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SIR WILFRID'S IMPERIALISM

Is Laurier loyal? That is, by the order of a great political party, the selected issue on which the impending elections in Canada are to be fought-out. Of course, some issue there had to be. And if the record of Rogers and Sir Sam would not do—why, then they must take Sir Wilfrid. If it is hopeless to whiten the one, then they must blacken the other. In default of a policy or a party record, one can always bespatter the opposing leader.

So the gauntlet is on the ground. Let us pick it up. Every Tory lodge evidently has received its commands. And this is to be the red herring across the trail. Well, every such question deserves an answer. No evasion. Is Sir Wilfrid an Imperialist or a rebel? Has the open book of his life been only a long hypocrisy? He who has sworn allegiance to three sovereigns. He has received their confidence. He has bent the knee and kissed hands in the palace. He is of the privy council. He has vaulted in eloquent periods and in many lands, his unbounded admiration for the British institutions of his birth over all others. And now, after seventy years, we are told that he has not deserved that confidence, and we are asked to believe that he would betray it. That he blows hot and cold. That in thirty recruiting patriotic orations delivered recently to his race, he had only expressed the thoughts that were undermost and the thoughts in the back of his head.

Now when a government itself or an individual is on trial, slander may sometimes be a substitute for defense. But, in that case, you must make sure that your jury is densely ignorant, and hopelessly prejudiced. If they should also be illiterate, blind and deaf, it might also help some. But on no other assumption can you safely insult the intelligence of such a public, and submit such reasons in support of such an indictment.

Carlyle begins one of the most seathing and spiritual

and useful of his lessons to his countrymen by saying: "The population of England is about thirty millions; mostly fools."

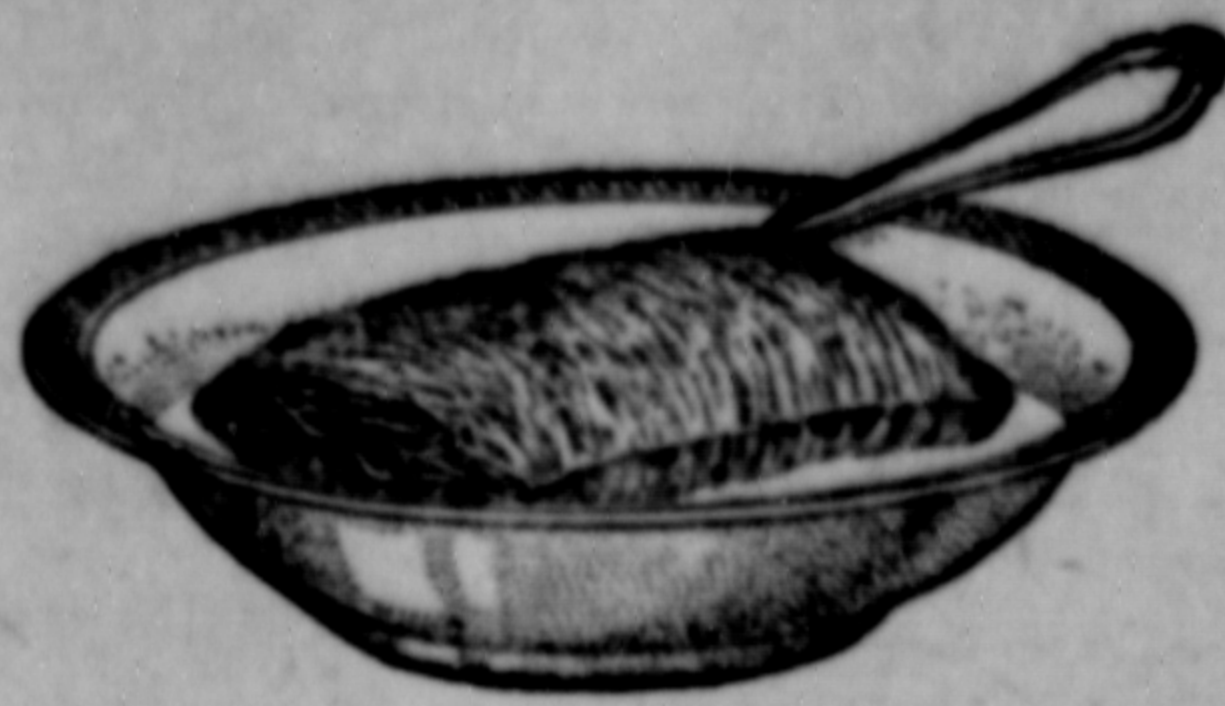
With a slight verbal variation, the Conservative managers at Ottawa must have adapted the text of the Sage of Chelsea. Let us take them seriously, however. Because we see about us, on every hand at this moment, all those signs which generally precede that peaceful, periodical revolution called a parliamentary election.

