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THE NAVY QUESTION

Whatever view a man may take of the merits of the present government's naval policy no sensible man would deny that the naval question is the most momentous problem which has come before the Canadian people in years. It is not merely a Canadian question. It has its important imperial bearings. It affects the relations of this country with the Mother Land and with every other portion of the world's great empire.

Because of its importance to the Empire as well as to the Dominion this question should be taken outside the realm of party politics. The Liberal party should be strong enough, the Liberal leaders should be strong enough, to put aside the temptations to employ the naval question as a means to party advantage, as might easily be done among the less thoughtful of the electors. In the same way the Conservative party and the Conservative leaders should be strong. Moreover, there is special need for a display of strong national and imperial spirit in view of the campaign which was adopted in the by-election in Drummond-Arthabaska by Mr. Bourassa and Mr. Monk and others who, while shouting of their zeal for Britain's welfare, followed lines of action calculated to weaken the connection between Canada and the Home Land, if it is at all possible to accomplish that purpose.

In recent speeches, as in earlier utterances, Sir Wilfrid Laurier has emphasized the great need of Canada to show its readiness to stand by the Mother Land and share the burdens of imperial defence. Again and again he has urged that all Canadians stand fast in support of every step designed to strengthen the tie between the Dominion and the glorious little island across the sea. Such speeches and such urgings will always commend themselves to the people of York County than whom Canada has no more loyal citizens, none more strongly imbued with love for Britain and more strongly animated by the desire to serve that country's cause in every way which offers or may be made.

It is unfortunate that Mr. R. L. Borden, the Conservative leader, has not shown the same steadfastness of purpose and has allowed himself to be swayed by influences which should not have been allowed to affect the attitude of a public man toward this naval question. A couple of sessions ago Mr. Borden was a supporter of the government platform, a platform based on the government's knowledge of what the naval authorities in the Home Land deemed to be in the best interests of the Empire. At the last session the Conservative leader executed a right about face. He asserted himself as a staunch believer in a new policy. Canada, he said, must hasten to give support to Britain and that support could best be given and most quickly given by the contribution of a Dreadnought to the admiralty. The German war scare did duty for Mr. Borden, he saw great need for haste; the government presented itself to his view as a group of men dilatory in facing their responsibilities to the Empire, as men lukewarm in imperialism and in true loyalty.

And now Mr. Borden has executed another flop. Today in his opinion, the government is not too dilatory. Today the Conservative leader finds fault because, he says the government has gone too far. Today he does not support the government's policy as he once did. Today he does not clamor for the immediate contribution of a Dreadnought. Today Mr. Borden regrets that the Speech from the Throne at the opening of the present session did not indicate

that the government intends to submit the navy question to the people! Tomorrow Mr. Borden will — But who knows where Mr. Borden will stand tomorrow?

There are several points to notice in connection with Mr. Borden's course. For one thing, it is clear that he lacked the capacity when the navy question first became prominent to lay down a definite statesmanlike policy. At the outset he followed the government. Then, as an Opposition leader, he opposed the government and his action has shown him lacking in stability of thought. More than that, his action has shown him a man so weak as to put the fancied opportunity for party gain before national and imperial need. At the last session Mr. Borden became an ardent Dreadnoughter at the demand of certain aggressive elements in his own party. In the face of their clamorings he yielded to their demands and showed himself lacking in the qualities of strong leadership.

But his latest change of front is even more blameworthy. In Quebec the Nationalists have been shouting out that the navy question should be referred to the electors. This cry, and gross misrepresentation of the Navy Bill as passed by parliament, together with attacks upon British institutions, carried the day in navy candidate. In this anti-navy victory Mr. Borden sees reason for hoping that continuation of the same cry would wreck the Liberal cause in Quebec and so he has moved a resolution expressive of regret that the whole question is not referred to the electors. By this move he expects to bring to him the support of the Nationalists and through them to defeat the Liberal party in Quebec. At the same time he realizes that as the bill has been passed and has become law no election will be run upon it and he is thus safe from the condemnation of his course which he well knows the other provinces would express were they called upon to vote upon the navy question. And in Quebec, too, as a matter of fact, Mr. Borden would meet with defeat for Liberalism is entrenched there in the hearts of the people.

By opportunism of the most glaring kind he seeks to play to certain dangerous elements in the province of Quebec and thus work injury to Liberalism even though by so doing he endangers the internal peace and prosperity of the Dominion. By his opportunism he hopes to stir up scattered elements in other provinces antagonistic to the navy policy and by his sectional campaign to gain enough votes in the Dominion as a whole to offset the record of the Liberal government which has done so much to make the Dominion the prosperous country which it has become.

No one knows, of course, where Mr. Crockett, the York County member, is standing on this navy question. In all probability he will be found voting with Mr. Borden for, unfortunately Mr. Crockett has too often proved himself a stand-pat follower of his leader on all questions. With Mr. Crockett as with Mr. Borden 'party' is his first consideration. But the Mail is much mistaken if the people of York County will approve of Mr. Crockett allying himself with Messrs. Bourassa and Monk and Tancred Marcell and the other Nationalists. The Nationalist references to putting bullets through the English flag, a church 'scarred by English bullets,' avenging the 'martyrs' who fell before English bullets in the rebellion of 1837,—these things are not likely to be forgotten in York or any other loyal county for many a day to come. Mr. Crockett will have much explaining to do when he next appears before the people; if, indeed, he and the family machine are successful in foisting him upon the Conservative party in this constituency when next a nominating convention is called.

