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Hon. Mr. Emerson Goes on Record on Important Matter—Also He Inveighs Against the Principle as a "Dangerous Doctrine."

Ottawa, March 11.—(Special).—The house was visibly stirred this afternoon by the startling state of affairs disclosed through a few pointed questions by W. F. Maclean (South York), and the staggering attempts at answer perpetrated by the minister of railways.

Mr. Maclean demanded that the government should state its position. Terrified by public opinion, it had retreated upon the statute book the penny-a-mile clause. Did it now intend to enforce that clause?

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NOT SENSITIVE NOW TO PERSONAL HONOR

In Days of Duelling, Fowler Charges Would Not Have Gone Unchallenged.

Montreal, March 11.—(Special).—The Star's leader to-night says: "Criticism of Mr. Bourassa because he desires that parliament should purgify itself of the suspicion cast upon its most prominent members by Mr. Fowler's insinuation regarding the ministers and their supporters in connection with 'women, wine and graft,' will not attract much public sympathy."

These calumnies on this point could not be better illustrated than by the indifference with which they have permitted these Fowler insinuations to hang over him. Sensitive men would have demanded immediate action.

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IS CITY TO ACQUIESCE ALLOWING INCREASE IN CAPITAL STOCK IN LIGHT CO.'S PLANS? ANY INDUSTRY NOT A UTILITY MORE CHARGES EDDY CASE

Mayor Coatsworth Says That Report of Government Engineer Declares Proposed Works Are Necessary—The Effect on Expropriation Proceedings.

On Friday evening last I received a letter from Mr. Hanna, purporting to enclose a copy of Mr. Fairbairn's report, and expressing the opinion that, in view of this report, it would seem that the application of the company to the city council for the Light Co. for power to issue \$1,000,000 new stock.

From interviews with the premier, Hon. Mr. Hanna, Hon. Mr. Beck and other members of the legislature, it appears, however, that the government is looking to the city council for guidance, feeling that nothing should be done until the citizens have voted on the matter of expropriation, and the question is now being generally asked: "Will the city withdraw its opposition to the demand for more works?"

The impression has gone abroad that the mayor has been won over to the views of the company, and while his words do not openly announce that he has changed his attitude, his conversation by no means dispels the impression.

I believe I have formed an opinion, but I do not care to say what it is until the matter comes up before the board of control.

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MORGAN SEES ROOSEVELT. Magnate Persuades Him to Confer With Heads of Companies.

Washington, March 11.—(Special).—Pierpont Morgan, the New York financier, came to Washington in his private car to-night and went immediately to the White House, where he was in conference with President Roosevelt.

Mr. Morgan pointed out to the president that the financial interests of the country are greatly alarmed by the attitude of the administration toward corporations and particularly the railroads.

Mr. Morgan's earnest request President Roosevelt agreed to confer with four leading railroad presidents, Messrs. McCrea of the Pennsylvania, Newman of the New York Central, Melon of the New York, New Haven and Hartford, and Houghton of the Chicago and Northwestern, to determine if some agreement can be reached as to the relations between the railroads and the administration.

One Clause of New Labor Bill Withdrawn—Railwaymen Fight for the Act of 1903.

Ottawa, March 11.—(Special).—Consideration of the bill of the minister of labor, to aid in the settlement of strikes and lockouts in mines and public utilities, was resumed to-day in committee of the whole.

The principal change effected was the withdrawal of the clause empowering the government-in-council to declare any industry a public utility within the meaning of the act.

Mr. Lemieux was inclined to make light of any advice from the Cigar-makers' Union, The Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, he claimed, supported the bill, as also did the street car employees of Toronto.

Mr. Boyce (W. Algoma) read the correspondence between Harvey Hall and the minister, he had little say for the act of 1903 as they perfect.

DELMAS BLOCKS JEROME'S PLAN OF ATTACK

District Attorney Forced to Limit Evidence in Rebuttal to the Events Already Covered by Witnesses.

Justice Fitzgerald Rules That Only Effect of the Recital on Thaw, Not the Truth, is the Point at Issue.

New York, March 11.—To-day, the first day of the state's rebuttal in the trial of Harry K. Thaw, District Attorney Jerome came to a temporary standstill against a practically solid wall.

Jerome began to attack this story as soon as court opened. There ensued a well-nigh incessant fight between the prosecutor and Delphin M. Delmas, leading counsel for the defence, at the end of which Justice Fitzgerald upheld the rule laid down at the beginning of the trial—the story is admitted only as tending to show the effect it might have had on unbalancing the defendant's mind, its truth or falsity being immaterial.

Jerome tried to avoid this rule by declaring that he was endeavoring merely to show by inference—by circumstances and evidence as to the details of the story—that Mrs. Thaw could not possibly have told the story to her husband.

Altho he doubtless will be blocked by the same rule when the time comes, it is believed that he may attempt to show by inference—by circumstances and evidence as to the details of the story—that Mrs. Thaw could not possibly have told the story to her husband.

Delmas objected to questions along this line under the professional privileges of lawyer and client, but before Justice Fitzgerald's remarks, the objection and ruled out the evidence Jerome declared.

The story of the girl tied to a post and whipped by Thaw is the story of Ethel Thomas. This poor girl is dead. Here Delmas interposed an objection to the district attorney's remarks, and the latter began an attack along different lines.

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