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A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT

The first thing that the Borden Government did on the resumption of business after the Easter vacation was to give definite force of precedent to the theory that the Speaker can at his own sweet will suddenly break in upon the sittings of a Committee of the Whole, assume the Chair, and dictate the course of events for the time being. This is what Speaker Sproule did when the efforts of Chairman Robidoux to apply the "gag" to the Opposition, backed by a tumultuous encouragement of the Government members, threw the house into an unprecedented uproar.

Hon. H. R. Emmerson brought the matter up, not to convey any censure upon the Speaker, but to definitely establish whether any Speaker could of his own motion take such a course. Mr. Emmerson in a very clear and dispassionate manner argued the matter from constitutional precedents and showed that such a procedure was neither in accord with the spirit nor practice of the British constitution.

Plainly conscious of the weakness of their case, the Government put up a back bench, Mr. Melgren of Portage la Prairie, to reply. He hunted up records as far back as 1875—a period when members of Parliament habitually wore swords and other weapons—to an occasion when the Committee had been interrupted by the Speaker. He, however, only made the case worse because the authorities cited showed that the custom had always been that the Chairman of the Committee should report to the Speaker before he took action.

It was pointed out by Sir Wilfrid Laurier that it was the invariable course in British Parliaments that when the House was in Committee the Chairman had the same authority to preserve order as the Speaker and that the latter only had the right of an ordinary member until the Chairman reported to him; further that if the Committee rise without reporting progress and requesting leave to sit again, the matter before it automatically became extinct—so that technically the Naval Bill was killed by the Committee rising when Speaker Sproule interrupted to take the Chair without progress being reported.

The incident was made worse by the imprudence of Hon. W. T. White, who dealt with the uproar on the night in question. He tried in a partisan manner to make it appear that the Opposition was responsible for the turbulence of the House. Hon. Mr. White finished by advancing the novel argument that the Speaker was the arbiter and censor of the House and could assume the Chair whenever he thought fit, whether the Chairman was doing his duty or not.

Even his leader, Mr. Borden, was compelled to administer an indirect rebuke to the Minister of Finance on this point, when he replied to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, saying,—"I think he (Sir Wilfrid) had very properly omitted any allusion to the particular incident out of which the debate arose."

Hon. Mr. White took the ground that it was the Speaker's duty at all times to preserve order. To this Sir Wilfrid Laurier quoted rule 14 of the House which said—"The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House shall maintain order in the Committee, deciding all questions of order, subject to appeal to the House."

On the night in question the Chairman not only did not preserve order, but actually precipitated disorder by following the Government's concerted plan of applying the "gag" summarily to the Opposition. He did not then report to the Speaker in any way. Speaker Sproule of his own arbitrary intent assumed the Chair and summarily ordered the Chairman to give his ruling, declaring that the debate must not go further.

If this precedent should rule, as would appear from the action of the Government, the Speaker is now clothed with an authority never

known before. Under it he might at any time when the House was in committee, suddenly decide that a debate had gone far enough, on his own motion assume the Chair, order the debate to stop, and command the Chairman to put the question.

It is a very dangerous precedent that the Borden Government has established, especially when it is considered that in Canada the Speaker is not a permanent paid official of the House as in England, but is necessarily a partisan, elected from the ranks of the Government and subject to office should he lose his seat in Parliament. The present case emphasizes the wisdom of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's proposal in 1910, that the Speaker's office should be made permanent as in England, as it also emphasizes the determination of the Borden Government to rule by force when they cannot rule by reason.

Referring to the dismissal of Mr. Albion R. Foster as provincial constable The Hartland Observer says: "Possibly Mr. Flemming sought to render Mr. Foster disqualified to continue his position with the C.P.R. But all except a few will be glad to know this is not so. On the contrary, at the instance of Supt. Downie, Mr. Foster was last Thursday, before Police Magistrate Ritchie of St. John, sworn in as chief police constable for the Atlantic Division of the C.P.R."

Thanks to the enterprise and public spirit of a number of local business men Fredericton is assured of a regular steamship service on the Fredericton-Gagetown route during the coming season. The steamer *Hampstead* has been procured and after being given a thorough overhauling will be placed on the route. The services rendered by this boat in the past have been found very advantageous to local merchants and all will be glad that it is to be continued.

Chatham World: The County Court Judges of Canada are applying for an increase of salary, and say they can't make both ends meet on the pay they are getting. Why don't they resign or go to work if they can't live on their salaries? One needs less to live on when he has work to do. Judge Wilkinson lived in state as a country gentleman and saved a few dollars for his heirs.

Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, leader of the militant suffragists in England was yesterday sentenced in the Old Bailey court to three years penal servitude on a charge of inciting people to commit riots. The sentence is looked upon as a rather severe one and has aroused the fury of the suffragettes. They even go so far as to threaten to commit murder.

A Halifax concern has been awarded the contract for building the new post office in this city. Had this been the act of a Liberal government there would have been a big howl from O. S. Crockett, M.P.

LIBERAL CAUCUS

VERY ENTHUSIASTIC

Ottawa, April 3—The naval fight will be resumed this afternoon. This morning there was a caucus of the opposition. It was marked by outbursts of enthusiasm, like broadsides from a dreadnought. It is understood that the decision of the caucus was to follow exactly the course which has been followed since the first. From the day the government measure was disclosed in December last it has had the active opposition of the Liberals. They feel that developments since have thoroughly justified them. They said there was no emergency and now say that Winston Churchill has admitted it. They feel confident that the people of Canada do not want to make a contribution, but do want to make a beginning with naval construction. Therefore it was the fight on the old lines. It is not known what the government propose to do, but the opposition plan to be prepared for any emergency.

If there is to be continuous sitting the same measures will be taken which were taken two weeks ago. The speakers will be divided into squads and arrangements perfected to keep up the fight for every hour of the day until further orders.

It is expected that the government will press closure either in the form of a bill or more likely, as was attempted before, without any authority. If this is done, there will be a protest as vigorous as that of Saturday night, March 15th.

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KINGSCLEAR RESORT

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MANY TOURISTS COMING.

Mr. W. H. Allen, president of the New Brunswick Guides' Association, has returned from New York, where he represented the Fredericton Tourist Association at the travel and vacation exhibition held in the Grand Central Palace. He says that the average daily attendance at the show was about eight thousand and he was kept very busy answering enquiries about New Brunswick. He thinks that there should be a big influx of tourists to the province next season. Mr. Allen says that the lost game exhibit intended for the Sportsmen's Show turned up a month behind time. He sold some of the game heads and shipped the rest back.

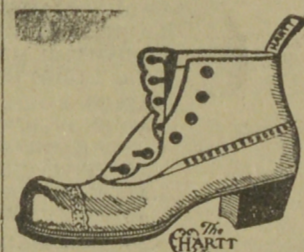
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