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the friends to whom I have spoken on has been making giant strides in the tives in the imperial parliament this subject, that is that THIS WOULD DESTROY THE merce. This is what he says:

FRENCH CANADIAN SECTION OF THE DOMINION,

destroy the individuality of the French Canadian. I might ask if the union in Great Britain destroyed the Norman French individuality in that kingdom? Travel through England and you will find old Norman French families to the fore throughout England, Scotland and Ireland, just as distinct, just as prominent, taking the same proud positions they did hundreds of years ago. And have no hesitation in saying that believe that if such a union formed of England's colonies, French Canadian individuality would be maintained; they certainly

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and privileges they enjoy in Canada because none of them would be terfered with and the same position which has been held by the Norman French in England would be bound to be held by French Canadians in the Dominion of Canada and in the great empire. Look at French in South Africa. they are nominally called Dutch they have not lost their individuality. Look over the list of the names the men who faced the British sucers fully in the recent war, and w'll b. seen that they are all French descent, Botha, Cronje, Wet, De la Rey, Viljoen, Joubert, De is of Huguenot You will search in vain for the name of Dutchman of any prominence in that campaign. Frenchman has not been suppressed in South Africa; he has maintained his individuality and the qualities that have made that nation great in every part of the world where they have settled.

The French Canadians in Quebec would not be interfered with. More than that, Sir, Quebec and Montreal above all other places except Halifax and St. John would benefit by this full partnership. It would be from Quebec and Montreal that the ships bearing the products of Canada would sail, and it would be to those ports that they would come bearing the burdens of other parts of the

AT THE BANQUET TO SIR THO-MAS SHAUGHNESSY

laid on that point and I am satisfied her burden in the matter union were impressed by the import- dens of the empire. on the people of Quebec saw more

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ferences of opinion so the colonies Another advantage in such a partneed not fear that they would not be nership is that it would solve the well looked after. There is only colonial problem. Another is that one point on the who:e horizon which Britain finds herself burdened to presents any difficulty and that is maintain such an empire with her gle, the feeling that they were in present indebtedness of the mother- practically, from the colonies.

Club of that city, and reported in the signing of Magna Charta is every Laurier) knows, and I know, what House in order to bring on discussing the colonies. horizon but the genius of men who German author some aspects of this peal if any injustice were done him. 1906. Mr. Wade on that occasion, in British history. And why? Be- Edward Blake's closing pronounce of this subject.

will form the imperial conference, case and in doing so I may be per Each one could demand his rights delivered one of the most eloquent cause under that charter the people ment to the Liberal party of Canada. I do not know what the hon men will form the imperial conference, case and in doing within will, just as did the genius of the mitted to say that it is only within just as did the genius of the mitted to say that it is only within and his demand, if made in justice, orations it has ever been my privimen who formed the Canadian con- a few years that the German empire would be granted and his grievances would be granted and his grievances would be granted and his grievances are longer. The people of Scotland look back Wilfrid Laurier) take the country in- longer beginning that I have not his deliverfederation, rise to the situation and became federated. For a long time redressed, and he would be no longer the difficulty will disappear without Germany was under a customs union or zollverein. After the war of 1870 mercy of any imperial officer or poli-Now comes the one seemingly in Germany perfected her system of con-superable objection in the mind of federation and from that time on she knowledge that his own representarace for supremacy in trade and com- would take good care that no preju-

trade as of our navy, yet you can- he could rely on justice being done not wonder if, with strong and pru- He would understand that any tyrandent government, our industries ex- nv or any injustice which to-day pand while yours stagnate. In ten might be exercised in connection with you in exports as we have already the imperial service would be done passed you in iron and steel manufacture and we shall then be much the richest power in Europe, though advance. As I pointed out previousperhaps outdistanced across the At- ly such a union would reduce the danlantic by the United States.

