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FOWLER'S BLOW FIRST SAVAGE DEFIANCE TO LIBERAL MEMBERS

In Sensational Outburst Provoked by Allusion to Western Land Deals, Member for King's Threatens to Retaliate on Government by "Scandal for Scandal" Reflecting on Ministers of Crown.

Mr. Fowler not only answered Mr. Ross with considerable vigor, but started the house by charging that Hon. Mr. Hymn was out of the house because of something, discreditable in his private life, and followed this with the statement that he (Mr. Fowler) was prepared to expose the lives of Liberal members of the house, including ministers of the crown...

Mr. Foster and Mr. Bennett were intensely worked up, and challenged Mr. Ross to bring on his charges. The serious accusations of Mr. Fowler have caused no end of gossip, and the effect upon the government of declining to accept his challenge can hardly be overestimated.

Mr. Fowler, in substance, said: "I am quite understood that the hon. gentleman (Mr. Ross) should feel pretty cross. He started out on an excursion a few weeks ago. He was well equipped. He had a large grip for his journey. He had with him the bag that was going to do the trick, and change the B. C. legislature from Conservatives to Liberals. What happened to the bag we do not know, but the string must have become untied while it was in the hon. gentleman's custody, and before it reached its destination it did not reach where it should and its colleagues had known him as he is known in the district where he lives, they never would have sent him back with the bag."

"He charged me with having made sneering references to the hon. member for Nanaimo (Smith), and it was in consequence of those that he indulged in the nasty, dirty, mean insinuations to which he gave vent, with respect to myself. But I made no answer with regard to the hon. member for Nanaimo (Smith). I spoke of him as being ambitious, and said that he was quite proper. I said a man who aspires to be the governor of a province or of a territory has an honorable ambition, and as a personal friend of the hon. member for Nanaimo (Smith) I was glad when I read in the public press that he was likely to be elected."

DISMISSAL OF OFFICIALS PREMIER'S WARM DEFENCE

Premier Whitney is an adept at carving a turkey. The legislature had a specimen of his dexterity in this respect yesterday, after Morley Currie made his speech moving for "a return of copies of all correspondence between the government, or any member or official thereof, and any other person or persons, with reference to the dismissal of James Gillespie of Pictou, from the office of sheriff of the County of Prince Edward."

Mr. Currie took occasion to rake over his recollections of all the dismissals from office since the accession of the Whitney government, beginning with the justices of the peace, and charging that one of the first of the new justices had to be dismissed for incompetency. Division court clerks and bailiffs had been turned out in the cold for the benefit of the Conservative appointees. Even B. B. Jones, a division court clerk of Brockville, having been dismissed and reinstated, was finally, at a third attempt, permanently removed from office. Last of all, this aged sheriff, James Gillespie, 84 years old and 35 years in office, a man of standing and in perfect health, respected on both sides, impartial and always chosen as chairman at joint election meetings, attentive to duty and complimented by the judges, was called upon to resign in such terms that no self-respecting man could comply, as such a resignation would be an acknowledgment of guilt.

Mr. Currie handled the member for Prince Edward without gloves. The house, he said, had listened to one of the most remarkable efforts that had been heard there. The covert attacks made by Mr. Currie were worthy of him, and of him alone. The premier craved leave to go back a few years and recall the charges that had then been made by the hon. member against the present speaker, when he was in a different position.

JEROME CAN RAKE MRS. THAW'S LIFE

Paves Way for an Attack on the Credibility of Her Story—Delmas to the Rescue.

MAY ACCEPT INSANITY PLEA If Convinced of It, Attorney Says He Will Terminate the Trial Without Cross-examining Witnesses.

New York, Feb. 19.—Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw to-day entered upon the ordeal of her cross-examination, and before District Attorney Jerome had the witness in charge for half an hour he had secured from the court a ruling which apparently opens the way for bringing into the trial of Harry K. Thaw all manner of evidence which may tend to discredit the defendant's witness.

Heretofore it has been held that the rules of evidence protected young Mrs. Thaw and that regardless of whether her story was true or false, the fact that she had told it to her husband was the one essential point. Mrs. Thaw had been allowed to repeat the story so that the jury might judge as to its effect in unbalancing the mind of the man on trial for the murder of Stanford White.

Mr. Jerome, by a simple question, opened the way for the introduction of testimony tending to show the truth or falsity of Mrs. Thaw's story. He asked the witness: "Was the story you told Mr. Thaw true?" "It was," she replied firmly.

Mr. Delmas, Thaw's leading counsel, objected strongly to the question, but Justice Fitzgerald held it to be competent as tending to show the credibility of the witness.

Whether Mr. Jerome intends to take advantage of the ruling in an attempt to throw doubt upon the truth of the story, or whether Justice Fitzgerald intended his ruling to cover the whole subject of Mrs. Thaw's evidence, the future conduct of the case alone can determine.

Mr. Delmas will continue to fight with constant objections the admission of any testimony as to events in the young woman's life, but the subject of Mrs. Thaw's evidence is a wide one, and Justice Fitzgerald early to-day indicated that he would be strict in the interpretation of the rules in that respect.

