

bring them to what we thought was the bar of justice, we did not succeed. Why? Because we found there a partisan judge, who was willing to say, and who did say, that it was not an offence against the criminal code of the country in which we live. ("Shame.") I ask you who ever heard of such a finding as that, and that is what we are up against.

The Judge's Directions

What happened? This learned judge was afraid no doubt of the jury, and he at once took upon himself the responsibility of instructing them that they must bring in a verdict of not guilty. That was the reason why we did not succeed in bringing these criminals to justice. Let me say more. It is an unfortunate fact, but nevertheless true, that the bar of the province of Manitoba is not the only bar in the Dominion that has been tainted by partisan judges. Take the last session of the parliament of Canada, when legislation was introduced with respect to the judges of our country. What does that legislation contain? It provides that no judge mentioned in this act shall either directly or indirectly act as director or manager of any corporation, but devote himself exclusively to his judicial duties. To read such a clause you would think that the duties and responsibilities of the judges and the judiciary of Canada were defined by parliament. But what do we find? We find certain judges up and down the country acting in defiance of the law, and openly continuing their positions on companies and corporations.

Mutual Back Scratching

What reason do they give? Simply because they recognize and realize that they are protected by the government at Ottawa, and they tell us, at all events it has been said, that that legislation did not mean anything, because there is no penalty clause attached. In other words THERE SEEMS TO BE AN UNWRITTEN UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE POWERS THAT BE AT OTTAWA AND SOME OF THE JUDICIARY, that "You scratch my back and I'll scratch yours," and for Liberal heels to mutilate our lists after the fashion of the one which I have presented to your notice. (Laughter and applause.) That is the simple condition of things which exists in the country today, so far as the judiciary is concerned. We have evidence of this, not alone in Manitoba, but we have it in Ontario, where a short time ago two learned judges were selected as a commission to investigate most serious charges. They brought in a finding which is, no doubt, known to every member of this house. I refer to the Gamney matter, which was a disgrace

and a discredit to the judges themselves, and the bench of which they were supposed to be honored members.

Stuffing Samples

It is not alone in Ontario that we have evidence of this kind, but we have it in the new provinces just formed to the west. We had evidence of it at Regina the other day, where Mr. Laird was elected by a majority, but the ballot boxes were proven to have been stuffed, yet this was legalized by the judge hearing the case. There is a further sample in Prince Albert, where it was necessary to elect a Liberal candidate, and in order to do this men were found who were willing to go out and stuff a couple of ballot boxes to the extent of 150 votes. The ballot boxes were supposed to be used for certain polls, but it was established that polls had never been opened at all. Notwithstanding all that, the fine placed on those individuals was only \$200, and when it was necessary to have the ballots counted in order that the Liberal should be elected, what happened again? If we are to believe the newspapers the ballot boxes had to be taken to a blacksmith's shop and broken open, and the ballots thrown out in the presence of a judge well known in the province of Manitoba. Again what happened? This learned gentleman, notwithstanding all the facts of the case, declared the Liberal candidate elected. ("Shame.")

Let me say here that it will only be necessary to have a few more election trials, and a few more such decisions as those I have described, when the judiciary of this country will occupy the unenviable position of being despised by the dogs and crows. (Applause.)

A Proud Position

I have departed somewhat from my subject and what the leader of the opposition said, but I do not propose to follow him in the details of the various statements which he has made. I am satisfied, and I am sure the members of the house and the people of the country are satisfied with the statement of the provincial treasurer.

During the six years we have been in power we have saved out of ordinary revenue and running the machinery of the country the handsome sum of \$1,200,000 for the people. (Applause.) It is only necessary for us to continue the policy one or two years more, and we will be in the proud position of having saved a sufficient sum to pay the obligations placed on the shoulders of the people by the Greenway government. I ask you what more satisfactory or more gratifying statement than this could it be possible for any provincial treasurer to make in his budget speech? This is sufficient for me to take to the people of the