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OUTRAGEOUS.

The manner in which our Minister with a portfolio attends to the duties of his department may be inferred from the fact which was disclosed in the advertising column of Wednesday's Patriot. Sir Louis Davies announces that he will address the electors of Belfast and Murray Harbor at seven meetings commencing at Pownal. It is clear that no business appertaining to the conduct of Marine or Fisheries or any other matter of a Federal character brings the Federal Minister to Belfast and Murray Harbor districts at the present time. The object of the visit is simply to bring the influence of the Federal Government to bear on the Provincial bye-elections in these districts.

The gross impropriety of Sir Louis Davies' conduct in openly neglecting his departmental duties is only surpassed by the shamelessness of his attempt to override the independent opinions of the electors on Provincial politics by arraying all the power and patronage of the Dominion Government in favour of the candidates of the Farquharson Administration. It remains to be seen whether the electors of Belfast and Murray Harbor will submit to the bulldozing which Sir Louis Davies' meetings imply. The word bulldozing is not too strong to describe the interference. It is not because the Federal Minister knows much about the Provincial situation that he goes to Belfast and Murray Harbor on this occasion. His long and continuous absence from the Island disqualifies him for accurate discussion of current local topics. He goes to Belfast and Murray Harbor because he is supposed to hold in his hands contracts and offices which he may bestow on those whose zeal in the coming election will rise to a suitable level. He goes there because there are fines imposed by the Administration of the Department which he has the power to forgive to those who will work earnestly for the candidates of Premier Farquharson.

Is it not bad enough to have candidates and supervisors exchanging road jobs for votes, without the importation of a Federal Minister to improperly influence the votes of the electors?

There are, we believe, scores of honest intelligent Liberals in Belfast and Murray Harbor whose respect for fair play and honest politics will cause them to resent Sir Louis Davies' appearance in their midst under present circumstances. They will justly hold Messrs. McKinnon and Irving responsible for the unblushing attempt which is being made to unduly influence public opinion in their favor.

Belfast has been open for nearly four months. Mr. David P. Irving has been canvassing over five weeks, with road jobs going round as thick as raspberries in August, and alternate or loop railway line—unblushingly offered as the price of important settlements! Mr. Farquharson dared not issue the writ, nor Mr. Irving call a public meeting, until they were able to secure Sir Louis Davies' peculiar assistance at the expense of the taxpayers to the tune of twenty-two dollars and ninety-two cents a day, Sundays included, besides travelling expenses.

Mr. D. A. McKinnon vacated his seat for Murray Harbor six weeks ago. In all decency the election should have been held long since. The delay is in violation of the constitution. But decent methods have been further discarded by Mr. D. A. McKinnon. He appeared before a large number of public meetings in the constituency and stated his claims for a favorable verdict. His opponent was heard at the same time. The case was practically given to the jury. Instead of facilitating the rendering of a verdict on the evidence and argument presented, the Jury are now told by Mr. McKinnon that their verdict must not be given until they are brought under the influence of an outsider,—behind the backs of his opponents.

Mr. Albert P. Prowse and Mr. Angus A. McLean are compelled to pay their share of the 8,000.00 dollars per annum or \$22.91 per day, Sundays included, besides, travelling expenses, which Sir Louis Davies receives as Minister of Marine and Fisheries. Will he return to the Federal Treasury, the \$300 or \$400 which is growing on his salary while he is canvassing for McKinnon and Irving, and neglecting the work for which he receives his salary?

Again we ask respectable Liberals, do you approve of this? What would be your conclusion if the offenders were Conservatives? To their credit be it said, Federal Ministers in Conservative Cabinets

never took part in Provincial bye-elections.

This is not, however, the first time that Sir Louis Davies has exploited the public resources for his own party purposes,—witness the free excursion on the steamer Brant, furnished last summer at the public expense to the members of the fuddled convention of East Queen's, or the use of Commander Spain and the steamer Druid to help out his electioneering at Canso Cove, or the prostitution of the P. E. I. Railway in aid of his junketing excursion to Georgetown on Sport day, or his outrages violation of law, divine and secular, by sending the steamer Stanley to Pictou on the Lord's day for ex-Premier Peters to help Premier Farquharson out of one of his many holes.

Such outrageous use of public money for personal and political purposes is not new with Sir Louis Davies. We all remember how, while acting on the Fishery Commission in McKenzie's day, he paid the late Hon. John Longworth out of the public chest for performing his duties while his own salary as Attorney General went on, besides drawing an almost fabulous sum, (\$17,000) for services on the Halifax Commission from the Dominion Government. "Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard his spots?"

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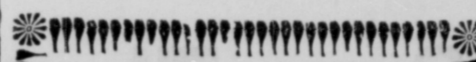
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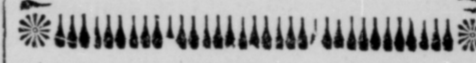
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