

resigned because they found that their venerable leader suffered from moments of weakness for about twenty-four hours a day !

"Are we equally bound to accept that statement ?

"In view of the evident fact that the old man has come out of the scrimmage most conspicuously on top, we think not.

"Oh, fie, George Eulas Foster !

"Beware, George, of the exceeding fibfulness of little fibs.

"To think that you should represent yourself and your associates as actuated by disloyalty to your chief when you were all actuated by jealousy for the purity of the constitution !

"No, George ! We must accept the explanation made by Sir Adolphus.

"That was no petty fib. There was nothing petty about it."

Of course, when the House got down to business, it was soon patent that the Opposition were about to strain every nerve to prevent the Remedial Bill passing ; and under these circumstances, the time at their disposal was so short that, if the Government had had no occult purpose to serve, it would have been their wisest policy to withdraw the Bill at once. They evidently desired, however, to make a show of forcing the Remedial Bill through the House, in order to throw the responsibility of rejecting it upon the Opposition. The dishonesty of their efforts was, however, apparent when Sir Charles Tupper himself made several long speeches on irrelevant matters.

Many scenes occurred during the night-and-day sitting that tended to show that anxiety for religion was certainly not the prevalent sentiment. Early on Wednesday morning, when Mr. Wallace began to speak on the motion to adjourn, he said that what the end of the present entanglement would be the Lord and the member for l'Assomption only knew. Mr. Jeannotte jumped to his feet and objected to having his name used in this way ; but Mr. Wallace said his name was not often in such good company, and if the Lord did not object, he did not see why Mr. Jeannotte should do so.

During Wednesday, Mr. Charlton began reading from the Bible, to show that the extracts prescribed for reading in the Manitoba schools were not Protestant rather than Catholic. His reading was greeted by interruptions and jeers, and finally Dr. Bergin took a point of order that it was not permissible to read the Bible in the House. Mr. Wallace accused Mr. Charlton of skipping a chapter which showed the success of the National Policy. Mr. Fraser asked which one, and Mr. Wallace turned to the chapter telling how they stored up corn in Egypt, which made it the most powerful kingdom. Mr. Fraser replied that to store up corn for a famine was a peculiar kind of protection. If Mr. Wallace read the Bible more he would not be a Protectionist. The chairman ruled the reading of the Bible in order, and Mr. Charlton at great length expounded the meaning of the various scriptural passages prescribed by Manitoba. Mr. John A. McDonald rose and caused great amusement by