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The Imperial Immigrant

By ARTHUR HAWKES.

You smile when you discuss the immigrant, and when he is called the Imperial Immigrant, why, the idea is positively funny. Hold on, now! Think awhile and your face will come straight.

imitate, their accent. I ventured to was a Yorkshireman who came to Canada with twenty-eight shillings in his thousand dollars.

father," said I. "My dear sir," he answered, "you think of his Imperial yokefellow?

my grandfather." would Canada have been without the the native-born.

nified, just so far as it learns the les- the place of choicest honour. sons of the Immigrating experience: | And we are told that in the more Cast thy Emigrant upon the waters, important of our relationships we are and he returns, after many days, AN | at the parting of the ways. IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

Conference: the most remarkable can be no parting. Parliament that has ever been constituted. The Imperial Conference is the Emigrant Returned.

Any political bat can see the importance of the Emigrant when he goes to London in the guise of Sir Wilfrid or Mr. Fisher, the Australian Premier, or when he resides in London as Lord Strathcona, the High Commissioner, of wizardly influence and almost boundless wealth.

You will be a far wiser man if you discern the importance of the future Lauriers, Fishers and Strathconas, when they arrive in the new country looking for work.

lion Imperial immigrants in Canada makes it into a Government. one thing to learn—to give Canada cially where many of the functions of of the passengers of the Dunottar VII up-to-date flour and feed an the first place in their affections. All other things will be added unto them. dustnial development of localities. mand over the aspirate than they minded patriots—a scarce breed. The tion "If you were Sir Wilfrid?" is that

tions of the land he has left, and a a worldly world. For, if there be two curious detachment in the way he men equally fitted for a public office looks at the affairs of that country. He leaves Britain a strong partyman. He imagines that the words "Liberal" | the turmoil of a disputatious episode; and "Conservative" have the same who should get the office? meaning in Canada as they have in the United Kingdom. But, unless he with available material. What is the is unhappily swept into the midst of use of a high-minded man, against some party organization in Canada, whom nobody can say a word, comhe will soon find himself wondering plaining that the country is run by feel his feet and take his bearings.

marvel how it is that the Liberal We need to treat them decently. Otparty in Canada, after calling aloud, tawa is only the reflection of the rest and almost with tears, for a reform of of the country. A clean country the Senate, which had become a party | means a clean Ottawa, and vice versa. instrument, has for fifteen years ap- I have been preaching the doctrine pointed practically nothing but Liber- that, up to the limit of his capacity als to the Senate, until it is as parti- and opportunity, every voter is his

the Hydro-Electric Commission, that servant; not his master. is distributing the lighting through | Governments tend to become arrothe province over four hundred miles gant when they have comfortable, of transmission wires. Clearly he obedient majorities. must sort things out for himself and | We need not imagine any moral be in no hurry to tie himself to either superiority on our part merely because side. If he cares to learn of my ex- we are not in any Government. Huperience, it is that though I took in man nature is pretty much the same Canada in 1885, 6, 7, and 8; 1890-1; in Grit and Tory. Heaven save us 1904, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, I have not from becoming perfect political Phariyet joined either of the political par- sees. ties; for the only thing about which I | How can Governments be saved? the Government on the twenty-first.

The Imperial immigrant, if he be Is it decrepit? Sir Wilfrid isn't whom the ideals of British institu- an example: tions, the historical heritage of all The Grain Growers demanded certain election than to the needs of the Interwho were born under the "Union things which were never dreamed of colonial Railway. I ventured to sug-

these scores and scores of years.

but if he happens to fall into a settle- a party in power are apt to increase, ment of the West, in which Ameriand senatorships are convenient. cans. Germans. Galicians, Scandina- |. So much for decrepitude. What are vians, Doukhobors, abound, and if he the signs of autocracy-I mean the should be the only British-born they signs that everybody can see without know, they will judge Canada's con- taking a trip to Ottawa? They are nection with the British Empire by abundant enough. They are found in him, and almost by him alone. They the way little things are magnified and A young swell was laughing in the will observe his every peculiarity. If big things are minimized. Take two: train the other day about "these immi- he displays a lack of knowledge of the . The Navy. The decision to build a splendid barns, splendid soil, good water, grants," and he imitated, or tried to English language, they will wonder if navy was taken without reference to all the British are like him. Do you the people, and without that amount not see that to them he is the pattern of general discussion by the country ask him where his family came from Imperialist-a living epistle known which we allow on occasions to take to Canada. He said his grandfather and read of them? Do you not see the place of a general election. The also, that these people to whom Can- impression has gone abroad that the dwelling and \$4 600 stock. ada, at the beginning, is a foreign Navy is neither fish, flesh, fowl, nor country, attractive because it offers good red herring-that it is founded pocket, and died worth eighty-five new chances to acquire material more on party expediency than in wealth, will, to a greater or lesser ex- national wisdom. However wrong the "You needn't sneer at your grand- tent, judge the political wisdom of the impression may be, it is the direct native-born Canadian by what they fruit of the Government's assumption

have no right to say that. I honour Nowhere, in all the world, has the An earnest Liberal told me it was

years? And what is the place of the West, the process of turning out a being paid. Ever think of that? The unique ance, towards those who are being obey or to slay the Government. glory of the Empire is not the central | moulded in this newest crucible of the Those who were directly responsible

