

SUPPLY—WEST BLOCK—COLLAPSE OF NEW TOWER—*Con.*

Speaker, Mr.—Con.

statement is made by one hon. member in reference to another hon. member and the other hon. member denies its accuracy, the rule is that the first hon. member must withdraw—1378.

Sproule, T. S. (East Grey)—1279.

Catastrophes generally result in a searching inquiry in proportion to damage which has been done—1279. It will cost \$20,000 to \$25,000 to replace building; government is responsible for disaster—1280. Will hon. minister (Mr. Hyman) convince House and country that men who were appointed to do work and look after it were men of ability or men possessed of right knowledge—1281. If Minister of Public Works had competent officers under him this accident would not have taken place—1282-3.

Stewart, Robert (Ottawa)—1291.

Has been given to understand that inspector in case was appointed by friends of hon. gentlemen opposite, and also that contractor is, or was, a friend of hon. gentlemen—1291.

Wright, Wm. (Muskoka)—1275.

Never saw a more discreditable job anywhere; general tendency among builders nowadays is to slight their work. If falling of building will draw attention of people of Dominion to necessity of watching public works very carefully, the loss will not be without its compensations—1275.

SUPPLY—YUKON CONCESSIONS.

On motion of Sir Wilfrid Laurier that House go into Committee of Supply, Hon. Geo. E. Foster introduces subject of Yukon concessions—1511. Motion agreed to, and House went into Committee of Supply—1548.

Belcourt, Hon. N. A. (Ottawa)—1521.

Objects to manner in which hon. gentleman (Mr. Foster) has brought matter before House—1521. Willing to tell whole truth of transaction; quotes statement of Messrs. Bronson and Ray—1522-3-4. For two or three years concessionaires were relieved from doing any hydraulic work on concession; but in 1902-3 work was done to complete satisfaction of officers of department—1524. Firm of Belcourt and McDougall agreed to look after interests of concern in Dawson and Ottawa gratuitously. Was intimated that unless Mr. Tyrrell's claim of \$42,000 was paid this charge would be brought against him—1525. Attack made to-day is not a personal attack but a case of throwing mud at concession in order that government may cancel it; quotes Yukon 'World' of March 11—1526-7. Has nothing to apologize for—1528. Will hon. friend (Mr. Thompson) say that before company was formed there was not an exemption granted of assessment work?—1529.

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Bennett, W. H. (East Simcoe)—1541.

It is not the fault of hon. member for Ottawa (Mr. Belcourt) if he has indulged in this practice, if it is a wrong one—1541. Minister of Justice (Mr. Fitzpatrick) has framed a Bill protecting privileges of parliament; but there never would have been such a Bill if it had not been threatened by leader of opposition—1542. Quotes letter of Ray to Tyrrell and Tyrrell to Ray—1543. In letter from Mr. Ray it is stated specifically that interest of Belcourt and McDougall in concession is to be \$100,000; why was stock of Belcourt placed in name of Thomas Ahearn of Ottawa?—1544. Reads letter Belcourt to McDougall—1545-46. Feeling of disgust for actions of government; quotes words of Mr. R. C. Steele, of Toronto—1547. Quotes editor of Toronto 'Globe'; will not do for 'Globe' newspaper to palliate misdeeds of government; will always denounce wrong actions wherever and whenever it is possible to denounce it—1548.

Foster, Hon. Geo. E. (North Toronto)—1511.

Refers to matter which has come to light through medium of Yukon press—the Bronson, Ray concession—1511. Company seemed to have an impression that it was possible to retain concession by some other method than that of fulfilling conditions attached to granting of concession—1512. Quotes letters from N. A. Belcourt to J. B. Tyrrell respecting lease of Bronson and Ray—1513. Quotes letter from C. C. Ray to Mr. Tyrrell; quotes letter of J. B. Tyrrell—1514-5. Quotes telegram of ex-Minister of the Interior; quotes letter of C. C. Ray to Mr. Tyrrell 1516. Quotes evidence of lawsuit. Could not Messrs. Bronson and Ray, business men, explain their business proposition just as well as Mr. Belcourt?—1517. What influence did Messrs. Ray and Bronson expect that Mr. Belcourt would bring to bear? Is it the plan most conducive to pure public life that a member should interpose himself so that he could obtain from government what company could not get?—1518. Custom is not tolerated in English parliament; reflection of sentiment is evidenced by Minister of Justice's Bill in making it impossible for lawyers in House to practice any longer before committees—1519. There are members of parliament to-day who are silent partners in companies and corporations that are taking hundreds of thousands of dollars of public money without a shadow of contract based upon public tender—1520. Refers to ex-deputy Minister of the Interior *re* resignation—1521. No words, no letter, no communication has passed between Mr. Tyrrell and member for North Toronto—1525.

Laurier, Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid (Prime Minister)—1538.

Would not have risen but for appeal made by hon. member for St. John (Mr. Stockton). Reputation of parliament ought to be like Caesar's wife, above suspicion.