There is the view presented to the people of Great Britain from Germfamiliar with trade returns are famaking giant strides in her trade at pointing out why the Roman, home and is expanding her foreign Persian, the Grecian and

out what Lord Milner said in his

taining her empire, he says: it, which, again humanly speaking, more intense: nothing else can equally ensure. That surely is an object, which in its magnitude, in direct importance to the welfare of many generations, ordinary objects of political endea-

Lord Milner appreciates that Great in Quebec last June emphasis was Britain has reached the limit of that men who had never dreamt of empire building. But, Sir, it would the benefits to be conferred on the also give the self-respecting colonies city of Quebec by such a partnership an opportunity of sharing in the bur-

ance of the issue. From that time SHARING IN THE PROSPERITY clearly than ever before what it is AND GLORY OF THE EMPIRE for them to remain part and parcel and also Sir, a task which they of the British Empire. We in the not avoid, of sharing in the dangers provinces to the west pour the gold of empire building. It will give the

part and parcel of the British Em- every effort made by her to advance land good-bye, he said: each other, and to make us live as pire, part and parcel of the Dominion and develop the trade of the British Entreat me not to leave thee, or each other, and to make us live as of Canada. But, Sir, if we are going empire is viewed by these peoples the to return from following after thee; every good citizen should live. And in for nationalism and eventual disevery good citizen should live. And in for nationalism and eventual dis-when it costs us these millions year in for nationalism and eventual dis-when it costs us these millions year in for nationalism and eventual diswhen it costs us these millions year ruption of the country let me tell Thus we find other countries, notaband where thou lodgest I will lodge. after year to defend ourselves against them that we would rather spend ly Germany, seeking in every way Thy people shall be my people and ourselves (we who consider ourselves in Portland and Boston ly Germany, seeking in every way Thy people shall be my people and ourserves (we wno consider ourserves our money in Portland and Boston possible to capture Britain's trade thy God my God. the most prominent and enlightened to develop those ports. Freight rates and thus involve her in difficulties. This, Sir, well expresses the sentination in the world), does any man to develop those ports. Portland To the capture Difficulties. This, Sir, well expresses the sentination in the world), does any man to develop those ports. Portland To the capture Difficulties. nation in the world), coes any man are cheaper to Boston and Portland It is likewise well known in the counment of the colonies to the motherpretend for a moment to say that we than to Quebec and Halifax, by these cils of nations that another reason land. Further on he said, speaking as a nation, should stand emptyhanded and not be ready to defend lend with our wheat for one of the sentiment in favor of union : nanded and not be ready to defend land with our wheat for one or two ish empire is the desire by other na- On the contrary, there is voiced in nations that we know are not as cents a bushel less than by Canadian tions to acquire a share in the terhigh in the scale of civilization as ports, and unless we have some se- itories which Great Britain controls large section of the population, at as long as time rolls must have some of our western provinces on the seasystem of military training. The na- of our western provinces on the seation which has it not is unworthy to board ports when we could retain summated as I am here pointing out, be classed among the great rations that to better advantage or expend if Great Britain and her colonies mately we are to form part of the we would then, as His Excellency the or of union is just as strong as, if empire and the downfall of the liber-THE FUTURE OF THIS COUNTRY on this subject have said, stand in a coupled at the same time with the to-day enjoy. Sir, we talk about the STRONG ROOT AMONG THE gracefully as he did on the subject of the world be coupled at the same time with the to-day enjoy. Should war . break out the colonies omy. would of course, as they did in the case of the South African war, take their part, but every man from the colonies in the field would not take sides there and discuss ques- Halifax, will in the near future be feel, as he did in South Africa, that he was more or less regarded as a stranger. Under such a union, every one of the component parts would be in the field on equal terms with the others. There would be no longer, among the children of the colonies who were taking part in the strug- lumbia, on the occasion of a ban- the questions which are to be brought Hon. Edward Blake leaving the arena naturally discuss all the questions which are to be brought Hon. Edward Blake leaving the arena naturally discuss all the questions

dice or false statement could be suc-You are growing as jealous of our cessfully urged against him, but that away at once and for ever. That

ger of militarism to a minimum. I now come to what is possibly the most interesting part of my remarks, any to-day, that in ten years they so far as the right hon. the Firs will pass Britain in her trade. Those Minister (Sir Wilfrid Laurier) is concerned. In my former address on

alone would be a very great step in

miliar with the fact that Germany is this subject, I took the liberty WOULD BE PROTECTED IN ALL I may take opportunity of pointing OTHER GREAT EMPIRES IN HIS

