

# Legislation Will Be Asked To Deal With Proudfoot Case

### Member Who Made Charges Against Whitney and Hanna Refused to Give Evidence Yesterday and Will Complain to the Legislature on Tuesday—Not Allowed to Make a Statement.

The curtain rang down in sudden and unexpected fashion yesterday morning at the privileges and elections committee of the legislature—that its members who have centered the intense interest of the province for the past week. The appearance in the box of William Proudfoot, the principal in the action, his refusal to take the oath and give evidence after the custom of courts of law, and his exit in a manner less dramatic but no less indignant than the evidence and proceedings of the interesting moments. Brief the proceedings were they sufficed to re-establish that the department of the premier and his colleagues were in the matters referred to in the charges was blameless and that these had been laid thru the instrumentality of a vindictive character, an enemy of the minister, and who was a supposed ally of blackening Mr. Proudfoot's reputation and character. In utmost detail Hon. Wallace Nesbitt, representing the ministers concerned, reviewed the evidence and demonstrated the more origin of the whole affair in the malice of Harry Maisonneville, the ex-civil servant and his discovery that a conspiracy had been formed to remove him from the suspicious mind of the member from Centre Huron.

And the Liberal members who had withdrawn yesterday were seated in a body at the opening of the session, and with the exception of Mr. Proudfoot, remained until adjournment was pronounced for Tuesday at 10 o'clock. The latter, however, refused to accept the Bible, but persisted in making a statement regardless of the wish of the committee. Even a roar of disapproval failed to make him stop, and he finally, for reasons known to himself, but judged by the counsel to be not at all creditable, he withdrew from the chamber and cleared the field for a summary of the evidence which he will bring it up on the floor of the house.

### Refuses to Be Sworn.

On the appearance of Proudfoot in the box he expressed a desire to make a statement. Chairman Ferguson, however, wished the evidence to proceed in the usual manner. The witness, nevertheless, would not agree to proceed as other witnesses had and be sworn in. The chairman tendered the Bible and asked that the witness be allowed to make a statement of "Order." Mr. Proudfoot began to read his statement. A small riot broke out in the usual manner. The chairman stated that the witness was puerile and ungentlemanly.

### Mr. Proudfoot Leaves.

"I will treat the committee in the way it has treated me," said Proudfoot, hotly, and T. W. McGarry at once moved that because the witness had withdrawn yesterday he should not be allowed to make a statement except in the usual manner after the oath had been taken and in the usual process of examination.

"See, then, what should be the punishment," said the witness, indignantly, to the chairman, and left the room amid cheers.

Hon. J. J. Foy had also stated that he was the last piece of machinery to handle the flat, and the suggestion was absolutely false. Mr. McNaught had proved that the reference was neither by Taylor nor the matter, but by himself.

### Mr. Hanna's Case.

Before Mr. Hanna accepted Mr. Hanna had taken with him, scrupulous care one would expect from a barrister and told him that the department and who held malice against Mr. Hanna because he would not attempt to protect him from the just indignation of the premier; this creature who for his own purpose had stolen a letter from the files and betrayed the confidence of his employer, was the man who inspired it all. He had tricked his informant about the \$500 from one section of the country to the other and he found the only place where he could get a proper receipt. Every other decent man that he went to kicked him out of doors. And Mr. Hanna had said: "Post it if you like on every sign post from Windsor to Montreal, and it was not until he found a congenial soil for it. They saw there are certain bacteria and germs for which some one is particularly adapted in order that they shall bear fruit.

### A Slimy Creature.

"I leave you until it reached the hands of Mr. Proudfoot, no other man in this province could be got to even lend countenance to the evidence of this slimy creature Maisonneville.

"Then I called Sir James Whitney. It is needless to sum up his evidence, because it is put in a few words and promptly removed from the only channel but there is not a single person who believes the charge, not even the man who instigated it himself. And the people of this province to view the conduct of that pale faced creature who refused to take the oath. I would have liked to ask him: 'Did you believe for one moment that Sir James Whitney was guilty of this conduct?' and I should like to have heard his answer. It would have proclaimed to the people of this province that the man who made the charge had no belief in it himself at the time he made it. He was wise in declining to take the oath

