MALADMINISTRATION IN THE YUKON. The Senior Member For Pictou Charges the Minister of Interior, Judges at Dawson, Administrators and Gold Office Officials With Grave Irregularities.

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acter, where you dane to attack corrup-tion in communities when it was corrup-tion in an electoral district matters not-where it was corruption systematic, you could not hope to proceed without these provi-sions that enabled the Commission of En-quiry not merely to pay the expenses, but to protect the men who, on coming into the box in order to expose the corruption, would have to confess their own venality and their own crime. So they ask that pro-visions be made for the expenses and the protection of witnesses and these are fes-tures in the resolutions of the miners to which I have referred, and these are fes-tures which are componently absent from the commission that issued. Let us look. red, if he did not prove his charges, to forfeit his right to a eat in the House of Commons of Canada. The speaker declared that he was pre-pared to place his services gratuitously at the disposal of the Attorney-General for Canada to assist in probing the matter. The general opinion is that a more pain-ful disclosure has never been made in Pariament, and that it is hard to see how the Liberal Government can refuse to grant an investigation in the manner outlined in Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper's resolution, which summarizes the charges in seventeen type-

of Parliament. By reference to Hamany of Aritament, By reference to Hamany we find evidence of st in the letter accom-panying the petition. Ordinarily, Parlie-ment meets in Fishruary; this commission, medice of Manth was the first start Which was given on the January, which was given on the January, without to be concluded in time enting session. No provision as penses was made. of a communication dated Daw-77th February, which is as fol-

DETAILED AND SPECIFIC CHARGES MADE AGAINST THE VARIOUS

PARTIES NAMED; A JUDICIAL INVESTIGATION

IS ASKED FOR.

Sir Hibbert Tupper Declares He Will Retire From Parliament If He

Cannot Prove the Charges He Has Made Against the

Government Officials.

Furthermore, we strongly object to the principle of a departmental enquiry—the head of a department enquiring into the acts of his subordinates for which he is responsible. We would beg for the immediate ap-pointment of a Parliamentary Commission with power to agree of the strang and with proper provision for expenses of as least three members solids under the instruc-tions of a Parliamentary Committee. Your obscient servents, folthose two that I have asked for, that the Minister of the Interior has admitted re-lated to this commassion; but he has said that private matters were so interspersed with other matters that he could not lay used on the table, since this has accepted the position of a indge corresponding with this judge in regard to this very commis-sion. I would like to see the man who would correspond, whether a Minister of the Crown or any other, who under such cir-cumstances would correspond with a judge of a superior court of this country with re-gard to the judicial duties he was perform-ing on the bench, and who would be permit-ted to say on the floor of this Home that

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ing on the bench, and who would be ted to say on the floor of this Hour

unat correspondence was private, and could not be produced. We have private corres-pondence between connections by blood and onnections by marriage; and we have, as ir. Ognivie has had to report to this House as private correspondence, some of it reed out of the witnesses on the stand fore him.

MAJOR WALSH'S REPORT.

Now, to make good my statement-be-cause, in my opinion, it is a very serious statement, in regard to this mixing up of private correspondence-I take the Minister of the Interior's own statement during this session. On May 29th, 1899, I asked

The commissioner replied: "I den't. I would be compelled to." Mr. Cle again gave his decision and said auth tively: "No." You will therefore Mr. Speaker, se

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Westminster, B. C., showing that although the charges were most vague, a most searching investigation was held. He also referred to the appointment by the Laurier Government of a commission to investigate the charges against Judge Spinks in British Columbia, although after investigation it was found that there was no justification for the charges. He then proceeded as fol-lows: A SHAM ENQUIRY.

ention, Mr. Speaker

REPORT OF MR. OGILVIE

<text><text><text><text> On the motion to go into committee of supply, Sir Hibbert Tupper said "Before the House resolves itself into committee of supply, I deem it my duty to bring to the attention of this House some of the

specting this commission was not is the 25th of January, 1899, notwi that Mr. Sifton told us that a spe enger was detailed to take this enger was detailed t in to Mr. Ogilvie. eral is not in his

