

# DISHONESTY IS CHARGED AGAINST CROWN MINISTER

## Liberal Leader Makes Direct Accusations Against Hon. G. Howard Ferguson—Hearst Not Forgotten.

The Liberal nomination of ex-controller John O'Neill and J. Walter Curry, K.C., in Southeast Toronto, at Broadway Hall last night, was a spectacle of political enthusiasm sustained at high pitch by a succession of highly sensational charges from the platform. Charge after charge was hurled against some of Sir William Hearst's cabinet, till the speaking became a veritable chain of impeachment.

The Liberal leader, H. H. Dewart, spoke with unwonted heat and fury in charging Hon. Howard Ferguson, declaring that if returned to power, with access to the official records, he would produce full proof of public dishonesty.

Mr. Dewart repeated and elaborated his former charge, that the minister of lands, forests and mines denies in 1916 granting nickel lands to the Canadian Copper Company—the Canadian name of the International Nickel Company—when hundreds of acres of additional nickel lands were being added to the holdings of the company.

"From that day to this," he said, "there has not been one word of apology from Hon. Howard Ferguson, and not one word from the premier himself. The premier has not replied for three years, during which his minister has been held up to the public; nor has he had the common honesty to dismiss from his cabinet a man who has disgraced him."

**Dishonest Inspection.**

This charge was followed immediately by a brand new charge of a dishonest system of inspecting and scaling logs by which only half of what is cut is counted.

"I ask Hon. Howard Ferguson to throw the books of the department open to me, and I will undertake to show him within seven days the record of dishonest scaling and dishonest inspection. So long as Sir William Hearst remains in his government this dishonest servant of the people, Sir William Hearst will himself be judged for maintaining his association with him."

Next minute forth came a charge that hundreds of mining claims have been staked on the north shore of Lake Superior, from which logs of timber have been cut and exported as pulpwood to the United States.

Other charges crowded thick and fast, notably one that the campaign funds of the government and the minister of lands, forests and mines are being levied upon the lumbermen of the province at the present moment.

"Nor did the press escape. Mr. Dewart accused the newspapers of suppressing his election declarations on temperance."

Hon. Finlay Macdormid, Hon. Shea, W. McGarry and Premier Hearst

before the government and legislature. The government would not assist in prosecuting.

"That," he said, "was the charge made then. It is the charge that is capable of being made today."

The matter was brought up in the house by Mr. Rowell with regard to the Niagara association in restraint of trade. At that time the charge was made that the government had not given assistance in prosecuting. I wish to explain again, said Mr. Curry, that the government named the late Mr. N. Murphy as my assistant. You all knew Mr. Murphy as an honorable gentleman. But he was then in his declining years. I wrote to Mr. Rowell and took full responsibility for every item of all those charges. In my letter to Mr. Rowell I made the statement, 'I was and am of the opinion that the agreements in each case were similar and that in each case there was sufficient evidence to show that they were intended to be and were agreements in restraint of trade and that they unduly enhanced prices.'

Mr. Curry next repeated his statement that the international railway was declared in the association list of customers approaching an election and had to pay higher pre-election prices.

He repeated the pitiful plea of the manufacturer who wrote to the association in Toronto: 'Don't put me on the street.' 'I am Irish enough to go running after the members of that association. (Loud applause.) That was the evidence in a case in which the government counsel advised there was no ground to set a conviction. (Shame.)

"Was the reason that there were other combines that were involved? There is no doubt about it." (Loud applause.)

**Will Vote "No."**

Speaking on the temperance issue he said: "I am one who feels that the present is a time when this subject is of first importance to the vast majority of the people of this province. So far as I am concerned I intend to vote 'No' on the referendum question."

A voice from the audience—Ontario does not intend to be run by the Methodist Church.

Mr. Curry: "I have not the honor to belong to the Methodist Church. I do not know what bearing that has upon the question. So far as I am personally concerned it has no bearing whatever upon it."

Mr. Curry went on to say that the O. T. A. had helped the public efficiency in time of war and it was logical to suppose it would work for efficiency in time of peace.

Speaking on the question of combines in restraint of trade, Mr. Curry repeated in effect his former utterances. He said he had been reminded, however, that it is rather late in the day now to talk of events in 1906.

"Is it ever too late in the day to right wrong? he asked. (Cries of no.) If conditions as they existed then were wrong have they not since grown more wrong? Is it not a greater wrong when prices have increased very much more than what they were?"

He read out the record of the charges of profiteering made at his instance when county crown attorney, when the details had been brought

party and of Mr. Ferguson. This is an example of how the public interest of the province under Mr. Ferguson is managed.

Mr. Dewart spoke of Hon. Finlay Macdormid as "the indolent man of toll." (Laughter.) He boasted of having spent \$300,000 on the system under which the price of some fish was reduced.

**Alliances With Pulpit.**

On the temperance question, Mr. Dewart charged that Sir William Hearst is at the present moment trying to make an alliance with the pulpit to serve his political interests on the score of moral reform.

**DR. JOHN HUNTER STATES PLATFORM**

Four Noses, Development of Resources and Science Are Planks.

