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SYMPATHY FOR MR. EMMERSON.

General sympathy will be extended to Hon. Mr. Emmerson in his present trials, and hope will be felt that his valuable services may not be permanently lost to the country.

His great success in the management and development of the Intercolonial Railway has evoked warm praise from all parties, and it is unfortunate that at a time when he was making a distinguished name for himself in the administration of one of the most important departments of the federal service, he should feel himself compelled to retire for the present from his responsible position to meet his detractors in the courts of the country.

Every man who likes fair play, who abhors scandal mongering and street warfare, will hope that Mr. Emmerson may emerge from his present position free from the taint which his enemies would attach to his name.

The hon. gentleman declares himself innocent of the scandalous charges and his friends will have confidence in the sincerity of his avowals, and heartily support him in his effort to call his detractors to account.

In the meantime, Mr. Emmerson has taken a manly course in retiring from a position, the holding of which during the strenuous times which are to follow, might embarrass his leader and his party, although there are plenty of men who would have advised him to a different course.

THE SEWERAGE MATTER.

The citizens who met the Premier Tuesday night in conference on the sewerage question rejected the proposal to accept government assistance for the erection of a sewage purification plant, and in that action will be sustained by the public opinion of the city.

Fredericton will stand on its claim to the right of using the St. John river for sewage disposal in common with all the other towns similarly located, and has no intention of begging itself in the erection of a plant for which there seems no actual necessity.

The cause of the city has enlisted the sympathy and support of a majority of the members of the legislature as evidenced in the recent vote in that body on the question, and the resolution to remove the restriction that the city must have the permission of the Provincial Board of Health before emptying sewage into the river, will be pressed to a conclusion.

Arguments on both sides of the question are about exhausted, and the city looks to the House to afford it the measure of relief and justice which the situation demands.

Failing to secure that, there is no doubt the disposition of the people of Fredericton is to let the sewerage plant so far as constructed remain inactive and useless, for the reason that so large an expenditure as would be involved in the construction and operation of a purification plant is beyond the ability of the city, and for the other and stronger reason, that it would be a menace and a hindrance to the occupation and development of the most attractive portion of Fredericton.

There is a large area of valuable land in the lower part of the city adjacent to where the purification plant would have to be erected, and does anybody suppose that it would ever be occupied if under the shadow of two or three acres of cesspools? Fredericton has confidence in the legislature's sense of right and justice, and looks confidently to that distinguished body for a favorable vote on the resolution now before it on the sewerage question.

INCONSISTENCY.

Mr. Hazen and his opposition friends in the legislature are inconsistent on the railway question. While they voted unanimously to guarantee the bonds of the proposed Valley railway, to the extent of \$15,000 a mile they opposed guaranteeing the bonds of the International Railway to the extent of \$8,000 a mile. In the first

instance, they were looking after their own immediate political future, and dare not oppose the government proposition, but in the second, they felt no hope of support from the northern counties and decided to let its important railway interests go to the dogs, for all they cared.

It was a nice balancing of political expediency and personal interests against the public good, but the people of New Brunswick will not fail to see the inconsistency of the opposition attitude.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The country will fail to bow down and worship the new censors of morals in our public men.

New Brunswick seem to have had luck with the portfolio railways and canals. Within a period of five years it has been resigned by two gentlemen from this province.

Mr. Burns of Gloucester, is not a frequent speaker in the legislature, but when he rises in his place he always has something practical to say, and is heard with most respectful attention. On the bill to guarantee the bonds of the International Railway, which passed the House Tuesday night, Mr. Burns made an effective address, speaking with energy and eloquence of the splendid resources of the northern country, and the great service the new railway will be in developing that part of the province. The hon. gentleman was very generously applauded, and received many congratulations on the vigor and appropriateness of his address.

EMMERSON.

