

## **Hon. Charles Murphy also Takes a Somersault**

When a member of the Laurier Cabinet, in the position of Secretary of State, Mr. Murphy declared closure must come to Canada. Now he refuses to be bound by it.

### **MR. MURPHY IN 1911.**

Mr. Murphy, as quoted in the Ottawa "Free Press" (Lib.) made the following statement at a public gathering on August 16:

"Under the rules of the House as they exist, the majority was at the mercy of the minority. If the Opposition chose to abuse their power, the Government is powerless to prevent it. Under these circumstances there was nothing left for the Government but to ask that the issue be submitted to the people and let the people decide. Hon. Mr. Lemieux said at St. Hyacinthe that some measure of closure would be necessary in order to make it impossible for the Opposition to obstruct the business of the country, and he (Mr. Murphy) was perfectly in accord with that proposition. The closure existed in Great Britain, in France and in the United States, and it must come to Canada."

### **MR. MURPHY IN 1913.**

In the course of a speech in the House of Commons on April 16, against Mr. Borden's closure resolution, he made the following statement:

"I claim that any rules passed in this way are unconstitutional and unjustifiable, and can have no binding force on the members of this House. I, for one, decline to be bound by them."