

DO NOT LIKE AUTHOR'S VIEW

LIFE OF LYON MACKENZIE

Mr. Hellmuth Says Dr. Le Sueur At-
tempted to Show Statesman As a
Despicable Creature.

"There were qualities there
which in happier combination
might have made an admirable
not merely a notable character
—a pillar, not a pillar down of
the State."

This was one of the statements in
the life of William Lyon Mackenzie,
written by Dr. Le Sueur, Ottawa, ob-
jected to by Mr. George Lindsay, who
sues for injunction to restrain publi-
cation. The above statement, said Mr.
Lindsay, was Dr. Le Sueur's summa-
tion of William Lyon Mackenzie's char-
acter as a maker of Canada.

SUGGESTS MISUSE

After writing a letter to Dr. Le Sueur
expressing him not to publish a book
containing the information obtained
from Mackenzie's papers, and getting
no assurance from Dr. Le Sueur, Mr. Lin-
say wrote again stating that defend-
ant's determination to publish the
book would entail on him the task of
following him through the papers to
write a rejoinder showing the extent
of his suppression, misuse of ma-
terial and omission of obvious duties.

Mr. Lindsay also pointed out that
Dr. Le Sueur had written to Mr. Morris
stating that he had found other de-
pressing things that he had not yet
written up. "He got his chance,"
said Mr. Lindsay of Dr. Le Sueur,
"and he signally abused it. I made
a great mistake in trusting him."

"If Dr. Le Sueur had told you that
he could not write a life of Wm. Lyon
Mackenzie along the conventional
lines of the Hughes life, what would
have been your attitude?"

"I certainly would not have enter-
tained the idea of letting him have
access to the papers. On the con-
trary, I was assured that the subject
would get fair and friendly treat-
ment."

At the remembrance of the trial in
Non-Jury Assize Court yesterday,
a letter was read from Dr. Le Sueur
to Mr. Lindsay, dated May 20th 1908, sub-
sequent to the refusal of the Morning
Company, in which defendant stated
that he knew things about Wm. Lyon
Mackenzie that Kingsford and Denison
never knew, nor even his own family.

THE OBJECT IN VIEW

"I designed to have my book," Dr.
Le Sueur's letter further stated, "a poli-
tical study. It occurred to me that no
greater service could be done to the
people of Ontario than to lead them to
reflect on the value of the political
terms they employ and to study a little
of their own Dominion from men and
institutions of the past, to the men and
institutions of the present. I want to
awaken the people as far as circumstan-
ces permit me, to the horrible mis-
take of partisanship."

"I took Dr. Le Sueur's manuscript and
compared it with the incident he pur-
ported to portray," said Mr. Lindsay,
"and found distinctly dishonest use."
Chief Justice Falconbridge at this
point took his seat beside Mr. Jus-
tice Britton on the bench and interest-
ed himself with some of the papers in
the case.

A MAKER OF CANADA?

"Assuming that Dr. Le Sueur had
spoken to you about the difficulty of
writing up the life of Wm. Lyon Mac-
kenzie as a maker of Canada, what
would your attitude have been?"
"He would not have got at the pa-
pers for a moment."

The rough draft of Dr. Le Sueur's
critical notes on Dr. Hughes' manu-
script was produced, which Mr. Lin-
say said he had compared with the
matter criticized, but further exami-
nation along these lines to ascertain
Dr. Le Sueur's attitude as to how
the life of Lyon Mackenzie ought to
be written up was delayed till Dr.
Le Sueur went on the stand.

Mr. Lindsay was then asked by
counsel to show the court what he
considered to be a misuse of the ma-
terial he placed at Dr. Le Sueur's dis-
posal.

"Before I can do that," said Mr.
Lindsay, "I must have the parts that
Dr. Le Sueur has taken out and re-
written from the original manuscript.
These excisions," continued Mr.
Lindsay, "amount to one-twelfth of
the whole manuscript."

Mr. Lindsay commenced to com-
pare some portions of the manuscript
with the opinions expressed in the Col-
onial Advocate, Mackenzie's paper.

"Now that you have read it all, what
have you to say about it?" asked Mr.
Justice Britton.

FAIR FROM THE TRUTH

Mr. Lindsay—"It is about as far
from the truth as possible."

Mr. Justice Britton—"It is rather
difficult for a man to ascertain that
at this date."

After some further explanations, Mr.
Justice Britton said that the complaint
of plaintiff then was not as to what
was written, but that what he wrote
was wrong.

In further attempt to elucidate the
point at issue, Mr. Hellmuth said: "Dr.
Le Sueur discusses Mackenzie's atti-
tude on what was the influence of the
family compact and responsible gov-
ernment, and he says: 'Here is a pen-
cil of when Mackenzie was praising these
creatures of the family compact.'"
Dr. Le Sueur gives some instances and
says: "There is nothing in other direc-
tions. We say that during all that
time Mackenzie was most vigorously
protesting against the family compact,
and that consequently defendant is giv-
ing an entirely false impression."

A DESPICABLE CREATURE

"The attempt is to show that Mac-
kenzie was not sincere in his attack.
The book makes out Mackenzie to be
as despicable a creature as possible.
It uses strong language against him.
It shows a man not only violent in his
language, and who is written down
(not written up), as a destroyer. Mac-
kenzie was represented as useless—that
all reforms would have come had he
not been there."

"Many different views have been
expressed about the Canadian Rebel-
lion," continued Mr. Hellmuth, "and the
view of the Tories is the view in the
book. That is all."
Mr. Shepley—"I did not understand
that the case was whether this book
was written from the Tory or Grit
standpoint."

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