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MR. COAKER ON MR. SQUIRES:

(From the official debates of the House of Assembly, May 16, 1918.)
"This man (Squires) who is attacking me in the Star, and exhausting the English language to find sufficient words to vilify me, as quoted in the article (Throw Him Out) (see opposite column) opened up negotiations with the Reid Newfoundland Company in reference to the supposed failure of one of the Reids to live up to a promise made respecting financial aid to the Star, which negotiations ended by the payment in BANK OF MONTREAL NOTES OF \$5,000 by Mr. R. G. Reid to the then Colonial Secretary, Mr. R. A. Squires. The public will be solely concerned with that aspect of the matter which led the Chairman of such a responsible Committee trusting and dealing on behalf of the Dominion, with claims of such vast proportions, accepting the sum of \$5,000 paid him by a Company whose claims were under consideration and adjustment. I leave the public to decide as to HOW CLEAN THE HANDS OF SUCH A MAN ARE."

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SCENE ONE.

A luxuriously furnished apartment in the Savoy Hotel, London. A man attired in evening clothes and tortoise shell spectacles, is lounging comfortably in a big arm chair before an open fireplace. He is apparently in deep thought, and little wreaths of smoke, from the Flor de Cabbage protruding from one corner of his mouth, are circling around his head. The smell of the cigar is in itself, sufficient proof that the man is Sir Richard Squires. The sound of deep gasps and hurried footsteps coming from outside the door, made by a chambermaid who has been nearly asphyxiated by the cigar fumes which are issuing through the key-hole, wake Sir Richard from his reverie. He jumps from his chair and begins to pace the room.

SQUIRES.
To live a life to luxury and ease with liveried servants, who on bended knees attend my every want, grant each desire, see that I have all things I may require, that is my aim, money's my only need. With all I want of it I shall succeed.

He thinks deeply for a moment and places a fresh cigar in his mouth.
SQUIRES.
There is one way to bring about my ends, I must communicate with all my friends. Tell them that if the Humber must go through, I am compelled, within a month or two, to hold elections, on the strength of these depend my hopes of luxury and ease. For if I will be wealthy, then I must obtain the Government, or bite the dust.

SCENE TWO.

The office of the Prime Minister. A party meeting in progress.

WARREN.
This spring election is a thing I like. For in my district, even a mongrel type would be elected if I had to go and canvass. It would mean my overthrow.

SQUIRES.
I'm glad you think that my idea's good. Remember all, it means your livelihood.

If we're elected, but if we're turned out

We'd starve, the lot of us, without a doubt.

Coaker, of course, I can depend on you.

To keep with us your northern reticence.

And in the meantime, we must concentrate

On feeding other districts with good bait.

That we may have for our majority enough to fix the Humber guarantee.

BARNES.
This spring election may be quite alright.

But Harbor Grace I simply will not fight.

So if I am to be a candidate

Coaker must make one of his men vacate

A seat for me. It is my only chance.

The only course that I will counter-ance.

COAKER.
Samson and Jennings are scrapped in Twillingate.

Why not go there as a new candidate.

SQUIRES.
That's settled. Now in St. John's West I'll stay.

And Campbell, you'll come too. What do you say?

CAMPBELL.
Why, give me scripts enough and I'll get in.

With these and splits I surely ought to win.

FOOTE.
Though Coaker has destroyed the West Coast trade,

To Burin I shall journey, unafraid.

Grand Bank won't turn me down, for I've put there

A new breakwater and a splendid pier.

HALFYARD.
And what of me, my district's not too strong.

From Fog, Hibbs with me, must come along.

COAKER.
I'll soon fix that. We want a seat for Grimes.

He'll win there, though defeated many times.

SQUIRES.
Well, now, we've settled everything.

And soon we will put Bennett on the blink.

SCENE THREE.

The Prime Minister discovered alone. He is wearing a very mournful expression, reminiscent of an undertaker's mien at a funeral.

The Flor de Cabbages are still to be seen on his desk, but he has not the heart to smoke them. He glances through a pile of telegrams and heaves a sigh. The telephone bell rings.

SQUIRES, (picking up the receiver).
Hello, yes, Squires speaking. Who is that?

Long distance—Ray Roberts—fallen flat?

What's fallen flat—what, Calpin's meeting, why?

I did not think he'd even have to try

To hold a meeting there. Aren't they with us?

They're not. Oh, cuss it, cuss it, cuss it!

You say that I must go to Harbor Grace.

It can't be done. If I'm to save my

face.

I must stay in St. John's though sure defeat.

Awaits me at the coming plebiscite.

Tell Calpin to come in by the first train

And let him then the details all explain.

(Rings off.)
So Bennett now is sweeping Harbor Grace.

Cheered by a loudly shouting populace.

The district that I thought, alas, was mine!

Of my defeat, I see it is a sign.

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