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WILDLY IMPASSIONED SCENE IN CANADIAN HOUSE OF COMMONS

The Prime Minister Administers Well Deserved Castigation of the Vindictive Foster, Who Overstepped Himself.

"I NEVER COURT A FIGHT, BUT I AM NOT AFRAID TO FIGHT"

Under the Lash Foster Squirms, Wines and Whines—Calls For Speaker's Ruling and Intervention of Sergeant-at-Arms.

Acrimonious Debate Took Place on Ex-Judge Doherty's Motion to Investigate All Departments of the Government—Foster Imputed Motives of Personal Profit to Sir Wilfrid, to Which the Premier Replied He Had Never Manipulated Trust Funds—Finally Withdraws Statement Although Speaker Rules It Was Not Necessary.

Ottawa, April 2.—The most sensational scene of the many sessions in the House of Commons occurred tonight when Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. Geo. E. Foster clashed in a heated exchange of plain-spoken opinions, which, at one time threatened to require the intervention of the sergeant-at-arms. As on previous occasions Mr. Foster's facility in saying bitter and cutting things led him a step too far. In concluding at six o'clock his speech on the opposition's resolution proposing investigation of all departments of the government, similar to that which had been proposed in regard to the marine department, Mr. Foster had the temerity to impute to Sir Wilfrid motives of personal profit in connection with the fact that as yet the men found guilty by the Cassels' commission had not been prosecuted in the criminal courts.

Sir Wilfrid in answering tonight gave the ex-justice a reply in kind, and the spirit displayed on both sides of the House led to a heated exchange of plain-spoken opinions. It is safe to say that as a result of the premier's counter check to Mr. Foster's speech of imputes, who is himself open to attack, will be a little more careful in the future in making any charges against the personal honesty of the premier. The chief result of the whole debate on the resolution, which was, at an early hour this morning, voted down by a large majority, was to impress on the public mind that the opposition's most caustic and effective speaker, Mr. Doherty's first lieutenant in the House and his prospective finance minister, got a richly merited and well deserved dressing down from the premier, whose remarks both in private and public life as well, will bear comparison with that of the ex-manager of the Union Trust company.

Meichen Ovens Debate.

Arthur Meichen (Con., Portage la Prairie) resumed the debate on the resolution of ex-Judge C. J. Doherty (Con., St. Anns, Montreal) calling upon the government to have an inquiry made into all the government departments, and that the subsequent report on the marine department by Judge Cassels did not clear the state of the minister of marine, not matter what the minister might claim. Judge Cassels had called the attention of the minister to the fact that the minister had taken action in the direction of putting an end to the patronage system he had aroused public opinion and no reason could be advanced for a refusal of an inquiry into all branches of the public service.

Mr. Foster asked how to put a question, which was rejected by the speaker, who said: "No, it is down," and a general "No" from the House of "sit down."

Mr. Foster proceeded: "I take occasion to say that there is no man so ready to make insinuations," (Opposition cries of "No, No, No") "and no man who will winces and whines so much when he receives a sturdy blow. I have to say, my honorable friend, that I never manipulated other people's money. I never dabbed in trust funds."

Mr. Foster at once rose to a point of order. He declared that the rules of the House demanded that no man should say anything which was not a statement which I never made, and in his anger refuses to allow me to correct him.

Then occurred a scene which has not taken place in the House for many years. Party passions were worked up to the highest tension and it was with difficulty that the Speaker was able to secure sufficient decorum to allow the proceedings to continue.

Mr. Foster was heard to say: "He prefers to make an argument on the issue of the government rather than a true statement."

Mr. Speaker: "Order."

"And then proceeds to investigate something in regard to myself."

Col. Talbot: "Did you share in it?"

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Estimate of Construction Work to be Done This Year—May Connect With B. C.

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BUSINESS MOST UNFAVORABLE.

German Steamship Company Show Great Reduction in Passenger Traffic.

Berlin, April 2.—The Directors of the North German Lloyd Steamship Company issued the annual report of the company yesterday. It shows unprecedented gross profits of only \$2,904,000 against \$8,174,250 in 1907. This amount they say is insufficient for the write-offs on vessels and the entire reserve and the building and repair fund will be absorbed to raise the write-offs to \$3,566,730, as compared with \$4,027,000 in 1907. The report says the business results of the year were most unfavorable, being influenced by the unparalleled reduction in number of steamer passengers carried, which was about 185,000 less than in 1907.

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AN OUTRAGE SAYS THE CHIEF JUSTICE

A Physician of Crow's Nest Pass, Wrongfully Punished by Alberta Medical Council, Restored.

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