

CHARGES WITHDRAWN.

Mr. Hazen Says He Did Not Impute Dishonest Motives.

FREEMAN, April 22.—The bridge investigation committee met at 11:30 o'clock this morning in the old supreme court chamber. All the members were in attendance, and there were quite a number of spectators present.

Chairman Carvell reported that the speaker had accepted the resignation of Mr. Robinson as a member of the committee, and had appointed Mr. Keith in his stead. He reported that permission had also been granted them to hold meetings while the house was in session.

Dr. Stockton, counsel for Mr. Hazen, said that he had been in consultation with Dr. Pagsley over the case and that they had decided to set down a judgment until 4 o'clock in the afternoon. He said he was not prepared to give his reasons for taking this course, but had no doubt that they would be satisfactory to the committee. The request made by Dr. Stock on was complied with and the committee adjourned without making any business. Mr. Hazen did not get in an appearance at the meeting.

The committee met at the appointed hour this afternoon and immediately adjourned to meet again at eight o'clock on Monday evening.

After routine in the legislature this afternoon, Hon. Mr. Emerson arose in his place and said:— Before proceeding further with the business of the house, I desire to make reference to the investigation now before a special committee of this house, relating to the construction of permanent bridges. Information has been made to me by many members of the house that at this late day in the session the investigation is not being carried on with the same vigor as it was at the beginning of the session. I understand the honorable chief commissioner in the discharge of my duty as chief commissioner, and I feel that the investigation should not rest upon me longer than the earliest possible moment when they can be investigated. Beyond that I fully appreciate the position of the honorable members to get released from their legislative duties, and would be willing to meet their views if it were possible. In case the matter stands over the committee would, under the rules of the house, have to be discharged. I make this statement in view of the information which has been made to me. (Applause.)

Mr. Hazen's Withdrawal. Mr. Hazen—I desire to say that when I made these charges on the 18th to the house I made them in good faith with the intention of producing my witnesses before the committee, and was and am fully prepared to do so. However, intimations have been made to me, as to the honorable chief commissioner, by many members of this house to the effect that at this season of the year they will be suffering a very great loss if compelled to stay here any great length of time. I investigated these charges properly, and many have to be examined, some of them to give expert testimony, and several weeks of the time of a house, I am satisfied, would be taken up. I informed these honorable members that if an agreement could be come to honorable alike to the chief commissioner and myself, I was certainly willing to be a party to it. I appreciate the position the honorable chief commissioner takes. I would like to say to this house, and everyone who has followed the campaign in the country will agree with me, that on no occasion did I impute political dishonesty to the honorable chief commissioner. I desire to state that I did not, during the late campaign or at any time, charge the honorable chief commissioner with personal dishonesty, while maintaining, as I still maintain, that as a result of the course adopted by him of letting the contracts without tender, and in some cases even more than that, for permanent bridges above the ordinary market rates. I further state that in the charges which I made to this house on the 18th day of April, instant, I did not intend to impute personal dishonesty or corrupt motives to my honorable friend the premier and chief commissioner, and if the words used by me can be construed as having any such meaning, which I do not think can fairly be done, I hereby withdraw them.

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Personal interests of the members of this house, that the press favorable to the opposition in the province will make no reflection upon the chief commissioner in consequence of the course he had taken. (Applause.)

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to the words and expressions that have just fallen from my honorable friend. Having as he says he had, no intention of imputing to me dishonest or corrupt motives, it is creditable to him that he has taken the opportunity of this expression to the house and country in a public manner, and that he has done so with reference to the matter, and while he has given expression to his desire to withdraw any imputation that the country will not, in consequence of the understanding reached, in any way reflect upon my course as a public man or private citizen, I am certain that I will be remiss in my duty, as well in my inclination, if I did not express the wish that my honorable friend should be treated in the same manner. My honorable friend has certainly taken a manly course in giving expression to his withdrawal of any imputations against myself as the chief commissioner of this province. I have pleasure in making this acknowledgment personally. I also feel that in view of the statement my honorable friend has made and in view of the charges which are reported in the journals of the house, which are made on the 18th, that it would be but right and fair that the statement which he has made and the statement which I have made to this house, should appear on the journals. In the very records in which the original charges appear, it would be but right and fair that I should also have a place in the records, and I would certainly feel that there would not be any necessity for a further investigation during this session, and my honorable friend having withdrawn his charges, there is no necessity for the committee further proceeding with the reference which was made to them. I would therefore, if it would be proper, as I think it would be under the rules of the house, move, seconded by Mr. Hazen, and that the house will, in respect to the journals, be discharged. (Applause.)

Mr. George Robertson. Mr. Robertson—As one member of this house who took the responsibility of presenting to the chief commissioner as well as the leader of the opposition the great inconvenience that it would be to the members of this legislature to continue in session at what might be said to be an indefinite time at this season of the year, I pointed out that in this house, and in connection with the most important interests in our province—the farming interest, the lumbering, and many other interests, and that their personal attention at the opening of the session, when the matter of interest of the province can only be proceeded, and feeling that in my own case, because I was only speaking for myself, that it would be a matter of regret to the public undertakings that I have on hand, you can fully understand, Mr. Speaker, how fully I spoke in favor of the withdrawal of the charges. I venture to state my fellow members do also, the statements just made by the leader of the government and the leader of the opposition, and I am sure you will agree with me that the statements are alike highly honorable to both of the honorable gentlemen, and I am sure that the house will feel that these statements will be considered in after years a record in the history of provincial government. While we may disagree in our views with respect to the policy of the government; while the leader of the opposition may feel that he is in a position to prove the charges as respects the cost of those bridges, yet how gratifying it is to find that he has so manfully stood up on the floor of this house and withdrawn, yet, repudiated the idea that there was any personal dishonesty charged against the leader of the government. (Applause.)

