

CRUSHING REPLY TO SCANDAL-MONGERS

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thrown the Liberal Government, which had been in power in the Province for 24 years, and with success attained, as we all know, very largely, if not entirely, by a campaign of slander on the part of the Tory press and the Tory members—a campaign carried on insidiously and systematically until it bore fruit. By a similar policy of calumny and slander it was hoped to stop the Liberals at Ottawa. The Liberals were to be shown up as grafters. Terrible corruption on the part of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Government was to be revealed.

There was attack after attack in the House and in the press by the Conservatives, and especially were these attacks aimed at two departments of the Government. But though the charges had been thoroughly investigated in Parliament, and have been before the people of this country for investigation, it has been impossible to prove any wrong-doing on the part of the Government. (Cheers.)

No Wrong Doing.

But in the administration of the affairs of a country like Canada, where many millions of dollars are spent annually, it is impossible for the Government to avoid being held up or beaten out of a certain amount of money. It is sometimes said that the Government is compelled to pay more for an article than it is worth, but this cannot be overcome. As an example of what the Government has to contend with, Mr. Aylesworth, who has been temporarily in charge of the department of public works, during Mr. Hyman's absence, told of how the other day he was compelled to pay \$300 for a piece of land for a wharf approach which had been valued at \$200.

"I had my choice of paying the extra \$100, or of going to law," said Mr. Aylesworth. "As I know something of law, I thought it better to be held up." (Laughter.)

The Arctic Charges.

It was charges of this character which were made in regard to the supplies for the Arctic. The Government cannot avoid occasionally paying more for something it wants than that something is worth. Any man who has had experience in even a municipal government would agree that this statement was correct.

Mr. Aylesworth then took up the charges made in the House of Commons that the Liberals have allowed people to "graft" in Northwest lands. The charge was based on the fact that men who had purchased lands from the Government in the west had sold them, in some instances, at greatly increased prices. But in a great and growing country like the Canadian west it is not natural that lands in certain sections will increase very rapidly in value? Was the Government to blame if a man who had bought a plot of land was able, through the growth and expansion of the country, to sell it at a price far advanced over what he paid for it?

Mr. Foster Had Enough.

"When Mr. Foster brought up this matter in the House," Mr. Aylesworth declared, "I told him that this was what he had done with the funds of the I. O. F. I said to him, 'You have done on your part what you condemn as atrocious on the part of the Government.' And the members of the Opposition sat dumb and not a man dared open his mouth." (Cheers.)

In March, 1906, the Liberals were told that a policy of scandal was to be inaugurated, and in the Mail and other Conservative organs, as well as in the House, this policy was being carried out.

But if there were in the past cries of graft such as these he had enumerated, what was to be thought of the malicious and unprincipled campaign of slander which is now being waged by the Opposition at Ottawa and which is being echoed in every Tory paper in the country?

Dredging the Depths.

Surely, Mr. Aylesworth said, we in Canada have dredged the depths of political degradation and disgrace when we see not only the lower element of the Conservative party dealing in private slander and calumny, but the leader of the Opposition, Mr. R. L. Borden, himself, endorsing the course of these men. What shall we think of him?

It is not two weeks since Mr. Borden, speaking to his constituents at Carleton, is reported to have said that from the moment Mr. Fowler made his challenge to the Government, he was treated with a respect which would have been amusing if it had not been ridiculous.

This is the position of the Opposition, which chooses its point of attack. The Conservatives bring to the people of the country such criticism as they choose to select, and it seems to have been their choice to descend even from the level of the scandal policy of 1906.

Liberals Are Ready.

"As they have selected that line of attack," said Mr. Aylesworth, "I am here as a man who is attacked, prepared to speak to you, the people of South Huron, or to any audience of Canadian citizens, upon that subject."

"Mr. Fowler's words in the House were that he could if he chose, and he would if he pleased, reveal to the people of this country evidence in regard to this, that, and the other member of the Government, in connection with women, wine and graft. Now, if any man has aught which he knows about a man which is to that man's discredit, the only course, and the only manly course, is to put into words what the thing is and allow it to be considered—allow it to be investigated.

No Names Mentioned.

"But Mr. Fowler in this instance did not mention names, but allowed the matter to rest there—left the charge to rest wherever it might fall—in fact, he charged nothing, but made innuendoes."

