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FOWLER "INCOMPREHENSIBLE."

Mr. Fowler, M. P., if he were a sensitive man, could not possibly enjoy the attention he received Friday in two public places—in the House of Commons at Ottawa and in the court at Toronto.

Some days ago, Mr. Fowler, from his seat in parliament, declared that if anybody attacked him, he was prepared to retaliate with charges involving the good name of members of the government and others on that side of the House. He said he knew of terrible things and would reveal them if anybody dared to knock the chip off his shoulder.

Days and weeks have intervened, and, although Mr. Fowler has been called to make good his threats, he has failed to respond, but he will not be permitted to run away from his insinuations. He will either be compelled to prefer the charges in definite form, when he will be given an opportunity to prove them, or he will have to retract. There is no middle course open to him.

In the Toronto court Friday Mr. Fowler was again compelled to acknowledge his profit of \$55,000 from a western land deal, put through by money from the Union Trust Company, which was handling Foresters' funds. During his testimony, the following dialogue occurred:

"In reply to Mr. Watson the witness said he purchased part of the Ashcroft property from Ryan.

"You spoke of the purchase being made for yourself."

"Yes."

"Was it not, in fact, made for the Union Trust Company?"

"No, I transferred it to Mr. Foster."

"Is it not a fact that the money came from the Union Trust Co?"

"Yes."

"Is it not a fact that you made a secret profit of \$55,000 out of that transfer?"

"I don't know about that."

"I mean that you made a profit while they thought to the contrary."

"If they did they must be singularly guileless people. People usually make a profit if they can in these commercial enterprises."

"Were Foster, McCormick and Irwin in the syndicate that made the profit of \$55,000?"

"I refuse to answer that question."

"Did you talk about it to Foster?"

"No, I would talk about it to McCormick."

"Your position is incomprehensible in view of evidence," said Justice Clute to Fowler shortly after the latter had finished his evidence.

CURRENT COMMENT

Mr. Fowler still refuses to tell the names of the parties with whom he "divided" that \$55,000.

"Voters' letter to The Herald on civic politics will be published if the writer of it will send his name in confidence to the editor."

Fredericton is sitting up and listening for any new developments in the question of re-establishing Government House as an official residence.

"Not to play bridge," says a writer of society notes from Ottawa to a St. John paper, "is a sure signal for social ostracism." Isn't that terrible?

The bill to confer the right to vote on women was talked out in the Imperial House of Commons Friday night and cannot again appear this session.

Mr. Pius Michaud, the new Liberal member for Victoria-Madawaska, was introduced in the House of Commons Friday by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. H. R. Emmerson and took his seat amidst applause.

The dearth of interest in civic matters in Fredericton is deplorable. The retiring council was not representative of the substantial interests in the city, yet, in only two wards, there opposition to the return of the old aldermen.

There will be something doing in Fredericton sewerage matters next week, when the legislature proceeds to consideration of the question. Mr. Whitehead is entitled to the gratitude of the citizens of Fredericton for moving in the matter.

Special Sale of ladies' cashmere hose at O'Brien & Co.'s tonight.

WHO'S AFRAID?

Laurier Invites Fowler to Make His Charges, and Foster has a Chip on His Shoulder.

Bourassa Stirring up the Wine, Women and Graft Insinuations.

Ottawa, March 9.—In the house of commons yesterday Mr. Bourassa again brought up Mr. Fowler's spectacular threat of some weeks ago and said that at that time the prime minister and the opposition leader should agree that the session could not pass without a discussion of the matter, but that it would be well to wait for the insurance commission's report. Well, the report had been down now for some days, and the members probably had had time to read it. The report contained references to the Foresters and the Canada Life, and these references were damaging against a member of this house and a member of the senate. Whether or not it was the duty of parliament to pass judgment on these two gentlemen was a question which would be discussed by the government and the opposition.

FOSTER DEFIANT.

Ms. Foster rose quickly and in a voice quite audibly stirred with emotion suggested that Mr. Bourassa should go further and state wherein the report made a charge against him. If any member of the house or any other men had a charge to make against him, Mr. Foster said he invited it.

