

CARVELL'S ATTACK TOO MUCH FOR ROGERS

Minister of Public Works Couldn't Stand Expose of Methods in Macdonald By-Election, and, With the Premier, Leaves House—Defends Outrages.

Ottawa, Nov. 28.—Under the terrific attack of Mr. Carvell, Hon. Robert Rogers fled from the House today.

The subject under discussion was Roblin-Rogers Methods at Macdonald by-election. "Without a doubt, he (the Minister of Public Works) is charged with being the arch-priest of all the electoral tyranny and debauchery that went on," declared Mr. Carvell amid Liberal cheers.

A roar of laughter greeted Mr. Rogers as he rose to leave the House. "Hold on," quoth Mr. Carvell, in an effort to stay his exit. "I do not want the minister to leave. I have a few words to say to him."

But Mr. Rogers evidenced his conviction that discretion was the better part of valor. He vanished amid renewed Liberal laughter.

Rogers Bluffing.
"I wanted to tell the minister," proceeded Mr. Carvell deliberately, "that when he told this House a few moments ago that he had a series of other affidavits to defend the operations in the Macdonald election, which he would submit to the House some other time, he was putting up one of the biggest bluffs of his career. He has not got them, and he knows he has not got them."

"Oh, oh," interrupted Mr. Sharpe, of Ontario.

"I am not talking to the member for North Ontario," responded Mr. Carvell, "I am talking to the empty, to the deserted seat of the Minister of Public Works. It is he I am concerned with, and I do not want to bandy words with a back-bencher."

Then came Mr. Meighen, of Portage la Prairie, who entered his protest.

"It may not please you, but I am going through with it," persisted Mr. Carvell, adding amid renewed laughter that he could well understand why Mr. Meighen "writhed under a mere narration of the facts in connection with the operation of these official kidnappers."

Mr. Carvell followed Hon. Robert Rogers, who spoke for an hour, and furnished what the New Brunswicker described as "the most remarkable exhibition that Parliament has witnessed since 1867, a trade of blows, bluster and threats, threats that the press should be throttled, and his army of detectives and political henchmen taken into every constituency, unrelieved by any semblance of such a thing as argument."

Throughout his speech, Mr. Rogers received prompt-fires by pencilled notes from Premier Borden, who sat next to him, but the Premier joined his minister in leaving the House when Mr. Carvell's arraignment followed.

Rogers on Elections.

Mr. Rogers opened by assuring the House that he would take an early opportunity to present to the House some of the persons employed by friends of the Liberal leader in the western Province of Saskatchewan to win the election there. These he characterized, with great unctious, as "leading British law and British justice in defence."

"It can't come too soon," observed Mr. Tupper, amid Liberal "Hee-hees."

"I am pleased to analyze and discuss the result in Macdonald," continued Mr. Rogers. All that was the trouble was that Sir Wilfrid Laurier

was disappointed and pained at the defeat of his policy of larger markets there. The Liberals, he alleged, had tried to win the constituency by "appeals to passion and prejudice."

Macdonald stood for "the grand old National Policy," under which we have built up our great and glorious Dominion. "Conservative cheers." Continuing, Mr. Rogers said that Sir Wilfrid had made his charge against the speaker's conduct of the election to "apologize for his defeat."

"In making his charges against me," proceeded Hon. Robert Rogers, "he makes charges that are not warranted by the facts, and charges which have been heralded from one end of Canada to the other by his reptile press. I speak of my own knowledge when I say that no arrest was made in Macdonald that was not fully and completely justified by the circumstances. The whole thing has been misrepresented by the reptile press. It is true a mistake was made—Liberal 'Hee-hees,' and laughter. "I say a mistake was made through the generosity of those in charge of the prosecution," exclaimed the minister. "Through sympathy they did not go on with the prosecution." (Renewed laughter and jeers.)

A Half-Breed Story.

The minister proceeded, read affidavits from Thomas Steadman and Herbert Jarvis, both of Winnipeg, to the effect that they had been told by half-breeds that W. B. Sifton had offered them money to support the candidature of Mr. Richardson, and of Augustus Chamberlain, a half-breed, to the effect that he had secured several drinks of whiskey and been promised money.

"Why did the minister prosecute if he had charges?" asked Dr. Neely.

"Because this man Sifton was a public nuisance," said Mr. Rogers, "and I wanted to tell the House that a counter petition of protest had been entered in connection with the election."

"And does the minister expect to go on with that counter protest, or is it like his charges against Liberal workers?" queried Dr. Clark amid another roar of Liberal laughter.

