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TWENTIETH YEAR
THE HOUSEHOLD
TOPIC FOR ENQUIRY

Public Accounts Committee,
Sir C. H. Tupper Says,
Has Been Delayed

FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE
Of Preventing an Investigation in
Connection With Manitoba
Election Case.

PAYMENTS AT SIFTON'S REQUEST
said to have been made without
the sanction of Parliament
or the People.

Ottawa, May 16.—(Special.)—On the
orders of the day, being reached this morn-
ing after a little routine business had
been disposed of, Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper
moved the adjournment of the House
in order to call attention to the miscon-
duct of the Government in not calling a
meeting of the Public Accounts Committee
to continue the investigation commenced
last year into the payments in connection
with the Manitoba election case, and
discussed the matter up to 6
o'clock. He called attention to the
fact that the House had met on March 10,
the address was passed on April 16, and
the first business meeting of the Public
Accounts Committee had only been called
for Friday next, May 19. The Public
Accounts Committee was one of the most im-
portant in the parliamentary system, and
from its being a committee of investiga-
tion it could just as well have been going
to the debate on the address was going
on.

Sifton's Honor at Stake.
The delay on the part of the government
was the more inexcusable because
when the House rose last year the commit-
tee was investigating a most extraordinary
expenditure, in which the honor of at
least one of the ministers (Mr. Sifton) was
involved and an inquiry had not been
concluded before prorogation, it had been
agreed that the evidence, as far as taken,
should be reported to the House and pre-
sented, and the matter taken up again and
finished this session.

Who is to Blame?
Sir Tupper had pledged himself to the
committee to continue the investigation
this session, and some time ago he had
the formal motion for the reference
of the printed evidence to the Public
Accounts Committee, and the committee,
however, had never been called, ex-
cept for formal orders, and as he
could not get the matter before the com-
mittee, he proposed to bring it before the
House.

He Shows the Facts.
He then proceeded to review at length
the circumstances of the enquiry made by
the Government into the election frauds in
Manitoba, quoting freely from the evi-
dence taken before the Public Accounts
Committee last year, newspaper articles,
and other documents to show that after
the general election of 1910, Mr. Sifton,
then Minister of the Interior, had com-
mitted to a member of the Government,
to expend many thousands of dollars in
investigation of the alleged election frauds
in the electoral district of Macdonald.

These Pinkerton Detectives.
Mr. Sifton had employed Pinkerton de-
tectives, engaged counsel and conducted a
very active campaign against the people
of Canada, without one cent of the
Government's own money, and as he
had been a Minister of the Crown, or even
a member of the House of Commons,
and without the slightest authority from
the Department of Justice, which should
have had control of an investigation of
this kind.

Scandalous Conduct.
He characterized such conduct as a scan-
dalous waste of the public money, and
the Government's own witness, Mr. Howell,
admitted before the Public Accounts Com-
mittee, was a man of no standing, and
that when Mr. Sifton first went to him,
Howell told him in "a very plain way"
there was no evidence whatever of
wrongdoing. The expenditure of the
Government in the Province of
Manitoba was borne by that province,
and there was no reason whatever for
making this large expenditure on the Dom-
inion's behalf.

These Imperfect Vouchers.
After recess he took up the question of
the imperfect vouchers for taxing costs, as
shown by the Governor-General's report last
year, and said that the vouchers of the de-
partment were fairly bewildered at the
charge. The fullest enquiry and the most
careful scrutiny was needed on the part
of the Public Accounts Committee, and it
meant to attempt to carry on in this high
muzzle the Public Accounts Committee by
not calling it until it would be too late to
have much confidence in it.

The Government Warned.
He warned the Government that it would
not be allowed to carry on in this high
manner, and said he conceived it to
be the duty of the Opposition not to
allow any new expenditure to be made
before the complete account had been
rendered of past appropriations, and every
explanation given about expenditures
which, to the least of them, were most
extraordinary. [Opposition cheers.]
Sir Hibbert continued until 10 o'clock
and some interruptions.

McMullen-Spring Post.
Mr. McMullen defended the minister of
the Interior and said in some person-
alities about the leader of the Opposition
and Sir Hibbert Tupper, finally deliver-
ing himself of the following gem:
Of Tupper you and Tupper said,
Of better kept you and Tupper said,
Of Tupper scheme and Tupper bluff,
Thank the Lord we've had enough.

