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Editorial Notes and Clippings

THE BONDS OF EMPIRE.

The way in which the people of Prince Rupert turned out last night in the downpouring rain to listen to Messrs. Ralph Smith and Duncan Ross discuss the issues of the day in Canadian politics is an evidence of the interest which is being taken in the affairs of the country. And while some may not agree with the speakers, all will admit that it would be better had we more such meetings during the recesses between election that the electors might have an opportunity of hearing questions discussed which are of vital interest to Canada.

The naval question was the chief topic of the evening. This is a matter on which the electors no doubt will be called to cast a ballot in the not very distant future, and the advice given of calmly considering the question with a view to the best interests of Canada and the Empire and the warning against a repetition of the stampede methods employed with such success by the Tory party last election is a good one. As pointed out, the government of the Mother Country has never yet asked for a contribution and her naval experts have repeatedly asserted that the manner in which the colonies can best aid and strengthen the bond of empire is to protect their own shores and trade.

Loyalty to the Empire is something stronger than mere lip expressions and the greatest insult to a Canadian, or any British subject, is to tell him

that his commercial relations with a foreign country affect his devotion to the Empire. If Canada is so feeble that trade in the food products and necessities of life with the United States will alienate the bonds of empire then Canada should not have a navy, nor responsible government either, but should be under the direct government of England, for, if the Canadians are not loyal enough to trade without selling their loyalty with their commerce, then a Canadian navy would be a menace to the Empire. But such is not the case, and time will show that the necessities of life may be brought in from other countries and the consumer will not have to pay a heavy tax to wall in his loyalty.

A FELLOW FEELING.

Sir Richard McBride at Ottawa stated in an interview yesterday that even he had been disappointed because Sir Wilfrid Laurier has not seen fit to declare himself on the question of an emergency contribution. Sir Richard is too impatient to await the announcement of the Borden policy, which must be made in less than a fortnight. We hope Sir Richard's annoyance at the necessity for waiting so long to hear Sir Wilfrid's stand will teach him how to sympathize with the people of Victoria who have been waiting two years to hear what is to be done with the Songhees Reserve. The fellow feeling should make Sir Richard wondrous kind.—Victoria Times.

IMPERIAL HOUSE SEES SOME LIVELY TIMES ON HOME RULE

GOVERNMENT WAS DEFEATED BUT DID NOT RESIGN—ASQUITH CALLED A TRAITOR AND MEMBER EJECTED FROM HOUSE

London, Nov. 14.—Sir William Bull, during the debate on Home Rule, called Premier Asquith a traitor. He was promptly ejected from the house.

When parliament re-assembled today the riot of the previous night was renewed, but not over the financial clauses of the bill.

It became impossible for anyone to get a hearing owing to howls and cries of derision from the opposition.

Amid a terrific uproar, the speaker adjourned the House till Monday.

Sir Frederick Banbury, a London Unionist member, moved an amendment providing that the total payment from the Imperial exchequer to the Irish parliament should not exceed \$12,500,000, exclusive of the amount received from Irish taxation and having regard to the amount saved in the Irish administration by the transfer of certain services to the control of the Irish government.

There has been considerable opposition among the members on the ministerial side of the



PREMIER ASQUITH

London, Nov. 11.—The Asquith government was defeated on a snap division committee during the debate on the financial clauses of the home rule bill. The vote was 228 to 206. There is no intention, according to the leaders of the government of the ministry resigning, and it is more than likely that the clause will be dropped or amended to give satisfaction to certain Liberal and Labor members who refrained from voting on the clause.

When the tellers announced the result of the vote there were loud cries from the opposition calling on the government to resign.

The government is now faced with three possible courses. The cabinet can resign, it can drop the home rule bill or it can bring forward a motion to recommit the bill and obtain the opinion of the full House after it has given due notice of its intention to do so.

A government official said that the government would not resign, and the general opinion is that it will move for the reconsideration of the bill. The division was unexpected and occurred on Monday, when many of the supporters of the government had not returned from their week-end vacations.

House to the financial provisions of the home rule bill. Some seventy Liberal members have given voice to their objection to the Irish parliament being given control of the customs, as they argue such control would enable the Irish parliament to introduce protection.

The followers of William O'Brien announced their intention of withdrawing from the House during the proceeding of the committee on the financial clauses of the bill.

The government is considering its position in view of the adverse vote in committee. The cabinet does not necessarily have to resign, and is unlikely to do so in face of the international crisis.

When the result of the vote was announced the Unionists cheered wildly.

Premier Asquith, when he came in, quietly announced that the sitting would be adjourned.

Snap divisions during the meetings of the committees of the House of Commons are frequent, although this is the first experience of the kind of the present government.

Rt. Hon. Arthur J. Balfour, when he was premier, suffered in this way several times during his last parliament.

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