

MACLEAN SCORCHES BORDEN.

Tory Member for South York After the Opposition Leader.

THINKS HE SHOULD NOT HAVE ACCEPTED A SALARY.

A New National Party is Badly Needed Says MacLean.

The Toronto World of Friday has the following remarkable article, which was evidently written by W. F. MacLean, the Conservative M. P. for York and the editor of The World:

Ottawa, July 20.—(Special).—The prorogation of parliament today was the end of the rankest session in the political history of the Dominion. The salary grab was just an indication of widespread rottenness, of the entire absence of principle in the two great parties. The story of the grab will throw light on other things here it is:

For weeks past some of the newest of the members of parliament, and some of the older ones, have been complaining to one another of the length of the session, of the money they were losing by being there (as if they did not turn every kind of tumble to get to Ottawa) and that the indemnity would have to be increased. Conservatives and Liberals alike were busy at their benches. When the opposition of the autonomy bills looked threatening, the government supporters were refreshed as to their staying powers by promise of increased indemnity. A round robin was prepared, the more daring signed it with avidity and gradually (it was concealed in a basement compartment under guard all the time) it was signed by a majority of the members. Both sides signed it in an equal proportion.

Those who refused to sign were called cranks, anyone who had a conscientious scruple was jeered. The men signing it expressed willingness to vote for an increase in ministers' salaries at the same time. One province, through its members, is said to have intimated that there could be no increase in judges' salaries without an increase of indemnity. So, gradually, the feeling was worked up to the proper pitch among the members and ministers and the round robin was presented, by whom is not yet made known.

A CONCLAVE.

Last week Sir Wilfrid announced in a casual kind of way that business was pretty well forward for prorogation, save for certain resolutions on which he wished to confer with the leader of the opposition. Everyone knew what that meant. So a conference was held, among those taking part were Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Mr. Fielding, minister of finance, and Mr. Fitzpatrick, minister of justice; Mr. R. L. Borden, leader of the opposition; Mr. Barker of Hamilton, the executor of Sir Charles Tupper's political will; Hon. George E. Foster, and Hon. Mr. Haggart. Their proceedings were confidential. They told a few what they had arrived at at the conference. Nevertheless, two Conservative papers, The Montreal Gazette and The Toronto Mail, were given the details of the agreement Sunday night, and they were published Monday morning. But the Liberal papers had nothing. The orders of the day, which were printed and put on the desks of the members at the eleven o'clock session of Monday, contained the resolutions for the increase to the judges, and for the grab for members and ministers. Mr. Fitzpatrick motioned for Sam Barker to come to the table, and aid in putting things through.

THE OUTCOME.

Mr. Barker responded with alacrity. Indeed, you'd have thought the resolution was his, and that the Conservative party had charge of putting them through. Now look at the composition of the conference and what comes out of it.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's \$1,000 increase in indemnity and \$4,000 increase in salary, \$5,000 in all, and a pension of \$6,000 a year for life on retirement. Pretty good for Sir Wilfrid. Nobody denies his claim for increase in salary and a modest pension.

R. L. Borden, leader of the Opposition, \$1,000 increased indemnity and \$7,000 additional as recognized leader of the Opposition, \$9,500 a year in all.

Messrs. Fielding and Fitzpatrick, each a pension of \$3,500 on retiring and \$2,000 a year added to the judgeship that Mr. Fitzpatrick is said to be going to. Sam Barker, as representing the Tupper family, securing \$4,000 for the old gentleman and \$3,500 a year for the young Sir Charles, \$7,000 a year for the Tupper.

Judged by his excellent health, the longevity of the grandfather, and the continued soundness of the Baronet Young Charley will probably live to draw his \$3,500 a year for forty years, or at least about \$150,000 in all. So Mr. Barker will do well for the Tupper and for Mr. Borden, who the Tupper nominee for the succession after the defeat of Sir Charles.

Next come Mr. Foster and Mr. Haggart with \$3,500 a year pensions and \$2,500 indemnities; \$6,000 a year each.

IN OTHER WORDS.

So that the men who conferred did remarkably well for themselves; they also incidentally looked after the members, the judges and a few other ministers. Sifton, costing \$6,000 a year, and the same provision for

Sir Richard Cartwright and Hon. R. W. Scott, who are to retire in a few weeks. Even Sir Mackenzie Bowell is to get \$6,000 a year.

