

SIR WILFRID has distinctly strengthened his Ministry by adding to it two popular leaders like George Graham and Dr. Pugsley. It is significant that for both of them he had to go outside of his own large majority in the Commons. But that is rather the fault of the rank-and-file of the party than of the Premier. If the constituencies will not send him the strongest available men, he can do nothing better than exercise his right to appeal to the citizenship of the country outside of the selections of the constituencies. George Graham was undoubtedly the strongest man—in a popular sense—he could get from Ontario; while Dr. Pugsley has been, since the disappearance of Mr. Blair, the strongest man in New Brunswick. It is a wonder that Dr. Pugsley has not been drafted into the Federal service before; but the leaders have only recently become aware of the remarkable strength of the Brockville humourist. Some of us have known it for years, and wondered that Mr. Ross did not sooner call it to his aid. It is a long time since the Liberal party has had a more popular platform speaker in Eastern Ontario than Mr. Graham. It is not too much to say that he well replaces the late Christopher Fraser for whose constituency he has been sitting in the Legislature.

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Dr. Pugsley is a "Dave" Russell man, and Russell has been booming him for a long time. And there are few better judges of men in Canada than this same "Dave" Russell. Dr. Pugsley will tighten up the strings in New Brunswick where they have fallen a trifle loose of late. It is no doubt a disappointment to him not to have been given the Intercolonial to manage; but the doctrine of "the Minister responsible for the district" which he heard some time ago in defence of Sydney Fisher's interruption into military affairs, will probably serve to give him considerable voice in the management of that line. Still if George Graham is as strong a man as he looks, he may insist upon managing it as a business proposition, which is undoubtedly the unanimous wish of the people of Ontario, for whom he in an especial manner will speak.

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Now if Sir Wilfrid finds that it pays him so well to go outside of his party in the Commons for Ministers, why should Mr. Borden not take a leaf from the same book and go outside of his much smaller party for prominent supporters? He has much greater excuse than the Prime Minister; for the Prime Minister's following covers the country much more fully. Mr. Borden has not a man from Nova Scotia, and very few from the rest of the Maritime Provinces. His French following is well-nigh nil. Yet there is a large army of French Conservative voters in Quebec who have remained faithful in spite of the sweeping tide of Laurierism. Thus Mr. Borden would be abundantly justified if he were to call to his side leading Conservatives who do not hold seats in the Commons; yet—with one or two exceptions—he does not avail himself of this advantage. This creates the impression in the country that, if called to power, he would feel under an obligation to fill his Ministry with the men who are now about him or who chanced to be returned on the rising stream of ballots which won his victory; and there are few im-

pressions which he could leave that would weaken him more seriously with the electorate.

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I notice that that zealous missionary, Rev. Jonathan Goforth, has been telling the "Globe" what a bad people the Japanese are—how terribly they have been abusing the Koreans. I read his indictment with a rising feeling of indignation myself; and then I fell to thinking. There seemed, after all, to be a strangely familiar ring about some of the accusations. Korean money, for instance, is being used to build roads which will be chiefly of service to the Japanese in keeping the Koreans in subjection. Terrible! Terrible! But are all the roads and railways which the British have built in India with Indian money intended solely for the advantage of the people of that peninsula? Have the British authorities never thought of the military uses of such roads? Then there is the Indian army. That, of course, is intended wholly for the advantage of the natives. Moreover, there is that railway to Khartoum. Of course, the people of Egypt were just dying for that. Then there are the improvements in the Philippines. Our American cousins—all good Christians—are doing nothing there that the Filipinos would not do for themselves.

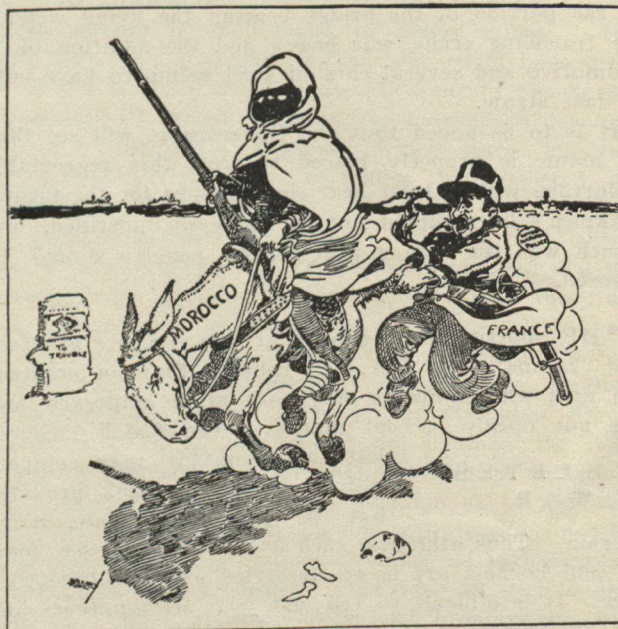
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Korean education is being Japanised, Mr. Goforth reports. It seems to me that I remember that the good Sir Oliver Mowat was pilloried once because he permitted French to be used as the language of instruction in the French schools in this very Province.

The Korean water works carry water mainly to the Japanese residents. I wonder how it is in Simla? Korean independence was taken away by force. Tut! Tut! The Filipinos are giving theirs up so willingly; and the Indian rulers invited the British to come and make them happy by taking theirs away from them. These rude Japanese! There is no native feeling in Egypt.

Then there is personal robbery of individual Koreans by individual Japanese. Now where could the Japanese have got that idea? Do you suppose they noticed anything when the Pan-Christian "looting" expedition marched to Peking after the Boxer rising? There were certainly some fine examples of burglary and theft and highway robbers to notice on that occasion if the Japanese were not asleep.

Moreover, the Japanese insult English and American people in Korea. Can our lordly race stand this? Of course, we never insult or assault Japanese in this country. We wouldn't think of it. We are too civilised. I have often been of the opinion that we are too generous in sending men like Jonathan Goforth to foreign countries. We could use them at home. Or we could send them to the British House of Commons. Or we might commission them to the men who are responsible for the American policy in the Philippines.



Got Him! Which?

France—"Somebody! Anybody! Help me let go!"
—Bradley in the Chicago News.