

SPEECH OF A STATESMAN.

Eloquent and Patriotic Utterances of Sir Wilfrid Laurier at the Toronto University Banquet.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier at the recent Toronto University banquet in his honor, spoke as follows:

Mr. Chairman and gentlemen: It is my first duty to express to the members of the Literary Society of the University my appreciation of the invitation with which they have favored me and the subsequent honor involved in the toast to which I am called upon to respond. Permit me to express my pride also to know a fact which I did not know before, that this is the first time that the Prime Minister of Canada has been honored by his presence at one of these annual banquets. (Applause.) Gentlemen you stand on the threshold of life. The future is there—open before you with all its hopes and its possibilities. There is therein an advantage of which you are at this moment perhaps little aware, and the full value of which you will know only when the time comes that it is no longer within your grasp. Your age is the age of hope and of enthusiasm, and, if I may be permitted to add, of illusion. Do not take that word amiss nor in any doubt, since those of us who are older than you are know and could tell you that there is in the illusions of youth more joy for the individual and more benefit for the community than in the colder calculations of more mature years. Yours, I say, is the age of hope, of enthusiasm, of anxious searching after truth, of noble resolves and generous impulses. At your age those words that stand at the head of the toast, "Canada and the Empire," cause to arise before your eyes many questions and problems to which you are anxious to find solutions, to which those who came before you were anxious to find solutions and which they did not always find. I also—once upon a time I also was young, and I remember enough of my young days to know that I can interpret the feelings and thoughts prominent in your hearts and minds, and those feelings are for Canada, your native land. (Applause.) And next to it is the land, and not far from it is the land of your ancestors, to which you are bound by law, constitution, and, still more, by sentiment. (Renewed applause.)

OUR LAND IS THE LAND.

For, after all, it is just as natural to love one's own country as to love one's own mother. Whatever may be the land of one's birth, be it ever so barren, cold or raw, it is the land of all lands. Scotland has not been particularly favored by nature, but to the true son of old Scotia her crags and moors, her heather-clad hills, are the charms which are not approached even in the luxurious wealth lavished by nature upon more favored climes. Equally interesting and pathetic is the love of the Irishman for his native soil, illustrated as it was on one occasion by a poor old woman in the streets of London, and who, meeting a truck laden with peat, begged to be allowed to take a small lump of it, which she put next to her heart, because it bore the soil of old Ireland. And with the love of country there is mixed the pride of country, and perhaps the two are not easily distinguished. Everything that is connected with the history of our country, the achievements of our advancement, the rank and station which it has obtained in the eyes of other nations—all this is the patrimony, is the heritage which the patriot has the full right to enjoy as a treasure. Gentlemen, you are—I will not say fresh from—but you are actually engaged in the study of the classics. Let me therefore recall to your memory the history of the Roman Empire. You know the City of the Seven Hills. That empire embraced Italy, North Africa, Spain, Greece, Syria, Egypt, Asia Minor, but you know that its chief pride was for one of her people to say to himself: "Ego civis Romanus sum." (Cheers.)

A NEW EMPIRE ARISE.

Since the fall of the mighty Roman structure many attempts have been made at empire-building, and all have been of short duration, until one has risen in our own age, which is not as compact as was the Empire of Rome, but which extends over lands and continents, the existence of which was not even thought of or dreamt of in the heyday of Roman splendor. And since the proud days of Roman citizenship there has been no title broader than the title of one who can say, "Ego civis Britannicus sum." (Cheers.) I once had a very concrete and somewhat amusing example of the pride of the Englishman for his own country. Some years ago I was addressing a political meeting in company with some friends in a far-off settlement in what is now the province of Saskatchewan. The meeting was not a very large one, although farmers had come from thirty miles around to see the men of the east. (Laughter.) But in the audience in the very first

