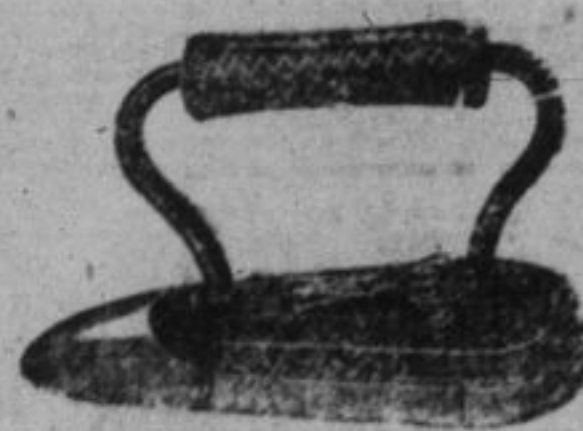


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## THE BORDEN-BOURASSA ALLIANCE.

This is what Henri Bourassa said about Sir Wilfrid Laurier after the Boer war.

"He (Sir Wilfrid) found it right and good to cause fifty thousand men to be massacred, millions of farms to be ravaged, homes to be pillaged, women to be outraged, and little children to be shut up in pestiferous camps, where they die like flies."

And this is what the conservative papers of Ontario say today: "Such a man then is Bourassa, brilliant, cool, courageous, attacking evil wherever he sees it, a nationalist standing for a strong and vigorous Canada."

Toronto News (Con.): "A patriot," Toronto World (Con.): "A man devoted to good government."

## GUARD AGAINST CHARGES.

The circular issued by the executive of the Ontario Teachers' Alliance, some time ago, is now recalled, when the schools of the province are re-opening, and in some places with incomplete staffs. The circular set forth one grievance, namely, that some school boards insisted upon contracts being signed inequitably. They contained a clause which bound the teachers for a year, and one which gave the board power to dismiss teachers with one month's notice for cause. School boards plead, in response, that they have been the sufferers generally, and for the reason that they have not thought they had any redress.

The Ontario Teachers' Alliance says it has steadily refused "to give support to teachers who are inefficient, or who claim show lack of good faith." The school board is exceptional, however. It has used its power in removing teachers who have not filled the bill, Kingston has had its own experience in this respect. In one school, some years ago, there

were serious charges against the junior departments, in one school term, and such was the effect upon the classes that the school trustees regretted the teaching profession did not have some central committee of body, acting under authority of the education department, that would pass upon the qualification and standing of teachers before they made contracts.

The Ontario Teachers' Alliance executive lay stress upon the injustice that teachers may suffer when there are not salary schedules with fixed maximums; and the assurance of promotion without the necessity for changes. Most school boards have these schedules, and they are guaranteeing the rewards which the faithful teachers deserve. The schedule will not dispense with the necessity for a good understanding between the board and its staff, as to when engagements should begin and end. Changes during the year are not desirable, and they should be guarded against as far as possible.

## THE PARTNERS AT VARIANCE.

Le Devoir calls attention to the silence, the profound and painful silence, of Mr. Borden while in Montreal upon the navy question. He knew it was the issue, made such by the nationalists, and conservatives, and with his undoubted approval, since in his second manifesto he had made a reference to it which filled the nationalists with delight. He said, among other things, that the Canadian navy might result, in time of war, "in the useless sacrifice of many valuable lives, and it will not add one iota to the fighting strength of the empire." He concluded that "the whole naval plan of the government was an unfortunate blunder."

L'Evenement saw in this declaration an evidence that Mr. Borden's later deliverance had "brought him materially nearer to a group of French Canadian electors" who had been distrustful of him, and that he was no longer disposed to regard the issue except from the Canadian and national point of view.

The conservative candidates in Quebec had also been preparing for the Borden advent. "Dr. Pickett, in Missisquoi, pledged himself, if elected, to vote for the repeal of the Naval Act. Mr. Nantel, in Two Mountains, said that England's object in forcing a navy on Canada was "to have the blood of the French-Canadians." Hon. Jean Prevost, driven out of the Quebec government by Bourassa, and now his man Friday, exhibited at St. Jerome, the French tri-color, and said: "This is the flag we are going to place on high on the 21st of September." Mr. Laverge, longed for the day when the Franco-American race would be strong enough to wing its flight, independent and unmixed, to

"play in the new world the glorious and sublime role played in Europe by France." And Mr. Bourassa, speaking in Montreal in 1901, said:

"What I should wish is that between the old English frigate about to sink and the American corsair preparing to pick up its wreckage we should manoeuvre our bark with prudence and firmness, so that it will not be swallowed up in the vortex of the one nor be carried away in the wake of the other. Let us not sever the chain too soon, but let us not rivet its links too closely.

"I am not referring to the situation which the triumph of imperialist ideas would impose on us. If the partisans of such ideas should gain the upper hand, oh! then I would say: 'Forward! Let us be independent without hesitation.'"

The alliance between the nationalists and conservatives has been endorsed by conservative leaders and press, and hence the disappointment of Mr. Bourassa that Mr. Borden judged his responsibility in Quebec. Said Le Devoir, referring to the Montreal meeting:

"Not a single speaker dealt with or so much touched upon the question of the navy. This was doubtless the result of deliberate decision, a definite understanding, and it produced in the gathering a peculiar feeling of uneasiness, of restraint, which marred the spontaneity of the applause and acclamations. It is certain that all the French-Canadians present, and they were numerous, along with many English fellow-citizens, reached their own conclusions about this point, and realized the lack of courage and frankness of the party which was asking for their votes."

## CAMPAIGN NOTES.

It is up to Mr. Borden to admit or repudiate the alliance which Mr. Bourassa says exists between the conservatives and nationalists. It is for him to break the silence and speak now.

