

LIBERALS WERE THE FIRST TO ADVOCATE CLOSURE — THEIR ATTITUDE THEN AND NOW

The bitter opposition of the Liberal members of the House of Commons, and the Liberal press, to Mr. Borden's closure measure is entirely inconsistent with their attitude on the same question when they were in power. On the public platform and through the columns of the public press, the Liberals in 1908 and during the last general election campaign boasted that if returned to power **Sir Wilfrid Laurier, as their leader, was pledged to pass a closure measure.** They also repeatedly declared that **the majority must rule and obstruction be made impossible.**

It is a strange fact that the Liberals and those of their party press who have been the loudest and most vehement opponents of Mr. Borden's action in so amending the rules as to facilitate the conduct of public business, were, prior to their party's defeat in 1911, the strongest advocates of such a course.

The public statements of Liberal speakers and extracts from the Liberal press, contained in the following pages, defining their attitude **then and now** will prove illuminating though scarcely edifying. They prove conclusively, however, that the Liberals are insincere and their obstruction of Mr. Borden's "Naval Aid Bill" and their denunciation of the closure measure were decided upon for the sole purpose of making political capital and as methods of political expediency pure and simple.