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incorporation act of 1896—Wells chairman. Mr. Dunn committed a bill further amending the general mining act, Wells chairman. Agreed to with amendments.

Mr. Thompson committed a bill to revive and continue an act incorporating the Fredericton, St. John and Miramichi Electric Railway Company. Whitehead chairman. Agreed to with amendments.

Mr. Tweedie committed a bill to authorize the town of Chatham to issue debentures for providing a water and sewerage system for said town. Whitehead chairman. Agreed to with amendments.

Mr. McKewen, in the absence of Mr. Parry, committed bills amending chapter 53 Victoria, chapter 67; and to enable the city of St. John to obtain information with reference to assessable property. Evchill chairman. Both were agreed to with amendments.

Mr. Humphrey made his inquiry: Have contracts been let for any other steel bridge superstructures than the one at the county of Kent? What is the length of each span, and the estimated weight of metal in each and the total cost of each superstructure?

Hon. Mr. Emerson said he could not understand the inquiry as it read. Mr. Humphrey said he meant since the close of the fiscal year.

Hon. Mr. Emerson said he thought the Brockway bridge had been contracted for before the close of the fiscal year, and if that was so then there had been no contract let since other than for the Kingston superstructure.

Mr. Melanson gave notice of inquiry: Have tenders been asked for the building of a bridge in the parish of Acadieville in the county of Kent? How many tenders were received for the building of said bridge? To whom was the contract awarded and at what price?

Mr. Melanson gave notice of inquiry: Is the statement of the government to grant further aid by way of bonus to any of the farming mills which have already been granted? If so, what amount of such mills will further bonus be granted and to what amount in each case?

Hon. Mr. Emerson presented the petition of Wm. S. Starratt, Ralph Colpitts, S. L. Woodworth and 10 other ratepayers of the county of Albert, praying the Hon. Mr. C. O. Cameron, Minister of Municipalities to make loans up to \$10,000 and a bill offering inducements to induce establishments might not pass and become law.

Hon. Mr. Emerson presented a like petition from Wm. C. Downey, Levi Downey, J. C. O'Connell, and other ratepayers of said county, and a like petition from George Barnett, A. Steves, A. H. Beatty, J. C. O'Connell, J. O. Hanly, Jan. McKinley, George W. Killam, C. W. Tucker and about 500 other ratepayers of said county.

Parliamentary Companion Changes Hands. Mr. Henry J. Morgan secured a valuable literary property today by the purchase from Mr. John A. Gemmill, of the copyright of the Canadian Parliamentary Companion. By this transaction this valuable literary property, and expert editor, the Companion having been established by Mr. Morgan as far back as 1863. This valuable literary property, which is the seat of government of all Canada was fixed for the time being at the city of Quebec, and is now being published by the Hon. Mr. C. O. Cameron, Minister of Municipalities, and is now being published by the Hon. Mr. C. O. Cameron, Minister of Municipalities, and is now being published by the Hon. Mr. C. O. Cameron, Minister of Municipalities.

Novas Scotian at Manila. Capt. E. A. McKenna, a brother of H. W. McKenna of Parrabro, has been distinguished himself at Manila, where he is in charge of the signal corps. While at Manila, he was in the company of the Hon. Mr. C. O. Cameron, Minister of Municipalities, and is now being published by the Hon. Mr. C. O. Cameron, Minister of Municipalities.

Why Beauty Fades so Early. The American "rush" habit is largely responsible for the premature fading of American female beauty. Ignorance of the laws of health, and carelessness toward the rest of the body. Nine-tenths of the illness and suffering which women are afflicted with, is due to the use of the "rush" habit.

Advertisement for a medicine called 'The American Rush' with an illustration of a woman's face and text describing its benefits for health and beauty.

HON. MR. OSMAN Speaks on the Address—He Scores the Opposition All Round—"Richard Is Himself Again."

Mr. Osman said that he found himself in a very honorable position: Each other hon. member who had spoken had some particular mark to fire at but he had none. (Laughter.) He would say at the outset that he had no doubt as to Mr. Speaker was much surprised at the result of the vote on the Women's suffrage question. (Laughter.) He had expected the hon. member would have been more courteously treated than they were by the vote of the House Thursday. If he thought he had observed a good opportunity of being seen by the ladies in the galleries as had Mr. Speaker, and if each hon. member had an opportunity of seeing the beautiful ladies as Mr. Speaker had, he (Osman) thought the result might have been different. He thought he had observed a smiling solicitude on the part of many of the ladies in the gallery towards Mr. Speaker during the suffrage debate, and he thought the hon. member would have been more than satisfied to have seen him for saying that he had imagined that he had compared him with the latter personage because he had never met his Waterloo. (Laughter.)

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THE ISLAND LEGISLATURE. The House Resolves to Share the Expense of a Bridge Over the Hillboro River if the Dominion Government Builds One.

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Suicide at Chatham. CHATHAM, April 24.—Mr. Michael Conway committed suicide this morning by hanging. The deceased was about 24 years old and a son of Mr. William Conway, of St. John's street. He arose early this morning, and the family heard him going out. Some time after his little sister went into the barn and found his lifeless body suspended from a beam in the loft.

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CANADIANS LEAD THE VAN. (James Alexander, Point Wolfe, Albert County.)

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