

a member of Parliament that puts him in touch with a criminal government and makes him a dangerous character.

Sir Louis Davies is quite indignant because I never preferred any charges before the tribunals established by the Government in the Yukon Territory—their law courts and their royal commissions. If Sir Louis only knew the meaning of contempt, if he knew the meaning of consistency, he would understand my position. I would as soon ask Sir Louis to lift himself in a tub, I would as soon ask a murderer to build his own scaffold and hang himself, as I would ask a government whose various departments are banded together in crime, to put its agents in jail for the crime that constitute their bond of union. Of "this man Catto," Sir Louis says, "he skulked behind the doors of his office, instead of putting charges before the royal commission." Does he mean the royal Ogilvie, or the royal Dugas commission? Sir Louis has outlived his day and generation. He is dreaming of the old game of "drawing the badger." Sir Louis may receive a shock of surprise. The badger species is almost extinct. Sir Louis is mistaken in thinking it was want of courage in the face of governmental intimidation that prevented me putting charges before their tribunals. It was nothing of the sort. It was contempt well deserved, and a well-grounded want of confidence in their tribunals and in their partisan judges. Let those honorable gentlemen, notably Mr. D. C. Frazer, come out of their kennel and repeat their statements. Then, with no desire to offend such honourable gentlemen, but merely labouring a little in the cause of truth, I shall prove them to be common liars.

Mr. Sutherland and Sir Louis Davies indulged in a good deal of mock indignation and in the cheapest kind of talk about my communication destroying the credit, and slandering the name and fair fame of the Grand Old Dominion of Canada. Sir Louis said: "Sir, I wonder if that letter went through the postoffice if it could be stopped by the Postmaster General as an obscene and scurrilous communication. The document consists of sixty type-written pages, four of which deal with the question of the disreputable people run by the government as a source of revenue in Dawson City. From the governmental point of view these four pages are harmless compared with the other fifty-six. But it would be convenient for the government to seize the document "as an obscene and scurrilous communication." That would be a simple method of preventing an exposure of the government and its pranks. Unfortunately Sir Louis and the others are implicated in the obscene and scurrilous work. Sir Louis' position is that the government of the "Grand Old Dominion of Canada" may license vice and subject it to a levy of black-mail to make it a source of revenue, but "this man Catto" must not mention it, and if he should mention it, the members of the Government, those imposing figures that sit in the cabinet with solemn faces, looking as if they could not tell a lie; if this man Catto should merely mention it, those solemn cabinet figures will howl themselves horse in a monot-