SENSATIONAL CHARGES OF CORRUPTION AGAINST PREMIER WHITNEY AND HANNA; LEGISLATURE TO INVESTIGATE MATTER

Mr. Proudfoot, the Member For Huron, Declares Cabinet Ministers Guilty of Illegal Action in Connection With Contracts and Demands Affair Be Probed ---Premier and Provincial Secretary Make Denial.

MR. ROWELL ASKS THAT CASE BE PLACED BEFORE JUDGES

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, April 24.—Serious and sensational charges were preferred by Mr. William Proudfoot (Centre Huron), in the Legislature last night against Sir James Whitney, prime minister, and Hon. W. J. Hanna, provincial secretary. These charges arose out of the disclosures in connection with the public accounts investigation of the settlement with Taylor, Scott & Co. in respect of the Central Prison contract. They are made by Mr. Proudfoot upon his responsibility as a member of the House, and will be gone into by the committee on privileges and elections. Hanna, whilst respectively being

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whereas yesterday there were ominous

he matter up. There was an unusually

upper, with a scattered attendance in

he public galleries. The order paper

A Thunder-Clap. Members had been on the qui vive all day in anticipation of a thunderclap from the Opposition benches, but it was not until the order paper had been cleared and the House ready for prorogation that Mr. Proudfoot got his opportunity. He briefly recited the facts which forced him to take such a course, declaring that he would have preferred to have dealt with the matter in the public accounts committee, but had been advised to lay his charges in the House, and in defer-

was adopting that method. The Charges,

Mr. Proudfoot's charge is deliberate and definite, and in his own language

ence to the opinion of the majority

"I charge the said William J. Hanna and Sir James Pliny Whitney with megally, corruptly and sarproperly causing the losue of the sam nat, and entering into the agreement to refer the said claim to the award of the said Thorne, and I ask for the appointment of a royal commission to investigate the conduct of the said parties in connection with the Taylor, Scott & Co. claim, and the statements and transactions hereinbefore de-

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"I further charge that the actions of the said Hon. Sir James Pliny Whitney and Hon. W. J. Hanna, whilst respectively being Premier and Provincial Secretary, in connection with the said contract and adjustment thereof, the granting of the fiat and the settlement of arbitration and payment of the amount awarded, together with the demand for and acceptance of the said sum of \$500 by the said W. J. Hanna in manner for the purposes above set forth are and were unlawful, corrupt and improper acts on the part of the said the Hon Sir James Pliny Whitney and the Hon. W.
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audible tones: "Go on, go on," and Premier, replying: "I am going to ve the adjournment of the House." Dramatic Moment.

Mr. Proudfoot quietly arose, and mid a painful silence, said that he vas about to bring before the House a matter arising out of an investigation y the public accounts committee of a yment to Taylor, Scott & Co. of \$21,-068.02. As Mr. Proudfoot proceeded, members on both sides strained their ears to catch every word. In the public galleries casual listeners leaned forward in the expectancy that a sensaional scene was about to follow There was a sudden lull to the busy num of conversation among attendants and messengers and for a few moments one could almost hear a pin drop. Mr. Proudfoot did not hesitate. He would ave preferred to have investigated the matter before the public accounts com-mittee, but that had not been permitldest member of the House that a with the questions involved, but feelene similar to that of last night was and ound in the Gamey charges, but these in my opinion, should be dealt with, I desire to discuss it here."

"Therefore, sir, recognizing the re Mr. Proudfoot rose in his place to read am about the place before the House his formal statement, but he was inter-but do so with very great reluctance upted by the Speaker and reminded and only because I deem it in the pubhat it was time to adjourn for lunch, lic interest and in the interest of the ortunity would be given later to bring dealt with, that I take this course."

Whitney Interrupts. With this brief introduction, Mr. Proudfoot proceeded to read the formal vas practically cleared, and an awk- charge. There were only two interrupward pause followed a whispered con-versation between Sir James Whitney The first was when he made the stateland Hon. Mr. Hanna, the latter saying ment that all the matters had been

Look to You?

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"Absolutely false," commented Sir

Sir James Pliny Whitney had "illegally, secretary of the Province of Ontario, corruptly and improperly" caused the for and on behalf of the said provissue of the flat. Here Sir James relince, on the 20th day of July, A.D. peated "Absolutely false."

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As Sir James Whitney rose to reply to the charge a burst of applause came from the Conservative benches. He asked first that the charge of Mr. Proudfoot be placed in the custody of the clerk of the House, "Of course, this is an important matter," the Premier went on, "One often finds in this install."

This was merely a soliloquy, com-mented Sir James, addressed to those who might be listening.

"The House has the statement of the honorable gentleman. He expected "In the first the honorable gentleman."

the House to believe that I acted corruptly with reference to the issuing of a flat. Did he mention that there is not another honorable gentleman in this House, or there is not another who knows me in the Province of Ontario who would risk such a

statement?" (Loud applause.) "The honorable gentleman, after considerable cogitation, has finally taken the plunge, and now this mat-ter will be followed to its end.