• still call your stiention, Mr. Speaker to the fact that careful name seem to have been taken not only that there should not be a thorough investigation, mark youbut that there should be 'no opportunity to persons who have comparints to make to substantiate the same by proper evidence.' The Deputy Minister in the innocence of his heart, was led to make that official 'report. What grave rise to the Ogilvie Commission so called? The petitioners, the official 'remate, its conditions, they ask-and the difficulties and trials of the country, its difficulties and the country, its do that every that that has courred from start to finish that which occurred in this House not have desired. The notice respecting that any entire of the definition of any and the corruption which they charge in the Yukin district not merely for a commission of enquary, but they were and they were and they include the start there is any commission of enquary, but they were and they include the start there is any commission of enquary, but they were a solution for witnesses or that they were and they are any any protection for witnesses or that they are any protection for witnesses or that the they were and they are any and any and any are any are any and any are any any protection for witnesses or that they are any any protection for witnesses or that the they were any are any any protection for witnesses or that the they were any protection for witnesses or that the any any protection for witnesses

Dawson, Yukon Territory, 27th February, 1899. Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, M.P.

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We beg to enclose a copy of our letter of above date to Sir Wilfrid Laurier proabove date to Sir Wilfrid Laurier pro-sting against the character of the enquiry ato the conduct of the officials now be-ing held in Dawson. We also enclose a copy of the Klondike larget newspaper, which gives a substan-al connect account of the first two days' thing and expresses the feeling of the inners, and the criticisms which are cur-

he confidence of the miners in the sin-try of the Government in this matter desure for their fair treatment gen-ly is considerably shaken. They dely is considerably shaken. I ad at any price a pure and cap

ministration. We therefore place the facts before you in the hope that your influence will be used towards arriving at this end. You will doubtless see-if a complete report of the first two days sitting of the com-mission is available to you—that the ques-tions asked by the commissioner were not searching, and his utterances exposed the names of his summating. The newspaper arching, and his utterances exposed the tune of his sympathies. The newspaper closed will inform you how this ruling Tebruary 23rd surprised us at a time hen it was confidently expected that a implete expose would be made of grave indemeanour occurring up to the present

action of a proclamation by Mr. Ogily large number of vital charges had made in writing and placed in his ha and many more were in preparation w are now ruled out of Court by his lam able decision.

Barry the Yours faithfully, (signed)

GEORGE T. C. ARMSTRONG DONALD MacGREGOR PERSY MeDOUGALL ARNOLD F. GEORGE."

A MEMORIAL TO PREMIER.

This is a document, which I may say, has been inested with a great deal of contempt by the Government. When I asked penhaps twice, whether any answer had been sent to this communication, I was told that none had been sent. First I will read the communication to the Govern-ment:

Dewson City, Yukon Territory, 27 February, 1839,

The Right Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, M.P.

1898, desired an behalf of the miners of the country a searching and imparital in-vestigation into the conduct of the offi-in agreent that the interpretation which the Mr. Ognivic's legal advisors place on the behavior framed in response to that me-tion date of our Memorial) at most 1898 Was the officials prior to the 25th August 1898 Was the officials prior to the 25th August 1898 Was duties as a commissioner. It shows, too, that it made him lose his head, and so he thought he was a Judge of Assine and that before, any man could receive any informa-tion on public questions, that man, forsooth, was to be served with a notice to give him an opportunity to be present and to stand his triad. All through this business the whole affair will show that it was we, your memorialists, de HONEYCOMBED WITH RELATIVES.

of what, we have a structure of the studion. of the studion. We would also call to your notice that Mr. Oglivic informs us he has no instruc-tions with regard to expenses and campot even provide maintenance for penniless with regard to come in from re-In the first place the nephew commune his uncle at the outset. Mr. Ogilvis had already had to submit, as the Minister of the Interior shows, to a comsure at the hands of his nephew, the Minister of the interior. The Minister had censured him for this industreet connection and his in-dispress letters with reference to a com-party that was to operate in the Yukon. That was a rap over the knuckles for Min. Ogilvie at the start. So, we have

desite to point out that such an en-can be productive of no good, adds dissatisfaction of the people and bue word amongst

