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A GREAT SPEECH.

The speech delivered by Sir Wilfred Laurier last week on the South African War is perhaps one of the very greatest oratorical efforts ever made in the Canadian House of Commons. So fitting were the words, so stately the sentiment expressed and so earnest and effective the delivery that the entire House and the occupants of galleries frequently interrupted him with bursts of spontaneous and overwhelming applause. So many attempts have been made to belittle and misrepresent this greatest of Canadian statesmen that it would be well for the electorate as a whole to carefully read Sir Wilfred's speech and ask themselves if any man, English or French, has expressed the sentiments of the Canadian people as truly as he. The London Times says in comment of it: "The speech would rank high in any assembly as a model of noble eloquence, but it is not its eloquence which will make it live in the annals of the Empire. He has expressed more faithfully and more truly than any other statesman who has yet spoken the temper of the new Imperial patriotism, fostered into self-consciousness by the war."

Mr. Bourassa had built up a symmetrical structure of argument but when Sir Wilfred Laurier got through it was but a tawdry ruin of childish fallacies, founded on error and reared in ignorance. Speaking of the justice of the British cause the Premier placed himself once more squarely on record. "I am convinced there never was a juster war on the part of Britain or a more unjust war than that now being carried on by President Kruger and the people of the Transvaal." As to the part which Canada had played in the Imperial trouble Sir Wilfred reminded the House that Canada had only done the manly and proper thing in coming to the assistance of the mother country. "We were not compelled to do what we did, but if we chose to be generous and to do a little more than we were bound to do, is there a man living who would find fault with us? My honorable friend (Bourassa) dreads the consequences of our sending out a military contingent to South Africa. Let me tell him from the bottom of my heart that it is full of the hopes I entertain of the beneficial results that will accrue from that action." And then Sir Wilfred referred to the sense of uneasiness that our people felt at our raw recruits being called to face the enemy and paid a noble tribute to the gallant conduct of the Canadian Contingent. "When the telegraph brought us the news that such was the good impression made by our volunteers that the commander-in-chief had placed them in the

"post of honor, in the first rank, to share the dangers with that famous corps, the Gordon Highlanders; when we read that they had justified fully the confidence placed in them, that they had charged like veterans, that their conduct was heroic and had won for them the encomiums of the commander-in-chief, and the unstinted admiration of their comrades who had faced death on the hundred battle-fields in all parts of the world; was there a man whose bosom did not swell with pride, that noblest of all pride, that pride of pure patriotism, the pride of the consciousness of our rising strength, the pride of the consciousness that that day it had been revealed to the world that a new power had been born in the west."

And true to himself and his long record as a uniter of the various elements of our nationality, the great Liberal Premier closed his oration with a noble appeal to bury the suspicious jealousies and hatreds of the past in the graves of our national heroes.

"Nor is that all. The work of union and harmony between the chief races of this country is not yet complete. We know, by the unfortunate occurrences that took place only last week, that there is much to do in that way. But there is no bond of union so strong as that created by common dangers shared in common. To-day there are men in South Africa representing the two branches of the Canadian family fighting side by side for the honor and the fame of Canada. Already some of them have fallen, giving to their country the last full measure of devotion. Their remains have been laid in the same grave and there they will remain till the end of time in that last fraternal embrace. Can we not hope that in that grave shall be buried the last vestiges of our former antagonism. If such shall be the result, if we can indulge that hope, if we can believe that in that grave shall be buried these former contentions, the sending of the contingent would be the greatest service ever rendered Canada since Confederation. These are the motives at all events which guided us, these are the rights which inspired us."

THE "REPTILE" PRESS.

The Montreal Star, which has made itself notorious in its attempt to prove its patriotism by stirring up the fires of racial hatred, has sunk to a lower level than any Canadian newspaper has ever descended. In its description of the student riots in Montreal, the Star deliberately lied in stating that the Laval students had substituted the French flag for the Union Jack. It is admitted by all who saw the Laval procession that the only flags carried by the students were the British flag and the college ensigns. Nor was the Star content with a mere falsehood, for were that all it would scarcely be worth while to draw public attention to it, such a constant sinner is it in that respect, but it published one description for the strongly French Province of Quebec and another and different description for its readers in the protestant English Provinces.

