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"Much has been said lately about the attitude of Quebec Quebec like Ireland has two distinct peoples: in Quebec as in Ireland, the educated and intelligent people are loyal and British to the core, while in both places the ignorant sections, under the control of the priests, are malcontents and enemies of the Empire."—Mail and Empire, Conservative.

What do the Acadian people of New Brunswick think of these Tory slanders?

THE FALSE ISSUES.

The defeat of Mr. Frank Shaw, the Local Government candidate in the bye-election in Carleton County on Friday last seems to have been brought about rather from an appeal to the basest passions of the electorate than from any desire on the part of the electorate to condemn the government or its policy. The notorious Mr. Hetherington was imported by the Conservatives from Queens County to raise in Carleton the same religious cry with which he is doing such excellent service in the former county on behalf of Mr. Geo. E. Foster. From reliable sources we learn that the one and only canvass made at the various polls in Carleton last Friday was an appeal to the religious bigotry of the protestant majority. This combined with the treachery of certain lumber operators, who thought by a show of power to force the hand of the local government to do their bidding; resulted in the return of the opposition candidate.

At the time the Moncton Convention was held to force upon this Province the introduction of federal party lines in local politics, we predicted that if the Conservatives lent themselves to the idea the result would be the introduction of false issues in our local elections. At that time we said, "We believe, however, that our Provincial Government has more vital matters to consider than a 'rehash of Ottawa party strife.'" The Conservative party in Carleton County has followed with abject meekness the bidding of the professional politicians of the Foster stripe, and the result is the election of a local member on the Tory slander of catholic disloyalty. What the local government has to do with the loyalty question no one attempts to explain. The people of Carleton will no doubt awaken from this hideous nightmare with which the peace of our Province is being disturbed, for political delusion based on racial and religious bigotry is like a fever which has but to run a short course before the sound, common sense of the people of New Brunswick will reassert itself and the fever will

pass off the body politic. But it is difficult to estimate the evil effects upon our people of these recurring attacks which leave the various races and creeds suspicious of one another and make more difficult the successful working out of the destinies of a country peopled as Canada is by different races. The words of the Canadian historian, Dr. Kingsford, written a few years ago, are worthy of the careful attention of our people at this present revival of ancient feuds and ignoble prejudices:

"Although we are walking over 'fires covered by treacherous ashes, fortunately these old political passions are becoming extinct; if they are appealed to, it is by men who are interested in 'awakening discord, and who hope to profit by prejudice and wrong. They become less violent every decade and as they stumble into forgetfulness, with the 'wise and just they are held in the 'greater contempt."

At this time when Mr. Foster and his political tool, Mr. Hetherington are profiting by awakening discord and profiting by prejudice and their base appeals to bigotry, these noble words of Kingsford are needed to restore the faith of thoughtful men in their country, rent as it is to-day by such unworthy emotions. The Tories are welcome to any assistance they may get from Mr. Hetherington and his methods, for so surely as the sun will rise on the morrow's morn so surely will the Conservative party rue in sackcloth and ashes this persistent campaign of misrepresentation and slander. We have sufficient faith in the intelligence of our people to believe that passion and prejudice must inevitably give way to sound reason and the calmer judgment of men and measures. The real issues will then supplant the false ones. In the meantime we congratulate our member, Mr. McInerney, and his leader, Mr. Foster, in the possession of such a valuable ally as the bigot Hetherington seems, in their opinion to be.

THE TRUE PATRIOT.

The words of Sir Wilfred Laurier at Sherbrooke on the loyalty question last week stand out in bold relief on the black background of the Conservative appeal to the basest passions of the electorate. With straightforward earnestness Sir Wilfred defined the true position of Canada in coming to the aid of the mother land in her dire distress and showed the natural distinction in the consideration of the whole question by the two dominant races in Canada. "The 'mother country is engaged in the 'greatest war, perhaps, that it has 'been engaged in during the century—the war with the Transvaal Republic. We believed it 'our duty as a British colony to 'take part in the war, and to permit two thousand Canadian volunteers to enlist in the English 'army and to fight for the mother 'country.'" "It is said that the 'Boer war is an unjust war. I do 'not intend to examine the question. The war is going on; our 'mother country is at war; it is 'enough for me. If the Boers of the Transvaal had been willing 'to give what we in Canada give 'to all who come here—religious 'and political liberty—that war 'would never have taken place."

These are the words of a patriot and the fact that they were addressed in French to his blood kinsmen is a proof positive of the determination to solidify and unite the imperial sentiment in Canada irrespective of race division. Then as an answer to his bigoted detractors in the English Provinces who either fail or refuse to understand his intense love for Canada and his desire to prevent dissen-

sion, Sir Wilfred proceeds to define his own position in the whole matter in words which ring in our ears and find a ready echo in the hearts of all true Canadian patriots. "As for me, I have devoted my political life to a single 'idea; I may succeed or I may 'fail, but in any case, when I am 'in my grave, it can be inscribed 'upon my tomb, 'Here lies a man 'who desired to make the Canadian family a united family, under 'the same flag.'" "You and I are 'of the same race; but you and I 'live with English neighbours on 'all sides. Is there not in this 'country enough liberty, justice 'and enlightenment? Have not 'all an equal share of happiness 'and prosperity? Is there not 'room enough in this country for 'a great nation? Is there not 'room enough for each of us to 'preserve the pride of his origin, 'and at the same time to aspire to 'great things in the future?"

