

OLIVER'S CHALLENGE TO HIS TRANSLUCERS

**MINISTER COURTS VERY
WIDE INVESTIGATION**

Asks Fullest Inquiry Into Many Thousands of Official Acts —Wants No Restrictions

Hon. Mr. Oliver in his speech in the House of Commons: "Now, I want to say that so far as I am concerned, although the motion before the House has reference to a specific case, the only case with which my name has been specifically connected. I court inquiry and the fullest inquiry by any parliamentary committee or otherwise into the administrative acts of mine or of all the thousands that have taken place, and all the millions of dollars of value that they have involved. I say that I court the fullest inquiry in which my name has been connected in the House or in committee or anywhere else, and I want the House to distinctly understand that as far as I am concerned there is no reason to doubt that I have been so honest and so careful because it was the only specific instance in which my name was mentioned.

"I do not think that it is in the interests of Canada, I do not think that it is in the interests of public life in Canada than upon an insinuation based upon that fact, that the Government should man in public or private life in Canada should be compelled to expose his private business. I do not think that it would add to the dignity of the Government and to the public life in Canada to say that parliament should be the assistant of thugs and blackmailers by requiring the exposure of the private business of a statesman as has been placed before the public."

"The committee which has been asked for will have every opportunity to establish any connection that can be established between the Government and that transaction or any other transaction that may be brought forward in a similar way.

"So far as that is concerned, I am absolutely in the hands of parliament and I ask for an investigation into an public account for which I am responsible to parliament and the country which affects the welfare and rights of the country, and I do not make the exposure which my honorable friend suggests for the purpose of clearing up my bank account for the reasons I have stated, that I do not think the public interest, public welfare or the standing of public men of Canada would be benefited by my doing so."

OPPOSE RECIPROCITY.
Farmers Appear Before Finance Com-
mittee of U. S. Senate.
Washington, D. C., May 9.—Repre-

representative of the farmer interests in the country appeared to-day before the senate finance committee to oppose the Canadian reciprocity bill. It was contended that the agreement, unaccompanied by a free list measure, will be a direct blow at the farmer and without benefit to the consumer. The committee will hear representatives of the

The house free list bill, which passed that body yesterday, reached the senate to-day and was referred to the finance committee.

DAWSON RIVER OPENS.

Navigation on Northern Water Course
Commenced on Sunday

Dawson, Y. T., May 9.—The Yukon river opened at Dawson at noon Sunday. It is expected that all jams between here and Lake Labarge will be gone in ten days, so that the steamer can start for Dawson, Fairbanks, and Iditarod.

Eight hundred tons of freight and several hundred head of live stock will be brought by a fleet of scows.

LEAP FROG WOBBLIES

OAK BAY COUNCILLOR

Councillor Noble Brings Charge of Rowdyism Against Boy Scouts in Municipality

A charge of rowdyism against the Boy Scouts was made Monday night at the regular meeting of the Oak Bay council by Councillor Noble, who said the district had never before had such

He took exception to the attitude of the boys and their behaviour while in the municipality, and said that playing leapfrog was one of the forms of rowdysm referred to and that there were other happenings of a similar nature. Councillor Noble objected to

The council lengthened the time of the race permits in the municipality by one day. The Dominion act gave power to hold seven-day race meetings, and the Oak Bay council formerly gave permission for the Victoria Country Club to hold a six-day meeting. The time has been extended.

Hugh McDonald was awarded the sewerage contract for St. Patrick. There was two tenders, his being the lowest.

sit at the Oak Bay council chamber on
Saturday next at 2 p. m.