The Montreal Herald next day used the deadly parallel columns with startling success on its reptile contemporary. So deadly was the effect that the Star turned against itself and denounced itself most bitterly through its other and French self "Le Journal." We might explain that Le Journal is a French Montreal daily controlled by the proprietor of the Star, published from the Star office. The Star has been booming Toryism in English on the race and religious cry asking the electorate to down

Laurier, the Catholic Frenchman, while Le Journal took up the minor key of the same tune and asked the electorate in Quebec to disown Laurier the renegade for his Imperial sentiments and actions. Now it has become necessary to keep up the double game for Le Journal to denounce its English better half. And the Yankee proprietor of them both smiles complacently at the gullibility of the public mind. We give Le Journal's celebrated editorial on the Star so that our readers may understand what Sir Wilfred Laurier meant by the term "reptile" press.

"The day before yesterday The Herald placed in parallel columns two different texts of the words which accompanied in the Star, the reprint of a notice showing the procession of the Laval students. A few words only are different, but these have an important meaning.

"In the Montreal text the Star simply said: 'Look at the flag,' while the other text, quoted by The Herald, reads: 'See the French flag in the place of honor, and it seems that this change for the worse was made purposely for Ontario.

"We waited for last night's Star to give us a few words of apology or explanation, but we got nothing of the kind. The duty now rests upon us to stigmatize as it deserves this cowardice unworthy of a respectable sheet.

"Let prejudice be openly aroused against us, good and well; we have the means of defending ourselves. But to change tactics according to places is too much. It is adding cowardice to hypocrisy. It is not British.

"In the first place, the Star uttered a lie when it accused the students of substituting the French flag for the British flag. But supposing that the tri-color, for once, was placed at the head of the procession, or side by side with the Union Jack, was it worth while for all that to resort to the dishonest trick which we point out. What is the Star driving at, with these overdone reports of an incident which it is better for all of us to forget?

"The Star often prides the patriotic spirit of Sir Charles Tupper and Mr. Foster, and that praise is deserved; but public interest would be better served did our contemporary endeavor to broaden his own mind to that extent which he so unreservedly admires in others."

Talk about "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" being an improbability. Why, the dual play of the Star and Le Journal discounts them and their actions. Such a journalistic humbug the world has seldom seen, but forewarned is forearmed and the public may blame itself if it is deceived or misled by these charlatans of the press.

PRESS COMMENTS.

"Sir Wilfrid Laurier's splendid expression of the loyalty of the people of the Dominion in the House of Commons attests his supreme fitness for the Premiership of the Dominion. The reluctant admiration of the Premier's political foes, who have been trying to bespatter him with the mud of disloyalty, is extorted by his fine attitude and conduct."—Montreal "Witness."

The Ottawa Journal's Parliamentary report has this to say of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's speech on the Bourassa resolution:—"For half an hour the House of Commons listened to a rare burst of oratory from the Prime Minister. His speech was a reply to Mr. Bourassa, who again made a three hours' speech condemning the Government for their action in sending troops to South Africa without first asking Parliament. Sir Wilfrid Laurier made an Imperialistic speech—one that will long live in the memory of those who heard it. And when he concluded the enthusiasm was unbounded. Old Parliamentarians said that so much enthusiasm had not been shown since Hon. Mr. Fielding announced four years ago the preferential tariff in favor of England. The Prime Minister gave a frank declaration in favor of Canada paying for the favors she constantly receives from England. 'I say,' said he, 'we have shared in the honor, the dignity, the benefit of the empire. And we should share in the responsibilities. Shall the duties and responsibilities be all on one side?' The Prime Minister defended splendidly the course of the Government as to the contingents. But a great deal of his speech dealt with the great question be-

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yond the sending of the troops, the new relation of Canada with England, rather than the details of the Government's action.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier sat down in half an hour, after delivering what in the general estimation was one of the most eloquent speeches of his life. No mere verbal report conveys an idea of the music and fire of many of the passages. Galleries and members together cheered wildly for minutes. It was a great, a long-to-be-remembered scene. During the thirty minutes the Premier was on his feet the applause was almost constant. The galleries were crowded, and at times could hardly wait till the end of the period before the uncontrollable applause broke out."

The Dundas Banner remarks:—"The Tory politicians and journalists who are trying to make trouble in Quebec by howling about French-Canadian disloyalty and shouting at Tarte have about as much sense as the man who set fire to his house because he wanted roast pork for dinner."

