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AN UNPATRIOTIC COURSE

In his speech at the Ottawa Liberal Convention last week, Sir Wilfrid Laurier took occasion to call attention to the unpatriotic attitude which Mr. Borden assumed in his British Columbia speeches on Oriental immigration and the provincial subsidy question and administered a stinging rebuke to the Tory leader.

As everybody is aware, only one year ago, a trade treaty with Japan was ratified by the Canadian Parliament, and already the trade of this country with the Japanese empire has increased, and will develop into large proportions. Japan takes our flour, our cattle, our lumber and other products. Japan is an ally of Great Britain, and for any statesman of this country to speak words that might embolden us in serious difficulty with Japan is unpatriotic.

Mr. Borden took that course to pander to political prejudice in the political support for his party in the Pacific province, where there is a strong feeling against the Orientals.

"I do not want to speak offensively," said Sir Wilfrid, in discussing the question at the Ottawa meeting. "I question my words will be reported in British Columbia, but I speak here the same language that I would speak there if it were my privilege to be there. Perhaps my words will be unwelcome there, but I tell them: 'You may have your views upon the question, and you are hostile to the immigration of the Oriental races. I do not care for your sentiments, and I believe you are making a mistake.'"

(Applause.) "These are your sentiments, and I am bound to respect them, but whilst I want to respect them I tell you that as long as, and so far as I have the honor to be the adviser of His Excellency the representative of the king of this country, never shall I do a thing which might endanger the alliance with the British crown and the Japanese empire. (Loud applause.)"

"It is not sufficient for any man in the position which I occupy, or which Mr. Borden aspires to occupy, to look at things of the moment," said Sir Wilfrid. "He must look ahead and see what will be the consequence of his action. Such action as that taken by Mr. Borden would be dangerous in the extreme."

"It is not only a question affecting British Columbia, but the whole of the Canadian people, it is a Canadian question and an Imperial question."

"This, then, has led me to say of towns, but operated with better success in the rural districts."

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The Montreal Star sneeringly refers to Hon. Dr. Pugsley as a political novice. A novice, indeed, after twenty-two continuous years of public life, after filling the positions of speaker of the New Brunswick legislature, solicitor-general and attorney-general of this province. Well, if Dr. Pugsley is a political novice, pray what is Mr. Borden, who has been in political life only eleven years, and has never held office. Our Tory friends will discover how much of a novice Dr. Pugsley is before the present session of parliament closes.

What reason was there for Mr. Borden acting in this way? If the people of Canada were to make the mistake which Sir Wilfrid did not think they would, of entrusting Mr. Borden with their destinies, what power would he have to reopen that question? It was not a question which concerned parliament here, but one in which the provinces were all interested, and Mr. Borden had no right to reopen it unless he had the consent of those provinces which had already pronounced upon it. If more was to be said in British Columbia, the other provinces would naturally want more. Before Mr. Borden became the trusted adviser of His Excellency, the representative of the King, he must learn that the man who is at the head of affairs in this country must have a will and opinion of his own. (Applause.)

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WINNER

It is scarcely credible, but it is a fact nevertheless, that Mr. Borden in all his tour of the west never mentioned the autonomy question—never for a moment discussed the great outcome which he and his party tried to make parliament and the country believe three years ago would be perpetrated on the new provinces if the Autonomy bill was enacted. Why they tried to stir up the country to desperate conditions. They preached a race and creed war if the mea-

sure passed parliament, yet Mr. Borden spoke at a dozen places in Saskatchewan and Alberta during his recent tour, and never once mentioned the Autonomy act.

He had learned a lesson. He found his course on that question in parliament was a grave mistake—a tactical blunder, and he religiously steered clear of the school question in his western addresses. It is not mentioned in his elastic platform, it has evidently been dropped from the Tory policy because the government's course has proved the wiser one, and has settled the agitation, as Sir Wilfrid Laurier pacified Manitoba after the Tory government had driven that province to the verge of rebellion by its remedial school legislation.

Mr. Borden would be a very unsafe man to entrust with the government of Canada. He is ready to trim his sails to every passing breeze, and it would not take him long to run this country on the shoals of despair and ruin.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The Telegraph this morning in headlines over its Fredericton despatches announces "Sunday Sports." Large crowds watched horsemen race on streets of the capital. Where were the police?

St. John has a water famine, following the report of the prohibition commission. Well, we know a lot of men in St. John who will still be able to satiate their thirst. The bars are still open.

Some Tory newspapers having hinted that Mr. David Russell of Montreal, had given Dr. Pugsley points as to the Tory corruption fund, the former New Brunswick indignantly denies the accusation.

The local government is employing a New York engineer to report on the question of building a new bridge over the St. John river at its mouth to replace the present St. John suspension bridge, which is inadequate to the service required of it.

Dr. Pugsley says that if Mr. Borden will ask him in parliament for the New Brunswick constituency and the man receiving that \$25,000 in 1904 from the Tory corruption fund, he will be pleased to furnish the Tory leader with this information.

Conservatives of Red Deer, Alberta, have nominated a former American citizen for the House of Commons, Mr. G. F. Root, a cousin of Hon. Elihu Root, United States Secretary of State. Mr. Root is a native of Iowa, but has resided at Red Deer for some years, and is a prominent stock raiser.

The Prohibition Commissioners do not make any recommendations to the government; they only state facts deduced from the evidence which they heard. They find prohibition only partially prohibitive in P. E. Island, and the Scott Act loosely enforced in New Brunswick cities and towns, but operated with better success in the rural districts.

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