

## F. B. Carvell's Statement of 1988 and that of To-day Diametrically Opposed.

### MR. CARVELL IN 1908.

F. B. Carvell, the Liberal member for Carleton, N.B., made the following statement on June 5, 1908:

"The action of these hon. gentlemen (the Opposition of that day) raises the question fair and square: Can the Government of this country, whether Liberal or Conservative, afford to be placed in such a position as that? CAN ANY GOVERNMENT AFFORD TO PLACE ITSELF AT THE MERCY OF AN OPPOSITION, AND VIRTUALLY DECLARE THAT, IF THE OPPOSITION DO NOT LIKE ANYTHING CONTAINED IN THE LEGISLATION THAT IS INTRODUCED, ALL THE OPPOSITION HAS TO DO IS TO WITHHOLD SUPPLY AND THE GOVERNMENT WILL BACK DOWN? Carried out in practice and you have a country ruled not by the majority but by the minority."

And again:

"I ask again: Can any self respecting Government afford to be placed in this position? I say there is only one solution to this question; IF THIS OPPOSITION, OR ANY OTHER OPPOSITION, CHOSE TO PURSUE SUCH A COURSE, THE INEVITABLE CONSEQUENCE WILL BE CLOSURE. I am not the first one to advocate closure."

He stated further:

"Therefore I say that this is a matter which ought to be discussed thoroughly; and I believe that if the Opposition determine to persist in this unpatriotic, unworthy course, the next move the Government will have to take is to adopt the closure. And I say to the Government that in my opinion, while I think it is the only course they can pursue IT IS ONE THAT WILL BE SANCTIONED AND APPROVED BY THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY. LET THE GOVERNMENT START IN AT ONCE AND CHANGE THE RULES OF THIS HOUSE. IF IT TAKES MONTHS TO DO IT IN ORDER TO ADOPT THE CLOSURE."

### MR. CARVELL IN 1913.

The F. B. Carvell of to-day, now a member of the Opposition, has the following to say of the closure:

"It is a matter of supreme importance to the people of this country that we should discuss it—that we should do more, that we should fight it. We ought to do everything that free men can do to show the iniquity of this rule being forced upon a free people."

He says also:

"There must be, I am sure, a few reasonable men on the other side, and I cannot believe there are half a dozen hon. gentlemen in the House, including members of the Government, who had the faintest idea of the real iniquity of the proposed rules as submitted to the House in this resolution by the Prime Minister."