Hosted by Dr. Sprague.
Mr. Sprague said Mr. McMullen ought to
be the last man to defend the Minister
of the Interior, and in Opposition
there was no greater stickler for economy
than the member for Wellington, nor any
one who had occupied more of the time of
the House in petty opposition. Now, how-
ever, he was found defending the most
outrageous extravagance. [Opposition
cheers.] The hon. gentleman had tried to

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TEN PAGES—WEDNESDAY MORNING MAY 17 1899—TEN PAGES

THE PRISONERS' COMPLAINT ONCE MORE FOR THE SANSATIONAL ARREST OF EIGHT FORMER BRITISH OFFICERS IN THE TRANSVAAL CHARGED WITH INCITING REBELLION.

It is Charged Also That the Prisoners Were in the Rand Enlisting
Men for This Purpose, and That the Roster
Carried 2000 Names.

Pretoria, Transvaal Republic, May 16.—
The arrest at Johannesburg early this
morning of seven alleged former British
officers, named Nichols, Batterson, Tren-
let, Ellis, Fries, Hooper and Mitchell, on
the charge of high treason, has caused in-
tense excitement here.

The prisoners were brought to Pretoria
by special train. After they had been lodged
in jail they were visited by the British
diplomatic agent here.

The arrests were effected by a detective,
should be concerned in such a movement.
President Kruger replied that he would
not believe the prisoners were British of-
ficers until he had proved, stating that he
hoped the affair would not interfere with
the proposed meeting between himself
and Sir Alfred Milner, Governor of Cape
Colony, and British High Commissioner for
South Africa.

Expressed Regrets to Kruger.
Pretoria, May 16.—The British agent and
Charge d'Affaires, Mr. Cunningham Green,
had an interview with President Kruger
this afternoon and expressed regret that
men who had worn the Queen's uniform
should be concerned in such a movement.

Rhodes Knows Nothing of It.
London, May 16.—Mr. Cecil Rhodes, the
former Premier of Cape Colony and re-
sident director in South Africa of the British
Chartered South Africa Company, who was
recently elected President of the South African
League, informs the Associated Press that
he has heard nothing regarding the arrests
made at Johannesburg and that he knows
nothing about the reason for which they
were made.

Mr. Chamberlain Interviewed.
London, May 16.—Mr. Joseph Chamber-
lain, Secretary of State for the Colonies,
who was interviewed in the lobby of the
House of Commons this evening, said he
had heard nothing regarding the arrests in
the Transvaal, and did not think that
too serious significance ought to be
attached to the information which had
reached him from South Africa, he asserted,
that could lead him in any way to an-
ticipate or expect anything of the kind.

Charged With Conspiracy.
Cape Town, May 16.—According to ad-
vices from Pretoria, the charge against
the prisoners is that while staying in the
Rand privately, they were really engaged
in enlisting men for the purpose of re-
bellion, when they were ready to give the
signal. It is said that the enlistment re-
sulted in 2000 men and that a number
of incriminating documents were found at
the time the arrests were made.

A SENSATION CERTAIN
When the News of the Arrests Be-
comes Generally Known - Al-
leged Rebellious Plot.

London, May 16.—The advices from Jo-
hannesburg are also probably connected
with a mysterious despatch received at
Johannesburg from Pretoria on May 12, say-
ing a special train, fully equipped with Boer
artillery, guns and a searchlight apparatus,
was being held in readiness at the
capital of the Transvaal. The statement
was then declared to be without signifi-
cance, but to-day's news throws a new
light on the movement, and it is cer-
tain there will be a great sensation in
London when the news of the arrests be-
comes generally known.

The afternoon newspapers late to-day
print special reports from Cape Town
saying seven men have been arrested at
Johannesburg and have been taken to Pre-
toria. The Government has not yet de-
clared whether the arrests have been
made secretly, or whether the matter
is being investigated through South Africa.

Alleged Rebellious Plot.
The Standard and Diggers' News, the
Boer organ in London, has a despatch from
Johannesburg, dated May 15, saying that
the prisoners are also probably connected
with a mysterious despatch received at
Johannesburg from Pretoria on May 12, say-
ing a special train, fully equipped with Boer
artillery, guns and a searchlight apparatus,
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