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## LIBERALS STAND RESOLUTELY OPPOSED TO ANY PROPOSITION TO PUT BARRIERS ON BRITISH TRADE

**Taxing the Poor for the Benefit of the Wealthy—Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Ringing Declaration Against the Budget Taxes Which Unfairly Burden the Masses—The Attack on the British Preference is Not a Canadian Idea, But Like the Submarine Attack on British Trade, Is a German Conception**

OTTAWA, March 10.—"Canadian Liberalism is not ready to do by the tariff what Germany seeks to accomplish by the submarine. It stands resolutely opposed to any proposition to put barriers on British trade."

"Britain is at war; Canada is at war. And when Britain is at war Canada goes to war to attempt to curtail the trade between Britain and Canada. That is not a Canadian idea. It is a German conception."

"We have been prepared since the outbreak of the war to go far with our friends on the other side of the House in these strenuous times. We were prepared to give up a good many of our own ideas to meet them and to have unanimity of opinion and action. But we are not prepared to go that far. That far we shall not go. Here we part company."

### THE STAND AGAINST PRIVILEGE

Such was the ringing declaration, punctuated by prolonged and enthusiastic Liberal cheering, with which Sir Wilfrid Laurier concluded a memorable speech in Parliament this afternoon on the Budget debate. The stand of Liberalism against tariff proposals which, under the color of "War Taxes" benefit and profit the wealthy, privileged and protected classes, at the expense of the general public, and which hit at British trade at a time when the Mother Country is confronted with the most momentous struggle in her history, was epitomized by the Liberal Leader's amendment.

### TRUE TO PATRIOTIC COURSE.

He spoke for one hour and old parliamentarians declared that for succinct summary of argument, for vigor and clearness of statement, for pointed epigram and picturesque simile and for compelling conclusiveness, it was one of his best. At the outset he pointed to the attitude taken by Liberalism at the outbreak of the war for a party true until the crisis was passed. That true had been faithfully observed in the face of repeated provocation. When confronted by an indignant Liberal with the torrents of partisan literature sent out from the Government Press Bureau and the demand for reprisals he had given the answer:

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very largely of condemnation of Liberal "extravagance" in the years of the Fielding surpluses and of laudations of the present Finance Minister—"the man of the perpetual personal pronoun" as Mr. Germain put it—for his ability to finance the country through the present strenuous time. He accused Sir Wilfrid Laurier of being demagogic and maintained that the latter's criticism was destructive and offered no solution of the problem of raising additional revenue. The Finance Minister went so far as to state that "he should have raised more money by taxation."

### TAXING THE OLD FOLKS

Dr. Michael Clark, the apostle of British Liberalism from Red Deer, twitted the Finance Minister on his claim that he had proved his competence by the surpluses secured in the first two years of his regime. "The younger son of a celebrated family," commented Dr. Clark amid roars of laughter, "considered himself an admirable financier so long as his inheritance held-out, but when he landed among the husks he realized his true status. Prodigality cannot breed prosperity."

It was no way to "Get behind the boys in the trenches," Dr. Clark argued, to increase taxation unnecessarily on the old folks at home. Between the present Government and their associates among the highly protected and privileged interests the fate of the consumers of Canada, the everyday ordinary folk, bore "a striking resemblance to that which befel a certain man who went on a journey from Jerusalem to Jericho."

A vote on the Laurier amendment is expected on Tuesday next.

The Liberal members gave their leader an enthusiastic reception on his rising. As he touched upon the war and its grim calamities and responsibilities the lights in the building went out for some time and the incident lent impression to the picturesque figure speaking in the twilight of the darkened chamber.

### THE LIBERAL POSITION.

In opening Sir Wilfrid said he rose for the purpose of summing up the arguments of his Liberal colleagues against the proposals of the Budget. He hoped to do this in as concrete a manner as he could command. At the outset of hostilities in August, Canada, through its Government, had been proud and privileged to tender to the Motherland such service as this Dominion could render. To this policy His Majesty's loyal Opposition in Parliament and the Liberal Party in Canada had deemed it a patriotic honor to pledge its absolute and loyal support.

"That engagement," declared Sir Wilfrid, "has been kept with absolute faithfulness."

"Liberalism deemed it contrary to its dignity and its duty, by deed or by word, to impede the Government in the great and worthy task which presented itself," said Sir Wilfrid, "yet Liberalism deems it would be equally contrary to its dignity and its duty were it to fail, at this juncture, to point out, seriously and without acrimony, what it believes to be the laches and the deficiencies which have marred the Budget resolutions introduced by the Finance Minister."