Mr. Jerome to bring Mr. Jerome to trial for the murder of Mrs. Thaw, who took the witness stand during the morning session, many material points as to the movements of Harry Thaw and his friends in 1904, including the publication of the incident of their being ejected from the Hotel Cumberland in this city, the proprietor insisting that they leave the register as man and wife or as a couple, which incident, in bringing out these facts Mr. Jerome denied that he was attacking Mrs. Thaw, and said he was simply testing the credibility of Mrs. Thaw.

The district attorney seemed reluctant to begin the cross-examination of Mrs. Thaw. He said that the matter postponed until Thursday morning in order that he might determine whether or not a further examination of the witness was necessary on the issues involved in the case.

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MR. WHITNEY: Make no mistake, sir. I will not allow you or any other outsider to come between me and my family.

COMPANIES AFTER FEDERAL CONTROL WILL BE FOILED IN ATTEMPT TO EVADE PROVINCE MUST FORFEIT ALL THEIR PRIVILEGES

Col. Hendrie Introduces Bill in the Legislature Which Signals Provincial Government's Intention to Take Issue With Rights of Dominion Parliament to Assist Corporations to Evade the Jurisdiction Demanded by Their Charters.

Premier Whitney has been himself a big stick, and Hon. Mr. Hendrie sounded the trumpet of battle in the legislature yesterday over the jurisdiction issue between the Dominion and the province in the matter of corporation charters.

The bill introduced by Mr. Hendrie is undoubtedly the first step in what may be a serious struggle for provincial rights, but one in which both political parties in the province are pledged to stand by the people, and to maintain and guard the rights which the people possess as provincial citizens.

The new bill briefly provides that any company chartered by the province and seeking to have its rights transferred to Dominion jurisdiction shall by the attempt to do so thereby lose any franchises, bonuses or other favors granted by the province, or any municipality therein. The act will be retroactive, but will not affect the validity of any bonds or debentures issued by municipalities in such circumstances.

Premier Whitney stated that the bill would have to be thoroughly discussed in committee in matters of detail. The bill is entitled: "An act respecting certain railway and other corporations," and is as follows: "His majesty by and with the advice and consent of the legislative assembly of the Province of Ontario enacts as follows: (1) In this act the expression 'public utility' shall have the same meaning as in the act of 1904."

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CONTRADICT HYNES' STORY

Lawyer John A. Ferguson and Dr. Beattie Nesbitt Have Versions at Variance With That of Chief Witness

CHIEFLY CONCERNING CHECK Dr. Nesbitt Characterizes as Absolute Lie Statement That Trio Were to Divide—Ferguson Had Detective on Case.

The feature of the license enquiry yesterday was the story told by Lawyer John A. Ferguson, and his cross-examination by James Beattie, Many of Dr. Beattie's questions were so pointed and suggestive that Mr. Ferguson lost his temper under the fire. Commissioner Starr stated when the session opened that he wanted it understood that the investigation was not into the work of the license board, but as a result of rumors which the board wanted investigated, of occurrences which were said to have taken place before the applications for licenses reached the board. J. F. Hynes was first in the witness chair, and was questioned further about the mysterious cheque, without materially shaking his story. He admitted that in another hotel deal he was to supply the ingenuity, a man named Adamson the money (\$2000), and Dr. Nesbitt the influence. Mr. Ferguson covered Hynes' account of the \$1000 cheque and the retaining fee. He denied that he had participated in any illegitimate transactions. He had trusted Hynes. Dr. Nesbitt characterized as an absolute lie the statement that he was in an agreement to divide the spoils with Hynes and Dr. Wilson. He regarded the matter as a real estate venture. Hynes was the first witness of the day. Hynes, replying to a question, said that it had been to Ferguson that he addressed the statement, typifying the

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EARTHQUAKE IN NEW BRUNSWICK

St. John, N.B., Feb. 19.—(Special).—A severe earthquake occurred at St. George, forty miles down the coast, about 5 o'clock this afternoon. It lasted two minutes, and buildings trembled perceptibly. It was feared they would be shaken down, but no serious damage was done. Residents of the town were greatly alarmed. A second but less severe trembling occurred twenty minutes later.

Table with columns: Time, Bar., Ther., Bar., Wind. Rows for 8 a.m., Noon, 2 P.M., 4 P.M., 6 P.M., 10 P.M., Mean.

Table with columns: Feb 19, At, From. Rows for Lake Michigan, St. John, Antwerp, P. Wilhelm, New York, Bremen, Hungarian, Portland, Glasgow, Liverpool, London, New York, K. Wilhelm II., Bremen, New York, Koenigstein, Gibraltar, New York, Cornwall, Liverpool, Portland, Glasgow.

TO-DAY IN TORONTO. Feb. 19.—(Special).—The Toronto Guild of Civic Art met last night, Professor A. P. Coleman presiding, to consider the advisability of employing Sir Aston Webb, an eminent British architect, to perfect the details of the plan for diagonal thoroughfares and for discussing the ways and means by which the plan when completed would be placed before the people, the government, and the city council, with the view of its adoption and being eventually carried into effect.

DEATHS. ANDREW—At his first residence David A. Andrew, aged 80. Funeral from his son's residence at the above address Thursday, Feb. 21st. Ottawa papers please copy.

GOINLOCK—On Monday morning, Feb. 18th, Robert W. Goinlock, in the 85th year of his age. Funeral from Paris Street on Wednesday afternoon upon arrival of 2.45 train.

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