Manchester speech in relation to this The reason was that these great em- of the dream. matter. Speaking of Britain and the pires were administered from the one On another occasion, in Toronto, burdens that Britain bears in main- centre. There was no such thing, un- His Excellency, as reported in the presentatives from all parts of the der their various systems, as decen- Toronto 'News' of Friday, November empire shall meet in one general im- has referred also to the question of know whether my good friend eaters This country must remain a great tralization. There was no leaving to 30, expressed himself in the following are applied as the day will mark the following an equal footing that day will mark the following are applied as the day will mark the following and the following are applied as the day will mark the following and the following are applied as the following applied as the following are applied as the following applied as the following are app power or she will become a poor each component part of the empire language : country; and those who in seeking, the control that rightfully belonged as they are most right to seek, so to it. Every school section, every cial improvement, are tempted to municipal council, every province in neglect national strength, are sim- the remotest part of any one of these ply building their house upon the empires was controlled from the censand. 'These ought ye to have done tral point. The idea of giving each and not to leave the other undone'. of these parts supreme control with-But greatness is relative. Physical in its own sphere was not for a molimitations alone forbid that these ment thought of. But under the sysislands by themselves should retain tem I suggest, each component part the same relative importance among of the great British empire would the vast empires of the modern have full control within its own loworld which they held in the days cal sphere, and the great imperial of smaller states-before the growth parliament would deal solely with the of Russia and the United States, questions which concerned the empire before united Germany made those as a whole. The reason why Greece giant strides in prosperity and com- and Rome fell is much more beautimerce which have been the direct fully put by the right hon. the First result of the development or her Minister (Sir Wilfrid Laurier) than military and naval strength. These any language of mine can express islands by themselves cannot always in his speech I find reported in the remain a power of the very first Toronto 'Globe' of Tuesday, Februrank. But Greater Britain may re- ary 20, 1906. My right hon. friend main such a power, humanly speak- then said-and I know he has not ing, for ever, and by so remaining changed his views, but, on the conwill ensure the safety and the pros- trary, I believe that the views he perity of all the States composing then expressed have since become

The British empire means freedom. The Roman empire meant despotism, concentralization, the absorption of all the parts in a single millions upon millions of human be- mass. The day came when it could ings, is out of all proportion to the not carry its own weight, and crumbled to pieces. The British empire means freedom, decentralization and autonomy. It will live

Those were the words of the right hon, the First Minister or that occasion, and they are words which heartily endorse. I read them with great interest at the time, and I read them with still greater interest today. My right hon. friend, of course, as I do. He did not imply a particular nationhood for Canada, because it was only a few years ago that he and and his friends were willing to

gret I have not the time to do it reds of years. Therefore it is that I commercial union I may point out in advance-something like the from the remarks of my old friend, would impress upon my right hon. that the advocacy of this policy by perial council that is to meet a stent Mr. Wade, of Vancouver, British Co- friend the incomparable importance of the Liberal party was the cause of time hence. These gentlemen week

Gentlemen, it is the honorable and

distinguished privilege of the people of the United Kingdom that they are carrying practically unaided, the and imperial obligations.

This is the language of His Excellency the Governor General and I believe it is the sentiment of the peoconsiders the manifest tendencies of ada's independence. Great Britain and her colonies.

Our friend the Right Hon. the My object has been attained.

NO MAN WILL OCCUPY A MORE PROMINENT POSITION THAN WILL THE RIGHT HON. PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA.