### THE DUTY OF THE OPPOSITION.

To take any other course, Sir Wilfrid maintained, would be to be delinquent in duty. To sit silent would be purposeless. It would mean that the Government which in time of peace, under our system, should be kept under rigorous observation, should, in time of war, be given an absolutely free hand. It would mean that the Opposition should be silent even though wrong were rampant under its very eyes.

Had the war with Germany been wrong in principle, precedent showed that public men would have been justified in voicing their opposition. There was the precedent of Charles James Fox, who, in 1800, severely blamed William Pitt, for rejecting the peace overtures of Bonaparte. There was the precedent of John Bright and Richard Cobden criticising and condemning the war of the Crimea, representing it as useless, if not criminal, a judgment which had been pronounced by history to be correct.

"Here the case is different," proceeded Sir Wilfrid. "We were of opinion that Britain was supremely in the right, engaged in a war as sacred as any in which she has ever waged. Being of that opinion, we did not hesitate to give the Government our adherence when it proposed that Canada should take her share in the war. To that course we have been absolutely true. We went further. Not only did we give support to the Government, but we thought it would be more in accord with the fitness of things that we refrain from even discussing those

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domestic problems which always divide a free people. In so far as I have command in my party, I gave directions that no literature coming from any source which I could control, should be of a party character. This injunction, I believe, has been reasonably well fulfilled, and it has been fulfilled under great provocation, because, as a matter of fact, as was stated the other day, by my

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### PATRIOTISM BEFORE PARTY

One day in the month of December last, a friend brought me a whole batch of this literature and asked me with some indignation: "What are you going to do about it?" After having looked it over, I said to my friend: "It seems to me that the Conservatives are more partisan than patriots, so it must be our duty to be more patriotic than partisan. We will not change our course." (Cheers)

We did not change our course. It did not, however, follow, the Liberal Leader continued, that on coming to Parliament to deal with fiscal matters Liberals were to become mere recording machines without judgment or initiative. To Liberalism the war remained the supreme issue, but if Liberalism believed that in policies proposed by the Government there were errors of judgment, or worse, then it was an imperative duty to cry "Stop," to show the mistakes, and to point the true course, and to use every endeavor to prevent mistakes from being carried into effect.

### THE OLD COUNTRY EXAMPLE

In this connection Sir Wilfrid Laurier laid stress on the authoritative view, carried out by the British Government, that the Opposition should be consulted as to the Government's financial proposals. "This is a matter of record and history in Britain," he proceeded. "In all stages from the outbreak of the war to the present, the British Opposition had been kept in constant consultation by the Government. At every step they were consulted and asked to give advice. We were not so consulted."

"If we had been honored in the same way—not that I claim anything in that respect, but representing here a great party, comprising almost half the population, having views of our own on many of these financial problems, claiming to be as patriotic as the other side, and claiming to have done our duty as amply as was in our power—if, I say, had been consulted, we should have been happy to give our views as to the policy to be pursued. I do not say that our views would have been accepted, but certainly there would have been an effort, on my part at all events, to give way on some of my own views and to ask the other side to give way in some of their views also, so that we might have been able to be unanimous in policy, as we have been unanimous in the objects which policy was to serve."

### LIBERALS NOT CONSULTED

"But we were not consulted. I do not complain of this. I should have no right to complain. But my honorable friends have no right to complain, either, if today we have to take issue—and take issue sharply—with them upon the propositions which have been laid before the House."

In some detail Sir Wilfrid dealt with the financial statement of the Minister of Finance. The situation was undoubtedly a serious one. For the fiscal year closing this month, Hon. Mr. White expected a revenue of \$130,000,000, and an expenditure of \$140,000,000 leaving a deficit of \$10,000,000 on consolidated fund account. In addition there were \$50,000,000 of special war grant, making a deficit of \$110,000,000. The situation for next year was still more serious.

### A STAGGERING DEFICIT.

Mr. White had stated that he did not expect a revenue of \$130,000,000 but of \$120,000,000, while he also expected a total expenditure of \$200,000,000, leaving a deficit of \$80,000,000. This was exclusive of war expenditure, and when that was added there would be a deficit of \$180,000,000. The figures would be staggering but for the enormous resources of Canada, and the situation should be most carefully handled.

