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Act does not seem to have been intended to restrict this illegal-onlying of matches or charging of fees to witness entertainments.

The Act is in its nature a violation of the Act which is enacted that no prosecution for a violation of the Act shall be commenced without the leave of the Attorney-General for the Province.

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PARLIAMENT HAS GONE TO THE BAD

Commons run Amuck--Members Call Each Other Liars and Thieves--Howling Scenes

Ottawa, April 11.—The commons today witnessed one of the most remarkable scenes in its history. The debate on the insurance commission's report was resumed by Hugh Lennox George W. Fowler who followed, and who started right in to defend the land transaction with which his name is connected.

There was a howl from the rear Liberal benches which drew a strong retort from Mr. Fowler.

At this point Mr. Martin, recently elected as a member for St. Mary's, Montreal, who was sitting just in front of Mr. Fowler, leaning back addressed him in audible tones to the effect that the Liberal members referred to had not used money from corporations with which they were connected.

Mr. Fowler at once repudiated this insinuation and in heated tones continued: "That statement is untrue, it is a scandalous lie."

The Liberal benches were in an uproar and nothing could be heard but howls and cries of "Take it back."

The chairman then ruled that it was out of order for any member to use such language with regard to a statement made by another member.

Mr. Fowler lost no time in objecting. "Do you mean to say," he asked, "that when a member makes such statements to me that I cannot denounce them when I know them to be untrue? Let him repeat them so that the whole house can hear them."

Mr. Martin rose and speaking in French made a general statement laying down the principle that it was improper for any member to use the money of any corporation with which he was connected in a fiduciary capacity, for his own profit.

Mr. Fowler—"I have a little knowledge of French generally. I understood what the hon. gentleman said. But if any member of this house accuses me of that I say again it is absolutely false, scandalous and untrue. I defy him to prove it and challenge him to do so."

This again produced an undesirable tumult from the Liberal benches, the Liberals calling on Mr. Fowler to withdraw, while the Conservatives strongly insisted that Mr. Martin take back.

When quiet was partially restored Chairman Marcell explained that Mr. Martin had merely laid down a general principle which did not apply definitely to Mr. Fowler.

Fowler Combative Mr. Fowler—Oh, well, let him sneak out of it that way then."

Mr. Foster—I move that the first words uttered by Mr. Martin be taken down and made a matter of record.

Hon. W. S. Fielding who had been hurriedly sent for when the row started, objected to this on the ground that it had not been demanded when the words were uttered and that intervening business had occurred.

In this the acting premier was sustained by the chair, who said that Mr. Martin's first words were so indistinct that he could not hear them, and that his second explanation, not referring directly to Mr. Fowler, could be taken as a withdrawal.

Mr. Borden replied to this, saying "Mr. Fowler immediately took objection to that statement, and declared that it was untrue, false and scandalous, and repeated his denunciation after Mr. Martin had made a few remarks of a general character in French. Mr. Martin was called upon to withdraw, and does not do so, therefore Mr. Foster had a perfect right to ask that his words be taken down."

Mr. Fielding—Mr. Fowler did not ask that the words be taken down when Mr. Martin attacked him for what he considered an impropriety.

Parliament Powerless Mr. Foster then rose and angrily cried: "This parliament is utterly powerless, if things of this sort are to be treated in this way. If this sort of thing is allowed to go on and malicious statements given in this way there is no way in which the rules can be operated unless you have the right to have them taken down before another proceeding of another nature has intervened. No such proceeding has intervened. Here is a scandalous lying assertion made by one member to another and so declared by the member to whom it was made."

The latter part of Mr. Foster's speech was lost in thunders of Opposition applause which, in turn was almost drowned by shouts and howls from the government side. In the midst of the bedlam Mr. Aylesworth, almost purple with anger, jumped up and shaking his fist violently in Mr. Foster's direction, attempted to speak. For several minutes his voice could not be heard above the tumult. As the noise abated a little, Foster pointing towards Aylesworth shouted "There is the arch conspirator."

This created a further tumult and cries of order. Finally Mr. Aylesworth still wildly shaking his fist made himself heard.

"I ask" he said, "if it is parliamentary for any member to call a statement of another member a lying statement."

David Henderson at once retorted: "I object to the minister of justice shaking his closed fist at me or any other member across the floor of the house."

This sally convulsed both sides and in the comparative calm Hon. Wm. Patterson tried to pour oil on the smothering waters. In bland tones he regretted that he himself and so many others had been unable to understand what Martin said. Under the circumstances he did not think that the chairman was in a position to take down Martin's words if he wanted to.