"The tongue of slander has not been silent since. Probably that tongue is one which never rests, but from month to month, from man to man, from woman to woman, in Ottawa and out of it, in byways, by sly innuendoes, and sometimes by actual charge, the name of some member of the Government has been associated with the charges of the character I have described.

"I speak plainly when I say that if you get together anywhere in this country or any other country, a body of 24 men, I do not suppose it will be possible to secure a body some of whom are not total abstainers—some of whom are not men who drink, perhaps drink more than is good for them."

Not Apologizing.

"But that is a matter between each member and his constituents. The public mind of this country who are sent by different constituencies to Parliament to make their laws are deemed fit as a whole by the people of Canada."

"Under the circumstances, I am not here apologizing. I say I know of my own knowledge many men in the House of Commons who take more liquor than is good for them. I believe the same could be said of any 24 men you picked up in Canada."

"But is this a new thing? Is this something that is only remarkable of the present Parliament?"

A Pointed Statement.

"Of the dead say nothing but good," Mr. Aylesworth quoted, "but is it possible for us to forget that this country has had a prime minister of whom worse than this could be said?"

Continuing, Mr. Aylesworth said that until such times as a law is passed, drawing the lines in regard to the conduct of individuals, after the manner in which the Opposition has discriminated, Canada is liable to have in her Parliament men who drink to excess.

"I am defending no individual," the minister went on to say, "I take to myself personally just as much of this slanderous allusion as any other member of the House. And I may ask, who of the men who have been making and repeating the charges is in a position to cast a stone?"

Conservatives and Women.

"As to the charge of women, I can point to more than one Conservative constituency in Ontario which in the past has been represented by a member who was living openly with a woman who was not his wife. I speak names associated with the history of the legislation of this country."

"But again I say, are these the matters the people want investigated in the Parliament of Canada? Are not matters for the people of Canada, of the different constituencies, to decide? I fully agree that no public man should come before the people of any constituency if he is not a man of fair reputation, a man who conducts his own private business fairly and decently. But nevertheless it seems to be a degradation of the high character of Parliament, and a descent to the depths of political infamy to seek evidence, or to manufacture evidence of a character such as the charges I have referred to."

Nothing New in Charges.

These are the characteristics of the public questions which our opponents in parliament present to us.

"We are told in the columns of Conservative papers day by day that the Government is a government of graft. If they are willing to make this issue, we are perfectly willing to be judged. But I want to say something more in regard to the charges of political corruption which have been made. Is there anything new in this? Is it something that was never heard of in regard to the Conservatives? I am not here to say that because our opponents have done wrong, we are warranted in doing wrong—I say we didn't do it. (Cheers.) We will not stand convicted until we are shown instances of where we were guilty. (Cheers.)

Those Assembly Resolutions.

"I see in the reports of assembly meetings of different church bodies that public attention has been called by resolutions to what has been termed the extent to which graft exists in this country. But we are not given any particulars. I am at a loss to know whether the resolutions are aimed at the Liberal Government at Ottawa, or at the Government in Toronto, in which I have not so much confidence. (Laughter.)

"I have read of the resolutions passed at Montreal, and at Toronto, and I know the political predilections of the men who are associated with them. Fifteen years ago, when this country was shocked by revelations of public corruption which destroyed experienced ministers of the crown, and in the end the Conservative Government, of 1898, there were no resolutions, and these men who are so loud today were so silent then. (Cheers.)

Distrusts Them.

"I view with distrust resolutions of this character, which would give more for one charge definitely proven than for 500 general resolutions."

After paying an eloquent tribute to Sir Wilfrid Laurier as a statesman and a leader, Mr. Aylesworth again reverted to the covert charges being made against certain Cabinet ministers by the Opposition—charges, which, if made on the street by one man to another, would result in a breach of the peace. (Cheers.) The men who are elected by the people are surely, Mr. Aylesworth said, entitled to better treatment than to be told that the minute they enter the Parliament buildings they become thieves. (Hear, hear.)

Hon. Mr. Hyman.

"I want to speak of a man loved by all, a man held in high esteem," Mr. Aylesworth continued, "a man honored by one-half the people of Ontario. Everyone knows that if he was able to be here, he would be today. I refer to Hon. C. S. Hyman, who has fought for the Liberal cause perhaps more valiantly than any other member of the party." (Cheers.)

