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## CHARGES MADE PREMIER SAYS ALL'S OVER

Responding to Bourassa's Enquiry, Sir Wilfrid Declares Fowler Left Nothing to Investigate

AND MR. BORDEN SAYS SAME Prime Minister and Other Members of the House Also Antagonistic to Enforcing G.T.R. Charter.

Ottawa, March 8.—(Special.)—Canadians far away from the capital will have some difficulty in figuring in their minds the scene in the commons this afternoon. With it went the last vestige of self respect that the popular chamber is supposed to have possessed of. It declared by its action, or want of action, that the reputation of the house, the reputation of the government, the reputation of ministers, were each and all of them of no concern to any one in it.

The feature evident was the treatment of the house of the Fowler charges involving the "wine, women and graft" connections of ministers of the crown.

Incidental was the conduct of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in regard to the enforcement of the charter rights of the people along the Grand Trunk to be given a penny-a-mile service. By his indifference Sir Wilfrid showed his contempt for public rights and his friendship for Chas. M. Hayes in defiance of the sacred workings of a great railway franchise and an immense national subsidy in the early days of the Great West.

With these two as major and minor events, two young gentlemen of the opposition found no difficulty in fitting themselves as a bound into the pop gun class and two other deputies from the west showed how proficient they were in the use of the barbed-ironed-rod-act, as they call it.

Mr. Bennett also showed courage by standing up and asking Mr. Carvell, who had thrown charges at him, to make them good. True, Mr. Carvell was away, but he should have been there. Mr. Bennett was there and he was ready to tell the premier that not only had Mr. Fowler not withdrawn his charges of "wine, women and graft," but that he would not return to England until he and my sister have been separated.

Mr. Bourassa recalled the statement made some days ago by the first minister. He then had said that the session could not close until the charges made by Mr. Fowler, either being withdrawn or thoroughly investigated. He had stipulated for delay until the report of the insurance commission had been received.

Well, the report is here," said Mr. Bourassa, "and it is a very grave statement respecting Mr. Foster and Senator Cox. Certainly parliament must sit in the premises." Mr. Foster: "What is your charge against me?" Mr. Bourassa: "I am making no charge, but I do say that this report of the insurance commission contains matter of the highest importance, and that you should show improper conduct on the part of ministers and members involving women, wine and graft. If you are attacked, he would conceal his knowledge; if he was attacked he would expose them."

## A HUSH SCANDAL LEAGUE.

Several days ago, Mr. Fowler, the member for King's, N.B., in the house of commons at Ottawa, declared that if there were any more reflections by members on his private character and his purchase of Northwest lands, he would tell what he knew about the real reason for Hon. Mr. Hyman's absence from the country, and that he would expose the connection of certain members of the government and of certain supporters of the government with "wine, women and graft."

Sir Wilfrid Laurier a few days later had his attention called to this serious charge. He told Mr. Bourassa, and he told the public, that he would, before the session closed, investigate the insinuations made by Mr. Fowler. Mr. Borden, leader of the opposition, also made a statement. The Globe newspaper declared that the Fowler "bluff" must be "called."

Yesterday the matter came up in the house, a third time. Mr. Bourassa said the insurance report was now down, and asked Sir Wilfrid Laurier to investigate the Fowler charges and clear the reputation of the government and of parliament. To the surprise of every one, Sir Wilfrid replied that there were no charges made by Mr. Fowler that he could or would investigate, and that there were no charges made in the insurance report.

After him, Mr. Borden declared that the charges, which he had said he would insist on being investigated, were any charges which might be made against members on his side of the house in connection with insurance.

We are, therefore, led to believe that, as Sir Wilfrid says no such charges have been made, Mr. Borden is finished, and that Mr. Bourassa or any one else, who was under the impression that Mr. Borden would insist on the investigation of the Fowler charges, was under misapprehension.

Before Sir Wilfrid Laurier spoke, Mr. Bennett of East Simcoe stood up and told the house that the other day charges had been made in a public meeting near Ottawa that involved the reputation of a minister, and that these charges were of a most disgraceful character. Mr. Bennett also said that the charges made by Mr. Fowler against the ministers had not been withdrawn, and he said another thing, that all Canada was now concerned; that not only was the reputation of ministers involved, and the reputation of the house and government involved, but that the fair name of the country was involved. The house has now, the statement of Mr. Fowler and of Mr. Borden, and no move is made.

What Mr. Bennett says is true. The country is concerned, and the country will not be satisfied with the statements of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and of Mr. Borden.

