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SIR LOUIS ON THE RACK.

WHEN a man who has been blowing hot at an awful rate on a certain subject begins to blow cold at an equally fast clip, suspicion is at once aroused. Sir Louis Davies made a most important speech on the election scandals in the House the other day and got badly whipped with a lash of his own making. Mr. Powell, of Westmorland, N. B. had a serious charge to make and made it:

"I have no hesitation, as a member of the committee, in saying that the election in West Huron was stolen from the man who won it. I have no hesitation in saying that the majority of voters who polled their votes according to law did not say their representative was Mr. Holmes, who now sits here, but Mr. McLean, who remains at home elected by the people but defeated by theft and fraud. If the information I have is correct—and I believe it is—the gentleman who was elected by the votes cast in the constituency of Brockville was ex-Speaker White. The hon. gentleman who sits for that constituency in this House occupies a seat procured, I did not mean by bribery and corrupt influences, but by theft. If the man who received the majority of votes deposited with the polling officers were sitting here, that gentleman would be the late Speaker."

The Star's Montreal correspondent adds: "Linger Longer Lou Davies was tripped up in his law during the debate by an ordinary layman of the House, and so thoroughly confounded later by the citation of his own former speech that he had not a word to say. To Mr. John Haggart belongs this credit. Dr. Sproule was showing that due diligence was exercised in bringing the question up, and said he thought the Government would or should require no notice of motion to order an enquiry into a matter affecting the rights of members to sit in the House. Sir Louis jumped up in a chirpy way, and said: I would call the attention of the hon. gentleman to the fact that this matter has been referred to the Committee of Privileges and Elections for investigation does not and cannot—no matter what the findings of that committee may be—in any way affect the sitting of any hon. member in this House. This House has not yet gone so far as to usurp the functions which have been by law vested in our judges to try election petitions. It went so far last year as to refer the conduct of certain officials in certain elections to the enquiry of the Committee of Privileges and Elections; but whether those officials were strictly regular or not in the performance of their duties cannot affect the sitting of any hon. member in this House, so that the simulated indignation of my hon. friend is entirely wide of the mark. "Later in the debate Mr Haggart pointed out that this was not the case. We have merely, he said, delegated to the

courts for our convenience, the trial of these cases; we have never divested ourselves of the authority and power that lie in this Parliament to try these cases by a committee. Mr McInerney returned to this point also, and in the course of his speech said:

"Now, sir, I contend, and I think I can contend with some degree of success—notwithstanding the fact that the Minister of Marine (Sir Louis Davies), once in the committee challenged the opinion of the hon member for Lanark (Mr Haggart) because the latter hon. gentleman was not a lawyer—I hold that the hon member (Mr Haggart) is correct in the contention he makes, and that the Minister of Marine (Sir Louis Davies), who is a lawyer, is wrong."

Some hon. members—Hear, hear. "Mr. McInerney—And if I wanted any authority for that, I can quote a gentleman by the name of "Davies" who sat in this House in the year 1887, representing the county of Queen's, P. E. I.

"Mr. Foster—Surely that is not Sir Louis."

"Mr. McInerney—I think that same gentleman named 'Davies' is synonymous with a gentleman who now holds the portfolio of Marine and Fisheries (Sir Louis Davies.)

"Mr. Bergeron—Send out and bring him in."

"Mr. McInerney—Here is what this gentleman named 'Lou's H. Davies' said in his House in 1887. (Hansard, p. 678)

"Sir, I contend, as a matter of law, that the right which this House can exercise respecting the election of members have not been in any degree minimized by the passage of the Controverted Elections Act. I state as a clear principle of constitutional law, and I think I have the authority not only of the leader of the Opposition, but of the leader of the Government, for that position—that the same rights which this House retained to itself when in former days it relegated the trial of election petitions to the electon committees of the House, these same rights the House continues to retain, after it has relegated the trial of election petitions to the judges of the land."

"Yet, here we have the Minister of Marine and Fisheries (Sir Louis Davies) to-day coolly and deliberately getting up in the House and making a contention, that this case should have gone to the election courts and should not have gone to the Committee on Privileges and Elections at all. We have him seconded in that position, by the hon. member for King-to (Mr. Britton), and as against that we have a layman on this side of the House (Mr. Haggart) who has truly stated the right and legal positions on that question."

"Mr. Britton. May I ask you a question?"

"Mr. McInerney—Certainly."

"Mr. Britton—Does the hon. gentleman think, as a lawyer, that under this reference to the Privileges and Elections Committee, that the seat of the hon. member for West Huron (Mr. Holmes) could be touched?"

