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## FIERCE STORM BROKE FORTH IN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

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he voted to the different counties by the House. As minister he had tried to do his best in the interests of the party and province, but it was hard to please everybody. He claimed that the North Shore counties had been neglected by the old government, and it was for this reason that the present administration found it necessary to make larger expenditures in these counties.

Mr. Smith would probably have been satisfied if the Minister had stopped right here, but he did not do so. A casual glance across the floor in the direction of Messrs. Pinder and Swim seemed to give Honest John fresh inspiration and he proceeded as follows:

Not the Angel Gabriel.

"With reference to the unfair and unkind remarks that have been made about me by two men, I had not intended taking any notice of them. I might say that the Angel Gabriel could not please these two men. I am not the Angel Gabriel. (Applause from Harry Woods.) I do not believe that I could please those two beauties, Pinder and Swim, if I had wings on me. It is an unclean bird that defiles its own nest, and these men are defiling the Conservative party, to which they claim to belong. One of these men removed the railing from a bridge near his own home, so he could get logs to his mill, and yet he has the temerity to come here and say that I have squandered the money of the province.

"Let me tell these men that the books of the Public Works Department are open to them, and if they can show that there has been graft in my department I will resign. Let me say further, that I have never grafted two cents since I came into the Government."

The Minister being now thoroughly warmed up, went on to say that he had saved the province \$60,000 on the purchase of wire, road machines and carpets.

Road machines, he said, had formerly cost \$235, but he bought them for \$193. There had been just as great a saving on the other items he had named.

"I don't ask you to believe this," he went on, "but Pinder or any other man can go to the office and investigate for himself. I told them last year to put an auditor in my department and see if they could find anything wrong."

Harry Blair's Case.

"It is to the shame of the Conservative party that Harry Blair is being treated in the way he has been treated. Last session Pinder had made a vicious attack on Harry McLeod, and now he was after Blair. YOU HAVEN'T AS GOOD AN OFFICIAL IN ANY OF THE DEPARTMENTS AS THIS SAME HARRY BLAIR. THERE HAS BEEN REFERENCE TO AN AFFIDAVIT MADE CONCERNING HIM—AN AFFIDAVIT FROM A MAN WHOSE WORD I WOULD NOT HANG A CAT ON.

"I have known Blair for seven years and I want to say that if every man in the province goes back on him, Jack Morrissey will still stand by him. I WANT TO TELL THE PINDERS, THE SWIMS AND THE REST OF THEM THAT HARRY BLAIR IS NOT GUILTY OF THE CHARGE THEY HAVE TRUMPED UP AGAINST HIM.

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Mr. L. P. D. Tilley

explained some criticism he had made in connection with furnishings purchased for the legislative buildings. He contended that instead of the work being done by day's labor

tenders should have been invited. He would take that position no matter who the minister might be, as it was sound criticism. He held that the minister of public works was responsible for the actions of his chief clerk Mr. Teed's report had for some reason not yet been made public. He would be pleased if the report exonerates Mr. Blair. If it does not exonerate him the minister must accept the responsibility for his conduct.

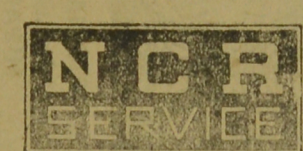
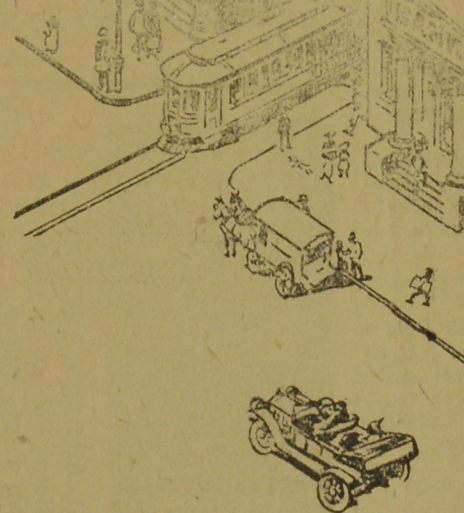
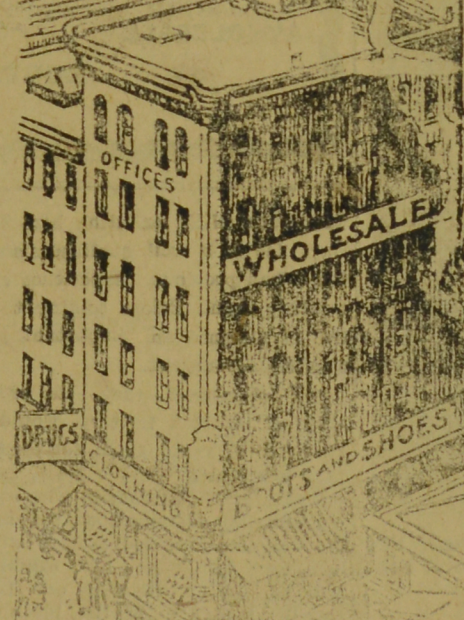
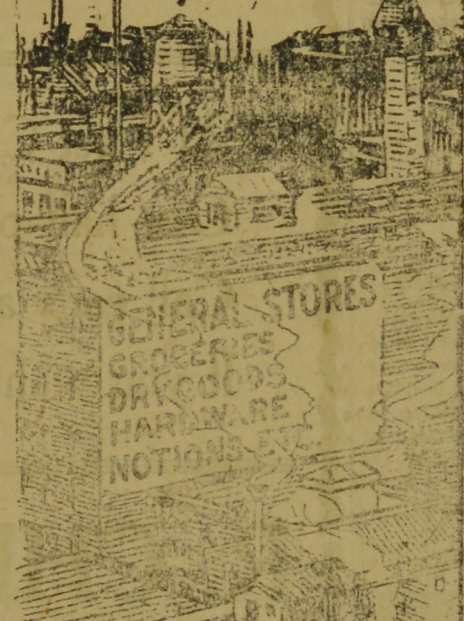
Hon. Mr. Morrissey said that Mr. Tilley had insinuated that there had been ten per cent. graft in connection with purchases for the legislative chamber. Just like the rest of them, however, he refused to tell where he got his information.

Oil on Trouble Waters.

Mr. Titus Carter made a rather crude attempt to pour oil on the

troubled water. He thought it unfair to the minister and to Mr. Blair that charges against the latter should have been repeated in the Legislature. The matter had been investigated and it was the duty of every hon. member to suspend judgment until the commissioner's report was before them. He thought the two hon. members who had reiterated the charges on the floor of the House had

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