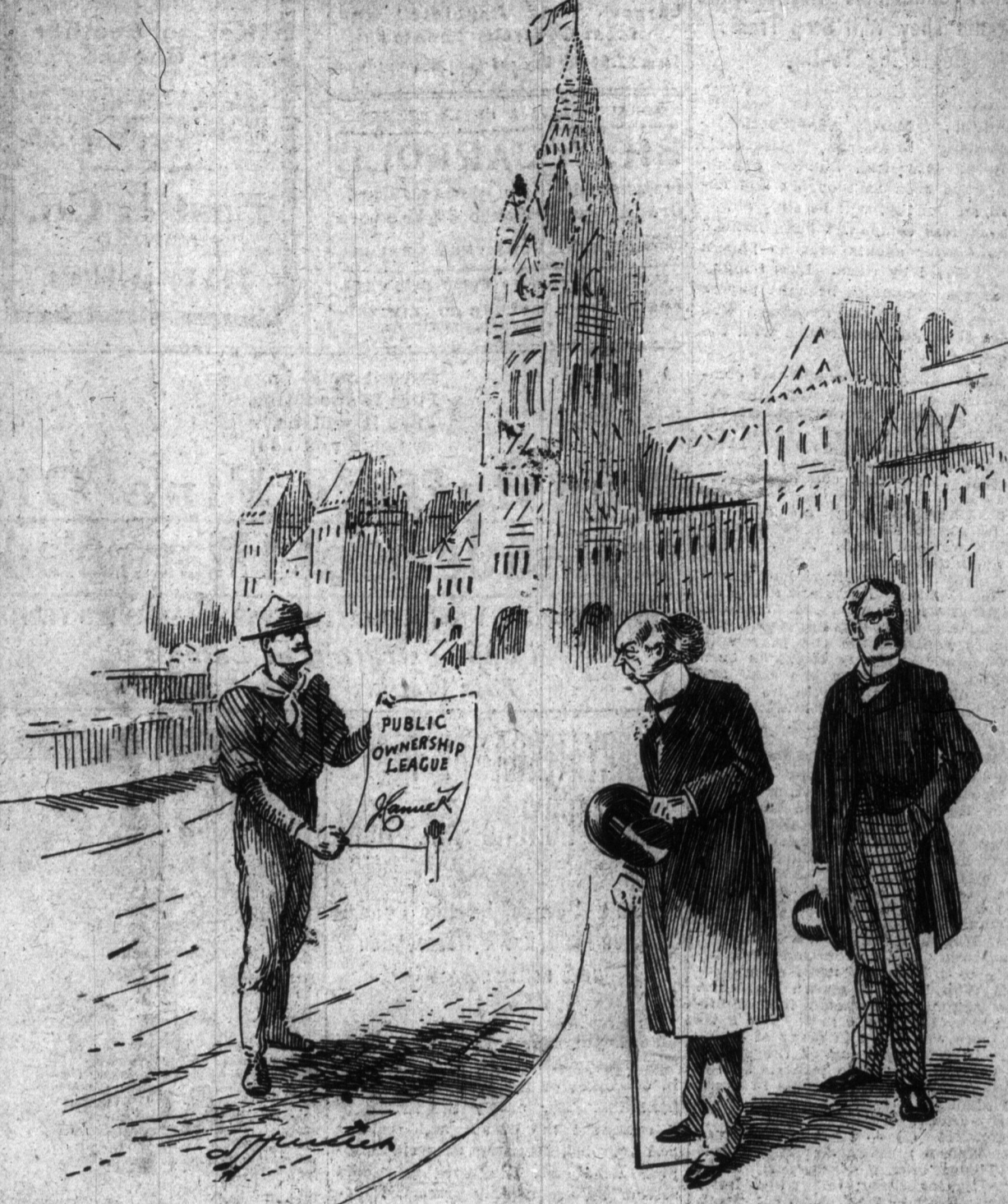
If Sir Wilfrid will not challenge Mr. Fowler, if none of their colleagues will get up and defend the character of the ministers implicated, then the opposition must insist on its being done, or, like Sir Wilfrid, must pass before public criticism.

The investigation is to be side-tracked if it is possible. The public see this, and they believe that behind it immoral and discredited men on both sides of the house have made a deal between themselves for a saw-off, and that those who should insist on an investigation of the charges are not equal to the pressure behind them, or not equal to the task in front of them.

But the end is not yet.

Howard Nesbit Alleges Family Seeks to Separate His Sister From Her Husband if the Jury Sets Him Free.

