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### PARLIAMENT

Parliament has now been sitting for little more than a week and the country is just as much in the dark with regard to the great question which it was called to consider as it was when Premier Borden and his colleagues came back from England with the cryptic statement that he must get further information from the Admiralty before making any statement. When it became apparent that the speech from the throne contained only the vaguest reference to the proposed policy it was hoped by the members and the public that the Prime Minister would unburden him of at least part of his precious secret when he followed Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the debate on the speech. The importance even of this possibility was such that crowded benches and galleries greeted the debate, while in the Press Gallery there was an unwanted gathering of journalists from all over the country, all on the qui vive for the utterance of the Oracle. The Oracle spoke, in terms oracular—that might mean anything or nothing—one thing they certainly did mean—that the Government was still groping for a way out of their self-made difficulty—that of preparing some policy which would be tolerable to the two antagonistic parties forming the coalition Government, and its supporters, Mr. Borden evidently finds it hard to declare a game license without issuing the scheme which will meet the approval of the ultra-Imperialists and the Nationalists—that voids an immediate reference to the people and will pacify those who, with Mr. Monk, used to demand a reference before anything was done.

After the perfunctory moving and seconding of the address Sir Wilfrid Laurier lost no time in challenging the Government on this subject while at the same time he preserved his statesmanlike course, refusing to discuss or comment until the Government put forth a concrete proposition. He, however, pointed out the contradiction between the statement in the speech from the throne that conditions had been discovered which "rendered it imperative that the effective national force of the Empire should be strengthened without delay" and the repeated declaration Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, that "England feared no enemy, that she was prepared and ready to meet all comers".

Then Sir Wilfrid laid down the free-minded and patriotic policy of the Opposition—"When the Government's information has been placed before us, when the policy of the Government has been announced, we on this side of the House will judge the question on its merits, guided only by the dual inspiration of what we owe to England as British subjects and what we owe to Canada as Canadians."

To such a statement at least some dignified and pertinent reply might have been hoped for from Premier Borden. His counter was to question why Sir Wilfrid had, last fall, changed his plan and instead of visiting the West when it was in the throes of an unusually brief harvest decided upon his triumphal tour of Ontario. The recollection of that memorable series of meetings evidently rankled in the Premier's heart and those of the followers, judging by the efforts to raise a cheer at his ill-timed and ill-natured remarks.

Finally the Premier ventured to touch upon the naval question itself. Every ear was pricked up. The reporters were eager to take down the words of wisdom. The mountain was perhaps at last in labour. It was labouring hard. "I do not propose to deal with it (the naval question) today, because the proposals of the Government will come before Parliament at a very early date, and we will have full opportunity for debating the question. But the fact that the Empire fears no enemy is not a good reason, in my estimation, why it should delay for a possible day of peril the preparation which

ought to be made in advance."

According to the brief reference made to this question by Mr. J. H. Rainville, the young Nationalist selected to move the address "that preparation which ought to be made in advance" is to consist of a contribution to the Imperial Navy. So long as Canada continues its present abundant prosperity that is a preparation which the veriest tyro in Parliament on naval affairs could make.

In an effort to defend the Macdonald election outrages in parliament a few days ago, Hon. Robert Rogers made the statement that Mr. J. J. Sullivan, a young man arrested on a trumped up charge, was a nephew of the notorious Cap Sullivan of Ontario. On Monday, Dr. Neely, M.P. for Humboldt, read a telegram from Sullivan denying that he was a relative of the Captain. An explanation from the minister of public works would now seem to be in order.

The relations between Hon. Robert Rogers and Sir Rodolphe Forget, M. P., are somewhat strained at the present time. It will be remembered that during the bye-election campaign in Richelieu Sir Rodolphe made the statement that he was authorized by the minister of public works to propose a marine railway for Sorel if the Tory candidate were elected. The minister of public works subsequently denied in parliament that he had given any such promise.

The day of miracles is not yet over. The Flemming government according to one of its hack organs, sold fewer game licenses last year than during the previous year and was able to increase the receipts from this source by seven thousand dollars. If Premier Flemming can keep on increasing the revenue from game licenses without issuing the licenses, he will have solved the great problem of game protection.

Ald. Guthrie has made the discovery that the administration of justice in this city during the past two years has been so efficient that men have not become intoxicated and fallen over the wharves to a watery grave. The alderman appears to be living in a fool's paradise. The next thing we know he will be getting up in the council chamber and seriously putting forth the claim that he has rigidly enforced the Scott Act.

Mr. W. F. McLean, a Tory M.P., in a speech in parliament on Tuesday, declared himself in favor of a Canadian navy.

### RESIDENTS WANT

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He moved to that effect seconded by Ald. Cruickshank. Ald. Farrell thought the Street Lighting Committee should be given a free hand in the matter. It might be possible to have the C.P.R. bear a part of the cost of the expense of lighting.