He has it in his power to-day to lay because he can lead the sentiment of Throughout its length and breadth whose aid it has perpetuated an ex- The more they study, the better they Great Britain as an absolute by that speech of my right hon. friend tended liberty throughout the world, think of the proposition. on that occasion was inspired by the were disintegrated and dissolved, it I shall not refer at any length to tion of free trade or protection. sentiment of a closer connection be- would be but a short time when commercial union, the Alaskan boun- own idea is that, in any of these man tween Great Britain and her colonies chaos and anarchy would rule the dary, and other matters which would ters, as I endeavored to show, in an right along the lines of a partnership wide world over, when tyrants would draw the discussion into party poli- steps leading to full partnership union such as I have described. I be supreme and humanity instead of tics and which were advanced by the union, there must necessarily be a should like now to quote-but I re advancing, would retrograde by hund- hon. member for Nicolet. As to imperial council, formal or informal

respect to which your chairman has France holds dear to-day. And I his vote to secure the entry for Ca- ever became a question between the given expression may be the impel- say without fear of contradiction nadian cattle into the British mark- independence of Canada and annear ling motive towards the realization that the day when the full partner- ets, or was he found with those who tion to the United States, I should ship of Great Britain and her colon- were in favor for perpetuating this stand ready not only to vote for ies shall be accomplished, when re-tyrannical exclusion ? an equal footing,-that day will mark

the history of mankind.

DR. CHISHOLM, M. P.

colonies also greater self-respect, that its chief pride was for one of to words which show that he may that IT IS POSSIBLE FOR EACH people of Canada to annex this colonies also greater self-respect, that its chief pride was for one of greater love for the empire and a her people to say of himself: 'Ego yet be of the strongest of those in deeper sense of their share in the description of the mighty Roman structure, Great Britain and her colonies. He that IT IS POSSIBLE FOR THIS try to the United States, and any greater love for the empire and a civis romanus sum.' Since the fall favor of full partnership union among that ITS OWN TARIFF AND HAVE A to make Canada independent of the canada indepe tinies of that empire, in its prosper- of the mighty Roman structure, Great Britain and her colonies.

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Upper and Lower Construction of the Carry of the two particles are the two particles. ibility, which they do not seek to of short duration. Until one has now engaged in the construction of COUNCIL AGAINST THE WORLD. Upper and Lower Canada is avoid, of sharing in the dangers of risen in our own age, which is not the Grand Trunk Pacific, showing Allow me to thank the seconder of Hu-scattered population of Hu-scattered population. avoid, of sharing in the dangers of risen in our own age, which is not the Grand Trunk Pacine, showing Allow me to thank the scattered population of Canada empire building. The benefits to be as compact as was the empire of he has the same faith in the country the resolution (Dr. Chrisholm, of Hu-scattered population of Canada empire building. The benefits to be as compact as was the empire of he has the same faith in the country the resolution (Dr. Chrisholm, of Hu-scattered population of Canada empire building. empire building. 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the foundation deep and broad of the from introducing it into the arena of he has used to-night, he said greatest empire not only that the party politics in any province, and my views were premature. One week world has ever seen, but I believe, for that reason I have even refrained afterwards, I had issued the summer that the world will ever see. This against the wishes of many of my to the Canadian boys and had 23 to glorious offortunity is offered to him friends, from pressing this resolution volunteers ready to go to South a to a division in the present instance. rica. And again to-night he we are ? It goes without saying that curity that our country is going to and thus secure by their acquisition all events, that there should be a that conference to a degree that no I am content to leave it as an education that my views are premature. It is force in the country, and am that my views are premature. It is force in the country, and am that my views are premature. It is force in the country, and am that my views are premature. It is force in the country, and am that my views are premature. It is force in the country, and am that my views are premature. It is force in the country, and am that my views are premature. It is force in the country, and am that my views are premature. It is force in the country, and am that my views are premature. It is force in the country, and am that my views are premature. It is force in the country, and am that my views are premature. It is force in the country, and am that my views are premature. It is force in the country, and am that my views are premature. It is force in the country, and am that my views are premature. It is force in the country, and am that my views are premature. It is force in the country, and am that my views are premature. every nation in history up to the present time has had, and every nation

