

A GRADUAL CONVERSION.

Mr. Hazen Confesses He Will Have to Support Government's Crown Land Policy and its Effort to Secure a Subsidy Increase.

OPPOSITION LEADER MADE A WEAK PRESENTATION OF HIS CASE IN THE HOUSE.

In the legislature Monday, Mr. Hazen resumed the budget debate. He said:

I have listened with pleasure and interest to the Budget speech made by the provincial secretary, and I heartily congratulate him on the skillful manner in which he has avoided a discussion of the financial affairs of the province. If disposed to deal with his speech in the same manner in which he has sometimes dealt with mine, I might say that I always liked that speech, because it contained to a large extent much the same old story that we have been hearing from him in past years. But considering the subject and facts with which he had to deal, I must say that he succeeded in making an interesting speech. I must also join with those who have spoken in terms of praise of the eloquence and ability that have been shown in this debate. I think that in this respect it would do credit to any legislative assembly. I was much impressed with the speech of the member from Westmorland, who said that in filling vacancies in the executive, the government did not always have regard to the ability of the person selected, and I saw very soon that his remarks had not fallen upon deaf ears. He said that there were gentlemen on the front benches who were not as capable of filling the positions they held as some others who sat behind them, and I thought it rather significant that the surveyor general should have moved back from his front seat, and sat in a less conspicuous position. Probably, however, he is now feeling better since the eulogy which was pronounced upon him by the attorney general, and perhaps he still feels that he is a brilliant star in that galaxy which constitutes our provincial government, which some of its supporters seem to think is the greatest government that has been.

I think, too, that I may congratulate myself on the manner in which the gentlemen who are my supporters have taken part in this debate. The manner in which it has been conducted by them has been most creditable, and although we are not so numerous as we ought to be for the good of the province, I doubt that if in any assembly there is an opposition of the same number possessing greatest forensic ability. I also desire to say, that I accept in good faith the remarks of the provincial secretary, that during his thirty years of public life he has never known an opposition who have given more care and consideration of the affairs of the province. I can also congratulate the House and the gentlemanly way in which the debate has been conducted up to the time when the attorney general spoke. Before he spoke everything had been conducted with the utmost courtesy and it was he who dragged the debate into the dust, violated every principle of parliamentary law and indulged in language which would never be heard outside of a pot house or a brothel. It is greatly to his discredit that he made such a pitiable exhibition of rage and bad temper. Why did he throw to one side that unruffled calmness of demeanor and serenity of expression that has hitherto been his greatest strength and his greatest charm, and hurl across the house such epithets as misrepresentation, attempted deceit, falsehood, liar, wild and fraudulent statements, deliberate and malicious falsehoods, and wilful and malicious liar, quoting at the end the commandment, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor." With old odd ends stolen forth of holy writ.

And while I seem a saint I most do play the devil.

What was the cause of such strong language? The words "wilful and malicious liar" which are now on record were applied to my friends from Charlotte and Northumberland. Yet I will venture to say that no two gentlemen in this house possess a higher sense of truth and justice. If the attorney general used this language outside this house as he suggested, he would be informed that the man who used it was a foul mouthed slanderer, but he would not dare to use it. He would not have the courage to use the words anywhere except where he was protected by his privileges as a member of parliament, for if he did he would receive a reply that could not be adequately expressed otherwise than by physical chastisement. The attorney general has said that I must take my share of the odium of the attack which has been made upon him. I am willing to accept the full responsibility and so long as I am a member of this House I will conceive it to be our duty. If the attorney general continues to exploit the finances of the province and puts his hand down into the public chest as he has for the past five years to call public attention to it. The attorney general

has been treated fairly by the opposition. We have pointed out in past years that he was drawing too much money from the treasury, and we hoped that he would have heeded the warning. But no attention was paid to our protests. The premier did not prevent him as he might have done and I fear that to use the language of the member from Charlotte in his speech last year, he has fallen under the baneful influence of the attorney general. That being our belief, we felt that the time had come when we must do something more than mere criticism to prevent these enormous expenditures, and therefore the amendment was moved by my hon. friend from Carleton.

