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Ottawa Letter.

Ottawa, April 30-With a Civil Sersioner before this country, with a Royal Commissioner making turther Borden today inaugurated his third civil service reform debate in the

He evidently fears the consequence of the Country's approval of the Government's programme for civil service reform and is trying to an ticipate with a cloud of doubt which he hopes may confuse the Country.

He got an answer from the Prime Minister which should discourage his hopes for political gain. Mr Borden made his speech on an

amendment to the motion to go into supply. He criticized the Canadian Civil Service and recommended that of Great Britain as a model. He declared Canada's service to be over manned and under paid. CONDEMNED MILITIA EXPENDITURE.

He did not think the Government intended the Commission to investigate the departments. He called attention with approval to the Commission's condemnation of the expenditure upon the Canadian Militia. He declared the Commissioner had not the time to examine the Rail way Department. Judge Cassels was limited to an investigation of the Marine Department. This was too limited a commission. He did not approve of Messrs Watson and Perron who had been retained by the Government as counsel for the en quiry.

He concluded with his amendment which declared the investigation by the Commission had been confessedly partial and incomplete. That the proposed inquiry by Judge Cassels is unsatisfactory and insufficient as it relates to only one department. That step should be taken to redress the extravagance and mal-adminis tration the report in his opinion showed, and that public interest demands the appointment of a commission with power to investigate several departments of the public service. He would have recommended the continuation of the old Commission if he knew they would act.

OPPOSITION MEMBERS DIFFER.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier reminded the House that there had already been but there were some statements several discussions on the subject of which he regretted, particularly the Civil Service Comissioners' report. Mr Borden had objected to the inquiry to be conducted by Mr Juson was of the opinion that it was alwould have the appreciation of the approbation of all honest and unbiased men.

PROBE THE WHOLE MATTER.

Sir Wilfrid recalled that the Commission which had reported was appointed to give information to the their inquiry they had found that in one Department there had been not only inefficiency but also cases of dishonesty. That was not part of the investigation the commissioners were asked to make, but he found no fault with them for finding these things out. On the contrary it was most nece sary that the Government should be apprised of the fact so that the proper condition of things should be known and the proper recourse had. It was better to have the whole matter probed and this was why the Government had appointed Mr Justice Cassels to continue the investigation. The report of the appointment of Messrs Watson and Perron as counsel. Sir Wi:frid said he did not think Mr Watson had been



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political organization, though he did know that he was a Liberal and rice Reform Bill promised with the Le had forgotten that at one time report of the Civil Service Commis- Mr Perron had been associated with Mr Prefontaine. But he did not regard these matters as of much enquiries into a department, Mr R L | consequence. Was it to be said on the floor of the Canadian Parliament by gentlemen belonging to the legal profession that when they selected counsel they had to look at

so prominently associated with a

his political opinions. He had belonged to the legal profession and and knew something of its ethics and it was not to be supposed that any man worthy of being a member of that profession carried his political opinions into court.

In this connection Sir Wilfrid re-

called that in many trials which George Brown had to undergo he was always defended by John Hilliard Cameron, an emirent member of the Conservative Party at that time, and that Mr Aylesworth while at the bar had often been retained on the Conservative side in election trials and nobody had ever suggested ....t they permitted their political opinions to come between them and their clients.

DUTY OF THE PROFESSION.

I was the honor, auty and pride of the profession that a member of the bar who took a case in hand to have no regard for any interests, but the cause for which he was retained. Dealing with the argument that counsel should have been appointed on behalf of the Commissioners Sir Wilfrid pointed out that there was absolutely nothing in the terms of the order-in-council appointing and instructing Mr Justice Cassels to suggest that the Commissioners were on trial. As for the finding of the Commissioners that the service was inefficient because it was recruited by political patronage, that was not true. There had already been three commissions and the last reported that the service had fallen back during the past fifteen years.

If, said Sir Wilfrid, that was the cause then the party now in office were not alone to blame, and if the service had been rendered inefficient by political patronage it was not for the Conservative Party to east the first stone. There were many things in the report with which he was disposed to agree, those reflecting on the Militia Department. In making the statement that the Government were spending tice Cassels because he thought it \$6,000,000 on Militia and only \$500,000 was too restricted. while Mr Berger- on agriculture, Mr Broder, the member for Dundas, had been guilty together useless. It was not incumb. of appealing to the worst prejudices ent upon him (Sir Wilfrid) to recon- that lay in the heart of man. (Libcile the differences of hon gentlemen | eral cheers), and he was sorry that opposite. He was satisfied that the Leader of the Opposition had nothing the Government would do been guilty of the same offence. The Government could not afford to Opposition, but he was also satisfied | ignore their duty of providing for that the Government would have the the defence of the country, and when Mr Borden stopped to try to make political capital out of the question of the country's defence he was acting a party unworthy of himself and of the position he occupied.—(Liberal cheers.)

GOVT WILL NOT SHIRK DUTY. The Government had no intention of shirking their duty in regard to civil service. If the service was to be improved it was for the Government to put it in the proper condition and they beleived the time had come to act on the Commissioners report. They had studied that report, they had commenced to look into the departments to see what improvements should be made and the next thing to be done was to prepare a bill. But in the meantime there are a bill. But in the meantime there are a bill throat, lung and stomach troubles quickly cured by Psychine. It is the prescription of a great specialist. At all druggists, 50c and \$1.00, or Dr. T. they did not intend to depart from the position they had taken up. There was no need for another investigation such as that proposed. They had three already, and in the reports which had been presented the Government believed they had enough to enable them to do their duty. (Liberal cheers.)

ALL ARE CONSERVATIVES. Mr Foster was of the opinion that Judge Cassels had been appointed to relieve Mr Brodeur of ministerial responsibility.

Hon Mr Fisher repudiated this, and said he was named to obtain the truth which was weat the Government desired.

Andrew Broder declared that the present Government was worse than the old.

Hon L P Brodeur stated it was probable the Conservatives offered this resolution against the investigation by Judge Cassels, because they did not want the investigation held. All the officials against whom insinuations were made by the Commission, were Conservatives. It looked as if Conservatives in Parliament did not want an investigation of the action of the Conservatives in the Marine Department,

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