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gie, the feeling that they were in some sense regarded as soldiers of Governor General by the Canadian before that conference, leading to the of Canadian politics. My right hon, bearing on the points at issue I at Governor General by the Canadian upbuilding of the British empire. The friend the First Minister (Sir Wilfrid merely placing my plan before the orations it has ever been my privi- were granted important liberties. Will the right hon, gentleman (Sir ber for York means by his statement ance here, but it will well repay any with joy and veneration to the vic- to his confidence and declare in this want, to tell him that I have the inone interested in this matter to get tory of Bannockburn. And why? House the language used by Mr. terest of the Dominion of Canada a the newspaper in the library and Because that is the red letter day in Blake in the first draft of that let- much at heart, possibly as most read it. I merely quote the expres- the history of Scottish freedom. Our ter No, he will not do so. I do not of the gentlemen in this House; but sion of His Excellency on this occa- friends across the border celebrate know whether the hon member for I stand here to-night as an insion to show the trend of present with joy the declaration of indepen- Nicolet knows the facts, but I may perialist first and a Canadian second dence. And justly do they do so. state that Mr. Blake pointed out I would point out to you that if Why? Because then were laid the that commercial union had but one the feeling to which your chairman foundations, deep and strong, of the meaning and that meaning was anhas given expression is widely shar- great republic of the United States. nexation to the United States; and, that a laugh comes very cheap. ed throughout the Dominion, you Lovers of British liberty look back therefore, he told the Liberals of is said that the loud laugh bespeats have only to ask the people of Eng- to the passing of the Bill of Rights Canada that they might as well come the vacant mind. I want to explain land to admit you into their coun- as one of the greatest days in the out openly for annexation as to beat that in standing for the empire inst sels, and if you are prepared to as- struggle for responsible government, about the bush by advocating com- I am standing for the best interess sume the responsibilities and obliga- and the extension of the liberties we mercial union. The hon, member for of Canada, better than if I were to tions of empire, then-though I am enjoy. And well may they do so, for. Nicolet referred to the embargo on put Canada first. Those who stand speaking only for myself, and not in from that time, the world has made our cattle entering Great Britain and up for Canada first and empire seany way officially-you will meet more progress than in all preceding instanced Mr. Hamar Greenwood as ond are laying the foundation stone with the heartiest possible response years. Well may that day become having made an address in favor of for the independence of Canada. and welcome from them. I have one of the great days in the history the removal of that embargo. Where have no hesitation in saying that a often had a dream, that while form- of Great Britain. The people of did the hon. member for Nicolet, between the independence of Carati er schemes of federation have been France look back to the assembling then for Galway, stand on that oc- on the one hand, or any other condthe result of the pressure of neces- of the States General, in the latter casion when the embargo on Cana- tion except that of union between sity, the imperial federation of the part of the eighteemth century, for dian cattle was discussed? Was he Great Britain and her colonies, and British Empire may be founded upon they feel that then were laid the found standing loyally by the rights annexation to the United States of a basis of self-respect, and that self- foundations of those liberties which of the people of Canada, seeking by the other hand, that is to say,

> correct my leader (Mr. R. L. Boran advance in civilization and liber- den). I have never placed myself on ing closer the cords binding Canal ty not less than that of any day in record in favor of Home Rule for to the empire, I am advocating Ireland, Scotland, England or Wales. No man to a greater extent than I am personally strongly opposed to THE BEST INTERESTS OF CANburden of the debt incurred in the the First Minister has the destiny of Home Rule. I leave these matters to making of Greater Britain, and of the empire in his hands at the pre- be determined by the people whose and the best interests of humanity

> let (Mr. Devlin) made, that the ten- permission of the House and yourself dency in many parts of the empire is I have the honor to withdraw of meeting friends from various parts tions of full partnership laid deep and of the Empire. I have also had the strong, ego civis Britannicus major privilege of visiting South Africa, New Zealand and Australia: and I can assure the hon. gentleman that gignature the people in each of these great favor of this proposal. Of course, between Great Britain and her coloevents, must come to the conclusion Mr. R. L. Borden, Leader of the nies. Reference has been made to the cussed that question, but have been content to allow these people to spread-eagle themselves about these supposed glorious advances of liberty

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sion. I was met with the statement HAVE RELIGIOUSLY REFRAIN- that few if any Canadians would be found to go to South Africa. almost the identical language

red to the present prime minister of

Canada as an The hon, member (Mr. C. Devlin) an absolute absurdity. I do

have had the honor of placing

be easily settled, and I cannot agree with the statement further discussion, we will have no that the hon. gentleman from Nico- convinced on this question.

