

# HOUSE HEARS G. P. GRAHAM.

Telling Address of Member for  
Brockville.

GREET THEIR NEW LEADER.

His Suggestion to the Oppo-  
sition.

Mr. Conmee Concludes, and Mr. Mac-  
diarmid, Mr. Sutherland and Mr.  
Downey Speak.

The Gamey debate in the Legislature did not conclude yesterday, but the more optimistic believe the end will really be reached to-day. Dr. Willoughby, the Opposition Whip, said last night Mr. Foy would be the only other speaker on the Opposition side, Mr. Graham having yet to finish. This should insure a division early this afternoon. Mr. Conmee occupied the forenoon in concluding yesterday, and in the course of his able address he bade defiance to the Opposition, telling them to come on with their disgraceful methods and the Liberals would meet them, confident of the outcome. Mr. Macdiarmid and Mr. Sutherland spoke briefly, and then Mr. Downey entertained the House for upwards of two hours with his genial Celtic eloquence. The last speaker of the day was Mr. Geo. P. Graham, who put new life into an old subject, while the Liberals pounded their desks continuously. His speech was a fitting antidote to the hours of Opposition argument, and the House adjourned with the Government members in splendid fettle. Should the debate conclude early to-day, some time will be necessary to dispose of the other business on the order paper, including the land grant to the Canada Central Railway Co.

### In the Main False.

Mr. Conmee, in resuming his address in the morning, took occasion to deny a statement that he was engaged in the pulpwood business. Proceeding, he charged the member for Manitoulin with deliberate falsehood in stating that Myers had carried the parcel.

Mr. Whitney said that without objecting to this charge he desired that the member for Manitoulin, should he speak again, be given similar freedom in debate.

Mr. Conmee said he was quoting from the evidence. He did not believe there was another man in Ontario who would use such methods to get evidence against an opponent, such as inducing his 16-year-old son to commit forgery. He believed the charges were in the main false. It was quite apparent that Mr. Gamey had been looking for a bribe and Mr. Aylesworth had sized him up in a minute.

There were many things in the reports given of the conversation in the Crossin factory which showed that the subject under discussion was a conspiracy between Gamey and Sullivan. Mr. Conmee agreed with the member for West Lambton that when the member for Manitoulin got away from his story he became badly mixed. He believed now that the hon. member was

trying to square himself with the Conservative party.

### Why the Leaves Were Destroyed.

Mr. Conmee referred to the destruction of the leaves in the Crossin cash books. The evidence showed that the leaves had been destroyed before Mr. McEvoy saw the books. Had not the person who saw that the books contained dangerous evidence found that the bank would also have the same dangerous evidence and gone down to destroy it there? If the money had been paid by Liberals all these unreasonable and dishonest transactions could not have taken place. The conclusion was natural that the money came from Conservative sources.

Mr. Conmee pointed out from Gamey's own evidence that it was part of his own scheme to have a smelter near Sudbury and not his (Mr. Conmee's) scheme, as Mr. Gamey had said at another time in his evidence. Considering the report of the Commissioners, Mr. Conmee said it was as fair and impartial a finding upon the evidence as could be made. He justified also the reference of the case to the Commission.

### Accessory Before and After.

He declared that the member for Algoma had been accessory both before and after the act. He had been watching Mr. Gamey.

Mr. Smyth interrupted to ask what evidence would substantiate the statement that he was an accessory.

Mr. Conmee, continuing, said he had been playing the part of a spy upon Mr. Gamey to see that he was carrying out the plan.

Mr. Smyth—To see that he was telling the truth.

Mr. Whitney raised a point of order as to whether a member could refer to another as a spy.

Mr. Conmee said he meant no offence, but how else could the action be described? He would withdraw the statement if it gave offence.

Mr. Smyth—Considering where it comes from, I won't press the matter.

Mr. Conmee criticized the leader of the Opposition for his violent language, and remarked that the methods of the Opposition had kept them where they were. If they went to the country with the apostle of purity from Manitoulin at their head, the avowed leader of a lynching mob, the Liberals were ready to meet them, and he believed the people would stand by their trusted leader, the present Premier. (Applause.)