J. A. Masse, a labour man who came out as a conservative in Maison-neuve, has been repudiated by the labour unions of Montreal. The labour party will not stand for misrepresentation in this election.

So the conservatives and nationalists have united, for political purposes, and the French tri-color is to be the flag of the new alliance. Is that it? Does Mr. Broden consent to have it replace the old Union Jack?

Bourassa says the conservatives have endorsed the national programme, and to be obliging, and appear to make some concessions, he has jumped off the fence and now opposes reciprocity.

What do the British-born say of the

## PLATED LOYALTY

CANADIAN WHO REPRESENTS AN AMERICAN TRUST.

Yankee Money Does the Talking—And the Speaker Poses as a Canadian and Speaks as One—The Farce Goes On.

Toronto Globe. The strangest feature of the anti-reciprocity campaign is the belief expressed on almost every platform by capitalists who have for years had the most intimate business relations with the United States, and without any hurt to their loyalty, that an increase of intimacy with the United States on the part of the farmer in selling produce or the consumer in importing it will result in annihilation.

W. K. George, speaking at the anti-reciprocity in Massey Hall on March 21st is reported in part in the News thus: "He will now accept for the sake of argument that we shall gain. Even with this I take a stand against the agreement on the ground of nationality. Have we not for the past years been building up a nation clean and pure—the men of the north? Amniation will undoubtedly follow the passage of this pact. We come in closer contact with Americans, and we will become Americans in our habits, and before long one flag will float to the North Pole."

In the Globe of Friday last it was shown that at the time he made that speech, Mr. George, as president of the Standard Silver company, was the figurehead in Canada of the silver plate pool of the United States, and that of a total stock issue of \$30,000 in the Standard company the New York trust company holds \$29,500 and Mr. George owns the share worth \$100. Mr. George saw nothing inconsistent with the strongest loyalty to Canada and to the empire in selling out to an American trust and agreeing to act as its figurehead in Canada. Mr. George would be angry at the suggestion that the transaction, by which he became the figurehead for the silver plate pool of the United States lessened in the remotest degree his love for Canada and his hope that she will become a mighty nation under the British flag.

He would do well to be angry, but those of us who have never known what it feels like to have our pockets bulging with American gold and who merely want a few tariff reductions on Canadian—and United States natural products crossing the border do well also to be angry when W. K. George, agent and figurehead and representative of an American trust, steps "to the front of the platform and says in effect: 'I'm proof against the annexation microbes, but if you fellows come in closer contact with Americans you will become American in your habits, and before long one flag will float to the North Pole.'"

That from W. K. George is worthy of immortality. It is the most remarkable example of self-deception the campaign has produced. It is the first bit of quadruple-plated cheek that has been placed on exhibition in the show-rooms of the American silver plate pool in all its history. But the farmers of this country have no more fear of their loyalty than Mr. George has of his. They are going to vote for Laurier and larger markets.

## IS LOCAL PAWN SHOP.

Some Stolen Wire Recovered by the Police.

Constable James Craig on Tuesday succeeded in unearthing about ten pounds of the bond wire which was reported having been stolen from the street railway. It is likely that some prosecutions will follow as a result of the find.

The stealing of the wire of the road has put the company to a great deal of trouble as it means that the work has to be all done over again, to say nothing of the loss of the wire.

W. A. Gunton, a provincial officer of the Children's Aid Society, is in trouble in Belleville. It is alleged he obtained \$10 from Mrs. Bellis Hall by means.

## VINDICATION OF MR. KING.

There has been much said about the Grand Trunk railway strike and the manner of its settlement. The mirroring began in parliament and has been continued during the campaign.

It was charged that the government did not do its duty and that the minister of education was particularly faulty and deficient. The talkers were Mr. Lennox, Mr. Northrup, and Mr. Plain, a distinguished Tory of the opposition.

The climax was reached in Berlin, where Mr. King held a meeting and to it invited the presence of Mr. Plain, from a neighboring constituency. Mr. Plain had to accept the challenge. Not to do so would have been a sure sign of cowardice. To the surprise of all, and probably of Mr. King as much as any one, the meeting was attended by James Murdoch, vice-president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen of America, and D. Campbell, third vice-president of the Order of Telegraphers, who gave the inside history of the strike in question and detailed the part Mr. King had played in bringing about a satisfactory settlement of it.

The difficulty had arisen through the company's refusal to adjust the wages of 4,000 of the railway men. It was ended when the company had made concessions which were acceptable to the men. The crux of the matter was the time in which the strikers were to be reinstated. "As soon as possible" was the first promise. "Three months" was the later definition. When this period had expired 200 men were still out. The minister of

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## PUBLIC OPINION

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The Suspense is Lifted.

London Advertiser. Joe Martin has come over from England to stump against the Laurier government. It was feared by liberals that he meant to support it.

Asks for Mercy.

Hamilton Times. Oliver Wilson, the conservative candidate in North Essex, has premonitions. "I have never voted against reciprocity, so why put the dagger into me before I do?" he pleads.

Where We Agree.

Montreal Herald. Mr. Sifton says that Canadians cannot compete with the Southern negro in producing eggs. If he means producing them under somebody else's hens we agree with him, but not otherwise.

Give it a Trial.

Ottawa Free Press. Mr. Heron, conservative candidate in Alberta, says that he sees many dangers in reciprocity, but that "if it did not pan out right it could be wiped out with one stroke of the pen." So he is willing to give it a trial.

Not Very Courageous.

Ottawa Free Press. Sifton will not contest a seat, but will organize. Bourassa will not contest a seat, but will organize. How very brave some of those opponents of the government are! They prefer to have somebody else do the fighting and take the risks.

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