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that the grandest event that could be Opposition, Mr. Lake, M.P., Mr. E. events of 1637-8, as though some brought about for the upbuilding, D. Smith , M.P., Mr John Herron, great rights or privileges had been not only of the British Empire, but and others supported the principle in won in those days. I have not disof humanity the world over, would general terms. be the carrying into effect of this principle of partnership union among COLONEL HUGHES IN REPLY Prime Minister (Sir Wilfrid Laurier) The only difference of opinion begentlemen—what they must know— Dressed Lumber, Base Mould AT THE MERCY OF THE UNIT
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the autonomy of Canada in every has subsequently, after more mature gards the question of each componself to the people of the provinces which he recently created in the onomy in the sense I do—the autono—say this not to discredit him, for we my of each component part, but a know that men, when they are young grand imperial union of all these are often controlled by ideas which, er occasion, and I am satisfied, from before this House to-night and claims grand imperial union of all these parts in matters concerning the with advancing age and greater rewhole. The right hon, gentleman went on further to say:

Let me therefore recall to your memory the history of the Roman empire. You know the city of Seven Hills. That empire embraced Italy, North Africa, Spain, Greece, Syria, North Africa, Spain, Greece, Syria, Egypt, Asia Minor, but you know here the students in Toron-

the present administration and desent moment. I trust that he will business it is to look after them-the fence of the British empire. They crown his career by taking the lead Imperial Parliament of Great Britain do not complain that they should in a movement for bringing about a and Ireland. I have taken the stand allowed by you to carry the partnership union. We are willing to always that it is no concern of the whole burden themselves. They know forgive all that he has done in the people of the Dominion of Canada in you and the other self-governing na- past, we are willing to accept as an parliament assembled to meddle in tions, when the appointed time ar atonement for the mistakes he has the affairs of the United Kkngdom; rives, will assume your portions of made. his adoption of the national and therefore, I have always left, imperial obligations, and they are policy. We are willing to accept his and still leave, under this plan of content to wait until the feeling of leadership if he will come to the mine, to the people of the United self-respect, which I believe to be front in bringing about this closer Kingdom , the right to settle their inherent in all men of British blood, union between Great Britain and her internal affairs according to their will produce a system of Imperial colonies. He has himself pointed out own wishes. federation in which the self-govern- that it is a greater thing to be able ing peoples of the United Kingdom to say, ego civis Britannicus sum. of Canada, of Australia, New Zea- than to say ego civis Romanus sum. land, and South Alrica, will join on Let me point out to him that it terms of an equal partnership under would be a still greater honor for a which each will contribute their fair man to be able to say when the right not in the direction proposed by this motion. and equal share towards the dis- hon, gentleman gets back from the charge of imperial responsibilities imperial conference with the founda-

ple at large. The same sentiment seconded the motion in one of the component parts of the empire are has been voiced by Lord Milner and most eloquent and logical speeches animated by sentiments strongly in guished professor of Harvard, speak- He was followed by Sir Wilfrid do not say that they agree in details ing in Toronto before the Canadian Laurier in a non-committal address; but they are united by a strong sen-Club recently voiced the same senti- by Mr. Charles Devlin , M.P., for Nic- timent in favor of the general proment. Every man who looks at the olet, late Home Rule M.P. for Gal- position outlined in this resolution. matter squarely, who gives due at- way, against the proposition, while The people of the various parts of tention to the lessons of history and Mr. W. F. McLean advocated Can- the empire believe in a closer union