In an article discussing the recent exhibition of race feeling at Montreal The Witness says:—"The origin of the evil is, we suppose, understood by all. Ever since Sir Wilfrid Laurier achieved triumphs by his Imperial policy, a policy in which he was much stronger because he was a French-Canadian, his jealous opponents started a deliberate policy of slander. Every expression of goodwill towards Sir Wilfrid that came from England envenomed them more, and they set themselves to arousing race spite among the English-speaking people of the Dominion against a French-Canadian Premier whom, without a vestige or shadow of excuse, they denounced as disloyal. A more treasonable course than thus to arouse the more numerous race against the minority, a minority whose position in the empire was, to say the least, a delicate one, could not have been devised. Yet it was deliberately planned and persistently followed for two years. There is no string in the human mechanism more easily played upon than race prejudice, and the

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success of this gratuitously wicked propaganda has been great. Most men are as easily led as sheep, and we meet at every corner the sheep who are bleating to the piping of these party journals. It was possible to go further than this. It was, of course, still an easier thing under the circumstances to raise an answering cry of anti-British feeling among the French, on which to practise in like manner, and their success in doing so has been growing more apparent in the columns of the French press. The strangest sight of all has been the two organs of one party going out in French and English from one printing office in Montreal, the English voice keeping up an active bombardment of anti-French shot and shell, and the other pouring forth anti-British sentiment in the intangible but unceasing form of trumpet headlines. The result has been what might naturally be looked for. An insignificant bit of students' play has resounded through the country as though the two races were already at war. The one thing for good Canadians to do is to frown down all such dangerous taunts and slanders in such a way that they will at once cease."

Under the heading, "Loyalty and the Flag," The Ottawa Journal says:—"Where the British flag stands for freedom, public and individual, as we believe it has stood oftener than any other; in so far as the British flag stands for fair play, as we believe it does stand more than any other; to the extent the British flag stands for broad and generous toleration, which we believe it does to an extent never rivalled by any other on earth—loyalty to that flag is admirable, pride in it is just, determination by those of us living beneath it to live and die for it is noble. How much of this loyalty, this justice, this nobility is visible in the action of those rioters who marched through Montreal to compel law-abiding neighbors and fellow-citizens to shout for their special brand of alleged Britishism? 'Ours is a great, a free, a just and a tolerant flag, devoted to the good of humanity and the advancement of Christianity' ran the mob slogan, practically, 'and if you don't wave it when we think you should wave it we will kick the stuffing out of you.' A great loyalty to the British flag truly, with the logical result that another class in Montreal, some of whom had had their heads broken to make them admire the flag, took their turn, tore down the flag and trampled it under foot."

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**BUCTOUCHE HAPPENINGS.**  
MAR. 17.—A flock of wild geese passed over the village on Saturday morning. Geniuses say it is the forerunner of an early break up.

Mr. M. McLaughlan's factory and store seems to be doing a rushing trade. Your correspondent counted around his store one day last week twenty-four teams, and as each right left the premises it appeared to be well filled with bundles and parcels purchased therefrom.

We have in our midst again Mr. A. J. Sawyer, formerly in J. D. Irving's employ, but for the past few months has held a position as clerk in Bathurst. He has again, we are pleased to say, engaged with Mr. Irving. Sam was always well liked by the customers of that establishment.

Mr. Duncan McIntosh, of Fredericton, has been quite sick at the Queen hotel for the past few days. We are glad to say he is rapidly recovering under the skilful treatment of Dr. LeBee.

What took the double seated sleigh down Buctouche shore on Wednesday night? Girls and boys you might have made it a little more public for the benefit of some of our thoroughbred news peddlars. However, you got the drop on them this time.

Our train has been running this winter to every one's satisfaction. Much credit is due to the driver and fireman for this. Two better men can not be found anywhere for the positions they at present fill. Where Gid and Alex get stuck you need not send other drivers and fireman. What is wanted then is another engine.

Our old Buctouche Boer has become quite tame of late. Perhaps it is owing to the recent defeats his kind have been undergoing in South Africa. I wonder if he still adheres to his former agreement, that the Boers were undoubtedly right in their cause against Great Britain, his convincing proof of this being that their prayers were being continually answered. If his was answered in the same way the old chap is going to have a pretty hot time of it later on.

The Irish flag is flying from several buildings in this little town to-day in honor of the bravery and loyalty of the Irish troops now fighting with other Imperial forces in South Africa.

Judging from the appearance of H. H. James' office to-day it leads one to imagine that he is paying up for the time he has been away attending to other law business in Richibucto. A number of clients were already awaiting him on his arrival from the Shiretown.

A number of our boys intended going to Halifax to take in the Strathcona Horse celebrations, but as nothing definite could be learned as to the date of the departure of the steamer carrying the same to South Africa, the trip was abandoned.

Mrs. John Killeen met with a painful accident one day last week. She was capsize out of a sleigh going to church and broke her arm very badly as well as sprained it from which she suffers very much. It will be sometime before she will be around.

Mr. Joseph McPhadden is laid up with sciatic rheumatism.

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