Sir James referred to his statement on Monday with regard to the proceedings of the public accounts committee, that if any honorable gentleman had a charge to make, the Government would afford ample investigation before a select committee on the committee on privileges and elections. "I shall carry out that prom-

(Hear ,hear.) Sir James referred to the statement made by Sir George Ross (then premier), at the time the Gamey charges and subversive of good government. were made on March 12, 1903, that the matter would be referred to the the said firm of Taylor, Scott & Co. committee on privileges and elections. made various efforts to procure a "That is the position which naturally he took, being an old parliamentarian. That is exactly the position I took unconsciously in what I said the day be-

fore yesterday." Continuing, Sir James said, with reference to the charge: "He (Mr. Proudfoot) will have the time, having taken the grave responsibility of declaring that he believes the charge—of which I do not believe he has a shadow of proof—made against a man in my po-sition, and my colleague here. He has taken that responsibility, and will go through with it." (Applause.)

Premier Abusive.

Wary of the absence of a direct de-nial being misconstrued, Sir James declared, "There is not one atom of truth in these charges. (Loud Conservative applause.) They are worthy of the low and ignoble mind of the man who has put them out before the pub-

"Is that parliamentary language?" asked Dr. McQueen, and Mr. Rowell rose to ask the Speaker if such expreswould be permitted.

Sir James explained that he had not used the remark with reference to Mr. Proudfoot, "They were worthy of the low and ignoble mind of the man who originated them," (hear, hear), add-ing, "I think my honorable friend (Mr. Rowell) is pretty nearly of the same

Sir James then moved his amendted by the majority and deferred to their opinion that the House was the proper place to lay his charges. "I did mittee on privileges and elections, with It is not within the memory of the dest member of the House that a journment of the House while the

Blackmail, Says Hannah,

The applause which greeted Sir James when he rose to speak was repeated for umors all day that something was sponsibility of my position, recognizing Hon. Mr. Hanna when he proceeded to bout to happen; in fact, at 6 o'clock the graveness of the charges which I make a statement. "Mr. Speaker," he began, in dispassionate tones, "I rise to a petition of right by the said firm, assure this House and this Province that do not for one moment shirk investigathat it was time to adjourn for lunch, lic interest and in the interest of the tion under the rules of this House. On and Sir James intimated that an opprovince that the matter should be the contrary, I welcome it. When those who are making these charges today are hrough with what they have to say I hall make full answer without qualificaion or reservation. When I am through there will not be one act of mine that will reflect in any way on my honor or integrity or on the conduct of my department or on my public life in this Prov-ince; and this I will be content to leave o the judgment of every fair-minded

Continuing, Mr. Hanna declared the charges were "blackmail" that he had een subjected to for upwards of a year and a half, but he knew what the hon. gentleman who made the charges did not "That is the fact." he asserted, and, sir, let me say, and I say it in order that it may not go out tomorrow that I have not sat silent in this House personally, or against me in my public career in this Province of Ontario, that I did not at that time say one word. One week ago, if anyone had said to me that there was a charge against me personor against my conduct in my department, I would have stood up in this House and said to the members of the Opposition: 'Select your own committee, name your own chairman, from your own followers in this House,' and I would have gone into the investigation feeling that there was not one man there that would not have done me an injustice in these matters. But I want to say what has happened tonight, and what has happened in the public accounts committee what has happened in the way of innuendo, has entirely altered me in that par-

"So far as Taylor, Scott & Co. are concerned, all that could in any way, shape or form be used against me on a public platform or off of it was included in the statement of Sir James Whitney on the floor of this House on Monday. I want to say more. I want to say that in so far as the coal tenders and the underfed stokers are concerned, ever suggestion, every innuendo is absolutely false, is entirely without foundation. "I will say more later on, but in the meantime I wish to make this statement to the House," said Hon. Mr. Hanna in conclusion.

Mr. Rowell's Proposal. Mr. Rowell followed. "I submit, Mr. Speaker," he began, "that having regard Speaker," he began, "that having regard to the position of this important matter, and in the interest of all parties concerned, that it would be better that the matter should be dealt with by a commission of two judges of the supreme court." (Cries of no. no.) The Liberal leader pointed out that the judges would be appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor upon the recommendation of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, and would be competent to inquire into the supreme with the power to sink into my stiff, sore muscles, and it drew out the pain and gave me release from such distress as few people know. My condition was largely Rheumatic, and would be competent to inquire into the with Rheumatic tendencies to use at 2214 mills. would be competent to inquire into the with Rheumatic tendencies to use at 221/4 mills. matter in a thoroughly impartial way. Nerviline—rub it in frequently and Conductors Having regard to a past experience in bind a hot flannel cloth over the ach—such matters where political feelings and emotions were involved, it would be de-will surely cure."

