

asking Mr. Charlton if he was aware that a boat ran between Sydney and North Sydney on Sundays at a ten cent rate, despite the protests of Presbyterians and all denominations. Mr. Cameron, of Huron, asked the leader of the House if he proposed to proceed with this "solemn farce," but he got no answer.

On Thursday afternoon, the House having been in session continuously for over 70 hours (breaking the 1885 record of 60 hours), Clarke Wallace drew attention to the fact that for two days they had had no prayers in the House, and to this, he suggested, might be attributed the general demoralization! The chamber had not been cleaned for three days, and looked very dilapidated; and Mr. Borden read some extracts from medical works to show that it was fatal to live for any length of time in such a vitiated atmosphere. Sir Charles Tupper, he said, must be trying to poison the Opposition while he went home to bed. Dr. Ferguson (Leeds) offered to bet twenty-five dollars that the atmosphere of the House was as pure as that of any hotel or church in Ottawa.

The motion "that the committee now rise" had been discussed for 36 hours, the burden of the speeches being the iniquity of appointing a member of the House, Mr. Masson, to a judgeship as a reward for his voting for the second reading. Inquiries were made as to "Whose turn next?" and Mr. Charlton read a list of those reported to be about to receive appointments.

Mr. Paterson "chaffed" the temporary chairman (Mr. Mills) for reading *Punch* instead of studying the Remedial Bill while occupying the chair; and just then a disgraceful row occurred. Dr. Ferguson seating himself beside Dr. Sproule and attacking him, while Mr. Edgar rose and said quietly, "Mr. Chairman, if you can spare your attention, I think there is a fight over there." Dr. Ferguson was shouting, "You're a ——— fool!" and a scrimmage appeared imminent, when some friends interfered and led the noisy aggressor out of the house.

Col. Tyrwhitt discussed the records of Chairmen Ouimet and Bergeron. Ouimet was a born kicker. He had kicked himself into the Speaker's chair and then out of it; he had kicked himself into the Ministry, then out of it, and then back again. Bergeron had had \$2,000 extra yearly indemnity, and yet he was never in the chair.

At 3 o'clock on Friday morning, Mr. Martin asked the Government to let the members go home to sleep, as they "had done a good day's work," and had been sitting over eighty hours; but Sir Hector Langevin said he had just met Sir Charles Tupper [Mr. Fraser—"Going to his bed?" who recommended them to take up the easy clauses—those about which there would not be much difference. Mr. Fraser asked how they could tell which were the easy clauses; they might spend all their time in the search for them. Then, when they had found an easy clause, were they to say, "Here, Jack, we've struck something easy; now you may go to bed. We can handle this, because it doesn't require discussion." Mr. Foster rose to a point of order. Had Mr. Fraser a right to point to Sir

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