

Trial by Committee.

They said that Mr. Frank Sullivan had bossed that committee, and Ministers of the Crown, they said, had buried the presentation of evidence before the committee. If this were so, what sort of a committee would that be for the investigation of the Gamey charges? It was a libel upon the statute of 1884, approved of by both sides of the House, to say that the Judges had been asked to step down into the political arena. This was practically a trial for a crime, and a State trial. Did the Opposition say that if he (Mr. Pattullo) should have an election trial it should not be tried before Judge Street or Judge Meredith, who had been keen politicians on the Conservative side? The remarks of the Opposition were an insult to every Judge in the country, and had been so received by them.

Guilt Inconceivable.

Mr. Pattullo, resuming in the evening, said it was absolutely inconceivable that the Provincial Secretary, after such an investigation, should be guilty and not found out. (Applause.) If the Conservatives believed the Provincial Secretary guilty, why didn't they go into the party funds? Because they were afraid to have their own party funds investigated. It was a fair inference that had the latter been investigated we would have found out where the money came from. (Hear, hear.) Mr. Gamey had deceived many people, his party, his lawyers and the country. He had been in a business that trained a man's wit, and had been experienced in politics. Instead of being a backwoodsman he was a man of ability and resource, an extremely fluent and forceful speaker. Therefore he was a man who, if the crime had been committed, would have succeeded in proving his case. (Applause.) The story, however, was so improbable as to be unbelievable. It assumed that the Provincial Secretary was a knave as well as a fool. If it had been true, the accused should first be sent to a lunatic asylum. (Hear, hear.) Gamey's confederate had never been called, and the inference was he could not corroborate the story.

Gamey's Bad Breaks.

The incident of the leaves in the Crossin book was one the common people would understand, and they would say the Judges were honest, and what they said about that matter the people would accept. If the member for Manitoulin went to Buffalo for rest, no fault could be found; at the same time he said he was sorry he had gone. If the junior counsel knew where Gamey was the morning of the memorable conference at the trial, what did Mr. Blake and Mr. Ritchie think of them for not informing them. (Applause.) Mr. Pattullo denounced Mr. Lucas' charge that Mr. McEvoy took the leaves from the Crossin book as infamous, and without a shadow of evidence.

Col. Matheson—There is the same kind of evidence against McEvoy as against the member for Manitoulin.

Mr. Pattullo denied this, and gave Mr. McEvoy as his authority, and in response to the Opposition laughter invited any hon. gentleman opposite to go any place outside the privilege of the House and make the charge, and they would soon have the chance to prove it. The desertion of Gamey by his counsel indicated they had lost faith in the truth of his story. If they deserted him without cause they should be taken in hand by the Benchers of the Law Society. (Applause.)

"In the Main True."

The hon. member for South Lanark (Col. Matheson) had said that he believed the story of the member for Manitoulin was in the main true.

Col. Matheson interrupted to say he believed that the member for Manitoulin received the \$3,000 and the \$1,000. There might be other statements in which Mr. Gamey made errors in the same way as the Judges

had made gross errors.

Mr. Pattullo—If they could not believe all Mr. Gamey said they could not believe any of it. If they were to accept the condemnations of the judiciary made by the member for Manitoulin they might as well abandon our civilization. There were many clever criminals in the penitentiaries who could, if given access to the press and the public platform, give plenty of entertainment by narrating the corruption of the Judges who had condemned them.

Defending the Judges.

Mr. Pattullo criticized the leader of the Opposition for applauding the member for Manitoulin when he accused Sir John Boyd—Boyd, as he was called—of being dishonest. Sir John Boyd was appointed by a Conservative Government, and was never a political partisan. He was then, and had always been, a man of stainless character. The legal fraternity, moreover, said of Chief Justice Falconbridge, upon whom vile epithets and obloquy had been heaped, that there was no more honorable or capable Judge in the country. Of the charges of political corruption proved, it was a matter of history that those convicting Liberals were only half as numerous as those convicting Conservatives. It was a matter of history also that the Liberals when they made charges proved them in every instance. The reason the Liberal Government had been so long in power was because they had kept themselves pure. (Applause.)

Mr. Pattullo closed with an earnest protest against the deliberate policy of assassination of public honor, such as they had seen during the debate. He did not believe the people of this country would condone such outrages of the decencies of public life, such prostitution of privilege. In his concluding sentences he paid an eloquent tribute to the honor and ability of the Hon. Geo. W. Ross.

Mr. W. H. Hoyle (North Ontario) moved the adjournment of the debate and the House adjourned at 10 p.m.

Wants Reward Offered.

Mr. W. R. Smyth gives notice of a motion as follows:—"That this House recommend the Lieutenant-Governor in Council to offer a reward of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for information leading to the discovery of the source from which R. R. Gamey, Esq., received \$1,500 which he deposited in the Traders' Bank at Toronto on the 11th day of September last, and \$900 which he deposited in the Ontario Bank in Toronto on the same date, also \$500 which he alleges he received on the 29th day of January last; and that the Lieutenant-Governor in Council guarantee immunity from punishment to any person or persons giving such information."

Col. Matheson will inquire what quantity of pine and other woods has been cut on Moon and Crooked Islands, in the Georgian Bay, under license to Chew Brothers and their successors since 1st January, 1900.