To those who have been inspiring the slanderous charges of disloyalty against our great French-Canadian Premier, these words come in their breadth of view, explaining the life purpose of the greatest Canadian of them all. With charity to all and malice to none, the great Liberal statesman speaks the sentiments of all true Canadians irrespective of party lines, and refuses to mar the greatness of his declaration by a descent to the lower plane of discussion adopted by his opponents. His contempt for the ignoble appeals rings out clear and true as he proceeded to dissect the motives which actuate the Conservative leaders in this matter: "Sir, if you 'want to know why the Conservative party is not so strong here as 'it was twenty years ago, why the 'Conservatives are in a minority 'here and the Liberals in a majority, I will tell you. The reason 'is, because the Conservative party 'of the present day will not fight 'an honest, true Canadian battle. 'There is more than one Charles 'Thibault in this country. There 'are Catholic Thibaults and Protestant Thibaults; there are 'French Thibaults and English 'Thibaults; there are the Thibaults who go into the back concessions and appeal to the prejudices of the Protestants, there are 'Thibaults who go to back concessions and appeal to the prejudices of the Catholics. That is the 'reason the honest men of this 'country, the true men of Canada, 'who believe that, whatever our 'race, creed or nationality, it is 'our duty to be Canadians first, 'and last and all the time, will not 'stand by that party—which will 'stand by a party which will only 'thrive by appealing to prejudices. 'Prejudices in themselves are not 'an ignoble thing. They are 'often but the exaggeration of a 'noble sentiment. No wonder 'there should be prejudices in the 'minds of Protestants and Catholics; but though there may be 'prejudices, let us fight them; let 'us not encourage them; let us 'not build our hopes on them, and 'let us, especially, not make them 'the basis of any political action. 'If we are to be a people, as I 'hope we are to be; if we are to 'be a nation, as I am sure we shall 'be, it is only by building on the 'broad principles of the constitution under which we live which 'is broad enough to give shelter 'and to protect every Canadian 'family, that we can succeed."

Sir Wilfred answers the malicious attack on the French-Canadian people which the Conservative press is so persistently making by an appeal to the right-thinking Canadians to weigh the question in true scales and to view it from the standpoint of the natural differences of different races.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Local Opposition can no longer be termed the "five roses," for the election of Mr. Fleming adds another to their member. They are like the six tailors of Tooley Street, each prepared to sew his little patch into the opposition policy, for the latest addition deliberately repudiates his leader's action in withdrawing the bridge charges last session. The garment, when completed, will be like Joseph's coat of many colors, but they are at present united on one point, they don't intend to have any green in it. They will be glad to forget this, however, as soon as they discover the nationality and religious tenets of Mr. Melanson, M. P. P., for Westmorland.

We may expect Mr. Herman H. Pitts, of York County fame to take a hand in the political game any day now. The plane of discussion at present in vogue with our Conservative friends is just what Mr. Pitts has always advocated. In fact we have been surprised at the lenience shewn the Conservative leaders by Mr. Pitts. It would be in order for that worthy to bring an action for infringement of copyright against Mr. Foster and his lieutenants, for using his very words on the religious side of politics.

The outlook in South Africa is now so grave that we may expect the second Canadian contingent to be followed by further reinforcements from this loyal colony. But we haven't yet learned of anyone by the name of Tupper offering for service in Britain's time of dire need. The Cartwrights, Jolys, Dobells and Bordens who have gone to the war, have a Liberal ring to their names.

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ROBERTS AT CAPE TOWN.
LONDON, Jan. 11.—During the interlude of apparent military inactivity and official secretary, Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener have arrived at the seat of war. It is assumed that their clearer vision supported by 35,000 fresh men who are due to arrive in South Africa within 30 days, will alter the situation and that the fourth month of the campaign will witness the beginning of victories for the British arms.

They are not, however, except to produce definite results for some days, but their mere presence will restore the shaken confidence of the men at the front in their generals. Lord Roberts finds 120,000 men on the defensive, or watching for an opening. Lord Methuen's health, according to the Daily Mail, has "broken down," and the field marshal may relieve him. Possibly some others will be relieved of important commands. There is certainly plenty of rank in evidence in South Africa. In addition to the field marshal, there are two full generals, four lieutenant generals and twelve or fourteen major generals.

There is an uneasy suspicion that when the Ladysmith casualties are announced that will be disheartening and will probably destroy the patriotic glow produced by Gen. White's 'victory.' The list of victims of disease issued by the war office gives 22 deaths from enteric fever and dysentery in Ladysmith in four days, revealing the fact that the besieged are existing amid bad sanitary conditions. The Standard summarizes the general situation thus: "Well, the campaign has lasted three months. We have something like 120,000 troops in South Africa. With the huge army distributed over the country we are still powerless to relieve three garrisons from investment. We have still to see large portions of both colonies in the hands of the enemy."

GAVE HIM CARBOLIC ACID.
ST. JOHN, N. B., Jan. 15.—West Indian liner Teymouth Castle, arrived yesterday morning from the Indies. Capt. Bell reports that on New Year's eve when the steamer was at Antigua, John McGinnis a fireman, of Halifax, complained of illness. Second Steward Spaulding gave him what was supposed to be a suitable medicine, but which proved to be carbolic acid. A medical man, who was a passenger on the boat, and a doctor from H. M. S. cruiser Pearl, failed to give the man any relief and he died in half an hour. He was buried at Antigua after a coroner's jury returned a verdict of accidental poisoning.

Previous to going on the Teymouth Castle he was a fireman on the steamer Danara. McGinnis was a married man and resided at 35 Upper Water Street. He leaves a wife and one daughter.

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