Mr. Rogers said that the Sullivan who was arrested was a nephew of "old Cap. Sullivan," and revived Conservative spirits by telling the House that "Cap. Sullivan was the hope of the Liberal party in Ontario, and this Sullivan is the hope of the Liberal party in Saskatchewan. His operations in Saskatchewan have been the shame and every effort of the notorious Cap. Sullivan in Ontario. We will put our reasons before the courts."

"Give the Facts."

"Let's have some of them from you. I would be better to give facts than ask us to accept the word of the minister himself," put in Mr. Maclean, of Halifax.

"I have said I would do it at an early date," said Mr. Rogers. "I'm afraid you will never do it," retorted Mr. Maclean.

"I'll deal with your friend, Sullivan," shouted Mr. Rogers.

"I'll put my friends against yours any day," commented Mr. Maclean.

Then the Minister of Public Works ran against an uncomfortable snag, for Sir Wilfrid Laurier had accused him

of being in Saskatchewan this summer. It was on a line "with the things published in the reptile press," and there was no foundation in fact for the statement. "I was never in Saskatchewan at that time," Mr. Rogers declared.

Sir Wilfrid rose amid silence. "I certainly remember having read the report of a speech by the minister in Regina," he observed.

"It's true I was in Regina," confessed Mr. Rogers, amid cries of "apologize" and laughter, "but what I mean to say is, that was before the writs were issued."

"I hope the minister will not say in future that he was not there," observed Dr. Clark, of Red Deer.

"Let us have the truth in the House at least," put in Mr. Tobin, amid further commotion.

Sir Rodolphe's Promise.

Whereupon Mr. Rogers left Macdonald and turned to Richelieu. It was true that Sir Rodolphe Forget had gone to the constituency, and Sir Rodolphe could take care of himself. For himself, Mr. Rogers stated that he never heard of a marine railway at Sorel, and consequently could not have promised it, as Sir Rodolphe was reported as having stated.

"I made a mistake that I didn't go down to Richelieu," he concluded. "I would have returned with another scalp from the Liberal leader, but if there are any more constituencies opened, depend upon it we'll be there."

LIKES ONTARIO

Editor of Crediton Star Not Impressed With the West.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Zurich, Nov. 29.—Mr. F. Wickwire, editor of the Crediton Star, returned from a three month trip to the Northwest recently. He says his trip has increased his love for Ontario, and he intends devoting some of his time and persuasion in boosting South Huron.

BLEW THE SAFE

Robbers at Ethel Got Away With Forty Dollars.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Brussels, Nov. 29.—Safe-crackers visited the general store of John McDonald, merchant, Ethel, and blew off the door of the safe on Tuesday morning early, and secured over \$40. No clue is left, as no one was disturbed by their unwelcome call.

LOTS OF POTATOES

Farmer Who Did Not Dig Them Was Pleasantly Surprised.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Zurich, Nov. 29.—Owing to the almost wholesale rot or blight of the potato, some farmers left great quantities of them in the ground, thinking it a waste of time to dig them. Just before the late storm, however, a neighboring farmer opened some hills out of curiosity, and found to his amazement that the potatoes were in a high state of preservation. Being thus encouraged he plowed and raked out of the soil over forty bushels of potatoes without a blemish.

A splendid reception was given Miss Sipple, of Detroit, at the Dominion House last night by her former pupils. Miss Sipple is a native of Zurich, and has devoted her time to musical instruction. A piano and organ were used in the instrumental selections, and her ex-students joined in vocal numbers. Miss Sipple leaves for her adopted home in Detroit on Monday next.

EXPAND PREFERENCE IS LIBERAL POLICY

And Reciprocity Reaffirmed by Mr. Carvell, Speaking for Opposition.

ONE FOR MR. WHITE

Finance Minister's Challenge Acts as Boomerang With Telling Effect.

Ottawa, Nov. 28.—The Liberal party today in the House reaffirmed its belief in the policies of reciprocity and British preference.

Hon. W. T. White declared in the Commons on Tuesday that the Liberals were afraid to resurrect their trade policy held prior to the election of 1911, and challenged them to declare whether or not they wished to still maintain in no uncertain words.

This afternoon Mr. F. B. Carvell, speaking for the Opposition, declared in unmistakable terms where the Liberals stood upon it, promised that the fight on the Liberal side would continue, and coupled with it, while the Government benches sat visibly uncomfortable and silent, a declaration of Liberal belief in the policy of a further expansion of the British preference, and in every other form of tariff relief that would make for the relief both of producers and consumers from restricted markets, and the high cost of living.

