

Let it be remembered that "Dear Lefurgy" is one of Mr. Borden's noble standard-bearers as the Conservative candidate in Prince, Prince Edward Island.

To whom did Mr. Fowler refer in his letter to Mr. Lefurgy? Merely railway magnates whose secrets were worth hundreds of thousands of dollars to shrewd speculators such as Conservative members of Parliament like Messrs. Fowler and Pope.

The Royal Commission evidence reads like a romance at this period. It details that the gentleman whom Mr. Fowler and Mr. Pope met at the train was Mr. D. D. Mann, of the Canadian Northern Railway. The information he gave was as to the route of that railway through the lands of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Having got that information, they next went to Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, who appears to have been most gracious to them. Eventually a purchase was made of 200,000 acres of land along the line of the Canadian Northern, at \$3.50 an acre. Messrs. Fowler and Pope put up \$200 each, and turned to their Conservative friend, Mr. Foster, who had the Foresters' millions in his safe keeping as manager of the Union Trust Company.

Mr. Foster's Friendly Aid.

It would not look nice for a personage of Mr. Foster's ideals to have been a direct beneficiary of the Conservative high financiers. It became necessary to have a tollgate for a rake-off to be collected with dignity by statesmen of his traits of character. To meet this exigency a company called the Great Northwest Company was literally created with Foster, McGillivray and Wilson in control.

Messrs. Fowler and Pope, having bagged the game, took their pick of the spoils by appropriating the best 8,000 acres of the C. P. R. area to hold for their personal profit—on the side—when prices soared. In the main transaction Messrs. Fowler and Pope sold to this Great West Company, or, in other words, to Foster & Co., at an advance on the price paid or promised the Canadian Pacific Railway of \$1 an acre, so that on a capital of about \$400 and a \$40,000 note, these two eminent financiers cleared a considerable share of \$200,000.