

**As Britons We Have Duties as Well
as Privileges.**

SIR WILFRID LAURIER.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier joined in the expression of sympathy for the death of Dr. Ross, and Mr. Borden's personal congratulations to the mover and seconded Mr. Borden had referred to the prosperity of Canada, and to the fact that under the present Government \$321,000,000 more had been taken in revenue than in the same period under the Conservative Government. Sir Wilfrid said that, but, that he pointed out that no money was obtained from a wealthy happy and contented population, whereas in the Conservative days it was a case of getting money from an impoverished dissatisfied people. Sir Wilfrid did not say anything new about the National Transcontinental or the Quebec bridge, as Mr. Graham would deal with these later, but the remarks of Sir Charles Rivers Wilson with regard to the construction of a portion of the line had been carried just as they had been falsified by the events. Sir Charles Rivers Wilson had complained

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Dramatic Scene in Convention When Telegram Came.

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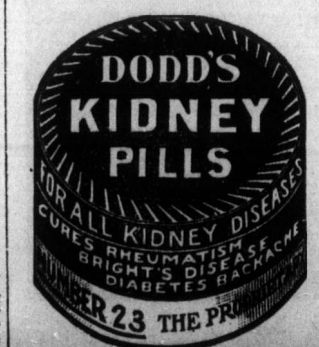


voted the resolution had already been taken when there were no whispers heard from the other side that the policy did not meet with favor in some quarters. The speech increased to murmurs, which grew to a low humming. He gave credit to the generalisimos opposing forces, that up to the time they had stood manfully to their whatever they might do hereafter, behind them, in the rank and file, were some young men who were clearing the way for something spectacular. "That was one side. But was another side, high up in the ranks of party, high up in the staff who, like Lucifer, declared: 'I will not serve,' and who, like Achilles, and the authority of Agamemnon, would not follow." And he said:

Mr. Monk resented the suggestion that he had tried to raise prejudice. Sir Wilfrid pointed out that Mr. Monk had spent on the navy and he considered that that was an appeal to prejudice. Monk would find when the papers were brought down that he had been in the navy in his figure. Mr. Monk had told his constituents that the Canadians had sent many ships might be drawn into the European war. He had said that if a navy or not we shall not lose our right to self-government, and if we have a navy it will go to no war unless the Parliament chooses to send it. Mr. Monk had also asked what was the object or occasion of building a navy. He had said that the British had no railways and no public school system, and if now she had to organize a navy and it was because she was growing as a nation. Mr. Monk had told the electorate

Mr. Alex. Haggart (Winnipeg), like the previous Opposition speakers, steered clear of the naval question and dwelt in the main on the need of quicker action by the Government to implement its promises with regard to the construction of the Hudson Bay Railway.

The customary resolution to transmit the address to the Governor-General was then adopted, and the House adjourned.



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"Well, that cheers me," replied the small little man with a smile. "Asked if they had anything to say to the public, each of the three leaders disclaimed having any further explanation."

WHAT THE LEADERS SAY.
 "Everything I had to say I said in my speech on the matter on Friday," said President Gompers. "The court is shaking and we have nothing to fear."

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decided to go to prison. That's certain.
There's no getting away from that. I

pect our attorneys will enter a case with the Appeal Court and endeavor to get us out with habeas corpus proceedings."

John Mitchell looked worried. "I don't know any more than the telephone says. I suppose we have got to try the court."

The court's decision was admittedly great surprise. "Our attorneys agreed with us that there was no doubt

TO ORGANIZE FARM LABORERS.

During the day many important resolutions were dealt with by the convention. Perhaps the most important was one instructing the Executive to take steps to organize the farm laborers. The class of farm labor in mind was not so much the hired man type familiar to Ontario people as the laborers on the big syndicate farms and the workers in the cotton fields and fruit groves of Texas and California.

The resolution did not pass without a substantial vote of delegates feeling that such an organization would inevitably open the doors of the Federation to the Chinese and Japanese

who work on the California fruit farms.

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