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LOYALTY

Some home truths were uttered at a recent meeting of Conservatives in Toronto. There was some delightfully frank speaking, which the chairman did his utmost to stop, but it was left to Alderman McBrien to wind up the meeting with the old Tory wheeze, "After all," said he, "it (the Tory party) is the only loyal party—the only party that is really loyal." Mr. McBrien and the rest of his tribe will probably admit that a party is only loyal in so far as its individual members are loyal, and he would be a rash man who would attempt to make an estimate of the loyalty of any party or aggregation of men. Probably Mr. McBrien would argue that a man must be loyal to the Conservative party if he is to be loyal to Canada, while one of his outspoken friends in the Toronto meeting would probably declare that, to be loyal to Canada, a man must fight the Conservative party as it is in the Dominion today.

A great deal depends upon a man's conception of loyalty. The fidelity of a dog to its master, no matter what stamp of a man that master may be, is loyalty, but it cannot be considered loyalty of a very high standard. Loyalty to a friend is often demonstrated by telling that friend just exactly where he has erred, and the loyalty of some of the members of the Toronto Conservative Association was shown by the fact that they had the courage to get up and say just what they felt about Sam Hughes or Sir Robert Borden. The dog-like fidelity which causes a man to fawn upon a party leader, not because he is

right, but because he is the leader of that party, is no very high standard of loyalty, if it can be given the name at all.

Probably Mr. McBrien would declare that John Wesley Allison is a loyal son of Canada. The defunct colonel may be so, but he had rather a peculiar way of showing it. The gentleman who sold hay a few times over and pocketed the proceeds may have strong ideas in regard to loyalty, only he did not think that loyalty had anything to do with hay. In the same way, many gentlemen within the Conservative party and the Dominion, may not dream for a moment that there can be any relationship between loyalty and the supplying of good shoes to the army, or the charging of exorbitant prices for binoculars, or the selling of aged and infirm horses to the militia department. Many men keep their loyalty and their business in separate watertight compartments, in case they get mixed.

Reverting again to parties, it is a matter of history that, on one strenuous occasion, the present government thought it advisable to link up with a gentleman who had declared in no gentle fashion that he would shoot holes in the Union Jack, while another friend, Henri Bourassa, has been allowed to publish any old thing he pleased in his paper, loyal or otherwise, and several other very close friends of the Borden government have declared themselves something very much akin to anti-British. Yet, the Conservative party has stuck by them and protected them. Why? Simply out of loyalty to themselves. "To thine ownself be true" was

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Mr. McBrien, the ally of Bourassa and the rest, has the temerity to raise the question of party loyalty, which is simply another crude Tory attempt to cast a reflection upon the fact that Sir Wilfrid Laurier is a French-Canadian. There is no necessity to defend the loyalty of the "Grand Old Man" of Canada, any more than it is necessary to assert that he would not commit burglary. The fact that Sir Wilfrid is a French-Canadian had not a little to do with the fact that Canada made such tremendous strides in the fifteen years of his premiership. The optimism and unconquerable spirit of the French people in Europe today is the wonder of the world, and Canada owes much, how much, it will more fully realize in the years to come, to the clear-sighted optimism and brilliant leadership of this greatest of Canadians.

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 And further take notice that action, under section 85, must be commenced before the issue of such Certificate of Improvements.
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