

FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 1903.

MR. STRATTON'S SPEECH ENDED.

An Eloquent and Forceful Conclusion.

THANKS HIS FRIENDS.

Strong Language Respecting Mr. Gamey.

A Logical Address by Mr. M. G. Cameron—Mr. Lucas and Dr. Nesbitt Also Speak.

The second day of the Gamey debate in the Legislature was characterized by a number of clever speeches, but each of such duration as to make the end seem to be some days off. The interest in the proceedings was maintained on the floor and in the galleries, but the speeches did not contain as much freshness as those on the first day. Mr. Stratton concluded his address in the forenoon, in a manner more forceful and more effective even than on the opening day. His conclusion was couched in terms of thanks and appreciation to his friends, who had stood by him during the recent trying weeks, and during this portion of his remarks the Provincial Secretary was so deeply affected as to make his voice almost fail. Mr. Lucas followed, speaking for three hours, in the course of which he cast an aspersion upon Mr. McEvoy, the Liberal lawyer, as last having seen the Crossin books intact, a statement for which he was taken sharply to task by Mr. M. G. Cameron, who followed. Mr. Cameron effectively met many of the arguments of the Opposition, and added to the reputation he is making as a promising member of the House. Dr. Beattie Nesbitt had only commenced when the House adjourned.

The other speakers billed for the Opposition to-day are Mr. St. John and Mr. Gamey, if there is time. It is not thought the Government side will be represented in to-day's debate. In

well-informed circles it is believed the debate will last the greater part, if not all, of next week.

Mr. Gamey's Accounts.

Mr. Stratton resumed his speech immediately on the opening of the House in the morning. He referred once to the discussion of the previous day respecting the production of Mr. Gamey's bank books. Since then he had examined the books that had been filed as exhibits with the court, and he could not place his hands upon the books that he had said had not been produced. He would be glad if Mr. Gamey would show to the House and the country whether those exhibits were submitted to the court. "My bank books, my private accounts, my checks, my notes, my every transaction from the first of August to the first of March were submitted to the severest examination and the keenest scrutiny of the counsel for the prosecution. They were engaged three days going into this evidence. I desire to call the attention of the House and the country to the statement made by Gamey when in the witness box with regard to these matters."

Mr. Stratton then read from Mr. Johnston's cross-examination of Gamey, when the latter produced his Gore Bay bank book from the first of March, 1903. Fancy counsel of the ability of Mr. Blake and Mr. Ritchie allowing the prosecution to produce bank books from the first of March to prove transactions that were alleged to have occurred on the 9th, 10th or 11th of September last and on the 20th January last. Those books were absolutely useless. They knew they were useless, and up to this moment had not produced the books that might have given additional information upon the important question as to where the money came from.

Mr. Gamey interrupted to say that the defence had subpoenaed Hurst & Burk of Gore Bay, and their books had been brought here, and they had not been put in the witness-box. The defence had had every facility to put Mr. Hurst in the witness-box.

Mr. Stratton said his counsel had informed him yesterday morning that the statement he had made the previous day was absolutely true and correct. (Applause.) If the member who made the serious charges was aware that the bank books contained important evidence, why didn't he put the bank manager in the box himself?

Guardian of His Own Honor.

Mr. Stratton spoke next of the piano factory occurrence. If Mr. Gamey chose to traffic in his own honor it was no reflection on the Ministry. If he chose to discuss his perfidy with Frank Sullivan in the piano factory on a wet and rainy night, how was that going to affect him (Stratton) or any member of the Government?

"I am under no obligation to Sullivan and Mr. Sullivan was under no obligation to me. He had no authority to act for me in any way with Mr. Gamey." Mr. Stratton had no intimacy with Sullivan at any time in regard to that, and Sullivan's oath was as likely to be true in regard to what occurred in the piano factory as the statement he was alleged to have made on the memorable night in the piano factory.

Who Offered Sullivan \$2,000?

What was Sullivan offered \$2,000 for—to put the Government in a hole? Why was not Mr. McPherson put in the witness box to dispute the testimony of Sullivan on this point?

Mr. Gamey was not in the factory that night to entrap Mr. Sullivan. The two men were there to concoct a story.

Why did they discuss on that occasion what Mr. Gamey could get when he became Minister of Mines? In the witness box Mr. Gamey said that he never mentioned anything about Minister of Mines. He was absolutely contradicted by two of his own witnesses on that point. Mr. Price and Percy. Neither Gamey nor Sullivan had cared whether Mr. Whitney or Mr. Ross was Premier; their desire was to make money, and when Gamey became Minister of Mines then the patronage and the franchises