"Mr. McInerney—Beyond the question of a doubt it could. And I could read page after page of opinions from Sir John Thompson, from the Hon David Mills, now Minister of Justice, from Sir Charles H. Tupper, from Mr. Lister, from gentlemen sitting on both sides of the House; to the effect that this House could certainly dismiss any member. The hon. member for St. John (Mr. Ellis) took the same ground at the time, and he was right. They were discussing the famous Baird case."

It is too bad indeed that a Minister of the Crown, and one to whom a long experience in public life should have already brought some little discretion, is continually making mistakes after this fashion in Parliament.

Local and Other Items

MORE SMALL POX.—It is said that five new cases of small pox have broken out at St Andre, Kamouraska, Que.

REGRET EXPRESSED.—Laval students have passed resolutions expressing regret at the recent disturbances in Montreal.

TEMPERANCE MEETING.—Tonight in Wright's Hall a public temperance meeting will be held at which the temperance pledge will be presented. Everybody invited. Chair taken at 8 o'clock.

PASTORATE IN MASSACHUSETTS.—Rev Charles Turner and wife passed through the city yesterday afternoon on their way to Osterville, Mass., where he has accepted the pastorate of the Baptist Church. They came from Montague, Prince Edward Island.—St. John Telegraph.

DISASTROUS MINE EXPLOSION.—The most disastrous mine explosion ever known in New River district occurred at the Red Ash mine at Fire Creek, W. Va., last week. The first reports of the disaster were greatly exaggerated. Ten dead bodies have been taken from the mine, and it is believed that the victims will number forty more.

THE INEVITABLE END.—Several years of reverses will be necessary to convince the British that they are beaten. Great Britain may grant a little when it is hit but it can stand a lot of punishment and until they realized it. It isn't in the habit of throwing up the sponge after the first few rounds, no matter how fast the fighting may be. The war will go on until the Boers are defeated. It may end in 1909, in 1901, or in 1902, but it will end in a British victory. Until that arrives, or until attack comes from another quarter, the bull dog will not let go.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

PROBE IT.

"If the Government would like the country to know who is responsible for the race cry and for the outrage on the British flag, let it appoint a Royal Commission of three impartial Liberals and three impartial Conservatives. The discovery will then be made that the trouble is traceable to a Minister of the Crown, who took the oath pledging himself to his Sovereign."

"We challenge the Government to appoint such a commission."

"It cost a quarter of a million dollars for the plebiscite, by which the Government fooled the liquor dealers and fooled the temperance voters. A few hundred dollars in probing the race cry would be worth a lot to Canada."

We clip this paragraph from the Star of Montreal. The suggestion contained in it is a good one. There might have to be a rigid investigation into the source of that spirit of disloyalty in Montreal which resulted in riot and the tearing down of the British flag on Ladysmith day. In the meantime, the accused Minister of the Crown, should vacate his seat in the Cabinet.

Australia's Offer

SYDNEY, N. S. W., March 9.—The Premier, W. J. Lyne, communicated Colonel Secretary Chamberlain's request for additional troops to the other Australian colonies. He has received replies from an of the prime ministers, in which they offer to co-operate with the Imperial Government. It is Mr. Lyne's proposition that the colonies shall defray all the expenses of arming, equipping and transporting the extra troops.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

—Lord Roberts is spoken of by some of the correspondents as being in South Africa "the flower of courtesy." To the enemy, however, he is, as the Gazette remarks, a flower that is not easily plucked.

ESTEEMED EXCHANGES.

—The Globe and La Patrie are exchanging each other of pursuing evil courses in connection with the recent rows in Montreal. Each in its way is striving to get votes for Laurierism. It was by such diverse tactics that Laurierism became a power for mischief in Canada.

PERSONAL.

Lady Davies was among the ladies entertained at luncheon last week by Mrs. Geo. E. Peter.

Lieut. McLearn, of St. John, has been appointed aide-de-camp to Gen. Colville. He has also been gazetted Lieutenant in the Royal Field Artillery.

BORN.

At Kensington, on the 8th inst., to Dr. and Mrs. D. T. McKay a son.

MARRIED.

At Charlottetown, on March 5th, by Rev J. W. McConnell, Artemas Isaac Godkin, of Charlottetown, to Hattie Duncan, of North Wiltshire.

DIED.

Suddenly at Roxbury, Mass., Jan. 10th, Annie C., wife of David Roy Fraser, and daughter of the late John W. McDonald, Belfast, P. E. I., aged 43 years.

SOCIAL POSTPONED.—A grand entertainment and banquet social will be given in Howes Hall, on Wednesday, 14th inst. Doors open at 7 o'clock; entertainment commences at 7:30 sharp. Some of the best local talent from the city of Charlottetown will take part. The programme will include a laughable negro farce and cakewalk, also patriotic songs and recitations. Ladies with baskets free.

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