Mr. Bourassa denied that he was saying that either Mr. Foster or Mr. Cox had been guilty of conduct as to which parliament should inquire, but the press and some members of parliament had been charging that they had been guilty of deeds not in accordance with their duty as public representatives, and to the organizations with which they were connected.

It was a question in Mr. Bourassa's mind whether Mr. Foster's dealings in connection with the Foresters and Senator Cox's in connection with the Canada Life had any political bearing, but when the time came that parliament must deal with the insurance report these gentlemen should feel that they should not be members. The confidence of the public in its representatives was the main thing involved. Mr. Bourassa said he made no charge, but other members of the house had made a charge against Messrs. Foster, Bennett, LeFurgey and Fowler, and Mr. Fowler had retorted with the threat that if he were attacked he would charge members of the house and of the government with improper conduct.

Mr. Fowler had said that he knew damaging facts, which he would conceal if he were not attacked, but reveal if he were attacked. He (Fowler) had declared that he had data to prove immoral conduct in the private and public deeds of members and ex-ministers which would render them unworthy to be representatives of Canada, but that these data would not be revealed unless he were attacked.

PROTESTS AGAINST "SAW-OFF."

Mr. Bourassa protested against what he again described as a saw-off. Even if the insurance report, he said, was not sufficient to warrant the house in bringing Mr. Fowler to task, it should not be allowed to go to the country that Mr. Fowler had data to prove that members and ex-ministers were guilty of graft, but that these data would not be revealed because the commissioners had not found Mr. Fowler guilty.

Mr. Bennett (Simcoe) agreed with what the member for Labelle said, and that was that the matter should be discussed. The charges against Mr. Fowler not only affected the government, but the fair name of the country. They were being discussed in the country. Charges were being made against a member of the present government from the public platform. He hoped to see the whole matter investigated and more especially what had been said by Mr. Carvell. As for Mr. Fowler he should prove his charges or retract them. The country would not be satisfied until this was done.

LAURIER SAYS THERE IS NO CHARGE.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that the matter came up a few days ago and he made the suggestion that they should wait until the report of the insurance commission was before the house. The report was not before the house. The commission reported but they did not report against any one. They brought into their report the names of certain members of the house. Whether there was anything said in the report against any one which would require action by the house he would not care to say at this moment.

The member for Kings made some severe statements. He did not make any charges. The member for Kings had provided himself with certain material which he said he would use under certain circumstances. He made insinuations against members of the government and members of the house, but no charges.

"I cannot understand," said the premier, "how we are able to investigate anything said by the member for Kings on the occasion mentioned. The member did not mention any names or specify anything in particular. He spoke in a general way. I

am at a loss to know what charge we are going to investigate. The insurance commission report is before the house, and if anyone has any charge to make he can do so. It may be that the honorable member for Kings has something he knows that he wants to charge against some member of the house. If he has, it is for him to decide whether he will make his charge or not and how he was to make it. I don't know that there is anything else I can say about it."

BORDEN WELCOMES INVESTIGATION.

R. L. Borden said that Mr. Bourassa said there was some arrangement between both sides of the house to postpone the discussion of this matter. "Let me tell the honorable gentleman," said the leader of the opposition, "that there has been no arrangement between the prime minister and myself, and there will be no arrangement."

Mr. Bourassa explained that he only meant the arrangement was to wait until the insurance report was presented.

Mr. Borden said that without this explanation Mr. Bourassa's remarks would mean something very different. "I declare to the house," added Mr. Borden, "that if any one has got a charge to make against any member on this side of the house I will join with him and give him every opportunity to prove it. I invite him to do so. I do not know what Mr. Bourassa wants. If he has a charge to make, why does he not do so?"

Mr. Bourassa—I want Mr. Fowler to prove his charge or withdraw it.

Mr. Borden—My honorable friend has as good a right to make a charge against Mr. Fowler as anyone else.

Mr. Borden—It is open to Mr. Bour to make the charge, if he thinks he can do so. I am satisfied that there has been no agreed postponement on my part or on the part of anyone else as far as this matter is concerned.

The house then went into ways and means.

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