It was within a minute or two of 1 o'clock when Mr. Conmee concluded, and Mr. McDiarmid moved the adjournment of the debate until 3 o'clock.

### The One Bright Spot.

Mr. F. G. Macdiarmid (W. Elgin) commenced his speech when the House resumed in the afternoon. He paid a satirical compliment to the member for Port Arthur, Mr. Conmee, for his faithful attendance to his Legislative duties. He concurred with the Attorney-General in his remarks concerning the two eminent jurists who had acted as commissioners. Their characters were not brought in question, but the choice of such men to associate themselves with political scandals was a matter which everyone must regret. He would not say there were any improper relations between the Government and Sir John Boyd, but the impropriety was in his being an arbitrator in a matter in which he was so greatly interested. Speaking of the evidence, Mr. Macdiarmid said that Mr. Hammond was the only bright spot in The Globe to-day. The letter from Mr. Gamey to Mr. Ross on September 10, tendering his support to the Government, was not replied to. The Premier always treated members courteously, and the only reason that he did not reply to it was because it was a receipt, calling for no reply. Something more was needed to-day than the loud-sounding phrases and the oratorical powers of the Premier to cleanse the present Administration.

### The People Will Judge.

Mr. Donald Sutherland (S. Oxford) would not have had anything to say unless his name had been brought into the debate by some of the gentlemen opposite. He thought it quite apparent that the defence had been unable to disprove the charges made against them. The people of the Province were going to size up the matter. It mattered not whether a commission or a committee had decided upon the case. The members opposite had not made a serious effort to disprove the charges. He asked whether Mr. Gamey in giving his case away to the public at the outset had not acted as an honest man with an honest case. He defended the member for Manitoulin for obtaining his evidence by unusual methods, as that was the only way in which evidence could be obtained. He laid some stress upon the coincidence of Mr. Gamey having given one-half of his proceeds to Frank Sullivan, and Capt. Sullivan having given the same percentage to Taylor in his two deals.

Mr. Sutherland spoke of the finding of Judge Britton in the South Oxford election petition trial, and criticized his appointment by the Dominion Government on the Treadgold commission.

Mr. Ross interrupted to say that the hon. gentleman was sailing very close to the wind in his criticism of the finding of a Judge in an election trial. He could probably serve his own ends without doing so.

Mr. Sutherland did not catch the Premier's remarks, but continued to say that there were members on the Government side of the House who had not such good reputations as the member for Manitoulin before he came to the House. He concluded by saying that he thought it the duty of the Government to have an investigation into South Oxford matters.

### Judges Were Honorable.

Mr. J. P. Downey (South Wellington) said the experience with the Royal Commission had justified in every particular the position taken by the Opposition at the outset. More than a dozen times the Judges' report misquoted the evidence. Was there a Judge in the land but would call the jury back under the circumstances? He would not accuse the Judges of consciously doing something dishonorable, but while they were writing their report their creative faculties were uppermost. The fact that the Premier had felt it necessary to make a two hours' speech in moving the adoption of the report was an evidence of its weakness. Because it was not a fair resume of the evidence and because of the unwarranted conclusions reached therein, Mr. Downey claimed the right to discuss the report before sending it on to the great jury of the people. He paid his compliments to Mr. Conmee as a member of such high culture and sensibility that he was able to invite the member for West York (Mr. St. John) outside, and that he now felt able to lecture the Opposition inside on how they should conduct themselves. (Opposition applause.)

### Bouquets For Mr. Conmee.

Mr. Conmee had the same self-confidence now which he had exhibited as Magistrate at Peninsula Harbor, when he sentenced an illicit liquor trader to one year in the penitentiary, and locked him up in his own root-house overnight. (Laughter.)

Mr. Conmee, hardly able to suppress his laughter, said the statement was without foundation.

Mr. Downey, proceeding, referred to Mr. Conmee's connection with the Fish Company, which propose to build a railway to Lake Nepigon.

Mr. Conmee rose to explain, and was presently engaged in a heated cross-fire with Mr. Whitney, during which the tension was only broken by an Opposition member shouting "Come outside," which created loud laughter.

Mr. Whitney said the fish company had got a great steal.

Mr. Conmee said the subsidy didn't go to any company in which he was