

QUEBEC CONSERVATIVES

UTTER WORDS OF WARNING.

Messrs. Casgrain and Chapais Tell their Comrades of Other Provinces that Party Situation is Unsatisfactory.

THE QUEBEC IDEA STATED.

At a dinner given in his honor by the Lafontaine Club, the leading Conservative organization in the Province of Quebec at Montreal, on Saturday evening, Hon. Thomas Chapais, the most eloquent exponent of French Conservative principles in the Province, defined the attitude of the French Conservatives as an adherence to the principle of separate compromise of my kind. He scored Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux for having dared to invoke the name of Lafontaine, after whom the Club is named, as an example to justify what Mr. Chapais called the shameful sacrifice of sacred rights committed by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his party at the last session.

MR. CASGRAIN'S WARNING.

After the health of the King had been duly honored, Mr. T. Chase Casgrain, K. C., proposed the health of Hon. Thomas Chapais, the guest of the evening. He recalled the services of Mr. Chapais on the platform, in the press, and in the house to the Conservative party, and to the Province. The Club Lafontaine, he declared, had decided on honoring Mr. Chapais for his services, but more especially for his outspoken eloquence on the occasion of the Whitney banquet when his words had echoed the feelings which was in the hearts of all French-Canadian Conservatives. Lafontaine, after whom the Club was named, had been the champion of his race and creed, while he had been the greatest respecter of the feelings and views of others. The members of the Club wished to follow along the same lines. They did not wish to set up a separate party, but they wanted to remain within a party that maintained the traditions left them by a Macdonald and a Cartier and a Tupper, men who had been great because they had respected the views of all the different elements in a mixed country.

To those who were not ready to stand by the principles handed down by the Conservative party from its great leaders in the stirring days of the founding of Confederation, the French Conservatives had merely to say, "We cannot work with you." What the members of the Lafontaine Club wanted in common with the other Conservatives of Quebec Province was to have men who were willing to stand for mutual respect of the views of the diverse elements of the population at the most critical periods, regardless of previous party affiliations. How, he asked, could the Conservative party ever expect to succeed if it were subject to the deleterious influences which had been the greatest obstacles to the careers of the leaders of the party in days gone by. As the most eloquent exponent of these views, Mr. Chapais was welcome in their midst, and he invited them to drink the health.

CHAPAIS EULOGIZES LAFONTAINE.

Hon. Thomas Chapais rose after prolonged enacting, and again was greeted with enthusiastic approval. After expressing his emotion at the testimony, he congratulated the founders of the club on their work, and on their choice of a name. He could do no better than recall the history of Lafontaine. His name was an inspiration at the present moment. He declared that he had been astonished to read in a paper published in this city that a gentleman in public life connected with the Federal Government, had dared to invoke the name of Lafontaine to name of the great departed, he wished to protest against the invocation which the present party in power had sacrificed the sacred rights of a portion of the population of this country. In the club which bore the justly the shameful cowardice with named, as an example to justify of that great name to cover such an act.

True, Lafontaine had accepted the Act of Union, but he had done so because he had considered that it might be possible to find therein a satisfactory solution for the aspirations of his people. He had displayed, together with the admirable Baldwin, his twin brother in politics, the most admirable courage in the fight against the Family Compact, and he did not hesitate to carry on the struggle even in direct opposition to the representative of the Crown. To talk of compromise in connection with Lafontaine was to make a travesty on history. Lafontaine had resigned office and sacrificed honors rather than compromise, but in the end he had won that he and his faithful companions fought for responsible government in reality as in name. He had not feared to oppose some who had been his political friends. He had struggled for the reality against those who gave the shadow he had, mercilessly opposed those who pompously gave the name while holding back the thing.

"What strong men were the statesmen of those days!" exclaimed Mr. Chapais, with an eloquence which aroused his hearers. "True, they

had not silver tongues, but their word was pure gold. Lafontaine refused to practise with tyranny, to submit to fanaticism. He had braved even the torch of the incendiary and the fury of the mob to stand by his principles, and he won the day. It was not in the life of Lafontaine that they must look for examples of surrender, of capitulation, and of the policy of "sauve qui peut."

NO BELIEVER IN COMPROMISE.

The speaker did not know whether his hearers had been struck, as he had been, with the extraordinary attachment lately manifested by their political opponents for the policy of compromise. Whether in bidding good-bye to a Mayor who had remained beyond his time in the chair in the opening of a new branch of railway, or in the inauguration of new Provinces, were to be heard the praises of what was called a compromise, but what was, in very truth an ignominious defeat.

Woe to the nationality whose leaders inculcate the doctrine of backing down, who sow the germs of the chronic disease of abandonment of rights. The speaker recognized that it was impossible in politics to carry principles to their uttermost limit. Concessions were necessary at times, but there must be a point at which concessions could go no further, and sacred rights could not be thus sacrificed.

He expressed the view that the French-Canadians were too apt to be satisfied with words for deeds, with sterile parade instead of a display of principle. They accepted things too complacently. They took the problems of the country too lightly, without giving them sufficient study.

