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THE RULING PASSION.

The member for West Queen's has not been much heard of for some years in the House of Commons. For reasons which can be well understood he has not been permitted to take a prominent part in the proceedings of Parliament since he became a Cabinet Minister. Where, however, his words appear in Hansard they furnish excellent evidence that he is as reckless of assertion as ever. During the debate on the Redistribution Bill Sir Charles Tupper used the following language regarding recent events in P. E. Island:

"What happened in Prince Edward Island? What has become of the hon. Minister of Marine and Fisheries (Sir Louis Davies)? I see he has disappeared, and I am not surprised because he knew what was coming. The elections for two members, one of them Attorney-General, resulting from the re-construction of the local Government took place the other day in Prince Edward Island. The hon. Minister of Marine and Fisheries went down there, and did an act a little more daring than I think was ever done by any public man in this country on either side of politics. He went into these two local elections, and told the people that the life of this Dominion Government was at stake upon these elections. If these two men are beaten, the Liberal Government are beaten, and they have no majority in the House to carry on the Government of Prince Edward Island. And what do you think the hon. gentleman did then, Mr. Speaker? Why, so far forgot himself, forgot his position, forgot the respect due to the independent electors of this country, as to tell the electors that if they did not return Liberals, to keep in power the local Liberal government in Prince Edward Island, he could not answer for the money that this House had voted for public works in the island being actually expended. If you want evidence of the posit on this government are in you could not have stronger evidence than that. What answer did he get? He got the answer that any man will get from free and independent electors when he attempts to use a bludgeon of that kind to drive them to the polls. His candidates were defeated; and he knows right well that if an election took place in the province of Prince Edward Island to-morrow, if he managed to save his own seat, he would come back alone, without a single man from that province to support him."

Every person in Prince Edward Island knows that no fairer statement could be made regarding the part played by Sir Louis Davies in the recent bye-elections in Belfast and Murray Harbor than that contained in the above extract from Sir Charles Tupper's speech. But this is the way Sir Louis Davies replied:

"I make no apology at all for having

gone to Prince Edward Island, and to address the electors there. It was in the case of two hardly contested districts where the majorities have always been very close and very narrow. The hon. gentleman's party had the good fortune to carry one of them this time and he consequently formulated an attack upon me. What did the leader of the opposition say? He said that I had gone into Prince Edward Island and told the electors that if they did not vote for the government I could not answer for the expenditure of public money. He said that I should be impeached for that. Why, the hon. gentleman (Sir Charles Tupper) does not know what he is talking about. He talks so much that he really does not know what he is saying. I made no such threat as he implies. I told the people of Prince Edward Island, with reference to the construction of a bridge across the Hillsborough River, that it was a work which was being constructed partly by the Dominion Government and partly by the local Government under a provincial statute authorizing the provincial legislature to contribute \$400,000 or more, and under a Dominion statute authorizing this Government to contribute so much. There had to be an agreement between this Parliament and the Legislature of Prince Edward Island on that. The Conservative party in Prince Edward Island had put themselves on record in the legislature, that the construction of that bridge was premature, and I simply read that resolution to the electorate and I said: If you vote in favor of the candidate who supports the party that formulated this resolution, you are postponing the construction of this bridge, perhaps indefinitely. Was not that a proper argument to make? Could any one find objection to that? Sir, my prediction may unfortunately prove true; I hope to heaven it shall not. The hon. gentlemen opposite did elect their man, and if the Conservative party for once in their lives prove true to the principles they enunciated, they will oppose the construction of that bridge, and if they get a majority the bridge will not be built, and where will the people be then? I simply pointed out these facts to the electors, and for doing that the leader of the opposition attempts to administer a lecture to me. He had better reserve his lectures for those who sit around him. He had better keep his advice for those who ask him. I did not ask for his advice. He talks about Prince Edward Island, and he is good enough to say that, perhaps, there is a possibility of my being returned, but that no one else supporting the Liberal party will be returned from that province. Well, sir, that is a very old and stale story I heard in 1882 that I had not a possibility of being elected. Every Tory newspaper in the Dominion proclaimed: There is no possibility of Davies being elected. Well, sir, I was elected to this House then. In 1887 they said that I was out of the race, that it was a farce to run me; but I came back here with a thousand majority. In 1891 they said: Davies cannot be elected, but that prediction was like the prediction of those hon. gentlemen opposite today, supremely silly. Again, in 1896 they said: I could not be returned to this House. They had carved my constituency up; they gerrymandered me in 1891; they thought they had made my defeat sure, but they were nowhere when the people were appealed to. I came back here with a majority of 375."

The whopper contained in the closing sentence of the extract which we have given from Sir Louis' speech is worthy of its author. A few moments before, Mr. Bell, M. P. explained that West Queen's had been made a Grit hive by the Redistribution of 1891!

Very few men indeed could possibly cram so many mistatements into the same number of sentences. Here is the Patriot's report of Sir Louis' speech at Pownal, which fully sustains the words of Sir Charles Tupper.

"Should the people of these districts vote for the opponents of the Government they will intimate to Parliament that they do not want these works. . . . Sir Louis intimated that when he came to ask for further appropriations that his hands would be tied and his advocacy weakened. Parliament and representatives from these Provinces who are not too keen to expend so large a sum on so small a province as Prince Edward Island will say the people do not want these works. "Why," said Sir Louis "I thought when the railway and Bridge were granted by Parliament that the Government would receive the unanimous support of the people, not only of these districts that are particularly interested but of the whole Island. But instead of that what do I find in the Belfast and Murray Harbor Districts? A divided camp, and candidates running in opposition to the Government which have passed measures to give you both railway and bridge."

Black River Notes.

The Boer sympathisers in this vicinity are (to use a slang phrase) completely "down in the lip" over the recent brilliant British success in South Africa. It is peculiarly strange that people living under the British flag and enjoying all of our many privileges, can deny the justice of the British cause in South Africa.

Mrs. John McPhee, of Souris, paid us a brief visit last week. She was the guest of her brother, Mr. John A. McAulay.

Mr. James P. Dougan, who was lumbering in New Hampshire, is home again looking hale and hearty. He speaks in glowing terms of camp life in the woods.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

—Mr. S. D. Scott writes that our "Mr. Bell has made three or four speeches this session of an hour and more, and seems likely to set an example of staving powers which will require Mr. Charlton to press to an issue his resolution in favor of short speeches and the closure." Mr. Bell is evidently making his mark at Ottawa.

—Commenting upon the result of the Bourassa resolution—defeated by a vote of 119 to 10—the Montreal Star remarks that the Premier was able to say not only that he hoped for beneficial results from the sending of the Contingent but that, in sending it, the Government had not entrenched on the independence of Parliament nor violated the constitution. While these views do not agree very well with the views expressed by Sir Wilfrid in his celebrated interview with the Globe, they are infinitely superior, from a logical and patriotic point of view. Upon the whole Sir Wilfrid acquitted himself of a difficult and embarrassing task very ably. Having to abandon his unfortunate original position it was wiser and better to do the thing thoroughly and gracefully, than to attempt to make reservations for the sake of maintaining an appearance of consistency. Many political follies are committed in the name of consistency; though, by the way, the Premier seldom allows himself to be embarrassed by any undue regard for that particular virtue."

DIED.

At Greek River, King's County, on February 20th, in the 60th year of his age, Lauchlin MacLean, leaving a wife, 4 sons and 3 daughters to mourn their loss.

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