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Speakers at the Banquet Condemn the Government

In his speech at the great banquet to Messrs. Carvell and Dugal on Thursday evening Hon. Dr. Pugsley said:

When I tell you, Mr. Chairman, that it is many months since I have felt justified in disregarding by physician's orders, by attending functions of this character, you will realize that I am but stating the simple truth when I say that never before was there a banquet which I was more desirous of attending than the present one. I wished to have the opportunity of meeting the large number of old friends whom I am glad to see around this festive board tonight—old comrades with whom I have fought many a hard political battle; and who both in success and defeat, have always had a courageous heart, such as should animate those who stand behind a worthy and honorable cause, and whose desires have always been, according to their best lights, honestly and faithfully to promote the public welfare. But more especially am I glad to be here tonight to add my humble tribute of praise to the conduct of the two honored guests of the evening—Mr. Dugal and Mr. Carvell. The former, with his colleague, Mr. Pellister

alone survived the avalanche which overwhelmed the opposition at the last general election—an avalanche which was brought about by means the nature of which has been pretty fully made known by the investigations which have recently been held. Mr. Dugal, with admirable courage, conscious as was pointed out to him by the acting premier, Mr. Clarke, that he would forfeit his seat in the make good his charges, entered nobly legislative assembly if he failed to uphold the performance of a most important public duty. Well and faithfully did he perform that duty and he is entitled to the gratitude of every citizen of the province, who take an interest in its welfare and desires to see an honest administration of its affairs.

EULOGIZES COLLEAGUE

Of my friend Mr. Carvell what words can be used fitted to express all that can be said in praise of his tireless energy, his commanding ability and his absolute fearlessness in his fight against and exposure of wrong doing? His name today is on the lips of every elector of the province. Members of the Liberal party, supporters of the provincial opposition, are loud in praise of the great work which he has done as the principal counsel in charge of the recent investigations, while thousands of patriotic Conservatives, men who place the welfare, the good name and standing of their province above mere party interests, are thankful to him from the bottom of their hearts, for his great work in exposing public wrong doing. For the past seven years it has been my good fortune to have Mr. Carvell as my colleague in parliament, and my association with him has always been of the most agreeable character. During those years, side by side we fought the battle of Liberalism, under our great chieftain, Sir Wilfrid Laurier. While always ready to give due credit and approval of any measures or suggestions from his opponents having real merit, he never hesitated to attack and expose what he believed to be wrong. He always hit straight from the shoulder. Good men love and admire him, while bad men and the advocates of bad measures fear him, and, while they are forced to admire him, it would not be expected that they would love him. And what a bonnie fighter he is. In that never to be forgotten fight in the house of commons at the session of 1913 when the Liberal party fought inch by inch for liberty of speech and sought to prevent brute force from triumphing over parliamentary freedom, Mr. Carvell was always at his post, at all hours night and day, cheering and encouraging his colleagues and helping the opposition to present a solid and irresistible force against the attacks of our opponents. To our honored guests of this evening was due much of the success of the Liberal party in parliament on that memorable occasion.

A BROKEN TRUCE

I observe that, notwithstanding the lofty patriotism of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in declaring a truce while this horrible war is shaking the Empire to its very centre, certain members of the government, following the example of

certain Conservative newspapers, in interviews and speeches, continue to attack the naval policy of the Liberal party. It is therefore not out of place that in connection with my remarks regarding Mr. Carvell on this occasion referred to, I should state that if the progress of the war has taught the people of Canada, and of the Empire at large no other lesson, it has taught them this, that Canada should have adhered to its agreement made with the British admiralty and Australia in 1909, under which these great overseas dominions were to provide local navies for the defence of their coasts and trade routes, as well as for the general service of the Empire. Had Canada done so, her people today might have been sharing in a glory similar to that which has come to Australia by destroying German cruisers, which are a menace to the commerce of the Empire.

However, this is not the time to enter in detail upon a discussion of this great Canadian and Imperial questions and I refer to it now more for the purpose of emphasizing my earnest protest against the conduct of the members of the government and the newspapers to which I have referred, and whose conduct in seeking to arouse part strife at a time when thousands of young Liberals, with thousands of young Conservatives, the flower of the youth of Canada, are going to the front to fight side by side for the cause of the Empire and to their blood in the gigantic struggle against a common foe, should most strongly be condemned.

Now just a few words regarding the investigation and report of the commissions and reports in the past; we have had commissioners selected for the very purpose of condemning persons whose conduct was being investigated—unsided commissions. We have had commissions in which the counsel for the government—the prosecutors—most improperly assisted the commissions in preparing their report. The same cannot be said of these commissioners or of their report. The commissioners here were of the government's own choosing. The lieutenant governor, while nominally appointing the commissioners, would as every lieutenant governor, guided by constitutional principles would do act upon the advice of his responsible advisers. The fullest investigation was held. Whatever the truth was kept back, it was so kept back upon objection raised and most strenuously urged by the counsel for the government. Therefore the fullest effect and credence can, without hesitation be given to the report. As to what its effect will be upon Mr. Flemming and his continuance in public life, it is not



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I notice that some Conservative newspapers are seeking to justify or palliate Mr. Flemming's offense by claiming that my conduct at certain periods of my political life was as bad as Mr. Flemming's. Well, it is certainly doing me殊 honor by putting forward my political acts as defence for Mr. Flemming. But how did these gentlemen deal a few years ago with an alleged act of mine, similar to Mr. Flemming's receipts of \$2,000 from Mr. Kennedy, a contractor on the Valley Railway, for which he is condemned by the commissioners in their report.

NOT ON TRIAL

Some of you, most of you probably, will remember that at a great Conservative meeting held in St. John during the general election of 1908 one of my opponents read an affidavit in which it was alleged that I had at a date when I was minister of public

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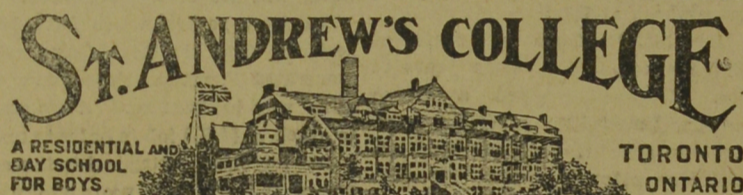
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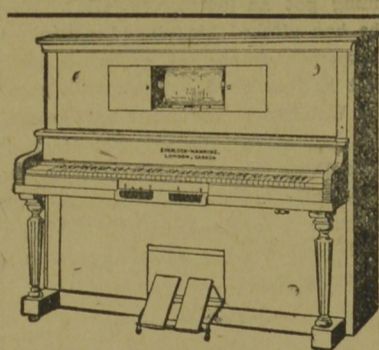
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