

Yesterday's Proceedings in the House of Assembly

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General Warren a thorough and impartial enquiry into this matter, (quotes Harsard.) He questioned it what had been promised was fulfilled. A partial enquiry costing \$50,000 had been held. Nine months have elapsed since the promise was made and nothing more is known. There was a partial enquiry and not a thorough one. The Prime Minister had used his office as Attorney General to get his late leader. His activities were simply that of a cunning lawyer. Yet they were of the same kind with him were asked to place confidence in him. The speaker ruled that the remarks were entirely out of order and Mr. Cramm said that he would reserve further observations till later in the sitting.

The Prime Minister replying, stated that it was with mixed feelings he addressed the House. Within the past 20 minutes he had been told he illegally held his seat and was under a penalty of \$50 per day whilst sitting. Mr. Cramm had said he was guilty of all sorts of criminal actions, but he was not to be afraid of a verdict. At about 1:30 p.m. he was informed that he could not count on the support of more than sixteen members of his party. If that was so it looked as if his seat would soon be occupied by some person other than himself. Two courses were open to him in case of defeat on the floor of the House. He would go to the Governor and advise a dissolution and appeal to the country. If that advice was not accepted he would resign and the burden over to some better man. He then referred to a visit to the country made by himself and Mr. S. Foot, re the employment of foreign labor would land them trouble. Matters were assuming a more hopeful shape and he had been invited to lay the pipe line across the back and their places given to local men. Taking up again the matter of the Government's position he admitted it was precarious. He had no apologies to make for anything he had done since taking office. He invited the inquiry to be made of the whole of the Government's actions before the Commissioner. He was responsible for what had taken place. He never wanted to "get" his leader. If the whole truth was known he was more of a colleague to his leader than a subordinate. He had asked for explanations from the then Prime Minister last year when the crisis came, but no explanations were forthcoming. If there had been Sir Richard would be Prime Minister today. He was still investigating the matter of the Controller and Glitch as he was convinced he had been deceived. He did not know where the dollars spoken of was gone, but he had determined to find out. He was not going to let anyone go clear of him as some people would. Fortune Bay would send back to the House again as soon as the appeal was made. He did not know if the investigation would go on or not. Perhaps it was a case of some people's part to get out of the way and stop the

Enquiry. Time would tell. Mr. Speaker put the question and Mr. Cramm read his motion as given above.

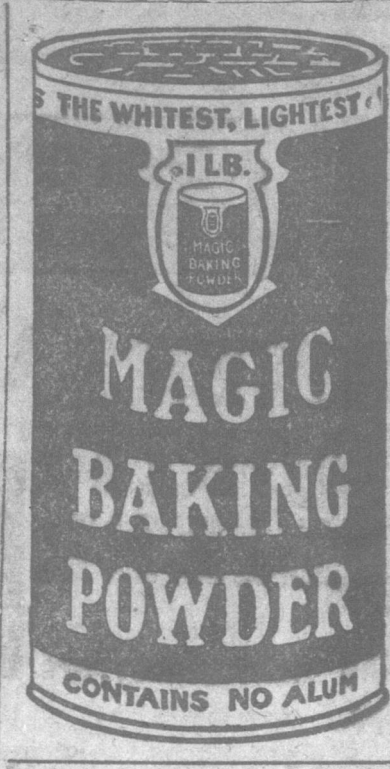
The amendment was seconded by Mr. Calpin.

Mr. Higgins, desiring to make the position of himself and colleagues clear on the matter of the motion said:

Mr. Higgins—Mr. Speaker—I do not think in justice to my associates on this side of the House that I can allow the amendment which has just been moved by the Honourable Member for Bay de Verde, Mr. Cramm, and seconded by the Honourable Member for Harbour Grace, Mr. Calpin to be put without making the position of the Opposition absolutely clear both to this House and to the country.

Ordinarily it would be regarded as the bounden duty of an Opposition to vote want of confidence in the Administration of the day, and usually a motion of this nature emanates from this side of the House. In this present instance I feel bound to explain why it is that we propose to support the motion which has just been made. In my earlier remarks of this afternoon I intimated that the disclosures made at the recent enquiry showed that the conduct of the different departments of the public service, which was conducted by a Government of which practically all the present members of the Executive formed part, was an unparalleled example of gross inattention to the duties of their offices and a revelation of incompetency and misconduct. I intimated that, in our opinion, as a result of these revelations the Administration as at present constituted had lost the confidence of the public, and that however much it might be regarded as inopportune or inconvenient the only way to clear the atmosphere would be by way of an appeal to the people at the polls, and now within the space of a few moments we find ourselves confronted with a proposition which only confirms that statement. From the ranks of the Government themselves has come defection, from the followers of the Government has come the declaration that not alone has our public opinion as regards the outside public had foundation in fact, but that even within the ranks of the supporters of the Administration itself there has been a falling off of confidence.

With the reason which prompted these gentlemen to take this position we of the Opposition are not concerned. I am faced with a situation to the effect that a motion is made which I cannot conscientiously oppose. If I vote against this amendment I am by inference giving my approval and that of my associates to the mal-administration which has made the name of the Colony in the world outside almost a by word. I cannot refuse to vote for the amend-



ment, but in doing so I wish to make the position of the Opposition clear beyond a shadow of a doubt.

We are not concerned directly or indirectly in any shape whatever with the internal troubles of the Government Party. If they have disagreed, the quarrel is of their own making. The mess into which affairs have been thrown is one that should be cleared up by themselves, and it is not part of our duty to clear out the filthy stables which have been so recently exposed to view. We are not here to use a popular expression, to accept the position of having the "buck passed to us," but should there be any misgivings in the minds of any persons, particularly in view of the utterances of the Prime Minister and the Honourable Member for Bay de Verde, I desire to say that our course is not dictated in the remotest degree by any desire to shield any person or to stifle, alter or interfere with any proceedings of any nature which have either been begun or are to be made of a criminal character or otherwise against any persons in connection with the administration of public affairs.

We are not seeking the defeat of the Government. The very absence from the House of my partner, the Honourable Member for St. John's West, who left St. John's only a couple of days ago, and that of my colleague for St. John's East, Mr. Fox, who is ever in Harbour Grace, should indicate clearly that we have not conspired or arranged for this extraordinary development. We are here with our ranks unbroken except for the absence of the two gentlemen mentioned, and standing four square to the principle which should guide any decent Opposition, to see to it that an opportunity is given to those who are mostly concerned, namely the voters at large, to register their approval or otherwise of the conduct of the present regime.

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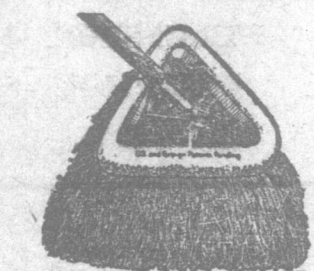
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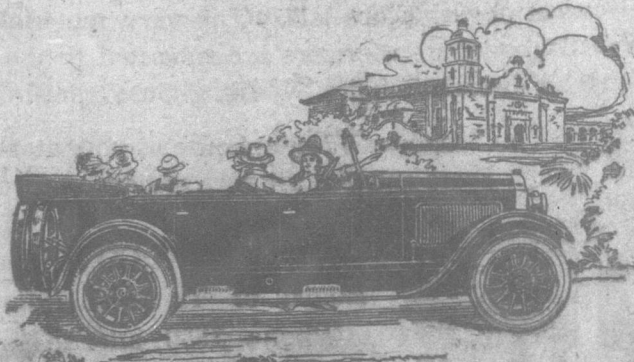
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