick in our vicinity are all improving.

Quite a number of our young people spent a very enjoyable time at the home of Mr. F. Horncastle on Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kirk are rejoicing over a certain domestic event—a son.

Miss Alice Gray is spending a few weeks in Maryland.

#### Ring in the Ears.

This is an unfailing sign of catarrh, and if not checked will ultimately result in deafness. The simplest remedy is Catarrhzone, which if inhaled a few times daily, prevents the catarrhal condition from spreading. Catarrhzone quickly stops the ringing in the ears, head noises, gives permanent relief to catarrhal deafness. For Catarrh in any part of the system, Bronchitis, Asthma, Lung or Throat Troubles, Catarrhzone is a specific, and is guaranteed to permanently cure or your money back. Large size, \$1.00; trial size, 25c. Druggists or Polson & Co., Kingston, Ont.

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#### Death of Mr. Mellish.

A large circle of Fredericton friends will regret to hear of the sudden death at Halifax of Mr. Roland Mellish who annually visited this city in the interests of the British American Book and Tract Society. Up to Tuesday deceased had been at work, but on that day he went home ill and was not able to leave his house again. Peritonitis was the cause of death, and though able to be about up to last week, he had not been in the best of health for some time. Mr. Mellish was the son of J. L. Mellish, of P. E. Island, and was 43 years of age. He came to Halifax years ago and entered the establishment of which he was manager at the time of his death. Deceased leaves a widow, who was Miss Boreham, and six children.

#### Nervous and Sleepless.

There is just one cure and that is plenty of food for the blood and nerves, which is best supplied in Ferrozone, than which no blood builder, nerve tonic or strength producer is better. Ferrozone promotes healthy digestion, which results in improved nutrition. The blood grows rich and red, furnishes stability to the entire system, and the store of nerve force and energy increases daily. A rebuilding of the constitution, new spirits, health and strength, all come from the use of Ferrozone. This marvelous renovator is sold by druggists for 50c. a box, or six boxes for \$2.50. By mail from Polson & Co., Kingston, Ont.

#### Will Fredericton Hear Clary?

The proposed scheme of F. G. Spencer's, namely the tour through Canada of Mary Louise Clary, America's greatest contralto has already aroused great interest in the prospect that she might be heard in this city. Mr. Spencer has expressed a desire to include Fredericton in the itinerary, but cannot see his way clear to do so, unless there is a guarantee given that sufficient patronage will be forthcoming to prevent his dropping money on the venture. To this end Mr. Wilmot Lemont has inter-

ested himself in the matter and will canvass the music loving people and ascertain just how they feel with reference to the opportunity of hearing this noted singer. Should the expected interest be evidenced, Mr. Lemont will collaborate with the concert promoter on the Fredericton date, and attend to all the local details of what should be the most interesting musical event ever held in the city. It is said Clary's voice is one of the greatest wonders in the musical world today. We bespeak for Mr. Lemont a splendid reception when he calls on the citizens in this capacity.

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#### AN ALASKAN COMMISSIONER.

London, March 14.—Announcement has not yet been officially made, but it may be stated definitely that Lord Chief Justice, Baron Alverston, has been offered and accepted a commissionership on the Alaskan Commission. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has been asked to select the Canadian members who will probably be judges of the Supreme Court. Their names are expected hourly at the colonial office.

#### PLEASANT VALLEY.

(Special Correspondence to the Herald.)

March 10.—A number of men are returning home from the woods daily and we are glad to welcome them. Nearly all the lumber parties along this section of the Nashwaak are home.

William Ross, of Wellington, and Mrs. Barbara Murray of this place were married at the home of the bride on March 2nd, the marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. A. D. McLeod.

Among the visitors of this place are Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Ross of Marysville and Mr. Fred. Ashton of Fredericton.

The death occurred last Friday morning at his home at Covered Bridge, of James Bubar, a well known and highly respected resident of that place. He leaves besides a wife four sons and two daughters to mourn the loss of a kind father and loving husband. The grief stricken family have the sympathy of their many friends, but what is their loss is his gain.

Donald Ross of this place who has been sick is recovering under the treatment of Dr. Wainwright of Stanley.

Mrs. Isaac Ross and Mrs. Charles Ross were the guests of Mrs. James Cameron one day last week.

Mrs. Roderick Ross, spent a few days last week with her daughter, Mrs. John McNabb of Covered Bridge.

Mrs. John B. Young and Mrs. John Urquhart, spent Saturday and Sunday with their sister, Mrs. William McLaggan.

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