Dr. John Hunter, who has been frequently mentioned as Liberal nominee for Parkdale riding, has issued the following statement to the party leaders of the constituency, which, he states, is the only platform on which he will consent to allow his name to be placed in nomination.

"I. Prohibition is the greatest factor in this election. I will vote 'No' on every question on the ballot paper, and if elected will most strenuously oppose every effort that may be made in the legislature, or out of it, to secure any license for the sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

"2. Our fertile lands, our forests, mines, and the scientific knowledge in the possession of the people of this great province provide us with opportunities for development that cannot be over-estimated. If elected I shall make every effort to have all resources developed to the full limit of our abilities.

"3. Sir Adam Beck has set a splendid example in the development and sale of Hydro-Electric power. He cast aside all party bonds and set to work to do something worth while. I shall follow his example utterly regardless of any party leaning."

It is understood the above statements have been accepted by the officials, and that Dr. Hunter's name will go to the convention.

**Special Guelph Committee To Report on Radial Plans**

Special to The Toronto World.

Guelph, Ont., Oct. 7.—The chief matter discussed by the city council at their lengthy session Monday evening was the proposed Radial Railway, and the best method to adopt in order to put the road in proper condition and to provide adequate service.

Ald. Westby stated that the loss this year would be over \$2,000. The outcome was that the report of the board of consultants was adopted and a resolution passed providing for a committee composed of three representatives from the city council, chamber of commerce, Trades and Labor Council and Retail Merchants' Association, to discuss the matter shortly and present a report to the council on the best method to be adopted.

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**NORTHWEST TORIES MEET**

Conservatives Discuss Plans for Coming Fight at the Polls.

An organization meeting of Northwest Toronto Conservatives was held in the committee room at 506 West Bloor street last night, when plans were discussed regarding the coming election. Col. Henry Brook, who presided, said they had splendid candidates, and every effort should be made to make sure that they obtained the fullest support.

Southwest Toronto would be a particularly severe contest, and as no doubt a good deal of strength would be concentrated there, where the Liberal leader's followers would put up the best fight they could, the Conservatives would require many voluntary workers for the other city ridings.

Among the speakers were Captain Joe Thompson, Ald. Nesbitt and Col. Pratt.

**IS INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE.**

Kingston, Ont., Oct. 7.—Dr. Wm. Spinkers of Wolfe Island, is stumping Frontenac county as independent candidate in contest for seat in the Ontario legislature for which Mr. Rankin, Conservative, present member, and Wm. Fawcett, Wolfe Island, are also running.

**R. A. Norman is Conservative Candidate in Prince Edward**

Pictou, Ont., Oct. 7.—One of the largest mass meetings ever held in the county for the Conservatives was in Pictou on Saturday, the 4th inst., when Mr. R. A. Norman was selected as the candidate to represent the Conservative party in the county of Prince Edward.

**U.F.O. of Lennox County Nominates Claude Brethin**

Napanee, Ont., Oct. 7.—At a convention of the U.F.O. for the county of Lennox, held this afternoon, in the town hall before a large attendance, Mr. Claude Brethin, a young man of about 35 years of age, son of General Manager Kirkwood of the Grand Trunk Railway has intimated that the company will first submit the matter of the crossings to the Dominion Railway Board.

**BANQUET TO RETURNED MEN**

Nearly 300 people sat down to the banquet given by the people of the Church of the Holy Trinity in their schoolhouse last evening to the returned soldiers of Holy Trinity's honor roll of 846 names.

The Rev. L. B. Sherman, rector, presided. The toasts were few and the speeches brief. "The King," "The Returned Men," a silent toast to the thirty-one "Men Who Fell," "The Church of the Holy Trinity" and "The Ladies" were duly honored. A few songs and recitations followed. The singing of the national song completed a really enjoyable affair.

**HID IN A BATH.**

Charles Berisowski, Brookfield avenue, was arrested by Plainclothesmen Dunn and O'Neill last night, charged with selling liquor. When the police entered his house Berisowski made a dive for the rear of the house, and clambered out of a back window onto the roof. He was chased by the officers, who found him hiding in an old bath tub. Two bottles of liquor were seized.

**INJURIES PROBABLY FATAL.**

James Newstead, aged 8, who lives on Metcalfe street, received probably fatal injuries while, in company with a number of other children, he was climbing over a pedlar's wagon on the west side. According to the police report, after getting partially on the side step of the wagon was jolted off when it started to move, and was thrown underneath the rear wheels, and was rushed to the Hospital for Sick Children in the police ambulance.

**Say Kitchener Will Approve Of Grand River Ry. Deviation**

Kitchener, Ont., Oct. 7.—It was announced here today that the city would approve of the plans of the Grand Trunk Railway for a deviation of their freight line in the South Ward, provided the railway company would sign an agreement practically granting the Hydro Rail priority in the matter of crossing the Grand River. General Manager Kirkwood of the Grand Trunk Railway has intimated that the company will first submit the matter of the crossings to the Dominion Railway Board.

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