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**THE CODERRE CHARGES**

On Monday of last week one of the most extraordinary charges that have been made in the history of the Canadian Parliament was ventilated by Mr. L. J. Gauthier, the Liberal member for St. Hyacinthe. Speaking from his seat with a full sense of the responsibility of his course, he charged that Hon. Louis Coderre the Tory-Nationalist Secretary of State, had secured his last election by a system of personation carried on with his connivance and that of Hon. Robert Rogers and Hon. B. Nantel. He further charged that this system was organized by three men, Emile Bourassa, Ellis Horner and Elie Lalumiere with promises from Hon. Mr. Coderre and his agents that they would be rewarded with money and government positions. Mr. Gauthier's statement was backed by a series of affidavits from these men setting forth that they had successfully carried out this system of personation but that after the election they were unable to get any satisfaction from their employers; that they had accordingly gone to Ottawa to apply pressure by threats of exposure, as a result of which, Bourassa, Horner and Lalumiere had been paid \$100 a piece by Jos Major, one of Mr. Coderre's organizers; it was further alleged that since February 14th last, this same Emile Bourassa has been appointed to office in a Government Department.

Mr. Gauthier read a series of affidavits of the complete story of the alleged transaction. Hon. Mr. Coderre formally denied everything and withdrew, his defence being undertaken by Hon. Mr. Doherty, Minister of Justice with a battery of affidavits signed by the same men as those produced by Mr. Gauthier but denying everything they had previously sworn. The latter affidavits however had only been signed a day or two before the matter came up in the House—in the interval between Mr. Gauthier's first introduction of his charges and their formal presentation.

When Mr. Gauthier first introduced the matter on March 10th, Mr. Borden asked him to let it stand as Hon. Mr. Coderre was sick in the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal. But Mr. Gauthier said that he had information that on that very day Hon. Mr. Coderre had been in a Montreal hotel with one of his leading supporters. In the meantime the new affidavits were collected.

One fact was obviously proven—that after Bourassa and Lalumiere had threatened the secretary of state with exposure and sent him affidavits they had made, on the very next day he wrote them cordial letters promising them employment in the government service, while three days later his election agent paid them \$100 apiece. Mr. further declared that he was in a position to prove that Bourassa, declared to be a personator, a perjurer and a blackmailer, had been appointed to the government service."

In the face of all this the combined Tories and Nationalists voted that there was nothing for parliament to investigate and that the matter should be left for the election courts—although the courts would have nothing to do with events of long after the election.

The dates of the case are of interest:

1912, Nov. 19—Hochelaga by-election, when Hon. Mr. Coderre defeated the Labor-Nationalist candidate.

1913, Feb. 13—Emil Bourassa signs affidavit that he was employed by agents of Hon. Mr. Coderre to organize a gang of impersonators for the election; that he did so and that he had difficulty in getting a settlement. This was corroborated by his alleged fellow-workers, E. Lalumiere and E. Horner, and the documents immediately sent to Hon. Mr. Coderre.

Feb. 14—Hon. Mr. Coderre, secretary of state, writes Bourassa and Lalumiere expressing the hope of soon

being able of getting them government positions. Claimed also that on this date Bourassa appointed to a government position.

Feb. 17—Bourassa, Lalumiere and E. Horner given \$100 each by Jos. Major, one of Coderre's organizers.

March 8—All this sworn to in affidavits by George Jarry and Tancrede Marcil of Montreal, a several times defeated Conservative candidate.

March 10—Matter brought up in parliament by Mr. Gauthier; adjourned on representation of Premier that Mr. Coderre was ill at Montreal.

According to Mr. Gauthier, Hon. Mr. Coderre was not at hospital, but at Montreal hotel with one of his workers.

March 14—E. Bourassa makes second affidavit absolutely contradicting everything in the first. Ellis Horner and others concerned do the same between March 14th and 14th.

March 17—Hon. Mr. Coderre returns to parliament and faces the charges, backed by the conflicting affidavits, when the government forces vote that there is nothing to warrant investigation.

This was vigorously demanded by Sir Wilfrid Laurier who pointed out that it had been the invariable practice of the British and Canadian Parliaments to grant an investigation whenever a member from his seat made charges impugning the honor and dignity of another member. There were two groups of charges. First that this man had practiced personation with the connivance of the Hon. Mr. Coderre under promises of money and public office, and that the latter secured these rewards after they had threatened exposure when it was alleged they had received money, and one of them, Bourassa, actually was rewarded by an appointment to a Government office a man known to be either a perjurer, or both a perjurer and impersonator. This alone said Sir Wilfrid, demanded Parliamentary investigation since it could not come within the purview of the election courts. Another significant feature was that all the evidence was from Mr. Coderre's own political friends, while, if there was no truth in these charges, Hon. Mr. Coderre was his own worst enemy.

"Why in the name of common sense did he give any money to Bourassa? Why didn't he kick him out? He is a perjurer, personator and a blackmailer. But he is something more than that, he an employee of this Government. I understand that Bourassa has a letter in his pocket from one of the Departments informing him that he has been appointed to some office. Are we to be told that when an Hon. member of this House rises in his place and says: "I can prove by incontrovertible evidence that this man, Emile Bourassa, this perjurer, this personator, this blackmailer, is today in the service of the Government, appointed after these facts had been brought to the attention of the Government that no investigation is necessary."

Yet the Government, led by Mr. Borden, contented itself with the blank denial that Bourassa ever had been or ever would be in the Government service. Mr. Gauthier repeated that at the time Mr. Borden had said Mr. Coderre was ill at the hospital, the Secretary of State was really with one of his workers at a Montreal hotel and further that he could produce people who had seen in Bourassa's possession a letter marked No. 10946 from a Government Department, notifying him of his appointment to public service.

In face of these specific statements the government forces rallied behind Mr. Borden to refuse any investigation.

The Hamilton Times—Britain neither wants ships nor money. What she needs is men and that is what Borden refuses to offer her. The Nationalists will not allow him to do so. The Liberals of Canada are prepared to give money, ships and men, and the fight on at Ottawa in the interests of such a plan deserves the approval and commendation of all good Canadians and loyal Britishers. The cry is for men and the Liberals are prepared to provide them.

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Halifax Chronicle:—The Liberal Opposition are fighting a noble fight against tremendous odds in defence of responsible government and Canadian nationality. They have earned the gratitude of the Canadian people. They have proved themselves worthy successors of the great popular leaders who in days gone by have championed the people's cause and fought it to a triumphant issue.

The Legislature of the Province of Alberta has been dissolved and a new election called for April 16th. The Premier of Alberta is Hon. A. L. Sifton, brother of Hon. Clifford Sifton. The redistribution bill passed this session adds fifteen new members to the House bringing the total up to fifty-six. The last House was overwhelmingly Liberal.

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