

SPEECH

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MR. A. G. MacKAY, M. P. P.

On the proper tribunal to
hear evidence and report
upon the Gamey charges

Mr. A. G. MacKay, M.P.P. for North Grey, in replying to Mr. Foy, said :—

MR. SPEAKER : In rising to continue this debate I am delighted to be able to express satisfaction with the calm, judicial, and courteous manner in which the Honorable Member for South Toronto has dealt with the subject. It stands out in very marked contrast to the wild and frantic manner of his Leader when addressing this House some two weeks ago. (Applause.) The honorable gentleman has admitted that the excitement has somewhat subsided ; to use his exact words, "the excitement has to a certain extent abated." That is a frank admission of what all along honorable gentlemen on this side of the House have contended, namely, that honorable gentlemen opposite have been in an excited state of mind, and therefore not in a condition or mood to act impartially upon a Committee, or to act as Jurors in endeavoring to ascertain the real facts of the case. (Applause.) Yes, "the excitement has to a certain extent abated," but, sir, if this case be sent to a Committee of this House, it needs no elastic imagination to picture a sudden increase of this excitement the moment the first witness steps into the box. (Applause.) The very tone of this debate is the best proof possible that a Committee of heated and excited partizans is not the proper forum before which to ascertain the real facts of such an important and grave issue.

The member for Centre Grey, Mr. Lucas, who made a clever speech, said they did not want the investigation conducted in a manner that the sidelights would not be brought in. They wanted to get in "hearsay evidence." I thank him for the frank admission. My honorable friend knows that the very first thing he ever learned in law was