

## H. C. Brewster Sets Forth True Facts Concerning Enquiry

The Bowser machine's pamphlet of distorted statements about the plugging investigation at Victoria is being circulated broadcast throughout the province by the government publicity bureau. It is a wily political preparation designed to shield the Bowser machine and eradicate the general impression that it was a part of the conspiracy to ruin M. A. Macdonald, whose sole offense was that he defeated C. E. Tisdall, Premier Bowser's minister of works, in the Vancouver by-election. The pamphlet is unsigned. It bears no printer's imprint and the author is unknown. It contains deliberate and designed mis-statements, even of the evidence before the so-called "committee of investigation" which was controlled by Premier Bowser and dictated to by him and John L. Sullivan, the procurer of thugs and jail-birds of Seattle, who perjured themselves as witnesses. H. C. Brewster, the Liberal leader, and Parker Williams, who represented the minority of the committee, were handicapped in every manner possible, the premier even going to the extreme of getting out a warrant for Scott's arrest to keep him from giving his evidence. Failing to successfully engineer the conspiracy further at the enquiry, the public seeing through the iniquitous effort, the plugging pamphlet is now being extensively circulated in a futile effort to complete the conspiracy and shield the perpetrators. The truth about the matter and the facts of the enquiry are contained in the following statement of Mr. H. C. Brewster:

"There is no phase of the so-called plugging in Vancouver that I am not willing to discuss in all its details with the premier, Mr. Miller, who was the government's chief inquisitor in the enquiry held in Victoria, or any other man in British Columbia.

"Last February my colleague, Malcolm A. Macdonald, committed the unpardonable sin of defeating the minister of public works in the Bowser government in the premier's home city of Vancouver by the overwhelming majority of 4160. There followed what I consider was one of the most dastardly and despicable conspiracies which has ever disgraced the political history of Canada. In what I have to say on that matter I defy Mr. Bowser, Mr. Miller or anyone else to contradict any statement I make.

"Mr. Bowser said he was going to get Mr. Macdonald's scalp, my colleague having delivered a solar plexus blow to the premier which dazed him for a time, changed his whole outlook and led to the introduction and passage of legislation which heretofore Mr. Bowser had always opposed. This could not be permitted; someone had to be made to pay for the premier's loss of prestige and that someone was Mr. Macdonald. Some-

thing had to be done to try to stem the tide.

"I believe there were irregularities in connection with the Vancouver by-election. The Liberal party saw suspicious circumstances that day and did not wait for five or six weeks to investigate them, but next day, Sunday, had men at work in tracing out the facts. The enquiries which were carried on led to the door of one Peter Annance, who was taken before the courts and convicted, and who is now serving a sentence of nine months in jail and in addition has to pay a fine of \$300.

### Sullivan and Carroll

"The first revelation of alleged plugging came through Sullivan and his father, proprietor of a Seattle house, the American Cafe. Sullivan senior got his son, 'Dynamite Jack,' on the telephone and asked him if they were going to have an election over in Vancouver. He told him to look out for a letter and this letter arrived a day or two later. It was from one 'Sheriff' Carroll, another of the overlords of the Seattle underworld, one of a type that you would not be safe in meeting alone on a dark night and connected with places