

inson was in collusion with the Attorney-General, was a suggestion too monstrous to think about for a moment. And to say that the matter should have been held over was equally wild.

Mr. MURRAY said the first intimation he got of the matter was this evening when he took his seat beside the member for South Essex. He must say that he was not at all surprised at what has taken place. He had occasion himself to go to Ottawa shortly after the last general election, and a proposition was made to him, and such an inducement as to be of very considerable value for him to go to the other side. He did not entertain the idea, and on the other hand communicated with one of the members of the Government shortly afterwards. He then mentioned to the member of the Government that if there were any weak-kneed men on the Reform side no doubt they would swing over. He did not think there were any such, and he was happy to see that when pressure had been put upon them they were able to resist it. It was well-known that these men under arrest were the party-backs of the Tories, and that they had gone over the country using their sinister measures to influence the election. He knew they had been in South Renfrew, and they had tried to remedy their failure there by offering the member for that constituency money as a bribe. He trusted that there would be a searching investigation into the matter.

Mr. KERNS deeply regretted that the circumstances had happened, but congratulated the Attorney-General on the course he had pursued. He hoped the subject would be sifted to the bottom.

Mr. CALDWELL was sorry to hear the insinuations made by the members for London and East Toronto. He was sure that when the gentlemen came to consider the matter they themselves would regret that the insinuations had been made.

Mr. LEES was surprised that any discussion had followed the motion. He considered it wrong that all that had been said against the men should go to the country before they had an opportunity of defending themselves.

Mr. WATERS said the member for South Lanark had scarcely considered the matter or he would not have given utterance to the words he had. Would he have the charges go out to the country and not a word said by the members of the House to express their indignation at such a crime. This was the gravest charge ever made in Ontario, and perhaps in the Dominion, with the exception of one which he would not name.

The motion was carried.

Mr. MOWAT moved that when the House rise it stand adjourned till three o'clock tomorrow, so as to give the committee an opportunity to set.

The House adjourned at 10:20.

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