

Mr. Cameron's Speech. (Continued from Page 2.)

fifty square miles of timber limits. I find that this same H. A. Costigan, described as of Winnipeg, on the 14th of October, 1883, applied for another fifty square miles of timber limits. I find that an H. Costigan, described as of Ottawa, on the 23rd of September, 1882, applied for another fifty square miles, and on the same day he applied for still another fifty square miles. I find that John Costigan, the Minister of Inland Revenue himself, on the 3rd of April, 1883, applied for fifty square miles.

Mr. Cameron (Huron). And to himself. Yet the hon. Minister of the Interior declared that John Costigan had ever applied for fifty square miles. If he turns to his own report of 1884, No. 50, page 11, he will find that he and his partner, Mr. Short, obtained no less than six permits to cut timber in the disputed territory.

Mr. Cameron (Huron). In the Province of Ontario, as my hon. friend says. When you find Ministers of the Crown acting in this way, it is high time that the people of this country should know it. I find that the Minister of the Interior, before he became Minister of the Interior, and while connected with a newspaper, obtained \$18,000 or \$20,000 of Government printing, which was said to have been charged at four to fourteen times its worth; and I find that a brother of this Minister is a director of the Pontiac Junction Railway, which has been bonused by this Government to the extent of \$272,000. I find that the hon. Minister of Marine and Fisheries has been uttering only just flattery on the border line between a patriot and a plunderer. The hon. gentleman cast longing eyes on the timber limits for himself and for a friend—of course, only for a friend. But the hon. Minister of Justice and the hon. Minister of Revenue are too fresh; they are new hands at the bellows; they have not yet from their more experienced colleagues, learned the ways that are current and the tricks that are vain. Let them not be discouraged; let them not be disheartened. Under the able and experienced leadership of their older colleagues they will live and learn; and I am very much mistaken, from the little I have seen of them during the present session of Parliament, if when the opportunity presents itself, each of them will not prove equal to any emergency that may arise. Let me pursue this enquiry a little further. I do not see my good-natured friend from London here, and therefore I shall not say anything about him. Now, Sir, you are the son of the First Minister of this Dominion, and the son of Sir Charles Tupper have for years been using their powerful influence with this Administration, in order to secure large slices of the public domain and the public resources of this country. For years they have been trading on and speculating in that influence and in the resources of the Dominion secured thereby. I say the trading disclosures that have been so far made in the equity side of the Court of Queen's Bench in the Province of Manitoba are enough to arouse the indignation of any people in any country. In the case before that court Hugh J. Macdonald and J. Stewart Tupper were the plaintiffs, and their former law partners were the defendants. The history of that litigation and the disclosures so far made—and not all made yet—are of the most scandalous kind. From the evidence, so far as it has been submitted—these two young men appear to have secured a timber limit on the Swan River in the name of one John McMahon. Several parties were interested in that limit, and these two young men had a ninth blind share in it. But that was not sufficient to compensate these two young men for the valuable services they had rendered in securing the limit, and so the Order in Council granting it was cancelled. A new deal was effected; a new Order in Council was issued, granting the timber limit to T. P. Walsh, for T. P. Walsh, John McMahon, the Hon. Edgar Dewdney, and Macdonald and Tupper, and in that timber limit Macdonald and Tupper held a three-fifths interest, and the Hon. Edgar Dewdney, partner and friend of this Administration, offered to sell it for \$50,000. I have always been amazed and astounded, considering the charge that have been made against Edgar Dewdney by the press supporting the Government, and in and out of Parliament, who have denounced this man as utterly unfit for the position he occupies—I say I have been surprised that a man so described by the Government's own friends, should have been retained in office, until a rebellion broke out, to some extent through his instrumentality. The mystery is no longer a mystery, this litigation has unravelled it. Edgar Dewdney helped Macdonald and Tupper to capture the public domain, Edgar Dewdney divided with Macdonald and Tupper the resources of the country so captured. Macdonald and Tupper also applied for, and I believe, secured in the name of John Apter a timber limit on the Rolling River, in which they held a fourth blind share, and for which a firm of manufacturers offered \$25,000, although it cost these young men I suppose but \$250, if they paid for it. These same young men, in the name of Alexander Moffat, secured the passage of an Order in Council on the 29th August, 1883, granting them a timber limit of fifty square miles in the disputed territory, in which they held one fifth blind share. They also obtained a limit on Swan River in the name of some one who was unknown, in which they had one fifth blind share. These young men appear further to have applied for, and I believe, secured section 32, township 21, range 20, and section 36, township 21, range 21, west of the fourth principal meridian, 1,280 acres of coal lands at the Blackfoot Crossing, where, it is alleged, the best coal lands in the country are, and these worthy representatives of worthy sires had one-half blind share in that little deal. Bedson, the warden of the Provincial penitentiary, was also a partner in this little transaction, and the name of Frederick White is also mentioned in connection with some of these scaly transactions. I would like to know from the Minister of the Interior, or the

