

had seen the wrong-doing going on, the whiskey and the money, and they had given information to the Government. Who were bringing this whisky and money? Not Norris, but Frank Oliver and Thomas MacNutt and the heelers from Saskatchewan. 'Whereof I speak I know,' said the Premier. They were not the Liberals of Macdonald or Manitoba, but all men from outside. Eleven Frenchmen from Quebec, the Whip from Ontario, and many from Saskatchewan and Alberta. When Mr. Norris stood for this he made a low standard for his party and its future. Oliver and MacNutt and Sullivan had done the work, and the result was that some of the men were arrested. But they were the mere tools of political criminals.

When the premier of a province makes such an accusation as that against two members of this House it is somewhat serious, and I think Sir, a committee of investigation should be formed to look into the matter. I personally would welcome such an investigation. I wish to say that I absolutely deny the accusations made here; they are entirely without foundation, and if Sir Rodmond Roblin will come out into the open, leave his castle walls, and make these accusations public in some newspaper over his signature, then Sir, he will be compelled either to prove his charges or to stand convicted of malicious libel.

BUSINESS OF THE SESSION.

Mr. KNOWLES: I wish to ask two questions. I would like to ask the hon. Minister of Trade and Commerce whether there will be any amendments to the Canada Grain Act this session, and the Minister of the Interior whether there will be any amendments to the Dominion Lands Act this session, and if so, when?

Mr. FOSTER: With reference to the Canada Grain Act, it is possible that there may be one or two slight amendments. I am not entirely decided yet.

Mr. ROCHE: In reference to the Dominion Lands Act, the hon. member for Brandon (Mr. Aikins) yesterday introduced some amendments. Other than those, there is no present intention of amending the Act.

Mr. OLIVER: Might I direct the attention of the Minister of the Interior to his promise to introduce legislation in regard to the South African scrip. I would like to point out that it is somewhat desirable that the country should know as soon as possible what that legislation will be.

Mr. ROCHE: When the hon. the ex-Minister of the Interior asked this question before the holidays, I announced that it was my intention to recommend to the House an extension of last year's Act for another six months, namely, until the 30th of June, 1913.

Mr. MACNUTT.

Mr. OLIVER: In the last Act extending the right to locate there was, I take it, a flaw which, without intention, excluded some of those who, I believe, were intended to be included. I would ask the minister to pay special attention to that feature of the case and see that whatever flaw there is in that regard may be corrected.

WEST INDIAN TRADE AGREEMENT.

Hon. GEO. E. FOSTER (Minister of Trade and Commerce) moved second reading of Bill No. 28, respecting an agreement between Canada and certain of the West Indian colonies. He said: The Bill itself was explained pretty thoroughly and discussed quite generally on the resolution upon which the Bill was founded. The negotiations and the whole course of matters that preceded the introduction of the Bill have been somewhat prolonged, and have been before the House and the country for a considerable period of time. It is therefore unnecessary for me at this stage to occupy one single minute of the time of the House upon the second reading of the Bill. I am ready to go into committee on the Bill and make such progress as we can with its different clauses. I do not therefore propose to spend any time in moving the second reading.

Mr. OLIVER. When my hon. friend the Minister of Trade and Commerce brought this matter to the attention of the House on the first occasion, he handed to some members a copy of a blue book which contained certain facts in regard to the arrangement. I think he promised then that this blue book would be printed in further numbers for general distribution. I have made enquiry several times at the distribution office and have yet been unable to get a copy of this book. I would respectfully say that it is not possible for myself, not having direct knowledge of this subject, to give the matter the attention that I would wish, not having had the opportunity of considering the full statement that my hon. friend promised to lay before the House.

Mr. FOSTER: The document to which my hon. friend alludes is the record of the proceedings that took place before the delegates. I brought that down to the House and moved for a suspension of the rules and that it be printed forthwith. I had no idea that it had not been printed and circulated among the members. However, whilst I regret that it has not been printed and placed in the hands of members generally, the negotiations after all are what precedes the conclusion arrived at, namely, the agreement which is before the House and which is in the hands of members, and the Bill which is founded upon the agree-