

Sir Robert Borden, to protect the honor and dignity of his Sovereign. His solemn oath of office leaves no doubt about his responsibility. Lieut.-Col. Fran. A. Reid, Deputy Clerk of the Court-in-Chancery overseas, under instructions from Hector McInnes, K. C., and Hon. J. D. Reid, organized the elaborate system of election frauds in France to which I have already referred. With the approval of Major Hume Cronyn, M.P., and Hector McInnes, K. C., he wrote a letter to the Prime Minister early in May, 1918, explaining the election frauds he had perpetrated in France in order to secure the election of Government candidates, including the Prime Minister himself. He mildly but definitely claimed a substantial recognition for his invaluable services. Sir Robert Borden showed this letter to some of his colleagues, and eventually replied to Lieut.-Col. Reid, reproving him, of course, for presuming to convey such information to him, but in no sense questioning its accuracy. In the closing paragraph of this letter Sir Robert adopted a placatory tone, with a view of preventing publicity by Lieut.-Col. Reid.

BORDEN'S INSULT TO THE KING.

It is only fair to Lieut.-Col. Reid to assume that inasmuch as Hector McInnes, K. C., had shown him the Government's letters and cablegrams giving instructions as to the means to be adopted overseas, he could see no harm in directing Sir Robert's attention to the humble part which he took in carrying out the Government programme.

Time passed and no signs appeared of receiving from the Government the consideration to which he was entitled for services rendered to the Prime Minister and the party in power. Lieut.-Col. Reid got tired. The danger of incriminating documents passing into less considerate and possibly more dangerous hands became imminent. From rumors which reached him Hector McInnes became alarmed and wired Reid to go to Halifax. Ten days or more were occupied in cabling to the Prime Minister in London.

REWARDING FRAUD WITH THE HONOR OF THE CROWN.

Finally, on the authority of the Cabinet, Hector McInnes promised Reid the order of C.M.G. from the Crown, promotion to brigadier-general and a situation in the overseas forces with a sufficient salary to keep up the dignity of the new honors. Lieut.-Col. F. A. Reid sailed on the S.S. Olympia for England, happy as the prospective recipient of these various honors. And Hector McInnes, K. C., went to bed contented, like the spendthrift who paid his debts with a promissory note, thanking Providence that this account with his associate in the frauds was settled. The Prime Minister immediately requested the Governor-General to recommend Reid for a C. M. G., which, being a civil decoration, had to come through the Prime Minister. But on Lieut.-Col. Reid's arrival in London, Gen. Turner would not sanction the promotion to brigadier-general, nor would Sir Edward Kemp appoint Reid to the position that he had been promised by McInnes. But His Majesty granted the C. M. G. "for distinguished services." (Laughter.) According to Lieut.-Col. Reid's own story, he has instituted an action against McInnes for breach of agreement. In the meantime McInnes finds that a promise, endorsed by the Prime Minister, has no negotiable value in meeting Reid's demands.

GREATEST OFFENCE IN COLONIAL HISTORY.

It is impossible to conceive of a greater offence against the honor and dignity of the Crown than the Prime Minister has been guilty of in re-