

OTTAWA LETTER.

Grit Precedents for Stopping the Huron-Brockville Enquiry.

Two Cases the Present Government Permitted Investigations to Be Begun.

But Each of Them Was Broken Off at the Critical Point, When Criminality Was Being Directly Brought Home to Itself or Its Friends.

OTTAWA, May 24.—Yesterday's debate both parties maintained their attitude of want of confidence in the premier.

Dr. Russell was of course ingenious and elaborate, but his whole argument appeared to be evasive and apologetic.

The Dalhousie professor puts it to the house that the paper maker's instrument for measuring the thickness of sheets cannot possibly be relied on to the extent of the thousandth-part of an inch.

But the fact is that there was no difficulty. The careless outlooker could easily see that the forced ballots and the genuine ones were on different paper.

The solicitor general has also lost confidence in the committee with which he worked last year. He is as strongly convinced now that the committee is unfit to enquire into the scene of ballots as he was last year that it ought to enquire.

since less than a half of Mr. Holmes' majority is proved to have been stolen, therefore the committee must not go on and prove any more.

Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper points out that this government has permitted three investigations to be begun, and every one of them has been broken off at the critical point.

Again the premier himself offered Sir Charles Hibbert an opportunity to enquire into the circumstances of the retirement of Major Walsh from the mounted police department.

Here is a third enquiry, begun with the approval of the premier himself, in a court of public opinion, which has progressed some distance and arrived at a point in which it seems to be in a position to do great service.

In all these cases the enquiry was stopped just when it began to criminate men in high position and to involve the government and the party in criminal offences.

Mr. Russell produced affidavits from several deputy returning officers in Brockville declaring that they style no ballots.

Mr. E. B. Osler of Toronto is better known in business and in finance than he is in politics.

"What a wonderful array we have had of technical defence of frauds of members arguing in support of criminals," said Mr. Osler.

Not long ago, said Mr. Osler, the premier said that the government of Ontario was his own right hand.

then 100 per cent. if they knew they were in government, they knew they were in corruption.

Sir Louis Davies, interrupting, said: "You have been honest government since 1896."

Then as Blair angrily interrupted, "I have seen a Yukon bill which was a steal and nothing else."

Mr. Blair called out in a loud voice, "I have not," said Mr. Osler emphatically.

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OTTAWA, May 18.—The house of commons has decided to break off the parliamentary enquiry into the West Huron and Brockville election frauds and to start a new enquiry.

Sir Wilfrid's announcement of a judicial enquiry was received with applause on his own side, which showed that the liberal members had been for some days embarrassed by the situation.

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place, Mr. Borden had to wait for empty chairs which were delayed beyond all precedent to head him off.

In the long speech of the minister there was no suggestion of a commission. Sir Louis agreed that there was nothing to investigate.

For three long days and through one night until almost the break of day this morning, no minister and no advocate of the ministers had given the slightest suggestion that there was need of investigation.

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parts the most vehement of any in the debate.

But when Sir Charles announced that the "enquiry" would be pushed through and a report made before the close of the session, Sir Wilfrid held his peace.

It was after the failure of Sir Charles to get a definite statement as to the practical working of this commission that the vote was taken.

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FORMALLY OPENED.

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After the regular service was over, a tour of inspection was made over the building.

Geo. A. Schofield, in the absence of the chairman of the board of trustees, welcomed all those who were present.

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A YOUTHFUL SCOUT.

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Advertisement for Surprise Soap, featuring an illustration of a woman washing clothes and the text: 'Makes Child's Play of Wash Day... SURPRISE SOAP... ST. CROIX SOAP MFG. CO. St. Stephen, N.B.'

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Advertisement for 'Another Letter' or 'Special', with text: 'Beginning the the Rail... Death of Pte. Brock of the Column...'

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