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### Disorderly Scenes on Floor of Parliament.

Warmed up to a pitch of excitement seldom attained during even the most acrimonious debate, the commonsense loose on Friday night 2nd, from restraint and indulged in scenes of disorder that will not soon be forgotten. The immediate cause was a cutting insinuation levelled at Mr Foster by the prime minister, a species of retaliation into which Sir Wilfrid very rarely allows himself to be betrayed. And it was all the more a surprise to the older parliamentarians that the remark was uttered after more than two hours' deliberation. For the observation at which the prime minister took umbrage was the sentence with which Mr. Foster concluded his speech at six o'clock—a sentence that owed any semblance it had to the construction which Sir Wilfrid Laurier placed upon it to the ill-timed interruption of his own followers. However, it was evidently with a wrath that had been well nursed to keep it warm in the interval, that about half-past eight, Sir Wilfrid, after a hasty compliance to the mover of the motion for a general departmental investigation, turned his guns on the member for North Toronto. Deliberately, he exclaimed: "I have to say to my honorable friend that I have never manipulated other people's money; I have never manipulated trust funds."

Of course Mr Foster broke in with a demand for retraction, but Sir Wilfrid had, as he confessed, the fighting humor upon him and refused to take back anything. Then pandemonium broke loose. Shouts of derision mingled with yells of encouragement as one or the other of the disputants arose to address the disturbed house. Angry words were exchanged across the floor, and on the left, where Liberal and Opposition members are divided by a bare foot or two of aisle space, recriminations were exchanged at such close quarters that the accompanying gesticulations might have been mistaken for the manoeuvres of active hostilities.

Mr Speaker was placed in an awkward position—and his rulings gave evidence of his extreme perturbation.

Eventually, after full twenty minutes of rack disorder, and after Sir Wilfrid had increased Mr Speaker's dilemma by admitting that his remarks had reference to Mr Foster and to nobody else, also that they had been evoked in retaliation for Mr Foster's "insinuation," official record was sent for. It disclosed that Mr Foster, after having criticized the prime minister for not prosecuting grafters, had proceeded to say, addressing Sir Wilfrid, "Is it because you share in it—(cries of "order")—just for party interest and for party advantage?" It was not long after having read this that, rising to the dignity of his responsibilities as leader of the house, but still "standing by his words," Sir Wilfrid concluded by saying, "I shall not proceed further, but withdraw everything I said."

The debate proceeded quietly enough after this, but the spirit of enmity was rife, and soon it became evident that the house was in for a stormy night sitting.

Mr Meighen resumed the debate on the motion of Judge Doherty for an investigation into all the spending departments of the government. Failure to detect irregularities, he contended was a crime against the constitution. It was mere hy-play for the minister of marine to say that his skirts were cleared by the Cassels commission. His conduct was not under review by that commission; the government took good care to manacle Judge Cassels so that it was impossible for him to go after the responsible minister. Not a word of criticism had proceeded from the Conservatives on the report of the commissioner.

Mr Meighen denounced the argument that the people at the polls had cleared the character of the minister. It was not until Sir Wilfrid Laurier had exercised his powers of inciting passion and prejudice that victory was secured, and a meagre victory at that, since the Liberal party was in a minority of the popular vote.

**CRITICIZED COMMISSION.**

Mr A. K. Maclean defended the administration in a lengthy speech. He attacked the commissioners vigorously denouncing them as "these fussy old gentlemen who were more anxious to make a sensational report than to ascertain facts or justify their findings."

Mr Maclean dealt cleverly with the rewards given to the captain and crew of the government steamer in connection with the Nova Scotia coast, and argued that Justice Macbe had been misled in his finding as to \$400 due to the department for towing services

### rendered by the Lady Laurier, that sum had been agreed upon; but as the work was done by boats of the Halifax Towing company, no service whatever had been rendered by the government steamer. The commission had been "misled by the stupid blundering of the deputy minister of marine" who insisted on making the change.

**MR. FOSTER.**

Mr. Foster followed. He criticized Mr Maclean's mud throwing at the commission. It showed that the investigation had done the government harm. Then Mr Foster turned to the boast of Mr Brodeur that he had done away with the political patronage system. If the minister of marine he said, really intended to honestly abolish the patronage system nobody would be better pleased than Mr Foster.

"Yes," said the ex finance minister, "his new deputy minister, Mr. Desbarette, went down to Halifax in the month of the election and put on at the demand of Carney & Roohe, the Liberal candidates, to aid them in their elections, 100 extra men that the officials there said were not needed. Then, what went on in one department another might do, and so it was found that while in August there were 1,793 men employed on the I. C. R. with a pay roll of \$487,000 in October, the month of the elections, 2,922 were employed with a pay roll of \$509,000. Next month the number of employed returned to the normal. Mr Brodeur boasted of abolishing patronage, yet while in August the marine department had only 92 employees in Prince Edward Island, in October there were 208."

"If," said Mr Foster, "the minister of marine had a head on his shoulders and eyes in his head, he must have known that sort of thing was going on." And while the minister of marine was posing the other night as the paragon of purity, the Luther of reform, how the other ministers must have felt, in their small hearts that they hadn't done even a little bit in the way of reform. It was Sir Wilfrid's boast in the campaign that the government had suspected something wrong in the department of marine, therefore the civil service commission had been appointed and its report followed by the Cassels enquiry. What were the facts? Why for years the opposition had been asking for departmental investigations, after bombarding the government with proofs of wrong doing, yet the government declared that everything was right in the departments, opposition resolutions were voted down; and Sir Wilfrid Laurier himself declared them so much "froth and wit talk."