### DIFFERENT OPINION.

Ald. Kitchen was of the opinion that the committee could handle the matter without instructions from the council. However, if a light were placed at Salamanca lights should be placed on Woodstock Road. Three had been applied for in that thoroughfare.

Ald. Guthrie supported Ald. Calder. That gentleman evidently wished to hurry action on the part of the committee. It might be remembered that some time ago instructions had been issued to place lights on the city wharves. That had not been done. It was fortunate that for the past two years the city administration had been such that men had not become intoxicated and fallen over the wharves and found watery graves. However, a new administration might come in and a change take place.

Ald. Kitchen remarked that Ald. Guthrie was a member of the Street Lighting Committee but had not brought up the matter of lights on the wharves.

On motion the matter was referred to the Street Lighting Committee, with power to act.

### LAND SYNDICATE.

Chatham World—Mr. C. J. Mercereau, having got the Miramichi Black Fox Company fairly started, has gone into a land deal in St. John. He has secured forty acres on the west side of the Millidgeville Road and is forming a syndicate to take it over at \$400 an acre. It has been laid off in lots valued at from \$150 to \$100, and several applications have been already received.

## STOCK MARKET

New York, N.Y., Dec. 4.—The directors of the American Can Company meet today to act on dividends.

The Harriman lines operating heads and counsel are to meet at Salt Lake City soon to discuss dissolution plans. Suggestions will be made to a re-organization committee to meet in New York shortly.

The Balkan allies, with the exception of Greece, are to sign an armistice, the terms of which have not been disclosed.

The federal grand jury brings an investigation of a traffic alliance between Grand Trunk and New Haven Railways.

The New York Produce Exchange revised the regulations governing trade in bonded wheat in order to quote the Canadian grown wheat at this market after January 2nd.

The railroad firemen have modified their demands to avoid a deadlock which would mean either a strike or an arbitration board.

It is estimated that the profits of the U. S. Steel Corporation in November were about \$12,000,000.

Wickersham denies that he is preparing new trust prosecutions for political purposes or otherwise.

	Open	Noon
Copper, .....	83½	81½
Smelters, .....	77½	75½
C.P.R., .....	265½	264½
Brooklyn, .....	91½	90½
Great Northern, .....	137½	136½
Lehigh, .....	174	172½
Northern Pacific, .....	124½	123
Pennsylvania, .....	123	123
Reading, .....	171½	171½
Southern Pacific, .....	108	107½
U. S. Steel, .....	170	169½

### MONTREAL MORNING SALES.

Bank of Montreal, 4 @ 246.	
Royal Bank, 5 @ 224.	
Merchants Bank, 20 @ 192½.	
Detroit, 100 @ 74½, 5 @ 75, 10 @ 74½.	
Spanish River, 10 @ 94, 28 @ 94½.	
Cement, 200 @ 28.	
Crown Reserve, 200 @ 350, 100 @ 352.	
Textile, 157 @ 82, 20 @ 82½.	
Cotton Limited, 54 @ 73.	
C.P.R., 25 @ 265½, 25 @ 266, 50 @ 264½, 50 @ 265.	
Woods, 10 @ 120.	
Steel of Canada, 25 @ 60.	
Cement, 1 @ 92½, 10 @ 93.	
Locomotive, 5 @ 94.	
Steel of Canada, 5 @ 28.	
Cotton Limited, 20 @ 77½.	
Bell Telephone, 25 @ 161, 1 @ 162.	
Car common, 50 @ 80.	
Montreal Power, 5 @ 229½, 1 @ 228.	
Pennams, 1 @ 56.	
Montreal Cotton, 5 @ 54.	
Paint preferred, 10 @ 101½.	

### THE EDITOR'S JOB.

Allegorically speaking, the editor is the happy medium between the soup bone and the porterhouse steak. Nobody ever saw a rich editor and on the other hand no one ever encountered an editor who didn't head every subscription with a donation and a stub pen. The editor is said to be long on the fourth estate because that is the only kind he ever leaves. He is also one of the most cheerful and overworked prevaricators now passing as legal tender. He has to be.

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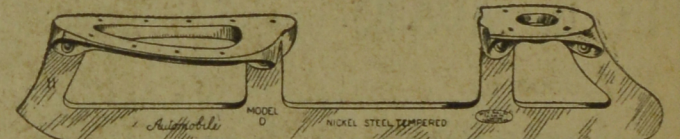


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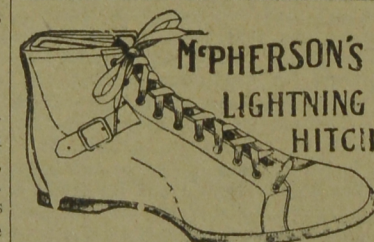
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