

of members of Parliament and others. These men had been practically prosecuted, where no charge had been stated. They were not allowed to make defence or bring in evidence on their behalf, or cross-examine witnesses. No such ruthless and unsparing inquisition was proposed by Mr. Bourassa's motion. Mr. Borden pointed out that under the resolution of Mr. Bourassa charges would have to be formulated, so that it was not true that the investigation would be an inquisition in the sense that the Premier represented it.

Mr. Borden pointed out to Sir Wilfrid that the Prime Minister was in the first place the guardian of the honor of Parliament and of the honor of his Cabinet. The leader of the Government could not escape the duty imposed upon him as regards members of the Cabinet and members of the House.

OPPOSITION LEADER STILL READY FOR INQUIRY.

Having expressed these views upon the attitude of the Premier and on the subject matter, Mr. Borden plainly and squarely stated his own position and intentions. He said:

I would not have couched this resolution in these terms, nor would I have proposed this exact procedure, but I am prepared, inasmuch as this resolution refers to hon. gentlemen on this side of the House, inasmuch as the remarks of my hon. friend from Labelle (Mr. Bourassa) have touched upon the personal character of hon. gentlemen on this side of the House, inasmuch as he has expressed his view as a member of Parliament that there should be an investigation—and I think he took some responsibility in adopting the course which he did, and to this I will refer later on—inasmuch as he has done this, I am not prepared to vote against this resolution. I have pledged myself to two things in this House and I propose to stand by them to the end. I have pledged myself that I have not made and that I would not make any arrangement with hon. gentlemen on the other side of the House about any matter touched upon in the discussion during the past session which have been commented on by the hon. member for Labelle (Mr. Bourassa), and I have pledged myself also that if any hon. gentleman in this House took steps to forward an inquiry touching the position of hon. gentlemen on this side of the House, who are my colleagues and associates, I would give my best efforts to probe the matter of that inquiry to the bottom, and I am not disposed, for the sake of any parliamentary proceeding and for the sake of any hair-splitting, or for the sake of anything that has been uttered by the Prime Minister, and especially in view of the construction which I put upon this resolution, I am not disposed to vote against this motion and I shall record my vote in favor of that resolution, although I wish that the procedure suggested had been different and that the resolution had been couched in somewhat different terms.

There was no mistaking this position, which was in a line with what Mr. Borden had said weeks before. The Opposition leader was cheered to the echo by his own party as he took his seat.

INVESTIGATION PREVENTED BY GOVERNMENT MAJORITY.

Mr. Fielding; Mr. McCarthy, of Simcoe; Mr. Ross, of Caribou; Mr. Miller, of South Grey, Government supporters, all followed, giving reasons why Mr. Bourassa's motion should not be adopted. Mr. Bennett, Conservative, one of the members who had been attacked, spoke in favor of the reso-