What is the cause of this wild excitement on the part of the attorney general? Why should he complain of the opposition, when they have only stated the truth? All the members of this House, have heard that during the past five years the attorney general has gone over \$40,000 from the provincial exchequer for alleged services and travelling expenses. That statement is absolutely true and it is the truth which hurts the sensitive feelings of the hon. gentlemen. In his place in this House, he said "outside of the representation case for which I went to England, receiving five thousand dollars, including my travelling expenses and neglect of my business during the whole time I was absent, outside of the succession duties, which are provided for by law; outside of my travelling expenses, which go to railways and hotels and apart from my salary and sessional indemnity, the whole amount that I have received in five years for professional service from the government is only about \$5,500. He then proceeded to argue that in order to make up this sum of over \$40,000 all his office contingencies had been charged against him, which was not the case and he dramatically challenged the member for Charlotte to read the items which made up the sum. When the member for Charlotte read these figures with which you are now familiar, did anyone ever see a man so upset as the attorney general was? He collapsed completely and did not return to the subject till the following day. He then stated that some items which he did not receive, had been charged to him \$350 in the case of Punn vs. The King, paid to Mr. White; \$1100 paid to Field Roscoe & Co., and sums charged on account of Succession duties which were paid to others, but these items only make a total of \$3,000 so that we still have upwards of \$40,000 left, which according to his own confession he received in five years, and it is because he calls gentlemen on this side of the House wilful and malicious liars. The attorney general in his calmer moments, must deplore the fact, that he used such language but what is his defence? He says I have a right to take it, the statutes permit it. If the Statutes do permit it, there is no doubt that it is against the well understood principles of the independence of Parliament and that such a thing could not be done in any other assembly, that a law may apply to private members, but not to a member of the executive, if so, how did it happen that when a private member he received \$1800 as counsel for Mr. Emmerson, in connection with the bridge charges? He says it is the same old statute that was originally passed but anyone who looks into the matter, can see that the Statute of 1889 from which the consolidated statutes are taken, goes much further than the old statute.

Let me give a few instances to show how indefensible his conduct has been. Sir Oliver Mowatt, was attorney general of Ontario for many years and dealt with many constitutional questions, yet it was never known that he drew a single dollar for his services beyond his salary. Judge Longley was attorney general of Nova Scotia for nearly twenty years, yet never drew one dollar outside his salary for any work he did for the government. Two years ago I met Colin Campbell, the attorney general of Manitoba, who was going to England to argue on behalf of the government before the Privy Council. I asked him what his charge would be. He seemed astonished and said he could only charge his travelling expenses, for if he exacted more he would forfeit his seat. Everyone will remember the case of Mr. Anglin, who had to resign his seat in the House of Commons because he had some connection with the printing contract and the same thing that happened to Henry Corby of Ontario, and yet the attorney general will tell us that he has a

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right to draw these enormous sums. I say that the position taken by my hon. friend is absolutely wrong. For we have him not only employing himself to do legal work for the government, but afterwards taxing his own costs. But he says, have I charged too much for my services? He complains that the charge of \$5,220 paid on account of Eastern extension in 1902 was placed in the account against him. Why should he not be there? The same year the Province of Nova Scotia had a similar claim for which it received \$600,000, but all the attorney general of that Province got out of it was one hundred dollars for travelling expenses. Our Eastern extension case has been worked up long before the attorney general was connected with it. The three arbitrators were paid one hundred dollars each for each of the eighteen days they were employed in hearing the case and making up their judgment.

of 15,000 or nearly three hundred dollars a day, and yet he said he would have charged a private client a larger sum. Then let us take the representation case, which he received \$5,000 for taking before the Privy Council. The argument only lasted a few hours, and he represented so weak a case that the opposite party was not called upon to reply, yet for this case he received a thousand dollars a week for every week he was absent from Canada. In the case of Appleby vs. The King, which was a sordid claim, he exacted large fees, although it never came before the court. The case of Emmerson vs. Madison, is another case which he is likely to involve the government in very large expenditures. A perusal of the accounts will show that this litigation is not in the interests of the province, but it will put fees in the pocket of the attorney general. Every year he is drawing a large

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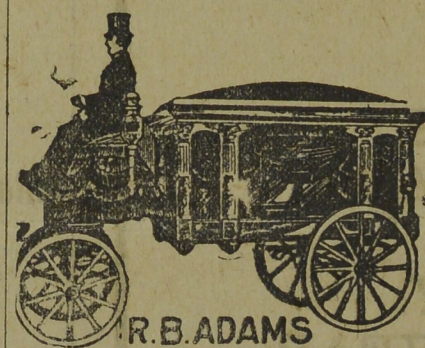
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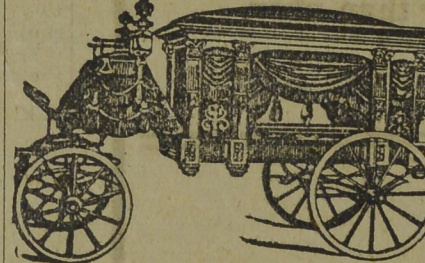
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