

# GAMEY ATTACKED THE SPEAKER.

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"I accept your ruling, Mr. Speaker, knowing your proclivities to my liberties in this House."

In these words Mr. Gamey yesterday in the Legislature created a scene fortunately very rare not only in the Legislature of Ontario, but in any other legislative body.

When the orders of the day were called he rose on a question of privilege to call the attention of the Premier to an apparent discrepancy between his reply on March 18, that no definite application had ever been made for a grant by the Grand Trunk Pacific, and the letter of Mr. William Wainwright, which appeared among the applications for aid presented to the House, and which bore the date of March 9, 1904, and the previous request of Mr. Hays, bearing date of February, 1903. He said that this was not the first time an unsatisfactory reply had been made by the Government, and was proceeding to make a speech, when the Speaker called him to order, as it is clearly against the rules of the House to make a speech on a question of privilege.

"I accept your ruling, Mr. Speaker, knowing your proclivities to my liberties in this House," said Mr. Gamey. The Speaker appealed to the House, but it was overlooked for the moment, as Mr. Gamey's words had not been heard everywhere, and the Premier had already risen to reply to the question about the Grand Trunk Pacific.

Hon. Mr. Gibson rose a few minutes later and asked the member for Manitoulin to withdraw his statement, which reflected on the impartiality of the Speaker, and was probably dropped in an unguarded moment.

Mr. Gamey, after a moment, rose and said:—"I am perfectly satisfied with the Speaker's ruling to-day. My reference was intended for the Government side of the House."

The Government side of the House refused to accept this statement as a retraction of the offensive words to the Speaker, and loudly cried "Withdraw! Withdraw!"

**Mr. Whitney Helps Mr. Gamey.**

Mr. Whitney tried to palliate Mr. Gamey's offence by exclaiming "He has withdrawn."

Hon. Mr. Gibson declined to accept the statement as a withdrawal, and pointed out that Mr. Gamey had withdrawn something else altogether. The Government side of the House again cried "Withdraw! Withdraw!"

Mr. Whitney insisted that Mr. Gamey, in using the words "your proclivities," referred to the Premier.

Mr. Gamey repeated that he was perfectly satisfied with the Speaker's ruling yesterday, but said that he was not satisfied with the proclivities of the Premier towards himself and others on that side of the House.

Hon. Mr. Gibson replied that if he was wrong in the construction put on Mr. Gamey's words the Speaker was also, for the latter had put himself on the protection of the House. There was no necessity for an innuendo about the Premier, who could defend himself.

Mr. Whitney said that it would make no difference if the offensive words had been addressed to the Speaker in the first place, because Mr. Gamey had stated that they were intended for the Premier.

Hon. Mr. Harcourt protested that, however much the members might differ politically, they had a common interest in protecting the Speaker from insult. He suggested that they might ask the Speaker himself what he thought as to the application of the words.

Mr. Foy, interposing before the Speaker, rose and remarked that the solution of the whole misunderstanding was easy. Mr. Gamey, in using the word "your," had broken the Parliamentary rules, which require that a member must be addressed impersonally as "the hon. gentleman." If it were interpreted literally it might mean the Speaker, but Mr. Gamey had already said that he meant the Premier.

Mr. Gamey then rose and said:—"I have already said that I did not mean any disrespect to the Speaker. I am sorry, Mr. Speaker, if you interpret the word 'you' to apply to yourself."

**The Speaker's Remarks.**

The Speaker pointed out that the rules which permitted a question at such a time did not contemplate discussion, and that when Mr. Gamey had finished his question he had broken the rules by continuing with a speech. That was why he called him to order. As to the expression used, he certainly understood Mr. Gamey's words, and said that he accepted the ruling, "knowing your proclivities," and some of the words which he did not recollect precisely. If he had not understood that the reference was to himself he would not have appealed to the House for protection. On another occasion he had called Mr. Gamey's attention to a similar breach of the rules, but that gentleman went on, though he was out of order. He was then obliged to say that if the member persisted he would have to declare him out of order. The next day a paper came out with a story headed, "Attempt to Gag Gamey," the expression being applied to himself. Then afterwards two members of the House, speaking at a public meeting in Hamilton, had used similar expressions. One was reported to have said that he "choked off Gamey unfairly," and another that he had "books ready to rule off Gamey." He thought that the latter reference might be complimentary, for it showed that he had taken pains to study the questions involved. However, on this occasion he did understand that Mr. Gamey had referred to him personally. He accepted that gentleman's statement to the contrary, and hoped that they would start afresh and get along satisfactorily for the rest of the session. He assured the House that he was anxious to give Mr. Gamey the same privileges as the Premier or anyone else. He did not think any member of the House could consider that on any occasion he had ruled unfairly.

Mr. Hanna rose to make an explanation, but in the general buzz of conversation his remarks were inaudible.

**The Temperance Bill.**

Mr. St. John, protesting his sincere anxiety, asked when the temperance bill would be brought in.

The Premier—I am unable to say. Mr. Whitney asked when the