

INTERFERENCE IN THE OLD DAYS.

THE Conservative party broadsheet, issued from headquarters of the Conservative publication department is not concerned with consistency in respect to its own record or to the position assumed in inter imperial questions in the past. An illustration of this is furnished in the following excerpt from the issue of March 14, under the heading "Hands Off Ireland";

Friends of Ireland in Canada, and their number is legion, will view with apprehension attempts that are being made in certain quarters to interject the Home Rule controversy into Dominion politics. Resolutions calling upon Sir Robert Borden to champion the cause of a section of the Irish people can hardly have the effect of doing good. We can conceive, on the other hand, how they might be productive of great harm. First of all Canadians, whatever their views in respect to Home Rule, should remember that the question is one which, under the construction of the Empire, can be finally dealt with exclusively by the British Parliament. Interference by Canadian statesmen would in itself be a denial of the primary principles of self-government with which the Irish controversy is concerned; it would be resented by a portion of Irish public opinion; it would set a precedent in Imperial relations which might not be a good thing; and, in the end, because of the very nature of the Home Rule problem, could only result in harmful futility.

How would Sir John Macdonald, and other leaders of the Conservative party in the past relish that stricture on their conduct if they were alive today?

ONE OUT OF MANY.

"The Borden Government is the tool of the trusts," shriek the Liberal press from day to day. Yet the Borden Government has just had occasion to compel the Paper Trust to reduce its price of newsprint to two and a half cents to these very newspapers. Of all the manufactured nonsense that has been recklessly used by the Liberal party to discredit the Borden Government during the past five years, this cry that it was the uppet of the trusts was the most nonsensical of all.—From the Conservative Headquarters Press Service.

Let us grant for a moment that the government has done this, under the pressure of the press association representing both parties in Canada. But if the paper trust can be thus easily curbed by the Rogers-Borden government why does it stop there? Is the paper trust the only one in Canada? Surely if the government can curb one trust it can do likewise with all. Or does one swallow still make a glad summer for the administration?

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PATHOS SAM-HUGHESIFIED

One of the pathetic incidents of Parliamentary life—and these occur so seldom—arose in the course of Sir Sam Hughes' recent speech in the House of Commons on the 30th of January last, and is found recorded with a few illustrative additions on page 270 second column. "I am strongly urged by some to stand true to my friends. Why the reproach to me by many is that I never desert a friend." "I may be deserted" (*Tremulous*) "but to break" (*sob*) "with the dear good fellows" (*sob and handkerchief*) "of the Great Liberal Conservative party would wrench me," (*violent shaking*) "almost as much as losing the war." (*Excessive heaving and two blubs*).

(The following is taken from Montreal Gazette, March 16, 1117)

Mr. H. C. Hocken, Orange Grand Master, has been telling the people of Ontario that the people of Quebec to-day hate the British, and that their hatred of Great Britain can be understood only upon the ground that that is "the greatest Protestant nation in the world." One thing in the way of the acceptance of such an argument is that the nations at war are certainly not divided on religious lines. Germany, for instance, is a great Protestant nation, while Austria-Hungary is surely Roman Catholic. Italy is Roman Catholic and so is France. And the two latter are pretty good allies of "Protestant Britain." It is quite possible also that the people of Quebec have no such hatred for England as Mr. Hockey alleges. He exaggerates for a purpose."

CANADA'S HONOUR IS IN THE HANDS OF THE GOVERNMENT

