

ible inference that the increased tender allowed by Mr. Rogers and the unusual contributions to the campaign fund, amounting to \$7,500 made by the Carter Company, was directly connected, whereby the fund was augmented and the Carter Company received the benefit of \$1,200, while the province lost the entire sum of \$8,700.

"I find that the Carter Company contributed in all the sum of \$22,500 to the Conservative campaign funds during the currency of his contracts."

As his Majesty may not have read "Widowers' Houses," or "Mrs. Warren's Profession," he may not appreciate the delicate position held by Sir Robert Borden to Mr. Rogers—as the principal political beneficiary of the secret traffic in campaign funds from Government contractors.

In an eloquent peroration, however, Sir Robert can tell the King how Mr. Rogers' veracity has been called in question by the Manitoba Supreme Court, and how Justice Galt found Mr. Rogers out in the unlawful passing of an order-in-Council containing an untruthful statement regarding the amount of Carter's original tender. The King cannot fail to be moved when he hears with what dignity Mr. Rogers has replied by bearing false witness against a Canadian newspaper, for printing the judge's finding and protesting against Mr. Rogers being allowed longer to degrade the Crown as Minister of Public Works.

Mr. Rogers may thereupon interdoce himself by telling his Majesty that he also called the judge a grafter. With this overwhelming evidence in favor of Mr. Rogers' fitness for high honors, the least the King could do would be to tap him on the shoulder with a 9.2 high explosive and say, "Rise, \$1r Rober!"

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Mr. Rowell's speech in the debate on the address was a valuable and highly interesting review of the recent political history of the province and an instructive exposition of the present outlook and pressing duties in every field of activity and development. The world problems, so closely linked with many features of

provincial administration by the participation of the Empire in the great world struggle for liberty, were handled with keen insight and statesmanlike breadth of understanding, and their relationship was traced to the practical problems of industrial and agricultural production, personal thrift, domestic as well as public finance, and all the intricate duties devolving on the directors of public affairs. There was an interesting light thrown on the coming struggle of Liberalism in an introductory congratulation extended to the Prime Minister on the honor conferred by the Crown. That the Premier of the province, so long as such honors and titles were conferred by his Majesty for distinguished public service, should be among the recipients, was freely acknowledged. Toward the creation of the first Canadian baron, a legislator with authority that would pass to his descendants, there was suggestive deprecation.

The immediate struggle of Liberalism will be against hereditary legislative authority, and all the caste and class privileges with which it is associated. The blight of economic parasitism is tenacious, although its trail of evils is so wide and sweeping that it is one of the most deteriorating influences in the modern world. Many other evils receiving special consideration and inspiring much special reformatory work can be traced to the surrender of those who live by their own labor to those who live by the labor of others. This hydra-headed evil is closely linked with the hereditary legislator, and the influences through which he is tolerated. There is hope in Mr. Rowell's prediction that, in the clearer vision of the public after the war, the tendency will be not toward the extension of hereditary legislating authority from the old land to Canada, but toward the lessening of such privileges in Britain. His wish that the first resident Canadian baron would be also the last will be shared by all who realize the magnitude of the struggle that democracy will be made to face when war's necessary centralization of authority is to be ended.