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iderations as against honorable members named in the statement of my honorable and Rheumatism is simply a marvel. Canal, is dead at Thousands of actual, permanent cures the House and with the country than prove this. In the home Nerviline is lin with abduction. would any conclusion reached by the majority or the minority of a committee nally with sure results, for cramps, having political feelings, emotions and stomach pains, and diarrhoea. It stops 47 years, will retire on June 1. The Charges in Detail.

The charges in detail follow: of the Legislature for the electoral district of Centre Huron, in the Province of Ontario, Dominion of gists, or The Catarrhozone Company, and destroyed. Canada, declare that I am credibly Kingston, Ont.

laid before the Prime Minister regard- informed and I believe that I can establish by satisfactory evidence: "That Taylor, Scott & Co. entered ames.
And again when the charge read that William J. Hanna, the provincial ince, on the 20th day of July, A.D. 1905, for the term of five years from

this is an important matter," the Pre-mier went on. "One often finds in this installed in said prison, and to supply world, one often meets some good a minimum of eighty men, and if people, and one meets abandoned wretches of the worst type, without all sense of decency, fair play and self-said Taylor, Scott & Co. to pay therefor, according to the schedule set forth in said agreement, and also in an agreement which was subsequently come to between the said

> "In the years 1907 and 1908 certain disputes arose between the said parties, in which the said Taylor, Scott & Co. claimed that the province was not fulfilling and had not fulfilled its said agreement, whereby hey claimed to be entitled to damages The said dispute, and others which ose from time to time, continued down to the 18th day of November, A.D. 1911

when same were referred to one L. E. . Thorne for adjudication. Sum of \$500 Paid.

"In the year 1908 the said Taylor Scott & Co., or George C. Taylor, was requested to make a contribution to the party funds of the provincial Conservative party of the said prov-ince, then being in office, or to the Provincial Secretary aforesaid, and in accordance with such request did contribute and pay over to the said Provincial Secretary the sum of \$500: said payment being illegal, corrupt

"In the beginning of the year 1911 settlement of their claim without success. Finally they applied to the Hon-orable the Attorney-General for a fiat to enable them to commence legal proceedings. The claim then put forward was for the sum of \$19,463.02 made up of damages suffered through various alleged breaches of said agree-

"The application for the said flat was greatly delayed, and the said George C. Taylor decided that it could not be procured through the ordinary and proper channels. Thereupon, and on a number of occasions e interviewed the said Honorable the Provincial Secretary, who took the ground that the said company had no valid or legal claim. The said George C. Taylor contended that they had a good claim, and insisted on said flat being granted, and accused the said Provincial Secretary amongst other

ment.

things as follows:
"That, he, the said Hanna, had accepted the said sum of \$500 from the said Taylor, thereby leading the said Taylor to believe that his claim would be satisfied, and that the said sum was paid in consideration thereof, and that the same was given for alleged political and party purposes, as hereinbefore set forth; that the said Hanna manipulated the opening and granting of certain coal tenders; that there were grave irregularities in connection with the purchase of certain self-feeding stokers, and that th said Hanna had otherwise acted in an improper, corrupt and illegal manner, and against the good government of the witnesses and documents, and the Province and the administration of public affairs thereof.'

"All of these matters were laid before Minister of the Province of Ontario, and within a few days afterwards said flat was granted, but on the understanding that it was not to be used for three months. The House was then in session "This was followed by the service of wherein they claimed \$50,000 damages although their said claim, as presented to the department, amounted only to the sum of \$19,463.02. A defence was put in by the Province disputing the whole of said claim, which was, according to the reports of the Government officials, wholly unfounded

"Great delay in the prosecution or adustment of said claim was caused by the said Provincial Secretary corruptly and mproperly endeavoring to obtain in the neantime a letter or document from the said Taylor withdrawing all charges made by the said Taylor n the premises.

"In November, 1911, after the then ap. roaching general elections were anounced, the said George C. Taylor insisted on said claim being disposed o before the elections, again making us of the same arguments on which the said flat was granted. On the strength whereof he succeeded, through the said Hon, Sir James Pliny Whitney and the when any charge was made against me | Hon, the Provincial Secretary, in having the claim referred to the said L. E. C Thorne, as sole referee, without appeal, his award to be made within 30 days from said date, and the amount found to be due paid within 60 days from said

date. "The said referee was appointed on Saturday, Nov. 18, 1911, at 4 p.m. He made an award on the 24th of said nonth, without taking evidence, whereby he found the said firm entitled to \$21,068.03. This sum was paid on Jan. 17. 1912. The said referee was paid \$500 by

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Grey Retire.

Toronto, April 24.-Speaker Hoyle,

of the Legislature, received last night

the resignation of Hon. A. G. MacKay as member for the north riding of Grey County. There is no suggestion

at present when the writ will issue, but it is likely that the matter will remain in abeyance until a permanent appointment is made to the provincial

Oatman and treasurership. Conductors Stiles,

A lad named Bennett played with a Captain George Ross, one of the

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