

on the other side talk as wildly as they do, I shall henceforth realize that no importance is to be attached to their words."

Sir Wilfrid concluded by the following declaration of policy:—
"In my humble judgment nothing is more detrimental to the policy which ought to prevail in this country **THAN THAT WE SHOULD ALLOW ANY DISHONEST ACT TO PASS UNNOTICED WHEN A CHARGE IS MADE**, and in that view I again ask the House to agree to this motion and to **HAVE THIS CHARGE PROPERLY INVESTIGATED SO AS TO SAY WHETHER IT IS TRUE OR NOT TRUE.**"

Mr. R. L. Borden moved an amendment to Sir Wilfrid's motion, asking for a committee to "investigate all expenditures of public moneys in the Department of Marine and Fisheries from 30th June, 1902, to date."

ATTEMPT TO EVADE ISSUE

This was a glaring attempt to evade the issue. The position of the matter to date was:—

1. Clear cut definite charges.
2. A promise to prove them if a committee be appointed.
3. Appointment of Committee by the Premier.

Now comes the Leader of the Opposition with an amendment for a rambling committee of enquiry of the drag-net variety.

This amendment was pressed to a division, and Mr. Borden and the very gentlemen who had asked for a committee, voted in its favour, **WHICH MEANT THAT THEY OPPOSED THE APPOINTMENT OF THE VERY COMMITTEE THEY HAD DEMANDED.**

Sir Wilfrid's motion for a committee as originally promised, was then put to a vote and carried unanimously by the House.

COMMITTEE NAMED

Sir Wilfrid, after consultation with Mr. R. L. Borden, named the following committee of investigation:—

Messrs. McLean, Lunenburg, Lih., Carvell, Lib., Demers, Lih., Pardee, Lih., McCraney, Lih., Macpherson, Lib., Bennett, Con., Bergeron, Con., Northrup, Con., Stockton, Con.

Events have been related in their chronological order. Then followed the sitting of the committee, taking of evidence and production of documents. Every facility was at the disposal of the committee to elicit the facts, **AND THE OPPOSITION MEMBERS WERE GIVEN EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO PROVE THEIR CHARGES.**

OBJECTS OF "ARCTIC" EXPEDITION

The object of the expedition was to proceed to the northern waters around Hudson Bay, Baffins Bay, Davis Strait, and other waters adjacent to the northern portion of the American continent, and exercise Canadian sovereignty, collect customs dues, and generally to establish Canadian rights to northern waters and islands. Incidentally, a body of Royal Northwest Mounted Police and their supplies were taken to a point on Hudson Bay.