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## FOWLER'S SPEECH RAISES UPROAR IN THE HOUSE

**Calls Insurance Commission Dotards and Report a Tissue of Falsehoods.**

**The Lie Freely Hurlled Across the House—Aylesworth Shook His Fist at the Opposition—W.F. Maclean Praises Work of Commission—Foster Again Heard in His Defense.**

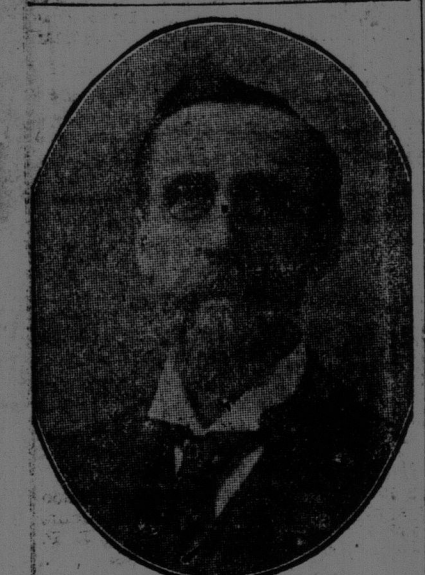
OTTAWA, April 11.—There was a scene in the house of commons today. Mr. Fowler of Kings and Albert was addressing the chair in the morning on the report of the insurance commission. The house was in committee at the time. The words "false," "untrue," "lying," "lying assertions," and "conspirators" were used around and applied by one member to another as if the language were perfectly in order. And so far nothing has been withdrawn.

There was no transaction, said Mr. Fowler, in which he was engaged so bad as the Robbina and other transactions which had been discussed in the house this season. A director of the C. P. R. was a member of the house and nobody had challenged his right to vote.

Mr. Martin made a remark that Mr. Fowler described as absolutely false and untrue. He challenged the honorable member to make any charge against him, (cries of order from the government side.) Mr. Fowler became excited and shouted "Have we fallen so low in this house?" the remainder of his sentence was drowned by the uproar.

Mr. Aylesworth asked if it is good order for a member of this committee to accuse another member by saying what is "false and untrue?"

Mr. Fowler—"Is it right for a member of this house to say that I took money belonging to any society?"



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The chairman pointed out to Mr. Fowler that his statement should be more qualified.

Mr. Fowler—"I say it is false, scandalous and untrue, and am I not bound to say that it is untrue?"

Mr. Foster—"The member for St. Mary's should withdraw the accusation which the member for Kings has declared to be false."

Mr. Martin explained that he had not applied his previous remarks directly to Mr. Fowler.

Mr. Fowler—"If any member accuses me of that, I say it is absolutely false and I defy him to prove it." (loud opposition cheers.)

The chairman—"I understood the member for St. Mary's to say it did not apply to you."

Mr. Fowler—"I move that the first words of Mr. Martin be taken down and made a matter of record."

Mr. Foster—"This parliament is utterly powerless if the matter is to be considered as now proposed. There have not been any proceedings since the member for St. Mary's uttered that scandalous, lying statement." (Great disorder.)

The Minister of Justice on rising was greeted with jeers from the opposition and shouts of "Bully," Mr. Foster exclaiming "There stands the conspirator."

Mr. Aylesworth—"I ask if it is parliamentary language to characterize the language of another as 'lying statement' (Renewed disorder.)"

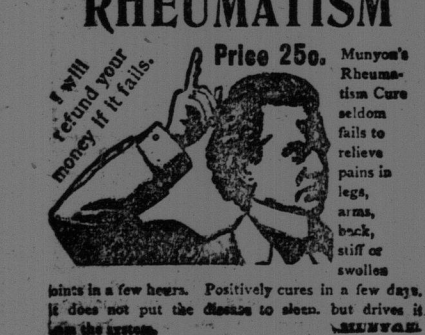
Mr. Henderson (Halifax)—"I protest against the Minister of Justice shaking his closed fist at members on this side."

Mr. Patterson said he did not think they were in a position to take down the words of the member for St. Mary's and held that the latter's exclamation was a virtual withdrawal of his previous statement.

The chairman thought the explanation of the member for St. Mary's should be accepted and remarked that the word "lying" sometimes exceeded bounds of debate.

Mr. Foster—"Sometimes it is very essential."

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The chairman—"In the meantime, as it is one o'clock, I do now leave the chair."

### Fowler Defends Land Deals

In the afternoon Mr. Fowler maintained that as a member of parliament he had the same right as those who were not members of parliament to purchase land in the Northwest or anywhere else. He and those associated with him in the purchase of land from the C. P. R. bought that land at a fair market price, and they received no special consideration from the C. P. R. They asked no special consideration and they received none. They bought lands at the same price and under the same terms as could have been got by any other individual.

He considered the Insurance Commission had no right to investigate that transaction. In doing so they were simply carrying out a nefarious plot, having for its chief design the crushing of one of the brightest minds that was ever in parliament. (Opposition cheers.) They had also tried to damage the leader of the opposition, a man who shone above all others. These mudslingers had tried to drag his honor in the dirt, and they were not successful. From the very first that commission showed deliberate intent to blacken the character of men who happened to be politically opposed to them.

He was taken to task because he did not appear to give his evidence when that commission wanted him. He was not going to hang around Toronto to suit the convenience of even a royal commission. He afterwards received a document purporting summoning him to appear which caused him to make some remarks, not unlike the words of a Globe editorial, written by the pious hypocritical editor of that paper. He had preached the same doctrine. (Laughter.) He told the messenger there was no airship from North Bay to Toronto, but that he would be in Toronto as soon as the train got there.

### Commissioners Were Dotards

Mr. Fowler then proceeded to give a description of the commission as he saw it. There was a long platform, he said, and there were three feeble old men in a row. The two outside men looked like men who had crossed the border line between manhood and dotage. In the centre was a younger figure. He was Judge McTavish, the hiring of the government, the professional commissioner appointed by the government whenever there was dirty work to do, and who was ready to sign any report prepared for him by the crown officer. (Opposition cheers.) There was also a certain round gentleman, the chief inquisitor, the modern Torquemada, Mr. Shepley, K. C. Mr. Shepley when he got through with witnesses addressed himself to commissioners and asked that George W. Fowler be punished for contempt. Mr. Shepley did not say what style of punishment was to be inflicted, whether he was to be put in boiling oil or whether he was to have his head cut off, or put into the tower.

A member—Or put in the stocks.

Mr. Fowler, resuming, said that if that commission had decided that he should be punished for contempt to make his punishment commensurate with the amount of contempt he felt for that commission imprisonment for all the years that had elapsed since the Christian era would not have been sufficient. (Laughter.)

Mr. Fowler was proceeding to apologize for his voice giving way when Mr. Bennett interjected "Take some wine."

### Report a Tissue of Falsehoods

Resuming, Mr. Fowler took up the Kamloops transaction in which he was interested, and declared that in regard to that matter the commission's report was a tissue of falsehoods and misrepresentations. He was prepared to defend that transaction there or anywhere else. Referring to the Minister of Justice's allusion to the manager of the Bank of Ontario he asked

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