Mr. Hyman's Administration.

Mr. Aylesworth then went on to say that Mr. Hyman as a minister of public works had given an administration to the department such as it had not known in years. Several months ago, principally owing to his self-sacrificing attention to his duties, he found his health failing, and he was compelled to seek a restoration of health in another climate. No sooner had he left the office, however, than the tongue of slander was set at work, and it has been going ever since.

"There were no names mentioned," Mr. Aylesworth said, "but in the present session of Parliament, there were general charges of wine, women and

graft. It is a charge that no man can meet or grapple with, made as it is."

Why Minister Is Hounded.

"I tell you Mr. Hyman has been hounded even in his illness," the minister declared, "for no other reason than that he is a member of the Liberal Government, and a successful administrator of his department."

Referring to the charges of political corruption in London, which had been investigated in a political rather than a criminal court at Toronto, Mr. Aylesworth said he had nothing to say. A jury will decide the case, and even though politics are mixed up in the trial, he has sufficient confidence in the juries of Canada to believe that to whatever jury the case is referred it will be decided on the merits of the evidence only.

Mr. Hyman had not been accused by anyone of having had any personal connection with any of the charges made, but like a truly upright and honorable man he handed in his resignation as a member of the Government and of the Parliament of Canada. For this honorable action he had been abused by the Opposition and had been given but very little praise by papers of his own side.

What the ultimate result of Mr. Hyman's illness will be, Mr. Aylesworth was not prepared to say, but as a close personal friend and one perhaps well entitled to speak on the subject, he would say that were it possible for Mr. Hyman to be here, he would be on hand today, fighting the battles of South Huron as a member of the Government.

Confidence in Sir Wilfrid.

In conclusion, Mr. Aylesworth dealt with the Premier, his visit to England, and of the pre-eminent position he occupied at the Colonial Conference. He did not think any man in Canada, but Sir Wilfrid could have carried all before him, as had the Canadian Premier. The very fact that he was a Frenchman and of a different religion to the majority of Englishmen wore a romantic glamor around him which appealed to the people of England. No man in Canada, in his heart of hearts believes Sir Wilfrid a grafter. The men who are circulating the slanderous cry do not believe it themselves.

The confidence the Liberal cabinet reposed in Sir Wilfrid Laurier is shown by the fact that he went to England to attend the Colonial Conference without instructions of any kind from the Government. The members had every confidence in him, and he returns having once again proven himself worthy of that confidence, and with added lustre to his reputation as a great Canadian and a great public man. There will be no wrong anywhere if Sir Wilfrid knows it.

Appeal to South Huron.

Mr. Aylesworth's final words were an appeal to the Liberals of South Huron to make no mistake this time, but to send to Ottawa a man to support Sir Wilfrid. The grand old Liberal constituency must, he said, be deemed. No attention should be paid to the anonymous writers of scurrilous articles in newspapers. So long as we live in Canada we shall probably have these charges and just as little proof. Any man can make them in a newspaper, but they have no more value than anonymous communications.

THE Y. W. C. A.

Monthly Meeting Receives Very Many Encouraging Reports.

The regular monthly meeting of the board of managers of the Y. W. C. A. was held Wednesday at 3 p.m., with the president, Miss S. J. Moore, in the chair.

The conveners of the different committees gave their monthly reports, which were most favorable and encouraging.

The "Noon Rest" committee reported that their lunch and rest rooms at the corner of Dundas and Talbot streets, over the City Bank, are really increasing in popularity. It is the earnest desire of the association that the ladies of London, as well as the transient visitors to the city, give these rooms their patronage.

The house committee reported that the boarding house on Wellington street is now under the capable management of Mrs. Clerihue, lately of Kingston. About thirty young women are availing themselves of the helpful and uplifting influences of this beautiful home. There are but three vacancies available.

The social and educational committee was reported by Mrs. (Dr.) Shaw. The classes have closed for the summer months. The social evenings were most enjoyable to all who attended. A Glee Club of about thirty members has been formed, which under the able instructions of Miss Halls, soloist of Dundas Center Church, is accomplishing good results.

A picnic club has also been formed for the summer months, the object being to picnic on the second and fourth Saturday afternoons of each month. Miss Elliott, of 556 Ridout street, has kindly invited the club to hold its next outing on her grounds, Saturday, the 22nd inst., from 4 to 6.

