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QUEBEC AND THE WAR

In its efforts to show that Sir Wilfrid Laurier is responsible for the alleged lack of interest in recruiting in Quebec, the Victoria Colonist claims that, since Sir Wilfrid is the most influential French-Canadian, he ought to be held responsible for the outbursts of Henry Bourassa and his friends. Bourassa and his kind can only be dealt with by the Dominion government.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has no power to interfere with Bourassa's anti-recruiting propaganda, while the government at Ottawa has ample power to deal with this traitor to Canada and the Empire. One young Scotchman, a Socialist who does not believe in war, is spending two years in jail because he raised his voice against it, yet, Henri Bourassa, who has no war to make upon war but simply wishes to vaunt his hatred against everything British, is allowed to speak and write against recruiting as often as he pleases.

The Colonist accuses Sir Wilfrid of placing politics before the war. Was it for political effect that Laurier went to Montreal and called upon every man able to fight to join the colors? Was it for political effect that the Liberal leader granted freely an extension of

parliament, when he and his followers could have driven the graft-ridden Borden government from office? Was it for political effect that this aged statesman addressed more recruiting meetings than any member of the government?

In allowing Bourassa and his disloyal sheet freedom, the Borden government is placing politics before patriotism. Did not Bourassa and his avowed disloyal followers assist Borden into power? He must be recompensed for the part he played in defeating Laurier in the last general election. Reciprocity was the issue in every part of the Dominion, except Quebec. There, the issue was the Canadian navy. Laurier's Imperialism was the theme in Quebec. Dr. Blondin said it was necessary to "shoot holes in the Union Jack to breathe the air of liberty". Borden's "colleagues" in 1911 accused Laurier of being an Imperialist, while today he is accused by other supporters of the government of being unpatriotic. The scheme is too transparent. In Quebec, Laurier is too patriotic, in British Columbia, he is not patriotic enough. The amusing part is that the accusers in each instance are in the same ranks. In 1911, Borden was obliged to give three cabinet seats to Nationalists from Quebec, who accused Laurier of being too patriotic to the Empire. Borden had to ally himself with the men who would "shoot holes in the Union Jack," as a matter of political expediency. Politics before patriotism was Borden's motto then, and the fact that he still allows Bourassa a free rein proves that it is so now.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS

Sir George E. Foster's Empire Club speech has put the Journal in an awkward predicament. It contents itself with a typical attempt to twist the remarks of Sir George so that they appear to mean something else than intended.

Ottawa has decided not to punish deserters from the army if they report for duty by the middle of next month. It would be interesting to learn just how many deserters there are and why they deserted.

The Allied reply to the German claims of victory in Rumania is a renewal of activity on the Macedonian front. The Greek situation should be cleared up early in December and then there will be something stirring amongst the Bulgarians and Turks.

The Victoria Colonist takes great pains to point out that the Lieutenant-Governor, if he cares, can refuse to sanction the appointment of a cabinet minister. He accepted the appointment of W. R. Ross, Tom Taylor and W. J. Bowser without a murmur.

The Borden government linked up with the Nationalists and the price paid was the Laurier naval policy. Today, there is a belated attempt to recruit the nucleus of a Canadian navy. It is a scheme worthy of the hearty support of every patriotic Canadian, and it was just as worthy in 1914 as it is today.

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