Dealing with Mr. White's proposals for handling the situation, Sir Wilfrid congratulated him upon having secured his war aid from the Imperial Treasury. The Chancellor of the Exchequer had told him that Britain would provide all the money required by Canada for the war. Thus far Mr. White was, therefore, free from anxiety. But the domestic situation was also very serious. To meet this problem Mr. White had to offer only a policy of borrowing and additional taxation. (Laughter.)

There was a better method, which some evil genius must have prevented him following; that of economy and retrenchment. Unfortunately, economy and retrenchment did not seem to be words found in the vocabulary of the party with which Mr. White had cast his fortune.

### THE RECKLESS TORY MARINER.

Sir Wilfrid sympathized with Mr. White in the task before him, but was sorry that the Minister had failed to heed the warnings given, or

to take precautions to meet the situation. "The prudent mariner," observed Sir Wilfrid, "when he sees the clouds gathering on the horizon at once prepares his ship to meet the danger. He slackens speed, lowers his fires and keeps his power well in hand. It would have been well for Canada if the Finance Minister had taken that course. But he threw more coal into the furnace, until the supply was exhausted, and when the storm struck his craft, he was left pounding helplessly and drifting helplessly."

The Liberal leader reviewed the growing expenditures since Mr. White took office. Why had there been no retrenchment? Why no prudent economy? Why was increased expenditure now provided for next year, in the face of present deficits and the present situation? Sir Wilfrid approved of revenue producing public works, needed for the development of the country, and calculated to give employment during the present stringency of work; but other matters should wait, small works, post offices, customs stations, armories and drill halls in rural districts, where the immediate construction would not aid employment in the cities and where rural employment should be needed on the farms.

### THREE KINDS OF TAXATION

Sir Wilfrid divided the Budget proposals into three parts: Special taxes, general increase in customs tariff, and increases in taxation on British goods. Dealing with the first division, he referred to the tax of one per cent. upon banks, loan companies, trust companies and some insurance companies had not yet been explained. "All these powerful corporations," said he, "have rea-

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son to believe that they had a friend at court, as even in the very seat of power. The pin point with which he merely scratched their epidermis will cause them no hurt. It will be simply a gentle titillation, a pleasant surprise, that they have been let off so easily." (Laughter.)

### UNFAIR TO THE POOR.

With regard to the increase in postage, in one case thirty-three per cent. and in the other fifty per cent. Sir Wilfrid viewed it as a "doubtful experiment." By decreasing the postage rates Sir William Mulock had made that department a paying one. The taxation upon railway travelling was unfair to the poor, and wholly to the benefit of the rich. The Liberal leader graphically described the relative cases of a workman who bought a second class ticket, and was assessed five cents thereon, and a "young swell, the scion of wealth, who never earned an honest dollar in his life, and who thinks no more of the price of a

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### THE INJUSTICE OF IT.

"Is this right? Is it just?" asked Sir Wilfrid. "If it be true that the poor widow, who contributed her mite in the treasury of the Temple, gave more in the sight of God than the rich man who gave of his abundance, it is just as true that in the sight of that just God the poor man is wronged, who, out of his poverty, is taxed just as much as the rich man, with all his wealth. I say to the Minister of Finance that his whole conception of the basis of this taxation is wrong, and I hope that upon reflection he may agree with me. When you have poverty, as you have it at this moment when you have want, as you have it at this moment, it is not just

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that the same degree of taxation should be placed upon the poorer classes as upon the wealthy classes."

### NOT A WAR TAX.

"Does he call this a war tax?" exclaimed Sir Wilfrid, proceeding to a discussion of the general increase in customs tax on. "Does he pretend that when he proposed this increase he had in mind, primarily, the revenue of the country? If he had in view simply the raising of revenue, and not the idea of benefitting the privileged and wealthy and protected classes, he would have selected some articles on which he could have raised a maximum revenue with a minimum of inconvenience and loss. But he has not done that. He is seeking to raise his revenue in such a way that he will have a maximum of inconvenience and loss to the community."

### WILL NOT PRODUCE REVENUE

What revenue does he expect upon items which we do not import at all? Sir, we are living in hard times. Unemployment is only too lament. At this moment there are almost every large community, even to whom the providing of the daily bread is an arduous problem. That is the consideration which a honorable friend should have at the front of his mind. What revenue does he expect from the taxation of these items?

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