The reception accorded Mr. Gilbert the Nation list member for Drummond-Arthabaska, when he took his seat in Parliament yesterday was decidedly frosty. Even the Tory members who exhibited so much joy over his victory at the polls a few weeks ago maintained a discreet silence when he took his seat. It is evident that the Tories are already ashamed of the alliance they have formed.

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THE PARLIAMENT CAMPAIGN IN GREAT BRITAIN

Polling in the Burroughs Will Begin on Saturday—Ulster Protestants Subscribe Fifty Thousand Dollars to Buy Arms and Ammunition and Will Rebel if Home Rule Wins.

London, Nov. 28.—With the dissolution of parliament today, all formalities preliminary to the election of a new parliament were completed. The proclamation of dissolution summoned the new parliament to assemble on January 31, 1911.

Among the first of its members to be elected unopposed will be Arthur J. Balfour, the opposition leader, the Liberals having decided not to contest his seat for the city of London. On the stock exchange, where regular dealings have been instituted in bets on the election, the feeling today seemed to anticipate a reduction in the Liberal majority.

The first pollings take place in the boroughs Dec. 3.

ULSTER UP IN ARMS

In Ireland the struggle is growing more bitter every day. A meeting of delegates representing every Ulster constituency was held in Belfast today at which a resolution was adopted on motion of a Presbyterian minister to draw up a solemn declaration refusing to pay rates or taxes imposed by a Dublin parliament or obey its decrees, while \$50,000 were subscribed on the spot to organize the Ulster men into regiments and purchase arms.

At night a monster Union demonstration was held at Ulster Hall, Belfast, an over-flow meeting of 20,000 people being held in the open air. Lord Londonderry said that American dollars enabled John Redmond to hold Asquith in the hollow of his hand. If a home rule parliament were established, he said, it might be found that Ulster would utterly decline obedience to the law.

Sir Edward Carson, former solicitor general, and Conservative M. P. for Dublin University, said they never would consent to their country being sold for American dollars.

WOULD RESIST HOME RULE LAWS

Walter Hume Long, Unionist M. P. for Strand, spoke in the same strain and other speakers advocated stern resistance to the law if home rule was forced upon Ulster.

The first independent woman suffrage candidate is announced in the person of a prominent advocate, William Mirrless, who will contest a division of Glasgow.

The Socialist party has decided to run a third candidate in Battersea, thus seriously endangering John Burns' chance of re-election.

Suffragists created serious disturbances at a meeting of Lambeth to-night at which Winston Spence Churchill was speaking. After several had been thrown out, Mr. Churchill

strongly denounced the Suffragist tactics and said: "I am told that individuals are to be singled out for violence. If that is their lay, there is only one answer, and that is 'come on.'"

UNIONISTS DIVIDED ON TARIFF REFORM

London, Nov. 28.—A feature of the political situation worth noting is J. L. Garvin's suggestion in the Observer, Sunday, that the Unionists should promise a referendum on the question of tariff reform, returned, then Mr. Garvin opined they might "sweep Lancashire." The Morning Post, the organ of the militant tariff reformers, scouted the suggestion this morning.

Lord Cromer now asks the Unionist free-traders to support their party because he little doubts that force of circumstances, at any rate, will compel the party to put the larger issues of the fiscal question, such as the proposed taxation of food to a referendum. The Mail publishes Cromer's letter with editorial approval, and says: "Unionists, we are sure, would be perfectly prepared to accept this suggestion." If the Unionists get the solid vote of their free trader colleagues it would make an important difference in their strength.

Another "Unionist White Flag" is the way the Liberals describe the proposal to send tariff reform to a referendum, if successful at the polls, but it meets with considerable support in Unionist circles.

The News, which estimated the result in January to be "as in 1906" publishes an estimate prophesying the government will have an increase of twenty seats.

The O'Brienites will probably contest twenty-five constituencies against the Redmondites.

Ian Malcolm, Unionist, is willing to wager £100 that Sir Wilfrid Laurier never gave a dollar in favor of the separation of Great Britain or home rule on Parnell's plan.

KING OF SPAIN UNDERGOES OPERATION

Bordeaux, Nov. 28.—King Alfonso who spent the week end here visited Prof. Moore, the specialist who performed an operation on his nose last year. It is reported that another slight operation was successfully performed, the king suffering but little inconvenience from it.

Mr. A. C. Smith of Sackville is at the Queen.

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The Pike Boys are now threshing at Mr. Fawcett's.

Mrs. William Scott of Hawkshaw is visiting friends in this place.

A few of Mrs. Robert Bartlett's friends surprised her the other evening, by gathering in to hear Miss Harding play the piano.

W. R. Fawcett is expected home from bridge building this week.

The milliner at G. A. Bartlett's has had a large trade in hats this season by the way the hat bags and hat boxes have been sailing by.

The school here is progressing finely under the management of Mr. Stanley Wright. He is now preparing for the half yearly examinations.

Mr. J. K. Pinder is making preparations for the lumber business again this year.

Mr. Foster from Upper Windsor is visiting his daughter Mrs. G. A. Bartlett.

The United Baptist Prayer Meeting is held once a week on Wednesday evening.

Most of the young men in this place have gone to the woods. Some of the girls are looking sad.

McDonald Bros. have commenced operations in the lumber woods.

Paste for Ceiling Paper. Take a handful of lump starch and one of flour, nearly a quart of water, boil it and let it cool; put the ceiling paper on with it, patting with a clean rag. This paste may be made to stick any tapestry paper, where it is overheated by furnace or lamps.

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