

Strength of the Defence Put Up in Bribery Case

**For Interests of the
Government.**

The best thought and the proved skill of E. F. B. Johnston, K.C., were devoted for five hours yesterday to clearing the tarnished reputation of the ministers involved in the bribery scandal. He had not concluded his review of the evidence when the commission adjourned until the morning. He announced that he would conclude in an hour's time to-day, and after some discussion it was agreed that senior counsel for the people should be permitted a brief reply.

Senior Counsel Johnston takes high rank as a criminal lawyer, and all the arts of the craft were brought to bear in the argument he conducted with so much care. The exigencies of the del-

case question confronting Mr. Johnston apparently required no further explanation. Unlike the other counsel for the people, he spoke from notes, but in an entirely extemporaneous manner.

Astuteness Displayed.

The astuteness that characterizes the able man in cases demanding strong remedies was displayed to a rare degree. If he overlooked a point it was not because he was not aware of it. He presented that it be overlooked—and there were some such details. Not once was it necessary for his counsel to call attention to a single feature, so well did he have his case in hand.

It is a habit of Mr. Johnston's not to make any reference to the facts of the case he may be addressing, and during the day he selected the vacant witness box and to this he referred. He was not concerned in changing his attitude, but the force of the argument was lost. In

Every Spectator Interested.
The crowd entertained during the discourse manifested as much interest as during Thursday. There was one noticeable change—Mr. Stratton was present, and Mr. Gamey's chair was vacant. Evidently the one feared the shafts of sarcasm as much as the other. If the Provincial Secretary had read the harsh comment of the people's

Overlooked Some Things.

It was a plea in fact whatever the course the commission might pursue. He was not a man who would be offering the mass of details to the legislature that they render to Mr. Stratton. He was not a man who would see the commission did not find explicitly on this point, his client might find himself in a position to be charged. If he were found guilty as charged, Stratton on this line of argument there was no doubt that he would be able to obtain feared next the conclusions likely to follow from the commission.

Cabinet took occasion.

In opening counsel took occasion

pay a high tribute to the character of the Ministry in general—what the Crown representatives should be. He conceived that they should be above reproach. It was not too much to say that the betrayal of such a trust required and warranted severe penalties. There could be no two opinions entertained on this subject. As a Minister of the Crown must be selected

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The Flag Falls To-Day.

The flag drops at the
Wedding today at the
White House.



biggest function of our year. It will signal the beginning of the summer season — the straw hat season, the silk, of course, are the proper things for the functions, and Dinner has all the proper allies. He is Duple's and Heath's sole Canadian agents, and handles all those by other makers of repute — English or American. Store open until 10 o'clock Saturday night.

FAIR.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, May 22. — Rain has fallen heavily to-day in the North-west, and the temperature has fallen to the thundershowers have occurred in southwestern Ontario and there have been a few showers in the Marquette district.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: — Toronto, 40-54; Ottawa, 36-54; Winnipeg, 40-48; Winnipeg, 54-61; Port Arthur, 42-52; Parry Sound, 42-70; Toronto, 50-60; Ottawa, 36-54; Winnipeg, 40-48.

bec. 50-62; Halifax, 53-70.
Probabilities.
Lower Lawrence and Georgian Bay.—
 Moderate north to easterly winds;
 fair; not much change in temperature.
Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence.—
 Northwesterly to north winds; dry;
 much change in temperature.
Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf.—Free
 northerly to north winds; fresh;
 much change in temperature.
 The Minnesota, Georgian Bay, delightful sun-
 shine, fair, breeze, and intelligence. II
 throughout with Riches Gas.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

May 22	At	From.
	Purist Blinnack, (Cherbourg).....	New York

Menominee.....	London.....	New York.....
Victorian.....	Liverpool.....	New York.....
Phoenixian.....	Naples.....	New York.....
La Bretagne.....	Havre.....	New York.....
Koenig Albert.....	Genoa.....	New York.....

Burleigh Falls Hotel, Burleigh Falls
 fine fishing and boating, lit with Sische
Gas.

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Smoke "Beaconsfield" Imported Cigar.

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to mourn her loss

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