## PROUDFOOT'S STATEMENT WHICH COMMITTEE REFUSED

This was the statement which Wm. Proudfoot, M.L.A. made to the privileges and elections committee, investigating the corruption charges, yesterday morning, but the committee refused to accept the statement: "Yesterday I withdrew from this committee, accompanying such withdrawal with a statement that the matters in question were first brought up by me before the public accounts committee, to bring the matter up on the floor of the house. No relief was afforded. I again went before said committee, which again refused to permit the evidence I desired being put in. Afterwards I made charges on the floor of the house, which are before you. I asked for an investigation before a royal commission. The house declined my request, but sent me to this committee, accompanied by the statement of the prime minister that a full investigation would be granted. I retained counsel and to a great deal of trouble and inconvenience to properly present my case. All productions required were not forthcoming on the day promised, and I was very much hampered. Notwithstanding this I went on after many objections which, believe, were utterly untenable. Evidence was put in which, I believe, fully established certain of the most important facts I set out to prove. Finally we reached the point where evidence of an important and vital nature was tendered and refused. I was prepared to prove the balance of my allegations. Evidence was put in which I found it impossible to do so. After I withdrew, evidence for the defence was permitted of a nature similar to that which had not been allowed to be put in on my behalf on the ground that it was irrelevant. This satisfies me that the course I took in withdrawing was fully justified. I do not intend to let the matter drop here. On Tuesday next will bring the whole question up on the floor of the house. In the meantime, and until the matter is disposed of, I must most respectfully decline to answer questions or take further evidence, but as I cannot obtain justice and fair treatment no other course could be adopted."

and in refusing to attempt to father by his oath even his own belief—because that is what I wanted to extract from him—in the charge which he made, and the other fact—that they endeavored to exclude—that the charge was given to him by this vile creature Maisonneville.

### Triumph of Premier.

"The fact of his declining will see the triumph of Sir James Whitney. Let him proclaim, if he will, on the floor of the house and ask the people of the province to countenance his attempt to slander the reputation of a man whose rugged honesty in administration has purified public life in this country as no other influence has done since the foundation of the Dominion. Ontario would be the loser until she adopted it.

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### Help Emigrants.

Commissioner Howell outlined a plan being formulated by a number of prominent people both in Canada and Great Britain, whereby the British immigration to Canada will be on a superior basis. This will be brought about by the formation of a new organization to promote the flow of immigration from Great Britain to Canada and to assist emigrants with information on all points before they leave the British Isles.

This is to be known as the Canadian Corporation, Ltd., and is to be an organization entirely independent of railways or steamship lines. At the present time the immigration to the Dominion from the British Isles, in addition to the work being done in this regard by railway and steamship companies, is being undertaken by various charitable, benevolent and religious organizations, but it is not under any central system. The new plan is to have a central body that will only do much to improve present conditions, but will assure a harmonious plan for these organizations to work upon.

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## COMMISSION OF IMMIGRATION IS NECESSARY FOR ONTARIO

### Thomas Howell, on Return From England, Says Something Must Be Done to Assist Thousands of New Arrivals and to Keep Them Coming to This Province.

A commission of immigration for the Province of Ontario, to promote immigration to this province, to select farms and settle the immigrants on them on their arrival here, is the plan advocated by Thomas Howell, commissioner of immigration and colonization of the Canadian Northern Railway. Speaking to "The World" yesterday regarding his recent visit to England, Howell stated that what he had seen while there had convinced him that it was urgent something should be done, not only by the provincial, but also by the Dominion Government, in an effort to divert this stream of immigration from Canada to Australia, and unless the Dominion Government did more than has been done in the past, the government of the commonwealth stands to gain heavily at Canada's expense.

### Assisted Passage.

The government of Australia was offering assisted passage to that country and the Canadian Government to beat that country at their own game by advancing passage money to farming and domestic immigration. Not only should this be done, but the land furnished the British settler by the Dominion Government should be made ready for cultivation—even so far as to have the land partly cleared and the stream of immigration now coming over are not prepared to tackle under a proposition of 160 acres of untouched land.

The immigration commission idea was inaugurated by the Province of New Brunswick was the proper method of dealing with the matter and would ultimately be adopted by all the provinces of the Dominion. Ontario would be the loser until she adopted it.

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## "MAISONVILLE WAS NOT KNOWN TO ME," SAYS MR. PROUDFOOT

### He Met the Former Secretary Only Once or Twice and Denies That Discharged Employee Is the Real Author of His Charges Against Ministers.