The garden party, to be given by Mrs. Becher, of St. George street, the latter part of the month for the benefit of the association, was fully discussed, the date to be announced later.

Owing to the inability of Miss Moran to accept the office of treasurer, Miss Ina McBride was appointed to the position.

TRIAL DELAYED YEARS

Edinburgh, June 14.—Eight years after the crime was committed Thomas C. McLelland was charged at Edinburgh yesterday with murdering his aunt, Jane Bradfoot, at West Mains, Wigtownshire.

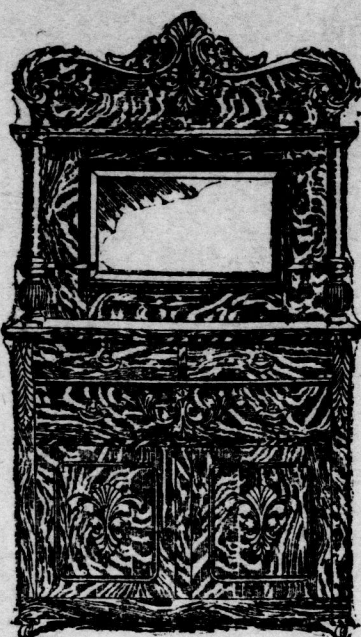
Since then he has been confined in the criminal asylum. He recently recovered his reason, and on being liberated was at once arrested.

He now acknowledges that he shot the woman, but was acquitted on the ground of insanity.

Although found not guilty and certified to be sane at the present time, he was again sent to prison at Perth, to await the King's pleasure. The next step toward his release will be the forwarding of a petition to the secretary of state for Scotland.

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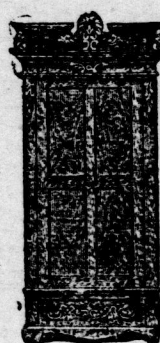
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Mr. John G. Kerr, president, and Mr. Jos. Oliver, director, of the Foster Cobalt Mining Company, are arranging engineering examination of the company's property. It is the intention of the Foster Company directors to get from these engineers an absolutely impartial and thorough report on the property, which report will be prepared with all dispatch, consistent with accuracy, and given to the shareholders and to the public.

Recent reports from the Ontario-Quebec mine show that the main shaft at the 30-foot level has discovered good values in silver from two veins which cross at right angles, and it is increasing in breadth with the depth. The vein is calcite, and at 30 feet assayed 4,500 ounces of silver to the ton, but it has since increased in richness. No. 2 shaft is down 20 feet and the vein therein is nearly as wide as that in the deeper shaft. Twelve men are at work on the property.

Peter Whitney, of New York, in his weekly letter, says: "A letter today from my own engineer in the field states that he made an examination on Thursday last of the great trunk vein of the Temiskaming and Hudson Bay, and found a vein of solid ore from 10 to 12 inches wide, showing perfect formation from the surface of the ground to the bottom of the shaft, now down 75 feet. He states that this vein can be polished with the hand like table silver. This is the greatest vein yet uncovered in the Cobalt district."

A MOTHER'S GRATITUDE.

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London, June 14.—A rather curious bet between an Englishman and an American has just been made public. The Englishman made a wager that he would give in London seven dinners typical of seven different countries on as many nights.

The continuous feast began with a real English meal, with turtle soup, meat roasted before a fire, and good English cheese. On the next night a French dinner in true Parisian style was given, and this was followed by a German repast, with kalbs-braten and Kaiserschmarrn. Then an Italian dinner was given, with minestrone, frito, misto and macaroni. A Russian dinner, preceded by a zakouska and followed by sturgeon took place on the next night, and then a real old-fashioned American dinner, of okra soup, Maryland chicken, stuffed peppers and sweet corn. Finally, as a wind-up of the week of "fine confused feeding," an Indian dinner was partaken of, with shirwa, several curries and mithaw.

Both men survived the ordeal, and the American gladly paid up for what he called an "experience."

FOUND IN THE BAY.

Toronto, June 14.—The body of a man supposed to be Wm. Tier was taken out of the bay at the foot of Bathurst street this morning. In a pocket were a machinist's card from Local, 101, and the cover of a Bank of Commerce bankbook. The body was badly decomposed.

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