And the test of sincerity is this: Has the accused statesman held consistently the same language at various times and in divers provinces, and even foreign lands? Or has he varied with time and place and audience, and every wind that blows? Has he been an educational power with his countrymen for good or for evil? Has he timidly held one tone in friendly and another tone in unfriendly communities? Let us see. Let us go back to the ante-bellum events; of yesterday, and even of the day before.

In 1902, shortly after the Fashoda incident, when every British journalist in Europe was doing what little he could to cultivate the tender, budding plant of the present entente, France was divided into hostile camps. Half the Paris press was pronouncedly anti-British. Pro-German editors were not wanting. German spies and even German gold were not absent from the game. It would never do to let "perfidious Albion" become the head of a continental coalition.

And, at this time, Sir Wilfrid was being honored and feasted in London. He, and Botha, were giving the world personal proofs of the wisdom of the British way of dealing with conquered races. And they were both champions of the superiority of British institutions over all others. The result was that the jingo press of Paris, when Sir Wilfrid arrived there, the guest of the President and Premier, assailed him with invective. He was a "renegade Frenchman." "An apostate." "A convert to British ideas. More British than the

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King himself." "And he should be treated in France as a malevolent stranger whose heart was British, though his blood was French." And more of this kind.

He is assailed here for being too French, as it was in Paris, where he was accused of being too British.

In one of the Premier's speeches, of the Jubilee year in London, Sir Wilfrid said: "I am British at heart, though French by blood. And there is not today in Canada a single Canadian of French descent who is not convinced that under the British flag he has enjoyed a large measure of liberty than he would have enjoyed under the flag of France."

Sir Wilfrid, who has always held the same language on both sides of the channel; who has told French audiences clearly and kindly the curious secret of French-Canadian loyalty to British institutions; and who has recalled courageously and sincerely before English audiences in that touching confidence and simplicity they admire there, how all the French legend, the French feeling, the French ancestry, was not incompatible with his oath of allegiance, is expected by a few violent critics, to forswear that allegiance, or to qualify it, in favor of this excellent country which failed to defend his great grandfather.

"The very head and front of his offending, hath this extent; none other."

The French Canadian is well; and like the philosopher, where he is well, there is his country.

The French-Canadian has taken his own way, and a high—
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LAND ACT

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Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 15th day of November, A. D. 1916.
JAMES McDONALD,
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NAVIGABLE WATERS PROTECTION ACT

R. S. C. Chapter 115.

Hume B. Babington and Norman R. Brodburst of the City of Prince Rupert, in the Province of British Columbia, hereby give notice that they have under Section 7 of the said act deposited with the Minister of Public Works at Ottawa and in the office of the District Registrar of Titles at the Land Registry Office at the City of Prince Rupert aforesaid a description of the site and the plans of a wharf proposed to be built in Henslung Bay, Langara Island, in front of Lots 999 and 998, Queen Charlotte Island Land District, Province of British Columbia.

AND TAKE NOTICE that after the expiration of one month from the date of the first publication of this notice the said Hume B. Babington and Norman R. Brodburst will under Section 7 of the said act apply to the Minister of Public Works at his office in the City of Ottawa, Province of Ontario, for approval of the said site and plans and for leave to construct the said wharf.
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