THE PROBLEMS OF THE DAY.

He touched upon several questions which should engage the attention of serious men. The first was that of electoral reform. Was it not time to reorganize the system? The base was right, but the organism was defective, and some means should be found to raise the standard of the corruption of the electorate. The question of capital and labor also offered a fruitful field for study. Too many people took sides on his question without seeking to make themselves acquainted with conditions on both sides.

Another great question was that of public instruction. In this country are to be found a great number of people, some in perfect good faith who clamor loudly for what are called national schools, but which the experience of many countries have shown to be neutral or godless schools. After fifty years of struggle he was reluctantly compelled to admit that he believed the majority of the citizens of this country did not realize that the safety of the future lay in Separate or Confessional Schools. A further campaign must be kept up persistently, to demonstrate beyond cavil that the strongest citizenship is found among men who in their school days have had the principles of morality and religion inculcated into them in their every-day school life. In a country like this, with its radical differences in creeds, the only means of giving that necessary religion instruction in the schools is by establishing Separate Schools.

"THE PERIL FROM THE INSIDE"

The peril from the inside, however, was greater than that from outside. There were a number of pseudo reformers agitating the important question of public instruction. The most violent were those who had an object which they dared not avow, while they were assisted by some well meaning people who by avowing just what they wanted showed how little they knew of the subject. The greatest proposal so far had been the establishment of a minister to replace a council of public instruction. He quoted eminent authority to show that this would be a retrograde movement.

ELECTIONAL PROGRESS NEEDS EQ.

Mr. Chapais freely admitted that the primary school system needed improvement. The condition of the teachers today was a reproach; there was a necessity, too, for improvement in the sanitary and physical conditions about the school houses. Sincere, earnest men could improve these conditions without causing a revolution in the system, which was well fitted for a Province like this to guard the interests of the minority especially. Men of all shades of political opinion could join hands to effect the necessary reforms and at the same time to shut out the pseudo reformers who want to overturn, instead of to build up, who want to drag the schools into the political arena, whereas it should be placed on the highest plane.

He did not mean to make a political harangue, however, but had deemed it well to warn them against a policy of capitulation which seemed to possess such charms for the leaders of the party in power. The Conservative party had suffered severe defeats in this Province, but they need not blush for their record, and there was no reason for dis-

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couragement. A party which claimed as its leaders Lafontaine, Morin, Tache and Cartier was a party of tradition and progress. They need not fear to speak, to show themselves, and to act. They possessed a distinct autonomy with a political party. In conclusion he appealed to his hearers to be of the country before being of the party, to be faithful to their traditions rather than to their alliances, to bear up under defeat, to work along steadily and honestly for the future of this great country.

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At the reception to Roosevelt in Atlanta Miss Selma Adelaide Allen was one among hundreds of lady guests who in line awaited their opportunity to be presented to the president. After shaking hands with a large number he was interrupted by Secretary Loeb, who told him he was exceeding his time limit.

"Oh, very well," said the president, "but I can't go until I have been presented to that young lady over there," pointing to the graceful shrinking figure of Miss Allen. She was told of the president's wish, and was led, blushing and smiling to where he stood and was presented to him.

"I am honored," said Roosevelt, while holding her hand, as is his custom with those who particularly attract him, "to meet the most beautiful woman I have seen in the south."

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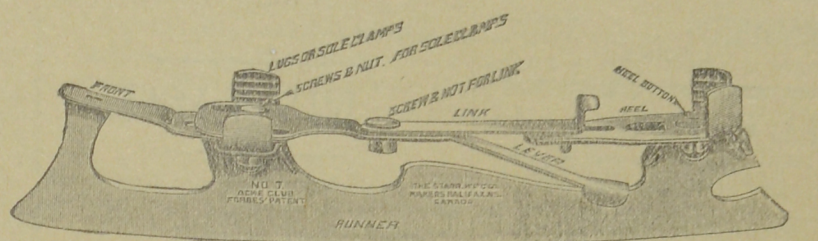
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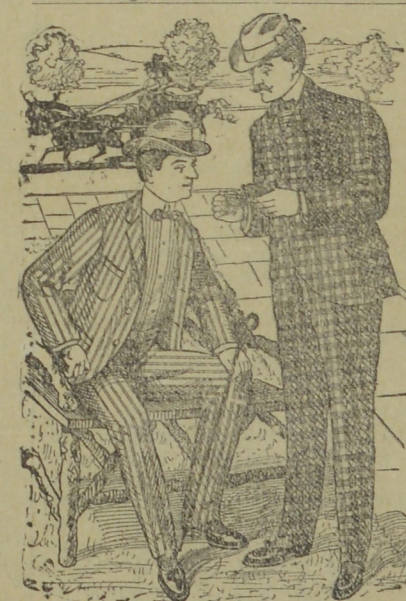
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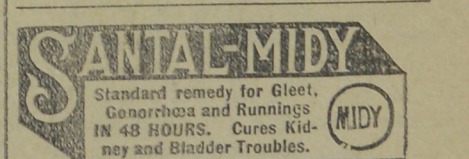
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