

have gone a little farther than the actual facts warrant. I don't believe I have. However, the point was only one of argument, and should not be used to ask questions upon in order to draw me away from my subject.

Col. Gibson told an amusing story of a young Anglican clergyman, who had complained that he had the world, the flesh and the devil to fight, and also the Presbyterians. The Bishop had replied that if he were honestly fighting the world, the flesh and the devil he would find the Presbyterians on his side. If the hon. leader of the Opposition was really fighting corruption he would find the Liberal Government and the Liberal party on his side. (Government applause.)

The Tide May Turn.

Attacks were being made against him. He was told he should retire. "I refuse to be bulldozed out of power," he said. "We may go out. We are ready to retire from power. The Liberal party would be ready to retire into Opposition for a term, but not under any such compulsion as hon. gentlemen seek to use. Perhaps no other member of this House has had greater inducements than I have had to leave my place and retire from my position in public life. I refuse to leave my leader under such circumstances as we have been placed in. And when I go, I shall go with his consent, and when my going will not be any loss to him or to the Government which he conducts. I regret that it is a settled plan of campaign on the part of hon. gentlemen opposite that we shall be hounded out of existence if they can possibly accomplish that result by the course which they have taken during the past session, and which they do not give any evidence of having completely abandoned during the present session. We may be forced out of this position. But, sir, it will be with our faces to the enemy, not by turning cowards or traitors to the party that we represent. (Loud Ministerial applause.) And I am inclined to think that possibly hon. gentlemen will take a longer time in bringing about the results which they are aiming at than they at the present time, perhaps, suppose. They will probably have ample time for protests and bye-elections. They will probably have opportunities of going to the country in numerous instances. They will perhaps find that the Liberal party has at last reached the turning point in reference to the unfortunate luck in the matter of the death of members, and so on, and that the tide will turn—the tide will carry the Liberal party through, notwithstanding our having a rather attenuated majority; and, although they feel that they are so near the desired haven which they have coveted so long, they may find that they are, after all, very far away from the goal." Col. Gibson resumed his seat at 4.25 o'clock amid loud and long-continued applause.

Mr. St. John on the Floor.

Mr. St. John (West York) rose at 4.30, and opened with references to the Gamey case. He asked if the procedure with respect to The Globe interview was ordinary and regular. Why was The Globe reporter asked to eliminate part of the interview, and why was he asked "to forget some things"? Where did the \$1,000 come from?

Premier Ross—Hear, hear.

Mr. St. John—"Hear, hear!" There is suspicion that the Premier knows where it came from.

Stratton—It never was proven that there was any money.

Mr. Whitney—The Judges say there was.

Mr. Graham—You don't believe the Judges. (Applause.)

"The people of this Province are looking on and listening to the flippant remarks of the Premier," replied Mr. St. John, with an air of gravity. Continuing, he quoted Chancellor Boyd's remark before Miss Jeffrey was called, that there was something hazy about the way the Gamey letter reached the Premier. So the country thought, said Mr. St. John. Why didn't the Premier go into the box

and clear himself? He stood here as the embodiment of the honor, the rights and the liberties of the people.

Premier's Straightforward Course.

Premier Ross interrupted to make a statement. The hon. gentleman's method was very offensive and very unparliamentary, he said. He had had a subpoena to attend court, and was ready to go if called upon. The letters reaching his office were all opened by his private secretary. He had not opened half a dozen letters since he became Premier. The letters were put away by his private secretary. In the case of this letter, it arrived when Miss Jeffrey was alone in the office. She put it away. He did not know where the letters were put, and as she was the only person who could trace the letter, she was the only one to give evidence respecting it. He had not refused to go to court.

"You did not go," observed Mr. Whitney.

"I did not go because I was not asked to go," responded the Premier. "If I had been asked to go I would have gone. I hope my hon. friend will not consider this a court, and that members of the Government are to be called upon to answer his questions. I hope he will pursue the ordinary Parliamentary style, and then his speech will be replied to, as other speeches are."

Attacks Mr. Davis.

"If I am out of order, Mr. Speaker, it will be for you to rule me out of order," responded Mr. St. John. He then turned his attention to Mr. Davis, who, he said, was not a man to lecture anybody on public morality. He charged that T. C. Taylor, who had secured half the profits on the Shaanon deal, and who had not been discharged from the Crown Lands Department, so far as they knew, had worked for the Government in the Muskoka election.

"Taylor was not in Muskoka, to my knowledge," said Mr. Davis.

Mr. St. John then attacked Mr. Davis for telegraphing from Owen Sound in January, 1903, "Deny absolutely that I have resigned," whereas his agreement to resign was in existence at the time. It was an insult to the intelligence of the people to ask them to believe that he had not resigned.

Mr. Davis—What is the date of the document?

Mr. St. John—The document is dated January 20, and signed on January 2—another fraud. (Opposition applause.)

Mr. Davis Defends His Course.

Mr. Davis said the hon. gentleman had said what was absolutely untrue. He quoted from Judge Morgan's statement as follows: "The question of resignation was then discussed, and it was mutually agreed that Mr. Davis should place his resignation in my hands, bearing date January 20, before which date his resignation could not be asked." (Applause.)

Mr. St. John made extensive quotations from Mr. Davis' examination for discovery in North York, and moved the adjournment of the debate.

The House adjourned at 5.50 p.m.

Notices of Motion.

Mr. Hoyle will introduce a bill to amend the joint stock companies act.

Mr. Barr will introduce a bill to amend the common school act.

Tugboat Licenses.

A deputation of tugboat captains from Georgian Bay and Lake Superior were introduced to Hon. Mr. Latchford yesterday afternoon by Mr. Tudhope and Mr. C. N. Smith. They asked for a reduction in the license fee for using tugs in net fishing. The party included Capt. Ganly of Sault Ste. Marie, Capt. Noble of Killarney, and several others.