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LAURIER KEEPS THE TRUCE

While a few ultra Conservative journals in Ontario, desirous of bringing on a premature general election, declare that there is no political truce and that the government can dissolve at any time without breaking any agreement, implicit or explicit, a very different view of the situation prevails in the province of Quebec. There The Montreal Star which strove mightily to turn the Liberals out of power, and can hardly be suspected of undue regard for Sir Wilfrid Laurier, says:

"Sir Wilfrid Laurier is to be warmly commended by Canadians of all parties—who realize that the first business of every British community today is to fight and win this war, for the decisive way in which he prevented a breach of the political truce in Hochelaga. Sir Wilfrid pledged himself to such a truce when the first German gun was fired, and most loyally has he kept that pledge. He is with those who believe that there should be no civil division—no party election—in this country until the war is over, and with him stand, we are confident, all the better and more patriotic elements in the country.

"He has resisted a considerable temptation in vetoing a contest at this time in Hochelaga, when it is felt by many that the ill-smelling war purchase scandals might have offered him an effective issue. But he believes, apparently—and, we think, correctly—that the time is not yet for a discussion of these vital and far-reaching questions before the electorate. Undoubtedly, it is the duty of parliament as at present constituted to discuss them, for this parliament must stand un-

til the war is finished as the trustee of the nation. The whole country has been shamed by the revelations before the Davidson Commission, and in war time punishment for such offences should be even swifter than in the less critical times of peace. But this is a far different matter from seeking to strengthen a political party in Parliament by contesting an open constituency.

"In taking this stand Sir Wilfrid will have the support not only of the saner sections of his own party, but of the less partisan portions of the Conservative party as well. He may not get his just meed of praise from sycophants who ever worship the risen sun, from self-seekers who fawn upon the powers that be, but he will receive his reward in the esteem of all manly men whom neither partyism nor 'patronage' can blind, and from the calm verdict of history which will immortalize the statesmen who stand most steadily by the State in this, her supreme hour of trial."

When this statement in The Montreal Star is placed alongside of the rancorous criticism to which the Liberal leader is subjected in reactionary Ontario papers like The Toronto News and London Free Press the contrast is very marked. There is no doubt at all that the verdict of history will be that predicted by The Montreal Star. Sir Wilfrid Laurier need not fear that his place in the affections of his fellowcountrymen or in the annals of the Dominion will be rendered less secure because he has been shorn of power and has as a result lost the praise of "sycophants who ever worship the risen sun, of self-seekers who fawn upon the powers that be."—Toronto Globe.

HAZELTON MINING DEAL IS CONSUMMATED

The Debenture group of four mineral claims, situated in the Babine range, some twenty miles east of Moricetown, has been bonded to T. H. Rea, of Toronto, for a good price.

Henry Bretzins and A. H. Morten, the owners of this promising property, have done considerable work, disclosing a vein of high grade silver-lead ore, and O. T. Ross, who reported on the claims for Mr. Rea, was so pleased that he recommended the purchase of the group. Mr. Rea made a personal inspection of the showings, with the result that the deal was closed in Hazelton this week.

The price has not been made public, but as the purchaser is well satisfied with the bargain and Mr. Bretzins says the vendors have no kick coming, it is evident the deal is a good one.

Mr. Rea, who operated in Rossland in the early days of that camp and has since been prominent and successful in the Porcupine district, has had a wide experience in mining and his entry into the local mining field will be welcomed. He and his associates are preparing to develop the Debenture group on an adequate scale, and will inaugurate work as early as possible in the spring.

A number of other properties in Omineca district are being considered by Mr. Rea, and Mr. Bretzins is now engaged in examining several claims on the lower Skeena on his behalf.

The same purchasers have acquired the Basin group of six claims, adjoining the Debenture on the east and located by A. T. and W. F. Harter and O. T. Ross.—Omineca Miner.

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NEW AUSTRALIAN DESTROYER LAUNCHED

A new destroyer for the Royal Australian Navy was launched at Sydney a few weeks ago, making the third addition to this class during the past year. The first was launched in December, 1914, the event being of some historical importance since this vessel was the first warship to be entirely built in Australia. The "fleet unit" to which the new destroyer is attached consisted of thirteen vessels, authorized in 1909. They included one battle cruiser—Australia; three light cruisers—Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane; six destroyers, and three submarines—two of which have unfortunately been lost, one in the Pacific and the other in the Dardanelles.—United Empire Magazine.

RED ROSE GROUP HAS BEEN LEASED

William MacAdam, formerly a newspaper man in Sandon, but now of Edmonton, was here this week to close a deal for the Red Rose group, one of the best copper properties on Rocher de Boule mountain. He and his associates have negotiated a lease and bond, the terms of which have not been made public.

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