

In one portion of his speech the Honourable Gentleman develops the fact that he has no Civil Servants in his constituency, only farmers. It were well for Mr. Fowler to learn that there is as much red blood in the chirographic digit of a Civil Servant, notwithstanding he has debased himself by entering the Service of his King, as there is gray matter in the head of the farmer-constituents who are expected to be influenced by Malaprop volubilities and misrepresentations.

On his own confession, Mr. Fowler is a procurer of prostitution for gain; which done, he assumes a sacerdotal expression and fulminates against the white slave traffic.

The prostitution of the King's Service consists in recommending "A MAN FOR A HIGHER SALARY, SIMPLY BECAUSE HE ASKS ONE TO DO SO, AND ONE HAS KNOWN HIS FATHER, OR MOTHER, OR SISTER, OR BROTHER, OR SOME OF HIS RELATIVES, ALTHOUGH AT THE SAME TIME, WHILE MAKING THE RECOMMENDATION, ONE KNOWS THAT THE MAN IS GETTING FROM TWO TO FOUR TIMES MORE THAN HE WOULD GET IN THE WORLD."

Every member of Parliament who dispenses patronage does, or is liable to do, the very thing that Mr. Fowler has so fondly confessed. In the case of most members, the injury is done, no doubt, unconsciously; no analysis being made of the terrible consequences, the cause and the effect. Other members of Parliament may realize the banefulness of patronage, and feel an honest shame, and hold their tongues. But here is a man who glories openly in the doing of a deed which the Right Honourable Sir R. L. Borden has declared is punishable by the criminal law.

Here, in open confession, is the prostitution of the King's Service laid bare in all its raw depravity. Political patronage, the modern crime against the King and against democracy, is the devastator of the hopes of worthy Civil Servants. Lacking the necessary pull, the worthy Civil Servant finds Mr. Fowler's worthless nominee going over his head. He toils on, doing two men's work, so that Mr. Fowler may have his patronage, and he comes to the end of the race of life with a wife and children in despair.

This is the King's Service. Mr. Fowler overmans the Service with incompetents, and then rails unmercifully against the system he helps to create.

Elucidating the system which the Prime Minister denounces, and which Mr. Fowler patronizes, many cases might be cited, occurring over the length and breadth of Canada. Take one. A man who served the King faithfully for fifteen years failed to obtain promotion, depending upon merit alone. There was no mark of any kind against his record. Another man in the same office was addicted to a bad habit. He was many times suspended. Finally he was suspended indefinitely on account of debauched conduct. Soon after he was reinstated and promoted over the head of the official mentioned above. This is the patronage system. Wonder it is that some patronage dispenser has not been assassinated by a long-suffering, justly indignant servant of King George, who finds himself thus rudely treated by an unjust steward.

Mr. Fowler represents the constituency of Kings and Albert. Here is another anomaly. The two names fill one with the idea of loyalty. The loyalty of Mr. Fowler to the Service of the King may be judged by the utterance of his own tongue. How does he stand in regard to loyalty to his leader, the Right Honourable Sir R. L. Borden?

The matter under discussion on the occasion of this speech was a resolution giving notice that the Premier intended to keep faith (which is one of