It was a notable utterance, and was cheered to the echo by every Liberal in the House.

After discussing the Macdonald by-election matter, Mr. Carvell went on to refer to the trade issue raised in the speech from the throne. According to the Minister of Finance, he said, relief for the turning down of the agreement with the United States was to be found in the hope of a larger trade with the West Indies and Australia. But Canada's total trade with these countries was now but a drop in the bucket as compared with the daily increasing trade with the United States. Every day Canada, despite the tariff wall, was sending half a million dollars' worth of her products across the line. Mr. White had sought to drag the reciprocity question into the debate. He was living in the halo of glory of holy Toronto, where he was surrounded by his manufacturing magnates, his bankers and his railway friends. Apparently he thought the question of reciprocity could be made useful to the Tory party again.

A Good Policy.

"Let me tell him," said Mr. Carvell, "that from my standpoint, and the standpoint of millions of people in Canada, reciprocity was good economically in September, 1911; it is good nominally today, and it will be good economically always. He is living in a fool's paradise. He cannot repeat with all the money of the manufacturers, and the transportation magnates' money, and the American money, and the British Unionist money. With it all, he cannot again defeat reciprocity as he did a year ago. He cannot do what Mr. Rogers charged Sir Wilfrid Laurier with doing—he cannot again raise one policy in Quebec, and another in Ontario. He cannot again join together the Nationalists of Quebec and the Orangemen of Ontario.

"He and his friends are now in power, and must have some regard for consistency. He will find that he cannot crucify the leader of the Opposition in Ontario, because he is a Roman Catholic, and in Quebec, because he is too British. The minister talks about Liberals having one policy in one part of the country, and another policy in another part of the country. I tell him that we want to resurrect reciprocity, and we want to resurrect more than that; we want to resurrect the British preference; we want to resurrect any policy that means cheaper food for the laboring classes of Canada; we want to resurrect any policy that will afford us a chance to discuss whatever will make for better economic conditions, and a reduction in the cost of living in this country. The Minister of Finance, surrounded by his followers, intoxicated with his own importance, grandiloquently asks, 'What have we lost by the rejection of reciprocity?' The Liberals have lost power, but we did not lose honor, and in the rejection of reciprocity we Canadians have lost money, and lost it by the millions."

Lost Millions.

Mr. Carvell then went on to point out some instances of the lost millions. One man, Mr. George Lane, a western cattle dealer, had himself lost between forty and fifty thousand dollars on this year's transactions of cattle shipped to Chicago. The farmers of the west lost millions of dollars last year by reason of the impossibility of marketing their wheat at any price, let alone the loss through not obtaining the higher prices ruling in the American market. During the last three months between two and three hundred carloads of cattle were shipped from the western part of Ontario to the United States. Over \$100,000 was paid in duty on these shipments, representing a loss to the Ontario cattle raisers. Quebec and the Maritime Provinces last year paid on hay shipments alone \$2,672,000 in duties to the American treasury. A member of the Commons could tell of personally losing in duties on hay sent to the States this year \$40,000.

The farmers of Quebec and the Maritime Provinces were at the present time losing from four to five dollars a ton because they could not get the higher American prices. A large number of the last year there had been paid \$1,031,000 on laths and shingles over \$250,000; all this representing loss to the pockets of the Canadian electors.

To offset this nothing had been gained. The railways still had to haul produce to the south, and the very first act of the Government after they came into power was to go on their knees to the Yankees and beg for a preferential rate on wheat over their railways. "I would not be surprised," said Mr. Carvell, "if we find the Minister of Finance sending a fish to Washington before the next election and trying to secure a reciprocal trade agreement there. It would be the best policy that Canada could adopt, outside an increase in the British preference."

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EDUCATION BILL DEFEATED

Snowed Under on Division in the Quebec Legislature.

Quebec, Nov. 28.—The debate on Dr. Finnie's compulsory education bill was brought to a close this evening, when a vote was taken, and the measure defeated by a majority of 56-6 voting for it and 62 against.

Mr. Smart moved an amendment to refer the measure to the council of public instruction. This was defeated by a majority of 49 votes, 10 favoring it and 59 against.

BURIED AT DUTTON.

Dutton, Nov. 28.—The funeral of Mr. Isaac Sutton was held this afternoon, and was very largely attended. Besides his wife, Mr. Sutton leaves two sons and one daughter.

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