

SANDBAGGED BY ITS FRIENDS

By vote of Parliament the political agitation based on the Ne Temere decree was killed—or at any rate stunned—by motion of Premier Borden to adjourn the debate on Lancaster's bill regarding marriage, and refer the question of federal or provincial jurisdiction to the courts—without any pledge or suggestion that if jurisdiction were decided to be with the Dominion, any legislative action would be initiated by or on behalf of the Government. The sandbagging was followed by burial under 87 Conservative and Nationalist votes—a majority of 26.

Five Conservatives and all the Liberals present, a total of 61, voted against the motion of Premier Borden.

Without doubt the interment was accompanied by the pious hope of the Government and its friends that there would be no resurrection.

Lancaster, Edwards, Maclean (South York), Wallace, Clark (North Bruce), Northrup, Burnham, and Porter, Conservatives, declared for the acceptance by the House of Lancaster's bill. But when the vote was taken, Wallace, Clark, Northrup Burnham and Porter voted with the Premier.

Lancaster, Edwards, Maclean, Kidd and Blair, Conservatives, voted against the Premier's motion.

Having served its purpose in securing the return of the Conservative Party to Power, and having been sandbagged and buried by those for whose benefit it was brought into being, it may safely be assumed that the last has been heard of the Ne Temere degree agitation—at any rate until a Liberal Government is again in power.—Ottawa Free Press.

"When I went into Sir James' room and took hold of his hand I did most of the shaking. He hardly deigned to look at me. The discourtesy he showed us was not becoming a gentleman. He gave no answer. I say he ought to have given an answer. And, God helping me, Tory though I am, I'll make him answer yet.

"I gave Mr. Rowell my hand. It was as if I were giving my hand to my best girl. Mr. Rowell is a good Christian gentleman any party might be proud of. I say that, though I am a Tory and he is a Gift."—Comment of President Joseph Gibson of the Ontario Alliance.

The great majority of the Canadian north western farmers are strongly in favor of free trade in natural products with the United States. One of the newspapers has gone so far as to recommend the use of bullets in gaining the desired boon. That kind of talk may do in Ulster where the ultra Orangemen threaten to take up arms in case that Home Rule is granted to Ireland, but it is considered mischievous in Canada. THE LIBERAL fully believes that the grain-growers of Canada missed their great opportunity on the 21st of September, but there may be other chances in the future. If our neighbors to the south are still willing to stand by their proposition we may yet regain what was lost. But it must be done by ballots, and not by bullets or inflammatory speeches.

Patterson.

The Patterson Ugoigo Society had a very successful meeting at the home of Mr. Henry Rumble on Tuesday evening, February 20. The evening was opened in the usual way by the members singing hymns, which, on this occasion were selected from the works of Jane Crosby. The minutes of the preceding meeting were then read and a little business talk followed. Jane Crosby's life was read and a few of her familiar songs were sung. Miss J. Rumble gave a very instructive reading on "Debating." The meeting was closed by all singing "The Maple Leaf."

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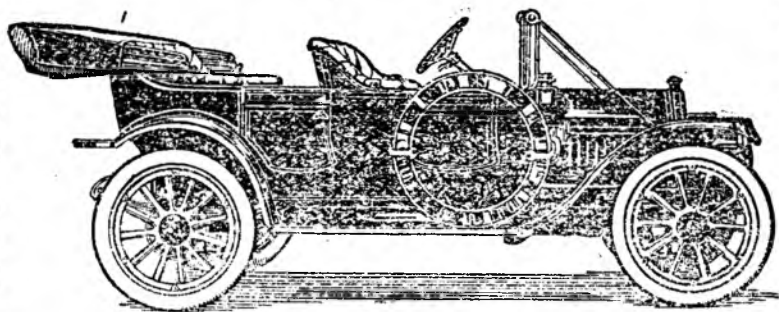
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