

Mr. Fowler in these dealings bought property at 170,000, and had the deed prepared as if he had paid \$225,000 for it. What does Mr. Borden think of Mr. Fowler's qualifications as an assistant teacher of public probity?

Mr. Fowler is the member of Parliament who requited the kindness of the C. P. R. for making the \$200,000 deal, and the 8,000 acres for himself and Mr. Pope, a possibility by the malignity of his opposition to the Grand Trunk Pacific. Was this Mr. Fowler's realization that gratitude is "a lively sense of favors yet to come"?

### Another Foster Tollgate.

It is refreshing to recall with what celerity and ease Mr. Foster's tollgates worked. Here is one of them in operation, as revealed in a letter to the *Manitoba Free Press* from Mr. James W. Betts, manager of the Manitoba, Ontario and Western Land Company:—

To the Editor of *The Free Press*;

Sir.—In your issue of to-day under report of proceedings of the Insurance Commission in Toronto, there appears the statement made by Mr. Foster in answer to Mr. Shepley's inquiry as to lands purchased from the Ontario, Manitoba & Western Land Company. Mr. Foster is reported as stating "that these lands were held at \$5.00 per acre, which the syndicate refused to pay. The manager of the company said he did not wish to lower the price of his lands, but as he was getting 25 cents an acre as his commission, he agreed to give a rebate of 12½ cents per acre, making \$5.00, for which a cheque was made payable to him (Foster)."

The facts are: I had no correspondence with Mr. Fowler. I wrote to one of the directors of the Union Trust Company, who was also a director in our company, offering the 40,000 acres at \$5.00 per acre, but received no answer. Subsequently Mr. Pritchard offered us \$5.00 per acre with a commission of 25 cents an acre, which we accepted.