The confidence of his party (applause) and what was better he stood high in the respect of all who knew him in both parties. As for the item before the house it was nothing short of highway robbery to make the people of Canada pay for the work of this commission. If the bills had to be paid, at least two thirds of the sum should be paid out of the Grit corruption funds. (Laughter and applause.)

A YUKON KIPLING

A new poet has arisen, whose home and whose themes are in the far off Yukon, Mr. Robert Service, who has just issued a volume under the title of "Songs of a Sourdough."

There is no questioning that Kipling is his inspiration, but he is no mere slavish imitator. There is a fine ring about the following lines, which apply to western as well as Northwestern Canada:

This is the law of the Yukon, and ever she makes it plain, Send not your foolish and feeble; Send me your strong and your sane.

Strong for the red rage of battle; Sane for I harry them sore; Send me the men girt for combat, men who are grit to the core;

Swift as the panther in triumph, fierce as the bear in defeat, Born of a bulldog parent, steeled in the furnace heat.

Purists may object to the last lines of the following, but it certainly gives a distinctly western flavor to a strong bit of verse:

The summer—no sweeter was ever: The sunny woods all a-thrill, The greying a-leap in the river, The highborn asleep on the hill, The strong life that never knows harness,

The wilds where the caribou call, The freshness, the freedom, the fair new.

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FATALLY INJURED Strathcona, Alta., April 9.—E. J. McMillan, a prominent citizen of Strathcona, was fatally injured here last night.

THE FARMERS' COLUMN What to sow and How to sow in the North-West

As regards the variety of wheat sown, Red Fife continues to stand out head and shoulders above all competitors. There are, however, some valuable earlier hybrids of this wheat which may be sown to advantage in rich slow ripening soils and in the newer districts.

The germinating properties of all seed grain should be tested before sowing. This is most important, as experience has taught us that a good, even robust, variety of wheat in the west is the battle half won.

The amount to sow per acre is also important. If too little be sown, then stooking is encouraged and maturity retarded. If too much then it will not withstand the drought that frequently comes at one time or another during the crop growing season.

Districts differ so much in soil and rainfall that no hard and fast rules as to the amount of seed to sow per acre can be recommended for the West as a whole. Indeed individual experience on individual farms is the only safe guide to follow, and even then so much is dependent on the particular kind of season that follows.

Early autumn frosts and summer droughts, although largely overcome by the effects of settlement and better methods of tillage, are climatic conditions still to be feared in some parts of the West. In a locality where the former is feared, then fairly thick seeding—from 1 1/2 to 2 bushels per acre—should be practised to hasten maturity. But in districts where drought is more to be forewarned against, then a half bushel less seed per acre will invariably give better results.

Harvesting is an interesting and very anxious time on a Western wheat farm. Twenty-five years ago our prairie wheat crop was handled very much in accordance with Eastern Canadian customs and methods. That is, it was permitted to ripen

well, carefully, stooked and capped, and allowed to properly sweat before threshing. But during more recent years, the rapidly extending wheat areas, with the consequent scarcity of farm labor, has introduced entirely new, cheaper and more expeditious methods, all of which are necessary in these modern days to handle a bulky and heavy commodity like wheat. Because of the larger acreage to be cut and the tendency of our wheat to shell, if permitted to get fully ripe and hard, wheat is now cut on the green side. Besides advancing the farm work, this has the additional advantage of producing a thin skinned high grade milling wheat.

The stooking is largely done now without capping, partly owing to the difficulty in securing competent labor to do it properly, and partly because it takes more time to do it.

Stacking in many localities is also a thing of the past, the threshing being done direct from the stook. There can be no doubt that this latter practice has a slight tendency, especially in the latter part of the season, to reduce the high gilt-edge appearance of our wheat, but the depreciation is considered to be so little that it is much more than offset by saving the laborious task of stacking. Besides, it is very difficult to secure good stackers in the rush

of the busy harvest, and experience has taught us that, under such circumstances, wheat is better in a good stook than in a poorly built stack.

In a series of short articles of this kind I can but touch briefly on some of the more important and salient features of the question of wheat growing. Sufficient, however, has been written to draw attention to the principle outstanding features of successful wheat culture in the west, together with the wonderful potentialities of our millions of acres of as yet unbroken prairie.

If we wish to attain and maintain the supremacy that is to be ours in the very near future, as the largest exporters of the best hard milling wheat in the world, we must pay due regard, in the growing of the article, to all those details so essential to the production of a first-class product. Seed selection must receive more attention, so must weed eradication, while many are of opinion that the identity of our wheat in transit might be better preserved.

No mention has been made of the success that has already been attained in the production of winter wheat, especially in Southern Alberta, but this is a sufficiently large and interesting question in itself to form the subject of a separate article.

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