

have always done. So far as I am concerned nothing that he has done with reference to this Bill has abated by one jot or tittle the respect which I have always had for him, and I think these stories which are being spread broadcast over the country will do him in the end more good than harm. I may say that we should not be deluded by the amount of noise that is emanating from the city of Toronto. It is more noise and wind than anything else, and I think you will find in the end that it will not have that responsive answer from Ontario that the agitators expect, nor do I think that there is so much at the bottom of it as some have thought. There are not so many sounding the big trombone in Toronto as they would have us believe. It reminds me of a story which I heard of a commercial gentleman who came from the city of New York to a rural section where there was a large pond. The New Yorker wanted to buy a large number of frogs and he went to a farmer and said: I want to contract with you for 1,000 frogs.

Yes, the farmer said, I will undertake to supply them.

The terms were agreed upon and the next day the buyer came back and said: Where are my frogs?

The farmer replied: Well, Sir, to tell you the truth I have just five frogs.

But, I thought you were to deliver the number we agreed upon, 1,000.

The farmer answered: Well now, to tell you the truth, when I heard the immense amount of noise these frogs made I certainly thought there must be 10,000 of them, but when I came to catch them, all I could really find, was five.

Now, I think when this matter comes to simmer down in the end you will find there are not the thousands of people in Toronto who are shouting and howling; they will come down to a very small number indeed, and so far as I am concerned, I do not fear the trouble which they may make in Ontario when all the facts are brought out and made clear to the people.

Mr. SPROULE. They will make you give a beautiful croak.

Mr. A. A. WRIGHT. I did not hear the hon. gentleman.

Mr. TAYLOR. He wants to know where the frogs were caught.

Mr. A. A. WRIGHT. I do not know where they were caught, but I think it must have been in Toronto. There may have been some caught in Leeds, but not many, because I come from Leeds myself.

The hon. member for East Toronto (Mr. Kemp) has been giving us some good advice from the 'Globe.'

Mr. W. F. MACLEAN. It is a frog too.

Mr. A. A. WRIGHT. He read an article from that paper, and although I did not catch

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all that he said I understood him to say that the Reform members in the House of Commons were living in a fool's paradise. That is what the 'Globe' said, I understand. I have been in this House for five sessions and I think I have enjoyed this House just about as well as anybody else, but so far as I am concerned even in my wildest admiration for a seat in this House, I never dreamed for a moment that I had a seat in Paradise. And furthermore, Mr. Speaker, on the 5th day of this month when the electrical currents were surcharged and were going fast and swift from side to side of this House to the other and the hon. member for Labelle (Mr. Bourassa) was hurling anathemas across the floor against the hon. member for East Grey (Mr. Sproule) and the hon. member for East Grey was hurling them back at him, I never for one moment dreamt that this was paradise. On the contrary, I thought it was almost anything else, and it seemed to me that if at any moment a spark were set to this electric current, so highly charged, going at the rate of ten thousand volts and one hundred amperes per hour, I do not know what the result might have been. All I can say is that if the editor of that newspaper thinks the House of Commons a paradise, when I come to be judged after death I do not want to be sent to that kind of a paradise. Just at the close of that article the 'Globe' advised us to consult our constituents and the country at large. I thoroughly endorse that advice. They say that great minds think alike, and the right hon. the First Minister evidently took the same view. The result was that he opened the constituency of Edmonton just to see what the people really did think, and the moment the telegraph wires carried the glad news to that district that there was to be an election and that Mr. Oliver was to be the government candidate and Minister of the Interior, what happened? Did the thousand and one opponents jump up there like a Hydra's-head antagonist? Not at all. On the contrary there was not the slightest opposition. The people out there said: This is the man we want. In every corner of that constituency meetings were held, and both Tories and Reformers agreed that Mr. Oliver was the man for Galway. The result was that he was elected by acclamation. Surely this is one of the constituencies chiefly interested; and if that is not good evidence that the country is with us, I do not know what better we could have.

At six o'clock, House took recess.

After Recess.

House resumed at eight o'clock.

PRIVATE BILLS.

TITLE AND TRUST COMPANY.

Mr. ARCH. CAMPBELL moved the third reading of Bill (No. 99) to incorporate the Title Guarantee and Trust Company.