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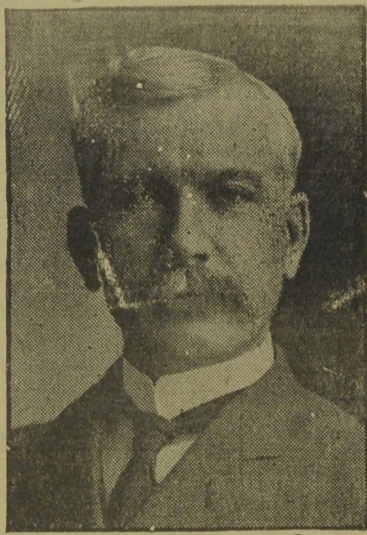
## SIR WILFRID LAURIER DE LIVERS STIRRING ADDRESS

**Liberal Chieftain the Principal Speaker at Gathering of Party Stalwarts of Eastern Ontario---Sir Sam Hughes' Resignation Referred to---A Sacred Trust Betrayed By the Government.**

Ottawa, Nov. 16.—A good speech, which for its political significance and compelling and fearless discussion of the national situation at the present time, is perhaps the most noteworthy of any that Sir Wilfrid has made for many months, was delivered by the Liberal leader tonight to a cheering and enthusiastic gathering of the Liberals of eastern Ontario. The occasion was the banquet following the Liberal conferences here today.

Sir Wilfrid declared that the country now realized the lack of firm leadership in the present administration. He asserted again that the Liberals had done their best to preserve the political truce while the war lasted, and would continue to put the cause of the Allies above the cause of party; but, made in 1911, a chasm which was now proving the administration's own destruction. He justified Opposition criticism of the Government's administration of the war in so far as rigid honesty and rigid economy was concerned. He instanced some of the scandals. He referred trenchantly to the Borden-Hughes correspondence and the lack of cohesion and a strong hand in the cabinet which that correspondence showed.

He amplified the reasons for his refusal to accept Sir Robert Borden's invitation to take up the task which Sir Thomas Tait had been compelled to give up because of the intolerable conditions the latter had found. He called upon the Government to at once satisfy public opinion that no more



HON. GEO. P. GRAHAM.

class legislation which has characterized the Borden cabinet.

H. B. McGivern, ex-M. P. for Ottawa, presided, and gave Sir Wilfrid Laurier a flattering introduction, arousing a perfect torrent of cheers.

Sir Wilfrid when he rose said Mr. McGivern had paid him many compliments. He had said that Sir Wilfrid Laurier had been Prime Minister of Canada, and he hinted—"nay, he even asserted," declared Sir Wilfrid, "that I would be again Prime Minister. That is in the hands of the electors, not mine."

### Chasm Threatens Disaster.

Sir Wilfrid declared that the Liberals had been defeated in 1911, but it was not on their policy, based on the lines of freedom by which they had been defeated, but by a co-ordination against them of elements so discordant that it had created a chasm between the elements of the country which yet might prove the destruction of those who created it.

Conservatives are wondering why this conference had been called. He would respond to their inquisitiveness and tell them its object. Under British institutions the government was carried on under party system, and the parties had certain ideals and principles which they desired to foster for the good of the country, and for that purpose they were met today.

### Tariff Measures Proven Wrong.

Sir Wilfrid declared that they had not opposed the legislation of the Government. They had given it loyal assent, but on some occasions it had been necessary to dissent. During the session of 1915 they had considered that the Government's tariff proposals were wrong in principle and they would have been recreant to their duty if they had not said so. The Liberal views had since been proven to be correct. The flat increase of 7½ per cent. of the general tariff was both inequitable and burdensome upon the classes least able to bear it.

"The Government," declared Sir Wilfrid, "may yet have to revise its policy, and if not, so much the worse for the Government, so much the worse for the country. It has only been when failing to criticize would have been a

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## Two Detroit Citizens Shot on the Street

Foreigners Arrested for Crime Near Detroit—Lynching Threatened.

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 16.—Harry Paul and Morris Harris, fruit merchants, of Wyandotte, a suburb of Detroit, were shot and instantly killed late last night while walking along a street in that town.

Two foreigners were taken into custody and when they were placed in jail countrymen began a demonstration outside the building. A heavy guard was promptly stationed at the jail.

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mistake and would have been a recreant breach of duty that we did criticize."

