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DISCUSSION AT OTTAWA OVER THE QUEBEC RIOTS

Debate was Conducted With Moderation on Both Sides---Government Criticized by Supporters for Failure to Deal With Bourassa and Lavergne---Too Much Pussy Footing---Sir Wilfrid's Conciliatory Speech.

Ottawa, Apr. 5. — The moral of the Quebec riots and of the success or failure of the operation of the Military Service Act thus far occupied the attention of a crowded commons chamber today. Contrary to expectation the long expected debate did not result in the acrimony and strife of hot-headed extremists on either side which so tinders a subject might easily have occasioned. On the whole it was conducted with moderation on each side. On the government side Col. Currie and H. H. Stevens, who moved and seconded the motion forming the basis of discussion, did not attack the French-Canadian people as a whole, but they did frankly and freely discuss the attitude of a section of the province misled and misrepresented by the Nationalist leaders Bourassa and Lavergne, and they frankly criticized the government for alleged failure to deal firmly and promptly with these men and for the present unsatisfactory results in the way of securing draftees from the province of Quebec.

Col. Currie declared that the government was returned to power with an unmistakable mandate from the people to go ahead and get the hundred thousand men that Premier Borden had promised would be secured under the act. He believed that the fact that so far only 1,500 French-Canadians had been drafted showed that more "pep" was needed and less "pussy-footing."

Mr. Stevens frankly laid the blame at the door of the minister of justice, the one real representative of Quebec in the cabinet, and suggested that the administration of the act should be entrusted to some other minister.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in the course of a vigorous reply, maintained that the real trouble lay not with the temper and spirit of the French-Canadians as a whole who were peaceful and law-abiding, but with the ill-considered and obnoxious way in which officials entrusted with the carrying out of the act in Quebec city had acted. The initial cause of disturbances lay in the fact that the two men selected to arrest deserters were, the one an ex-bartender and the other a man who had no position of any respect in the community. The senseless arrests by these men naturally provoked resentment.

This resentment was fanned into a flame, declared Sir Wilfrid, by a secret association that came in from outside, the ring-leaders of which included two ex-convicts released from prison by the minister of justice and a discredited detective from Montreal, who had been given employment by the minister. Sir Wilfrid declared that there were ample evidences of a concerted plot to stir up strife, but that the French-Canadians as a whole should not be made responsible for what had happened.

The results of the influence of Bourassa and Lavergne, he said, must reflect not on the Liberal party in Quebec but on the members of the present cabinet who formed the nefarious al-

liance with them in 1910. The moral to be drawn from the results thus far obtained from the military service act the opposition leader believed, was that an appeal to the imagination and heart of the French-Canadian people would produce far more practical help towards winning the war than the government's resort to coercion. He concluded with an appeal for the dropping of these "fatal divisions" of race and creed and a united effort to secure national harmony in the common cause in the world liberty.

Premier Borden.
Sir Robert Borden while admitting that possibly some mistakes had been made by individual officials in attempting to enforce the act maintained that these mistakes did not justify the rioting which had taken place. He took a very firm attitude in asserting the government's continued intention of applying the law fearlessly and thoroughly in the province of Quebec. Sir Robert, in fact, seemed to be even more belligerent in his attitude toward resistance to the law in that province than were Messrs. Currie and Stevens the spokesmen for the "ginger group."

The prime minister declared that if the country would only exercise a little patience within a few weeks the enforcement of the law in Quebec would give satisfactory results. As a justification for the passing of the military service act Sir Robert declared that in the past six months 47,000 men including 18,000 enlisted from the United States had been sent overseas, a result that could not have been obtained if the voluntary system had been continued.

Sir Sam Blanes Priesthood.
The feature of the evening debate was a characteristic speech by Sir Sam Hughes who, while maintaining that every encouragement had been given to the province of Quebec under the voluntary system and that every effort had been made to secure recruits asserted that the real reason for the failure of enlistment in that province had been "the hidden hand" of the French priests who had come over from France and who carried their resentment against the action of France in connection with the Roman Catholic priesthood before the war, to the extent of actively working in with the German propaganda in Canada.

Public Health Bill

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Concluding his remarks, the speaker said that he did not pose as a public health expert, being merely a humble practitioner of medicine of some 23 years standing, but had given the subject of public health much time and study in order that he might make matter and be of some practical service to his native province should the bill reasonably familiar with the opportunity offer. He could assure the hon. members of the House, and those who were members of the medical profession could bear him out, that it was a financial loss to a physician to enter political life. His own experience had been no exception. However, he would feel amply repaid for the labor he had expended upon the problem of public health if he could improve the conditions of health and sanitation in New Brunswick. As had been mentioned before, a department such as he had mentioned must be absolutely untrammelled by politics. He invited each and every member when the bill should come before the committee, to unite in an effort to have it become law, in order that the best interests of the people of the province might be served.

The bill was read a first time.
HON. MR. FOSTER moved that the order of the day stand until Tuesday.
MR. MURRAY (Kings) said that he took it that this referred to the budget. He had not the slightest objection to the order of the day standing until Tuesday, but thought it would be better if the hon. Provincial Secretary could deliver his address Monday evening. Members on both sides of the House were becoming anxious on account of the length of the session. He made the suggestion in the best interests of the House.

HON. MR. FOSTER said that he would give the matter consideration, but in the meantime he would ask that the order of the day stand until Tuesday. If possible, the address of the hon. Provincial Secretary would be delivered Monday night.
The House went into committee with Mr. Mersereau in the chair, and took up the consideration of the bill to amend the Acts relating to the levying and assessing of taxes in the City of Moncton.

HON. MR. ROBINSON said that objection had been made to the section relating to income tax, and it had been withdrawn. The same had been done with the section relating to the taxation of non-residents.

A section was added relating to fixed valuation for industries.
The House took up the consideration of the bill to amend the Act incorporating the City of Moncton.

HON. MR. ROBINSON explained that the bill made a slight change in the filing of nominations for civic elec-

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