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ployment of detectives is necessary as against those on this side, then without stooping to secure evidence in that way, there is evidence in existence, evidence that has not been purchased, but that will be strong, powerful, potent, cogent. And if the public press of Canada want that evidence, it is within their grasp—it is within the grasp of this House—it is within the grasp of this country.

THE MOTIVES FOR HIS ACTION.

A number of motives join to cause me to take the course I do, but the first I speak of is the high regard I have for my leader and the very great esteem in which I hold my colleagues. (Applause.) I would sacrifice myself, though it meant eternal sacrifice, in order that my great and honored leader—not merely honored by me and not merely great because I say so, but honored by all the people of this country not only in Canada and among Canadians, but among the men of all the world—may go to the conference in London, and go there in no sense dragged down by me, in no sense besmirched because men have seen fit to make statements that I can prove to be untrue, statements that have been bandied about in the hope of injuring me, by officials of this House, who, instead of devoting their time to the duties for which they are paid, have gone to room No. 6, (the Conservative room) to circulate untruths, damnable untruths with respect to myself, and this I can prove out of the mouths of men into whose faces I look at this moment. And this has been going on unfairly to myself though it has not come to my knowledge until within a very few days, for these things, truly, are kept from everybody who are particularly affected by them until the last moment. Gossip is the weapon of the coward, and the coward seeks out victims whom he thinks to be weak. I may be one. But I am here and I am not a saint, I am, at least, a decent sinner.

I have said all I should say and probably more than need to be said; but I speak in justification to myself as a man. I propose to stand here as a member of this House and I propose to conduct myself as a member of this House ought to do, and if those who stand upon pedestals of their own creation want to take action, let them take action, and they must take action now that they have gone so far. In what I do I am actuated by a sense of duty first of all to myself. I am actuated in the second place by a sense of the duty that I owe to my revered and honored colleagues in the government and to my colleagues, the members of this House.

A FAIR REQUEST.

But higher and above them all is the sense of duty that I owe to my constituents, that I owe to the people of this country; and I ask them and the members of this House, one thing, and I think I have a right to ask it, appealing merely to their sense of British fair play—to suspend their judgment, to await the verdict; and if then I am convicted, and if then these words are proved to be untrue, I shall ask no more.

Unfortunately, sir, in life and with our weak humanity, we are apt to think ill of our fellows, we are too prone to accept the word and the idle utterance of the gossip and to say that it must be true because it has been written. I know that in my personal experience I have had more letters of complaint and fault finding, than I have ever had of congratulation or approval. But I have had the pleasure, even though sometimes undeserved. All I ask is that there should be a

suspension of judgment awaiting the day when I can meet face to face those who have been striking me under the belt and stabbing me in the back. In meeting them I have this confident assurance that I shall be able to vindicate my honor and character. Reputation is nothing. Character is everything, and my course will be taken to vindicate my character, which is the only asset I have after a lifetime of struggle. (Applause.)

"I came to this House a poor man; I go out of the government a poor man. The man does not live who had devoted his life to my profession. I think I could have gone on laying the foundation of at least an independence. I have given my life to my country. I have done my best toward that country, and in the discharge of my duties as Minister of Railways and Canals I have endeavored to treat all with courtesy, but so that there must be no misapprehension, I have endeavored above all to be honest and straightforward and true. I leave the government from a sense of duty. I am here yet as a member of this House and I owe a duty to my constituency, my friends and my family, and I have eliminated them from any remarks that I have made. As I have been able to discharge that duty in the past, I hope that I may be able to discharge it in the future."

HIS OPPONENTS SAT DUMB.

There was no reply from the Conservative side.

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A Prerogative of the Pulpit.
Dr. Bacon, a New England clergyman of long ago, was reproached by a friend with some pronunciation which was not "according to Webster." Webster lived in his parish, and the doughty old divine was not disposed to be snubbed with the dictionary. "What right has Webster to dictate my pronunciation?" he demanded laughingly. "He is one of my parishioners and ought to get his pronunciation from me and not I from him."

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