### Shell Charges Reviewed.

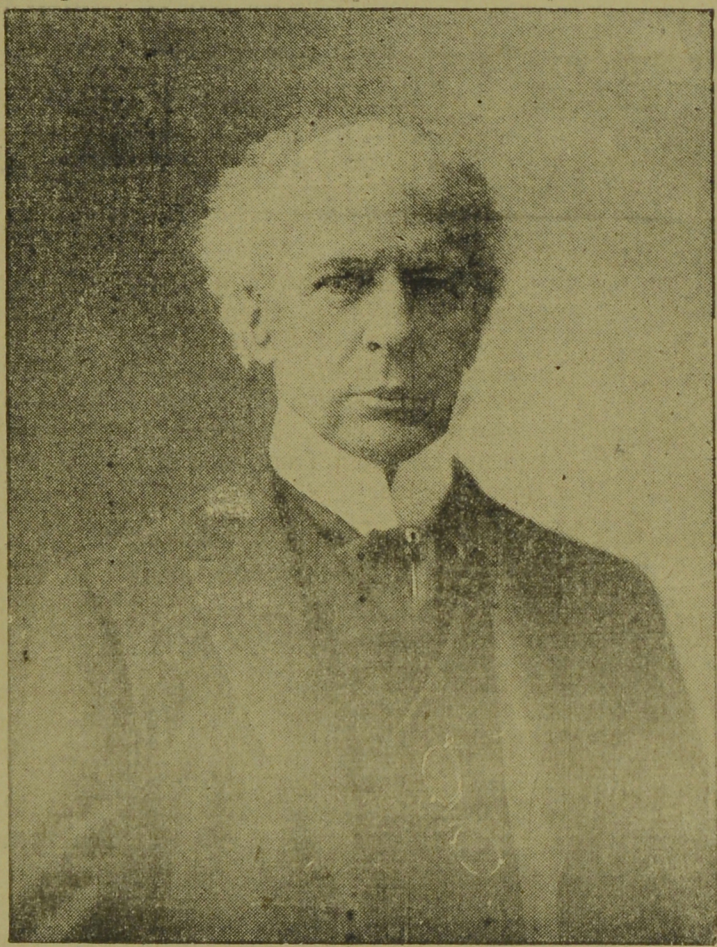
In the summer of 1915 information had leaked out that war contracts had been given to favored individuals at exorbitant prices. Liberals demanded an investigation, and when the valiant member for Richmond marshalled his

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he added significantly, there was a general feeling that confidence in the government to play the part that might have been expected of it in a great war had been misplaced, and the responsibility which might soon be placed upon him and upon the Liberal party would not be shirked. Sir Wilfrid was speaking at the time of the Government's announcement that a further extension of the life of Parliament would be asked for.

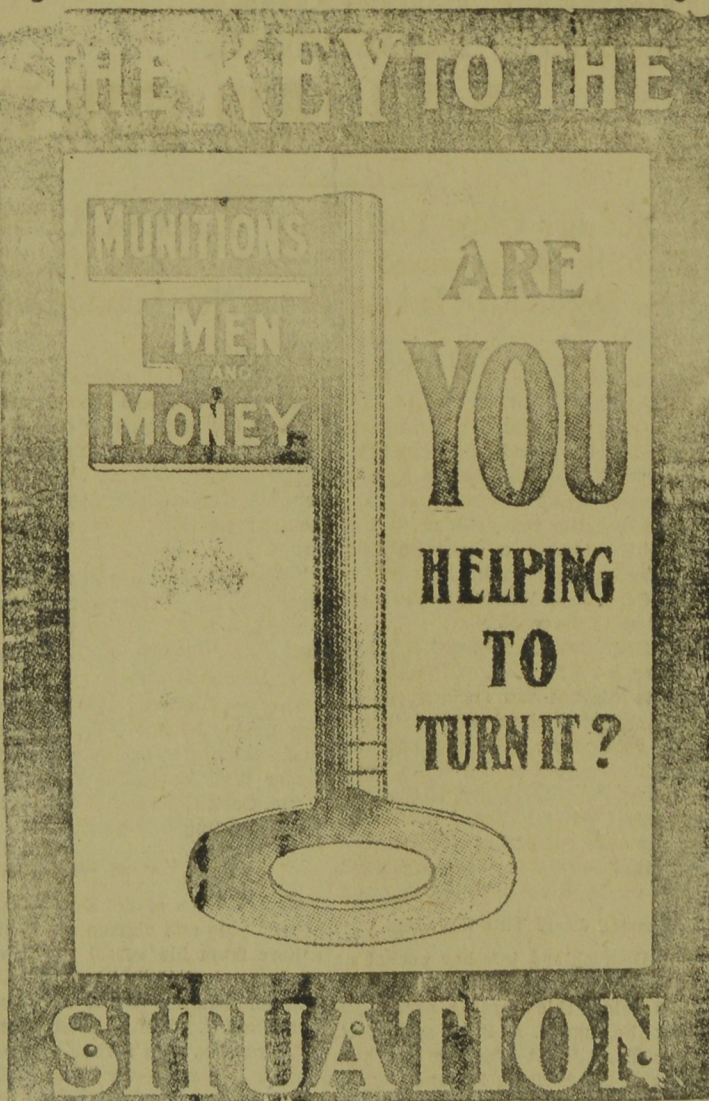
### Opposition Criticism Justified.

He touched briefly but succinctly on the outstanding features of the Government's record and on its sins, both of omission and of commission. He noted the chasm of national disunity between the races caused by the appeal to discordant elements of class and of race which the Conservative party had

### "Politics Before Country."

Hon. Geo. P. Graham, in a speech of almost equal power and eloquence, fired the audience with a resume of the way the present administration had put politics before country and had failed to measure up to the high responsibility of giving the country a united lead during the tragedy of war.

To the "babel about loyalty" which Conservative flag wavers were now indulging in with the hope of making party capital, Mr. Graham gave the convincing answer. It lay in the contrast of Sir Wilfrid's own record and the record of his government, and in the squabbling and intriguing and the



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