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row, and only a few feet from the platform, there was one whose countenance attracted my attention. He was a young man of perhaps twenty-five years of age, who followed everything with no particular enthusiasm, nor with any admiration, but with what seemed to be good-natured interest. His countenance caught my attention and maintained it to the last. As soon as the meeting was over I went to him and asked him if he would tell me what country he came from. His eye brightened, a smile passed over his lips; this was his answer. "I'm a blooming Englishman." (Laughter and cheers.) "You will agree with me young gentlemen, that there was not in this expression the majesty of the classical one, 'Civis Britannicus,' but in its quaintness there was perhaps all the pride derived, and natural, from centuries of victory and honors which have brought England to the proud position which it at the present time occupies in the world. (Cheers.) This pride, sir, is not alone confined to the sons of England. It is claimed at the present time by all the offshoots of England. Whittier, the American poet, and, in my mind and judgment, the most American of all the American poets, said:

"Oh Englishmen! in hope and creed,
In blood and tongue, our brothers!
We too, are heirs of Runnymede,
And Shakespeare's fame and Cromwell's deed."

Are not alone our mother's! Well, gentlemen, if the Americans can claim that English history is part of their own, though they are now severed from the mother land, with what greater truth can you whose history is still part of British history make that claim?

TURN AT LAST TO CANADA.

But though all here are proud, as we well may be, of our connection with English history, it is to Canada, our own land, that we at last turn. Canada has also a history. We have not much to boast of of military fame, though I think we can all admit that in the long contest waged on this continent by France and England for supremacy, even though the armies engaged were small compared to the mighty battalions that have contended elsewhere, that those armies represented what has always been characteristic of the prowess of both nations, the brilliancy of the French and the tenacity of the English. (Applause.) I care not for what little glory we have had of military glory, as we have had I almost wish to never had. May this country be separated for ever in the future from the awful scourge of war. (Applause.) If our country is to gain renown let it be in the arts of peace, though in the fine arts and literature we have little as yet to boast of. In agriculture we have done a little better. In regard to both we have much to do. One thing we can express some legitimate satisfaction. We have been in advance of the world in one respect: we have been pioneers in civilization. The last century has been remarkable in many ways, but more remarkable for a revolution little spoken of in the relations which have characterized the parent State and the colonies.

WALK WITH HEAD UPRIGHT.

At this moment Canada has a population of six millions, almost as large a population as Belgium, larger than that of Denmark and Greece and larger than that of several of the most famous nations of Europe. Canada is still a colony. This word, this appellation "colony" has always carried up to this time a badge of inferiority. At this time it is no more a badge of inferiority. We walk with our heads erect. We have not changed the term, but we have changed the status. (Applause.) You who study the classics will remember the Roman officer who came to his general on the eve of battle and urged that he refrain from battle that day, and his answer was, "If the day is unlucky the battle will come on and we will make it lucky." So gentlemen, if there was inferiority in that word colony we have made it a proud term. (Applause.) We are not an independent nation, it is true, but we have all the powers of a nation. We make the laws of the land, we regulate our fiscal policy, we manage our internal affairs, we control our own defence. We do not yet make our own commercial treaties, but this we can have as soon as we want it, not by a change of constitution, but by a mere exchange of despatches between the Governor-General and the Colonial Secretary. (Applause.) This is the position of Canada, and of the larger colonies of Great Britain.

HOW CHANGE WAS BROUGHT ABOUT.

How has this taken place? What has been the genesis, the origin of this rise to the status of nations of the colonies without breaking off the ties which bind them to the mother-

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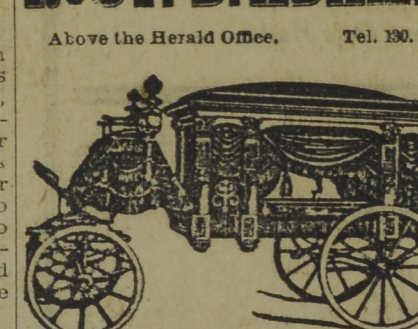
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