GEORGE T. C. ARMSTRONG. DONALD MACGREGOR, PERCY M'DOUGALL

Now, I ask a question in regard to whether this had been received, and I was told it had,, and on the 15th of hisy I ask-ed: "Has any reply been sent to the com-munication of the 37th of February 1880 from the committee of the maners of the Yukon River, reserved by the Hon. Minis-ter of the interior on the 1st of May 1880 ?" "The Minister, in septy, and? "Now, then, have these men reasonable ground for being dissectished with the rulings and with being dissociated with the rulings and with the conduct of that commission. Their posi-tion and mine are totally different. They asked for a Parliamentary enquity and to the best of their knowledge they limit their charges.

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and to the officials. Do what is necessary to put the service on an effective footing." I asked for the letter to which that tel-egram was a reply. That letter is private: it will not be brought down. And as I go through, as we go through, we shall see the difficulties that beest anyone in my position or any one who is anxious from a public point of view to probe this matter to the bottom, considering the ramperts in this

Let us for a moment consider that telegram itself. What absolute buncombe it is: "You have an absolutely free hand in re-gard to the officiels." That telegram was sent after the constitution of a govern-ment in the Yukon. Mr. Ogilvie had not then and has not now an absolutely free hand in regard to the officials. The stat-utes of the land control him in respect to every wish he may have in regard to any reform there, and I will show you what class of men surround Mr. Ogilvie if he de-sider to do right, if he same to deal with an official or to perform any executive adt. He is not the arbitrary despot that Major Walsh was. He is not controlled by the Minister of the Interior in that regard; but there is a statute and there is a council, and the statute shows how empty that rei-egram is.

THE MODERN JEFFREYS

You will therefore Mr. Speaker, see the position which Mr. Clement assumes with the connivance of the commission. Here you have the miner's committee not one of them learned in the law-granted a com-mission and Mr. Clement, under the guise of being a legal advisor to the commission-ers, comes into court and takes the case out of Mr. Ogilvie's hands, and assuming an authority for which he had not the slightest warrant, tells these men at one time that they are talking nonsense and again lays down the law as to what the rul-ing will be. I shall not take time by going if you have ng will be. I shall not take time by going urther into the evidence to show the ar-ogant and dictatorial position which this dr. Clement assumed, but compare the the government offices a who are quite as intelli able as you are, Mr. Mc like you to have some d Mr. Clement assumed, but compare to commission in the case of Mr. Archer M tin the Crown Timber Agent in N Westminster with that in the press case, Mr. Ogilvie shows all through i evidence that he considered his was a

The Commission our remarks. Mr. McDougal-I am quite

son in civi

The Commissioner—After this res-yourself when you are addressing any son. If you have any charge to r against the purport of the commission d in a proper manner. No; there is no one will detend the s shown by that language. And if an will refer to pages 75 and 76 proceeding outburst on the part of Mr. Ogivie, will not find the elightest provocation the exhibition of temper and

COMMISSIONERS COMPARED. But see the difference compared with oner Martin Commission. In this of a commissioner, .ur, martin, wrote ere are

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mission to get all the belegrams out of the C. P. R. telegraph office from 1880 to 1898 so that I may check them all over. Give me authority to remank this distruct and then go up to the other district. Put money at my disposal to summon all the witnesses I enquire that the desire of the o the bottom." But in the case of the Ogilvie ion the instructions are: "Speci harpes, notify the parties in any heated and opportunity being give to go into court we will proportunity be conset. Although I have been commissioner by the Govern council to enquire into this n pose to constitute myself the size, and as Mr. Clement, an service of the Government.

from my duty to allo take obarge when all up. He may becault up. He may browbeat the wi much as he pleases, tell them talking nonsessense and lay down ing the court will give." We find at page eight that th evidence were to apply. The lay dence! Look into that commissi to enquires into the Crown timb in New Westminster and see how

THE OGILVIE COMMISSION.

by this correspondent CONSIDERED AS PRIVATE.

before. I get through, that he was at intely unfit and absolutely unqualifie The report of the evidence, the stemograp notes taken before Mr. Ogilvie, all shu his unfitness and his desire to shield. shows at the outset his misconception of i dutice as a commissioner.

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