

NATIONAL SOLIDARITY.

Has the time not come when similar sentiments should prevail throughout our vast Dominion? Has the time not come when no man should point to another whose religious opinions are different from his own and say: "You are not entitled to the confidence of your fellow-men although you may claim the confidence of the Almighty." The great work of nation building is the peculiar privilege of the Liberal Party. It is to the Liberal Party we owe Confederation and the late Hon. George Brown was its apostle. Others may take credit for perfecting the work he began, but no one can deny him the honor of being the pioneer. And although the Liberal Party since Confederation has had the honor but for a short time of showing its wisdom in directing our Dominion towards the goal of nationhood, no one will have the temerity to say that under its present leadership it has failed "in taking occasion by the hand" and in giving a powerful impulse to its prosperity as well as to its aspirations. A few short years ago and our entire commerce was but 131 millions of dollars, now it is 380 millions of dollars. A few short years ago we were dissevered and isolated Provinces, now our heritage extends to three oceans. A few years ago we were regarded by British Statesmen as

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of the Empire, as a discontented outpost whose separation from the Empire no one would regret. To-day we are regarded as an elder brother, or rather as a firstborn and the rightful heir to Imperial honor and affection. And although it may have taken us years to have reached this position, although many hands and hearts have contributed to our prosperity, I think I may say without excess of adulation that one of the greatest contributors to our national prestige and pre-eminence has been the present leader of the Liberal Party, Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

THE FUTURE OF CANADA.

It is said that when the Declaration of Independence was drawn up and submitted to the members of the Convention that approved of it for their individual signatures, some hesitated in taking a step which would undoubtedly identify their acts should they ultimately fail in gaining their independence. Benjamin Franklin remonstrated against such hesitation, declaring