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A ROUSING REPLY.

Hon. Jno. Robson Deals With the Carplings and Criticisms of the Opposition.

The Premier Shows Up in His True Light, the Falsity of Their Critics' Position.

Owing to the fact that Friday evening's session of the Legislature was so lengthy, keeping up until 1:10 Saturday morning, it was impossible to give along with the regular House report, the full and able speech of the Premier, Hon. Jno. Robson, in continuation of the debate on the Budget.

Now with regard to the debate which has taken place, I shall refer first to the remarks made by the hon. member of the Opposition (Mr. Beaven). Not that he said much that called for reply—in fact he said very little and I must say that I have no recollection of any occasion of this kind during the many years he has occupied a seat in this House, when he made such a weak, such a miserable attempt at a criticism of a Budget speech.

Then again the hon. leader of the Opposition has been invited to the printing committee. He said that this committee was in the power and under the control

of the Government, and further, that it was the policy of the Government to cause them to neglect their duties and for party purposes to conceal the true facts of the records. Those were serious charges, very serious charges for the hon. gentleman opposite to make, unless he was prepared to stand up in this House and prove what he said or at the very least, adduce some sort of evidence of some kind to show that there was even the most flimsy ground for such a suspicion.

But sir the fact that the leader of the Opposition would make such charges, simply shows what frightful stratagems the Opposition are reduced when they are compelled to adopt such an unseemly and ill advised line of argument. It was really sir beginning to flatter myself that the hon. leader of the Opposition was behaving himself better. He has apparently been on his good behavior so far this session (laughter) and it was more than an ordinary surprise to me to hear his unjust and baseless attack on the Fin-

ance Minister. Is he (Mr. Beaven) getting like that proverbial bird trying to foul his own nest? Is he trying deliberately to injure the credit of the Province at home and abroad? If so, if that was his studied and deliberate intention he could have taken no more certain course than to insinuate that a portion of that \$200,000 loan has been pocketed by either my hon. colleague the Finance Minister or by his partners.

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That statement, sir, is as misleading as it is incorrect. Only last summer I was in the Kootenay country, and while there I saw Mr. Kellie, so that I know for certain that he had not the time to spare and could not go. I would have been only too happy to have gone down but I found I could not get away in time and I did not want to go too late in the season. I will say this, though, Mr. Speaker, that if the hon. member was in Kootenay last fall, then his experience ought to have made him a wiser and a better man.

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