Outside of Sir Wilfrid's increase of 4,000, every one of these votes is scandalous. No retiring allowance above \$1,500 or \$2,000 at most should be recognized in this country. Two thousand dollars a year would have kept the wolf from the door of any retired minister of the crown. But giving men like Costigan, Haggart, Foster, Sifton, Carling, and Bowell \$6,000 or \$6,500 a year for life is scandalous. The sessional indemnity should have been deducted. It is scandalous to provide \$1,000 a year for Sir Charles Tupper, \$3,500 for Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, Sir Adolphe Caron, Sir Hector Langevin and Messrs. Blair and Tarte. Two thousand a year while they draw no other government pay would have been handsome treatment.

Mr. Borden will not be able to justify any such vote to himself, or one of \$8,000 a year extra. The leader of the Opposition should owe no favor to the government of the day. But he jumped up and approved of the increase to Sir Wilfrid, and Sir Wilfrid and Mr. Fitzpatrick both returned the compliment when the Opposition leader's \$7,000 came up. Dr. Stockton of St. John, a Conservative member, but a venerable old gentleman, could not let the chairman finish reading the resolution until he was up extolling this \$7,000 vote to the Conservative leader, and quoting rather in a lame way from the province of Ontario and past legislation, that the leader of the Opposition is a recognized part of the constitution. He was as solicitous as was Sam Barker in rushing this vote through.

CONDEMNED.

Conservatives all over the country condemn this vote and the way Conservatives have been used as a mask by the Liberals. As it is, out of the increased vote to leaders and ex-ministers, Conservatives get by far the biggest half of it. Mr. Borden and the Tupper, \$14,500 a year; Haggart, Foster, Bowell, Carling, \$18,500 Caron, Langevin, \$7,000, in all \$40,000. The Liberals get of the increases: Laurier, \$5,000; Sifton and Costigan, \$7,000; Blair and Tarte, \$7,000—\$19,000 in all, with Scott, Cartwright, Fitzpatrick, Fisher, Mulock, Borden, and Patterson to follow.

The judges deserved the increase they are getting, that is, the judges of the superior courts, but conditional with the increase it should have provided for a reduction of unnecessary county judges in Ontario, and district judges in Quebec. But the scandal remains of a lot of judges, who have little or nothing to do, getting an increase in salaries.

THE MEANING OF IT.

The grab as thus exposed throws a lurid light on what is taking place in the parliament of Canada more and more, namely, that of carrying on government by an understanding between leaders of parties, and by secret conference. Moreover, the Liberals are closely allied with corporations, and the corporations are taking the greatest pains to see that if the Liberals must go out the Conservatives come in under a man who is friendly to them. Sir Wilfrid Laurier is working for the same end. He would not like to see his reputation shattered by a man who would wipe out his corporation abuses.

And the whole scheme of the Liberals, the corporations and Conservatives, like Barker, is to pave the way for a safe successor after Laurier. Barker, Taylor, the whip, and others have been busy for five years trying to create a divinity out of a leader whose nearest entrance into a room is to be hailed with applause, clapping of hands, prostrations, and the school boy demonstrations. The Liberals, as a party, have joined on every occasion in this recognition of a halo on the head of the opposition leader. Sir Wilfrid cannot appreciate too highly the parliamentary opposition that Sam Barker has arranged for the benefit of the government.

If the Conservatives had given some attention to principles to the shameful raiding of public rights that has been perpetrated by Sir Wilfrid and his party, some time to exposing the bare faced manipulation of the house, of committees, of members by corporations, and had refused to participate in money grabs that should have originated in the government, ranks they would have stood a better chance of coming some day into the control of the country.

TIME FOR REGENERATION.

The regeneration of the Conservative party must start from the outside, and start soon. If it does not, the time will come for a new party to fight the legislation, the corruption, the extravagance, the raiding of public rights by the Liberals.

There is one word that sums it up, and that is Siftonism. If Sifton disappears, his system remains. How to get rich and be in politics is the new aspiration. No one has time to fight for the cause of the people, the cause of cities, the cause of the taxpayers, or to think of reforming that

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The Difference.

A delegate from Boston to an educational conference in Philadelphia told of the answer given by a certain pupil in one of the public schools of the Hub in answer to a question put by a professor of natural history.

The question was, "What is the difference between a biped and a quadruped?"

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