German countries are puling pigmies. the privilege that belongs to his emi-situation. They are dependents on their Euro- gration to Australia, is not comparable Canada is neither autocratic nor pean owners. We are the partners of to the privilege belonging to his im- decrepit. The people in the country John Bull, and we increase daily in | migration to Canada. There no for- cannot afford to be less vigilant topower. The Future of the Empire is eign flag ever appears to challenge wards a Government merely because in our Hands. Great idea, isn't it? | the devotion of Australians to their it has been in office a long time. They The Empire has been made by Emi- National Emblem. In thousands of must run Ottawa from the country, gration. It will be perpetuated, mag- homes in Canada a foreign flag has and not be run from Ottawa.

The Imperial Immigrant unlike all The future of our inter-Imperial re- | the rest; finds above him the accuslations is the future of the Imperial | tomed emblem. For him there surely

Running Ottawa From The Country

stitutions on earth. They act for the nation, but they represent a party. Sometimes they are bigger than their every day that might really have come party, sometimes they are not. Woe through Fleet Street. betide the country whose Govern-There are three-quarters of a mil- ment is no bigger than the party that

government are bound up with the in-

Public offices are meant for purecustom of rewarding with public office Among the things to be added will men who have worked for party ends be a greator insight into the condi- is a bad custom-but it is inevitable in and one has worked in an election and the other has loftily held aloof from

The best you can do is to do the best what sort of new political affiliations | indifferent politicians if he refuses to he will make when he has had time to | turn a hand to make political contests clean and honourable. We need the If he has been a Liberal, he will best men we can get in public life. san a body as the House of Lords it- own Prime Minister. If his voting is the sole active exercise of his politi-If he was a Conservative in Britain | cal duty it is as important to him as he will marvel that a Conservative a decision to bring in a great bill is Government like that of Ontario important to the Prime Minister. He should be a pioneer in such radical is the ultimate authority for the Prime legislation as that which established Minister. The Prime Minister is his

have made up my mind concerning They should die young, lest they forthem is that I wish to Heaven they get. Take Sir Wilfrid's Government. were both a great deal better than It shows too many signs of autocrathey are. I am going to vote against tic decrepitude-a phrase that is not as paradoxical as it sounds.

observant, and especially if he go to Some of his Ministers aren't. But, as the West, will find that his relation an entity, it has lived its day. It gives to the Empire is more direct and vivid no signs of originating policies. It than ever it was in the Old Land. does what it feels obliged to do-and There he was one of forty millions, to it does it in that kind of a way. Take about election time on jobs which had

Jack," have been taken for granted when the Government came into power. Some of those things are con- would far rather not do that sort of Perhaps in his desire to vote for a ceded because well because they had thing, but that he might feel himself candidate who advocated one man to be conceded, or power in the West obliged to do it because of long-estabone vote, or the taxation of land val- would flee. But other things solemnly lished custom; because of certain obues ,or the crippling of the veto declared years ago to be vital to re- ligations which have been incurred in power of the House of Lords, he has spectable government in Canada re- the past; because of half a dozen reanever experienced the direct respon- main untouched, and apparently will sons, not one of them good in the sibility for Imperial existence which so remain. The Senate was to be re highest moral atmosphere, but all of 142 - Al medical state and demonstrate that the little

which were the essence of national House-of-Lordsly partizan now as it and Imperial life centuries before he was in the days when Sir Wilfrid condemned it. It is Liberal now; it was He takes those things for granted; Conservative then. The creditors of

that it is the master of the people

individual Britisher a greater respon- one of the things that had to be under-"Your grandfather was an immi- sibility than in Canada. He has taken without reference to popular No man who doies business with H. H. grant," said I, "and I have no doubt charge of his own reputation; he may discussion, because of the unreason- Mill r is ever sat " fied to go elsewhere, you could cut his dialect with a knife." worthily represent the Imperial con- able nervousness of Quebec. But it Our methods seem to please, Let me ask you something: Where nection; he may bring discredit on hasn't done any good in Quebec. The 'Always Prompt, - Never Negligent,' penalty of autocratically assuming tide of immigration of the last ten There has begun, especially in the things on behalf of Queebc is already H. H. MI LER -