Superintendent of Indian Affairs, if this Mr. Frederick White is the comptroller of the mounted police. His name is mentioned in connection with these young men and shares in the public lands, Section 6, township 22, range 20, west fourth principal meridian, south of section 18 in same township, all coal lands at Blackfoot Crossing, appear to have been offered to these young men at \$10 an acre, and in the little deal they had one-third blind share. These young and enterprising speculators, by wholesale in the public resources of the Dominion, appear also to have applied for if not secured sections 22 and 23, township 12, range 24, west 2nd principal meridian, 400 acres of coal lands, at \$10 an acre, in which they had one-half interest. These worthy sires of worthy sires do not appear to have limited their operations to coal and timber lands. They were willing to turn a penny in any way out of the public resources of the country, even which their fathers had not done, and so they applied for the Salt Springs flowing into Lake Winnipegosis, and Mr. Hall of the Department of the Interior wrote them that those Salt Springs could be had at \$3 an acre. My hon. friend next appear to have had a blind share in that little deal also. When the late Minister of Railways fixed the terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railway at Port Moody, the son of the Premier, and the son of the Minister of Revenue applied to the Government over which their fathers wielded unbounded sway for 400 acres of the foreshore at Port Moody. Whether they got it or not I do not know, but it is very likely they did not, completely the business became the Canadian Pacific Railway changed the terminus of the road, and these 400 acres of foreshore would have been only a burden on their hands. They appear also to have applied for 160 acres of coal lands near the Cascadia Mine in the Rocky Mountains, and I believe they must have secured it because it is said they sold their interest to McLeod Stewart of this city for \$1,000. They captured one-half of this "boodle." Macdonald and Tupper were not content with selling one-half of the timberberths, salt springs and foreshore lands. Their range appears to have been unlimited as their influence with the Administration, which their fathers controlled, was unbounded, and so they dabbled in half breed claims, and secured from Joseph Ebby and Isabel Glade three half breed claims of 240 acres each, for \$60 each. But that is not all. Nothing came amiss to these enterprising and influential young gentlemen. Hugh J. Macdonald, not of course the same Hugh J. Macdonald, secured the salt springs of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company's land department at a salary of \$5,000 a year, payable at Winnipeg. J. Stewart Tupper, his partner in law, was appointed—of course because he was J. Stewart Tupper—joint solicitor with Hugh J. Macdonald to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company's land department, at \$5,000 a year, payable at Montreal. One was appointed while the present First Minister was First Minister, and the other was appointed while Sir Charles Tupper was Minister of Railways. But that is not all. The oldest and perhaps the best legal firm in Manitoba, had been for many years solicitor to the Hudson's Bay Company, they were dismissed, and these two young men were appointed in their stead, to the huge business of every year at Winnipeg. They were appointed of course, not because one was a son of the First Minister, and the other the son of Sir Charles Tupper. Sir Charles Tupper's presence at the headquarters of the law firm, was applied for to the court at Winnipeg, but while the papers were being copied, Macdonald and Tupper made an application to the court and obtained an order from the court to stop the copying. The startling fact I have mentioned are all capable of proof, and I now challenge hon. gentlemen opposite to appoint a commission to investigate these matters, a commission in which the public will have confidence; let them name any one of the Judges of the Superior Court of Ontario or any one of the Supreme Court here, or any one of that commission, and I venture to say that the statements I have made will be established before that commission. In fact it looks as if Ministers of the Crown and their friends considered the public resources of the Dominion as a 'loot' to which they were freely entitled. This position is well illustrated by a case tried a few days ago at Regina, in which a Mrs. Doig was plaintiff and Sheriff Chapeau defendant. This Mr. Chapeau is the same man who figures here some years ago in connection with some scandals in the public Departments. It was charged against him that while he was a servant of the Crown he had hired himself to a firm of American contractors at so much a month to reveal the secrets of the Department. It was charged against him that he obtained \$4,000 from another firm of contractors in connection with a contract on the Canadian Pacific Railway, and for these offences he was dismissed the service here, and on his dismissal the Minister of Railways said the Government could not afford to retain him in the service with these charges against him. His dismissal was of a peculiar kind. He was dismissed from an inferior and promoted to a superior office, for gross misconduct.

Mr. Cameron (Huron). He was promoted. He was what we may call "kicked up stairs."

Mr. Chapeau. The hon. gentleman is not correct.

Some hon. members. Order.

Mr. Cameron (Huron). He was removed and promoted—is that correct? He was kicked up stairs. He was made sheriff and inspector of public works in the Northwest Territories, and he officiated, of course, at the late execution at Regina. During the progress of this trial, it was found that it was very troublesome and expensive that the Crown witnesses should get their meals in Regina, it being two miles from the court room, and it was arranged by the sheriff that meals should be supplied at the court

house, by Mrs. Doig at 50 cents a meal. Mrs. Doig says that the sheriff says at 30 cents a meal. Under this arrangement, 397 meals were supplied. The account was audited by Mrs. Doig to the sheriff at 50 cents a meal, and was sent by the sheriff to the Government at Ottawa, and was paid, as I understand it, by the Government at 50 cents a meal. The sheriff and his deputy then underpaid 65 per cent of the account, 40 cents a meal. The woman objected, she insisted on 50 cents. They would not pay it, and the woman brought an action against the sheriff for the account, it was tried before the stipendiary magistrate. Mr. Nicholas Flood Davin was counsel for the plaintiff. The following evidence was elicited: Mr. Chapeau, the sheriff, was sworn, and examined by Mr. Davin. He says: "His books showed 397 meals served, and he told Mr. Gibson to make out the bill for 397 meals against the Department. He had the account at the rate of 50 cents a meal in order to recompense him for his trouble in sending messages, &c."

"I am quoting now from the report of the trial in the Regina Leader: "Such things have been done before. The Government are not going to discuss it. He told Mr. Gibson to pay Mrs. Doig, and that the Department would not pay more than 40 cents per meal. The difference was credited to Mr. Gibson. "Did it ever get into Mr. Gibson's hands? He said it did not. "Did Mr. Gibson ever receive a cent of it? It was credited to him. "Mr. Davin said he had proved that certain meals ordered had been supplied, that the original arrangement with Mr. Gibson was 50 cents a meal, and that Mr. Doig, and that the Department would not pay more than 40 cents per meal. The difference was credited to Mr. Gibson. "Did it ever get into Mr. Gibson's hands? He said it did not. "Did Mr. Gibson ever receive a cent of it? It was credited to him. 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