If there existed any doubt whatever that the origin of the Proudfoot charges did not rest in the letter retained by Harry Maisonneville, it was cleared up by a published statement of the member himself at the adjournment of the committee. Therein he stated explicitly that they were based on a statement written by L. E. C. Thorne, but the fact that they were in a communication to Maisonneville had no bearing upon their truth or falsity. "I did not know Mr. Maisonneville except to have met him on a few occasions in the past," Proudfoot stated. "I have never had any communication with him, direct or indirect, and I do not believe any of my colleagues have had any communication with him in connection with the charges brought before the house. I have no knowledge that there are any facts within his knowledge upon which he could give evidence to the committee relative to the issue. This very palpable attempt to divert attention from the issue is unprecedented and unjustifiable, and the refusal of the committee to permit my counsel to put in evidence to prove my case is on a par with these obstructive proceedings and the majority of the committee itself. "My charges are based on a statement in writing, made shortly after the conclusion of the public documents and records, and the statements of other witnesses having no relation whatever to Mr. Maisonneville. "It was a poor case, he felt, that required such extraordinary committee tactics and the use of vitriolic language and personal abuse by a counsel whose supposed standing at the bar should put him above such things.

### NOTIFIED TO MOVE.

The Grand Trunk Railway has served notice on Warren Brown and A. R. Williams Company, the two tenants occupying the company's property on the new Union Station site, notifying them that they must vacate their premises by July 1.

## NATIONAL LIVE STOCK SHOW WILL BE HELD IN TORONTO

### Dairy and Kennel Clubs Will Co-Operate and First Annual Event Will Be Held in Exhibition Buildings, With New Judging Arena, Next Winter.

A national winter live stock and dairy exhibition is being instituted for Toronto. Officers have been elected, the board of control is pledged to finance it, and the inaugural show is to be held in the Exhibition Buildings next winter. Controller Foster had introduced into the board of control a resolution to organize a Toronto fair and the board adopted it, but about one hundred delegates were at the organization meeting in the council chamber, and they made it their aim for a national institution. The officers are as follows: Honorary presidents, ministers of agriculture for the Dominion and the provinces and Mayor Hocken; president, R. J. Fleming; vice-presidents, Sena Anderson, Dr. Boulton, the officers and the board of control.

"Toronto is now in a position to hold even a world's fair," said J. Lockie Wilson. "The first essential is a judging arena. With such an arena, Toronto will not doubt provide such a building in order to have a national exhibition. The agricultural organizations of Canada would be enthusiastic supporters." H. R. Frankland and Hugh Blain urged appointment of committees who would report not later than September. "In the minds of dairymen is a vision of a great big dairy show, one that will represent all of the other dairy shows of the country," said H.B. Cowan of Toronto. "Dairymen will warmly welcome a national show in Toronto if they are given suitable buildings. My suggestion is that each department of the proposed show should commence individual exhibitions at the same time at Exhibition Park and gradually evolve a really well-appointed national show."

### A National Show.

R. McKee of Norwich said that the dairy interests had never given up the idea of holding a national dairy show for Canada and were willing to co-operate with the Toronto winter exhibition at the same time retaining control of the dairy department.

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J. M. Fagot of Canboro raised the point that heated buildings would be necessary for a winter exhibition of dairy stock, and that the buildings in Exhibition Park were not heated.

J. M. Gardhouse of Weston said Ontario should have the stock exhibition ground for the other provinces, and the shortest way to it was to have a national exhibition in Toronto each winter. He cautioned against conflict with winter fairs in other parts of the country.

Prof. Deane of Guelph said that a national exhibition at Toronto would be welcomed by the students at the Ontario Agricultural College, and he urged that all sections of the province be set aside. He contended that heated buildings were not suitable for tests of dairy herds.

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### Greatest in the World.

"I regard this as the greatest national show in Toronto would be the greatest in the world," said H. C. Hannell of Box Grove. "We can get what we want, we will co-operate to the utmost. There is not a suitable building on the exhibition grounds for dairy herds."

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### French Troops Rout Tribesmen.

RABAT, Morocco, May 1.—(Can. Press.)—A French column, part of the French forces, fought a fierce engagement on April 23 at Sidiait with a strong body of tribesmen affiliated with the rebel El Ahida. The French troops were ambushed, but succeeded in repulsing the tribesmen after seven hours. The French lost 18 killed and 41 wounded. The rebel casualty list was very large.