

the letter that had been written to me by the friend I referred to. I intimated what I feared would be the effect of the work of that delegation if their operations were not check-mated. I asked the Prime Minister of this country to have an intimation sent to these men that the order complained of, the order that had started them upon their mission, the order that threatened the loss of free lumber in the Wilson Bill, had been rescinded or set aside. That was the proposition I made to the Prime Minister of this country, and that gentleman deemed the matter of sufficient importance to authorize telegrams that he had caused to be sent orders to the collector of customs at Sault Ste. Marie and the outports that the order was rescinded or set aside.

Mr. WALLACE. No, no.

Mr. CHARLTON. Yes, Sir, here is the telegram. This telegram was sent by the hon. gentleman to E. T. Carrington of the American delegation and to Mr. Young, president of the Michigan Log Towing Company of Bay City, Michigan. The hon. gentleman himself says that he sent these telegrams. Why did he send the telegrams to the gentleman in Washington whose name I furnished? Why did he send a telegram to a gentleman in Bay City whose name I furnished? Why did he cause telegrams to be sent to the collector at Sault Ste. Marie and the outports that the order was to be held in abeyance until further instructions? Was it because I was engaged in a conspiracy? Was it because the Prime Minister of this country, as the hon. gentleman alleges, said that I was a traitor and the manager of a delegation sent to Washington, and that I had been marshalling the lumbermen of the Ottawa valley to assist my traitorous designs? And was it to check-mate me that he sent these two telegrams to parties I have named? A pretty way to check-mate treason, a pretty way to rebuke a man who is engaged, according to his own statement, in endeavouring to injure the interests of this country, to follow the very course he suggested and readily comply with his suggestions. The assertion is simply preposterous and the hon. gentleman knows that it is totally destitute of truth.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Order, order.

Mr. CHARLTON. Well, I cannot say they were true, at all events, but I withdraw the other assertion. Here are the telegrams:

E. T. Carrington, Esq.,
c-o Thos. A. Weadock, M. C.,

House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

How did the hon. gentleman know this Mr. Carrington? How did he know that a telegram addressed in care of Congressman Weadock would reach Mr. Carrington of Bay City? How did he know that Mr. Carrington was there at all? What led him to

suppose that it was necessary to send a telegram to that gentleman? What was his object in sending that telegram? Was it to tell Mr. Carrington to do some business for him that he afterwards went on to Washington to attend to himself? Was it to ask Mr. Carrington to procure him some books at Washington? He knew from the information furnished him here that Mr. Carrington was a member of the delegation that had gone to Washington for a specific purpose. He knew what that specific purpose was. He sent the telegram from the Customs Department to divert these men from the purpose they went to Washington to carry out. That was the object for which I waited upon the Premier, and that was the object the Premier had in issuing the instructions to the hon. gentleman. And the hon. gentleman was carrying out the instructions when he wired to Mr. Carrington as follows:

Have wired instructions collector Sault Ste Marie. Duty American boom-logs and chains to remain in abeyance until further instructions.

He sends the same telegram to Walter Young, a leading gentleman in Bay City, engaged in the business of towing logs, one who could furnish to parties interested in sending down the delegation, information calculated to allay the feeling of hostility to Canada that had led to the sending of the delegation to seek to defeat free lumber. I have never seen in this House in my twenty-five years' experience, a more brazen instance of an attempt to deny what was true—

Some hon. MEMBERS. Order, order.

Mr. CHARLTON—a more brazen attempt to throw discredit upon an hon. gentleman of this House, falsely and unfairly, than that made by the hon. gentleman to-day.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Order, order.

Mr. SPEAKER. The hon. gentleman is surely aware that he is out of order in making these statements with regard to another hon. member. I must ask the hon. gentleman to withdraw the words.

Mr. CHARLTON. Well, I will withdraw them, but I shall be sorry if the rules of this House compel me to say they are not true. I withdraw them in a parliamentary sense. Then the hon. gentleman asks what was the purpose of this export proviso? Did the hon. gentleman listen to the statement made as to the various circumstances that led up to the necessity of suggesting this export duty proviso? Did he hear the statement made that when the Bill left the House of Representatives with the proviso fixed by the Committee of Ways and Means that proviso was inadequate for the purpose for which it was intended? Did he hear of the hostility aroused against the Bill in consequence, hostility threatening the existence of the Bill so far as free lumber was concerned? The hon. gentleman says