British-born in that wealth-producing new racial amalgam, similar in es- Reciprocity. An ex-Cabinet Minister sence to the amalgam which took has said that the Reciprocity Agree-We are all in the same boat. Some place in Britain during the centuries ment was never discussed by the Cabiof us are immigrants direct. Some of when the early Briton was joined by net until it was completed and the us are immigrants once, twice, thrice the Roman, and then by the Angle, whole thing, by arrangement with removed. Let us join together in ap- then by the Saxon, then by the Dane, Washington, was ready for immediate preciation of our common creditor- and then by the Norman. The West submission to Parliament. The Govship of the Empire. For we are its is the real crucible of Canadian na- ernment had not "caucused" on the creditors, and we are debtors to one tionality. If the British immigrant subject with its supporters, whose exhibits contempt, ill-nature, ignor- only alternative was immediately to

kingdoms, magnificent as they are. Empire, he will be an ingredient of for the Agreement were the Elder France is bigger than the United fateful weakness to the amalgam. Brethren of the Cabinet, who, to judge Kingdom Germany has fifty per He may go to Australia, where there by the sequel, had no real conception cent. more population. France has is practically an entirely British popu- of the change that had come over states across the seas. So has Ger- lation, and become an excellent part Canada since they were enamoured of many. But compared with the Bri- in the making up of that nation. But good words from Washington, "Autotish states overseas the French and the responsibility, the opportunity, cratic decrepitude" exactly fits the

"If You Were Sir Wilfrid" By ARTHUR HAWKES.

After we left Madeira, on the way to South Africa, before the wireless news services were being given to ocean liners, a journalist who was on board issued a daily paper that was full of alleged Marconigrams. The first number explained that he was her pure Manitoba floor, made from going to run the world, for once in No. 1 Manitoba wheat cannot be ocat Governments are the strangest in- his life. He succeeded, as far as we or either bekers or domestic tree were concerned, for he gave us news

The man who votes in a general election is just as much Prime Min's-Happily, in British countries, the ter, to the limit of his capacities, as citizenship the moment they set foot spirit of independent freedom is such Sir Wilfrid himself, and he ought to on Canadian soil. They are raised in that most Governments serve the take as much interest in the questions the atmosphere wherein all the great country pretty well. That is espe- that are involved in his approach to long to the Canadian Confederation, Brooms sweep clean. New Governwere begotten and nourished with ments try, as a rule, to sweep clean. friend did in arguing out the probvastspread power. They have only It is an exhausting enterprise, espe- lems of the world for the edification

The obvious answer to the suggesyou would do as Sir Wilfrid does. But I do not mean to be as precise as that in the heading I have given to this article. What I really mean is, "What would you do if you were in Sir Wilfrid's place?"

It is pretty hard, of course, to put yourself in the place of a man who lives an entirely different life from that of practically all of his fellowcountrymen. Sir Wilfrid is a statesman, which is infinitely more than a politician. Every statesman is compelled to make a politician of himself; but all the King's horses and all the King's men could not make a statesman out of most of the astutest politicians who keep their eyes on public opinion, in the hope that they may get their hands on the public purse.

One of the many disabilities of the statesman, I am sure, is that he can very seldom do as he would like to do. When an ardent young spirit begins to get interested in politics because some great question appeals to his mind and conscience, he draws mental pictures of an ideal Prime Ministera veritable two-edged sword of righteousness-cleaving his way to everlasting honour; destroying the evil; despising the mean, and generally deserving a high place among the apostles and idealists of the race.

Unhappily, that view of things cannot survive a long experience of this damaged world. Most of us are not highly idealistic persons. The spirit of public service for the sake of public service does not too widely abound. One of the first things you have to learn is that the people who do not take an exalted view of public duty are citizens just as much as those who would die for their country, and starve for it-a much more serious sacrifice. I came across what struck me as

fairly a perfect illustration of this in the conversation of an excellent citizen of Brockville the other day. The Minister of Railways is a Brockville man, and my friend was roundly abusing him because his department had put men to work in Halifax just more relation to the necessities of the gest to him that probably the Minister

is implied in his contribution, definite formed, because it had become a party or indefinite, to the army and navy, refuge. The Senate is as strongly WI. Land Hunter Look Here H. H. MILLER The Hanover Conveyancer

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them cogent in practical politics-that in fact a Minister might be very much in the position of one who, while he feels that the tipping system in hotels and other places is essentially wrong and under some circumstances iniquitous, still submits to the custom; and so far perpetuates something which in its way is as bad, if not worse than tempting of men to vote through giving them a temporary job. I am not excusing the evils of political life. They disgrace politics far too often. They will continue to disgrace politics until more and more people understand that politics is the science of Government, for which the highest-minded amongst us have a special responsibility, whether we recognize it or not. The people who sneer at politicians ought to do their

duty and go into politics. Imagine what Sir Wilfrid's position must be when he contemplates the last fifteen years from this point of view. I hazard a guess that Sir Wilfrid would like to make it impossible for any Government in Canada to remain in office more than ten years. But the habit of holding power becomes as strong with him as the habit of ho'ding tips becomes incurable in the waiter. It is much easier for us to tell Sir Wilfrid what he ought to do than it would be for Sir Wilfrid or for ourselves, if we were in his place, to do it. But that does not free Sir Wilfrid from criticism or the results of criticism. He himself will tell you that the statesman who is not furnished with abundant criticism will soon become like a man on the

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