## TWO THINGS PRIVATE MONOPOLY NOW CONTROLS.



SIR WILFRID: "Then you propose becoming owner of the public utilities now controlled by Private Monopoly." JACK CANICK: "Yes, want to own the utilities and politicians both."

### BITTEN BY A RAT IN BED \$90,000 DAMAGES ASKED

Yale Professor's Daughter Wants \$25,000 and Family the Rest for "Rudeness on Ship."

Ned York, Mar. 8.—Label in the sum of \$90,000 was filed in the United States District Court against the Compagnie Generale Transatlantique, the steamship La Gasconne, its officers and crew by John Wurts, a professor in the Yale Law School, in the sum of \$18,000 for mental and physical anguish on his own part and \$25,000 each for his wife and daughters, Eleanor and Laura.

### MARRIED IN SNOWDRIFT.

Couple Stand on River Bank in Bitter Cold to Obey Law.

Detroit, Mich. 8.—Standing in deep drifts during a heavy snowstorm, the mercury below zero, Elmer Olsen and Miss Agnes Johnson were married near Iron Mountain, on the Michigan shore of the Menominee River, the dividing line between Michigan and Wisconsin. Olsen appeared at the bride's home on the Wisconsin side with a Michigan license, but the minister could not perform the ceremony legally.

### ALBERTA PUTS TAX ON ALL SORTS OF CORPORATIONS

Premier's Bill, Which Has Passed All Committee Stages, Leaves No Interest Untouched.

Edmonton, Alta., March 8.—The Alberta legislature has passed extemporaneously Premier Rutherford's bill providing for the taxation of practically all conceivable public utility and financial concerns.

### PREACHER'S THIRD WIFE A SISTER OF HIS FIRST

Rev. D. E. Fairchild, Formerly of Fenwick, Takes Latest Bride to Charge in Oklahoma.

Buffalo, March 8.—(Special.)—The announcement has just been made of the marriage of the Rev. Dr. D. E. Fairchild, former pastor of the Seneca-street Methodist Episcopal Church of Buffalo, to the sister of his first wife. This is Mr. Fairchild's third marriage; his second wife having died just last fall. His last wedding was solemnized in Henkwick, Ont., last Sunday.

### SOCIALISTS SNUB KING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA HOUSE

Refuse to Rise While Representative of His Majesty is Present, on Grounds of "Mummary."

Victoria, B.C., March 8.—(Special.)—The first session of the session of British Columbia's new parliament, which opened yesterday, has been provided by the members of the Socialist party, who deliberately, after consultation, declined to rise in accordance with the custom during the presence of Lieut.-Gov. Dunsmuir, as the representative of King Edward.

### ENTERED HIS HOME, ARRESTED

Ottawa Citizen Then Phoned for Friend, Whom Police Threw Out.

Ottawa, March 8.—Two police sergeants were before the police commissioners today for arresting a citizen for entering his own house.

## BIG DAKOTA RANCH TENANTED BY TWO COWS

Bar X Company Shareholders Decide to Have an Independent Audit of Books to See Where Money's Gone.

OVER \$100,000 WAS INVESTED Some Present at Yesterday's Meeting Alleged That Certain Directors Contributed Their Names Only to Co. Funds.

After an existence of four years, the Bar X Cattle Company, better known as the Canadian-Dakota Cattle Company, is practically defunct. The reasons for the demise are so uncertain that at the annual meeting of shareholders yesterday the following resolution was adopted:

"That A. C. Neff, chartered accountant of Toronto, be appointed to investigate the accounts, books and papers of the Bar X Cattle Company from its inception, and report as soon as possible to an adjourned meeting of the board, to meet at the call for the directors up and after the report is received."

The motion was presented by Messrs. Stock and Nelson.

Another motion, by Messrs. Haine and Snel, requiring the directors to turn over to the accountant all books and papers, was likewise adopted.

John Dryden, president of the company, was in the chair. Shareholders were present from all parts of the province. What they said was calculated to add to the peace of mind of the directors, for recriminations were many. Mismanagement was alleged by many.

Cattle Died. The company was organized in 1903 to stock a tract of 70,000 acres of Indian lands in Dakota, leased from the United States government. It is charged that the cost of fencing this property was responsible for much of the loss, and Canadian cattle shipped out were found to be unsuited to withstand the climate and perished by the thousands. But it was not so much to the management as applied to the practical end of the business that the directors and shareholders yesterday objected, as to the fact that men, as some said, holding high official positions, had for a considerable time been receiving salaries to assist the company. Some of the directors who had subscribed for stock were said never to have paid a dollar into the treasury.

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