It was a pure accident that brought about the marine enquiry. The civil service was calling for an increase in salary commensurate with the increased cost of living. The demand was fair, the basis of it easily ascertained. But Sir Wilfrid procrastinated and thereby fell into the hole. He procrastinated by the old method of commission. He appointed Messrs. Courtney, Basin and Fyfe as a commission to enquire into the civil service system and the rate of salary. Not a word about suspicious of wrong doing. Sir Wilfrid was angry when the report came down and raged at the commissioners because they "had gone beyond their commissions." Yet the commissioners had but lifted the lid a little bit from one of the pots, and were so astounded by the stench that they would give a hint of it to the general public. Then followed the Cassels commission. It was to go no farther than the reflections of the civil service commissioners and only to touch one department. It was restricted. And even in the appointment of the counsel, Mr. Brodeur didn't get beyond the old level of politics and so appointed two Liberal lawyers as counsel. And then, when they came to the point where it grew warm, somebody cried out "Hot, hot," and the enquiry was shunted off. "When a certain gentleman who was supplying broken stone to the government at Sorel, at fancy prices, declared 'and I had to get all my stone from the country of Rosville—a ghost of the middle ages had appeared they couldn't have stopped the investigation more suddenly. "And in many other cases," added Mr. Foster, "the throttles was shut for fear somebody would be scalded by the scolding steam."

Now these honorable gentlemen have the shamelessness to boast that they didn't wait for charges, that they had caused an investigation to be made and had dismissed all the black sheep—or nearly all—who were to be found in the flock.

"What a feast it would have been for these 'three fussy old gentlemen,' if they could just have got to the inside of the interior department where, with the aid of subservient officials, the Barrowes and the Adamsons were made rich?"

### ABOUT THAT MONEY.

"Take your public works department," continued Mr Foster, "do you mean to say that no ragged ends have shown there? No man can deny it. What are you going to do, Mr Prime Minister? May I ask you, just personally between ourselves, what you propose to do with reference to the men who have stolen money from the public treasury? You appointed Mr Justice Cassels. You, at any rate when you appointed him, thought he was preeminently the man to do this work, and he has done it. What has he told you? He has told you, Mr Prime Minister, that the man who takes the bribe, Today Halliday, according to the judge's statement, has \$6,000 of the people's money. Do you propose to get that from Mr. Halliday? The Droplea have paid out \$9,000 and more in proved transactions, and the judge says that all of that comes out of the public till. Are you going to get it back to the public till? If not, why not? It is not your money; it is the people's money. The taxes of the people piled up in the strong box gave you that money, and you are the trustee to see that every cent of it is properly spent, or, if a man steals it, or takes it wrongly, to get it back from him. What are you going to do about it? Are you going to pursue Halliday and get that money back? Are you going to pursue Mr McAvity and get that money back? When the names of the men who have been bribing your public servants, corrupting them, eating into the honor and manhood of your public service, and have been doing it greedily and systematically, have been exposed; are you going to proceed against them for that money? You do not seem to be getting much of a hustle on about it."

"That report has been before you; you have had what you call the greatest minister of justice this Canada of ours has ever produced; what is he doing about it? You have a most distinguished and able and erudite solicitor general, what is he doing about it? Why are not these two great powers, representing the justice of the country in the interest of the people, getting their boots on and going out against these malefactors and getting the people's money back? Why don't you do it? Is it because you share in it?"

"Order," shouted the Liberal members.

Mr Foster: "Just wait—for party interest and for party advantage? If not, why are you so modest about getting after the people's rights, you who are the trustees of the people's interests?"

### THE PREMIER.

Sir Wilfrid began at the evening sitting his reply to Mr Foster. His first words were in the way of a compliment to Mr Doherty of Montreal, who, he said, had presented the issue in "his able and dignified style," but he could not say the same of Mr Foster, who had "shown us the narrow side of his nature in all its naked deformity." He had never heard the man who would suggest to him that he had profited by wrong-doing, (loud cheers and counter cheers). No man was so ready as Mr Foster to make insinuations.

### HOUSE IN AN UPROAR.

Let me say," continued the prime minister, "that I never manipulated other people's money, and that I never manipulated trust funds."

This brought a tremendous outburst of applause from the government benches, and brought Mr. Foster to his feet.

The rules of order, he asserted, demanded that no man should say an offensive thing of another. "He commenced by putting a statement in my mouth which I never made. I anger he refused to allow me to correct him. He preferred to make an argument from a false statement rather than take the true statement."

"Did you share in the funds?" asked Col. Talbot.

"Let him get up on any platform in this country and make that statement and I will show him," exclaimed Mr Foster hotly.

Mr Foster remained on his feet amid cries of "order" from the government side, with Mr Conmee and Dr Clark making frantic efforts to be heard, but Mr Foster stood firm with more than half the house trying to shout him down. Mr Speaker two or three times endeavored to rule on the point of order, but the member for North Toronto insisted that he should state the rule, which was to the effect that "no member shall be allowed to say any disagreeable thing to another." "The right honorable gentleman," he went on "insinuates that I manipulated trust funds. I throw back the insinuation in his teeth."

For a full minute the subsequent remarks of Mr Foster could not be heard shaking his fist across the floor.

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