

"The Laurier Cabinet is a cabinet of Imperialists who want to sacrifice Canada's interests and plunge us into wars with which we have nothing to do. The Navy Bill is an attempt by Ontario and the Provinces of the West to coerce Quebec and enslave our people forever. What has England ever done for you? She has no need of your help. She is strong enough to defend herself. Laurier's ideal is to make you the vassals of the majority in the West. You must protest by your votes against this slave traffic. You must protest against helping England in her wars; unless you do conscription will come next."

"The Navy belongs to His Majesty. Is that a Canadian Navy? Who is His Majesty? Have we any Majesty here?" (a)

LIBERAL LANGUAGE.—Combating all this, the Liberals Mr. Lemieux, Mr. Marcil, Mr. Gladu, and others argued in the following vein:

"Who will be so hard-hearted among the French-Canadians as not to defend the flag if Great Britain is ever threatened? You will not see the record under the sun of a people, so weak after their defeat by the English, being treated with such generosity as has been extended to the French-Canadians" (b).

"We want to aid the Mother Country if she needs it, and I may say right here that it is my frank and honest opinion that if there is a part of the Dominion that should help to maintain the unity and strength of the British Empire it is the French-Canadian people" (c).

"I am of French origin and a Catholic but you will not prevent me from believing, and from saying, that gratitude and justice should prompt us to do our duty by England. Let me recall the words of Mgr. Plessis who said: 'It is to our allegiance to England that we owe the French-Canadian race' " (d).

SIR ROBERT'S LANGUAGE.—Recognizing the effectiveness of the appeals of the Nationalists against enrolling men

"in the Canadian navy to be massacred in the service of England,"

Sir Robert supplemented it by publishing in the Quebec press (e) the following:

"Je soutiens que le Gouvernement a la prétention de créer une force navale qui ne nous sera aucunement utile en temps de guerre, et, qui, par conséquent, ne rapportera aucun profit ni au Canada ni

(a) *Can. Annual Review*, 1910, pp. 196, 7.

(b) *Can. Annual Review*, 1911, p. 192.

(c) *Ib.*, p. 192.

(d) *Ib.*, p. 193.

(e) *As in Mr. Pelletier's paper, l'Événement de Québec, 16th August, 1911.*