

"Who is that splendid looking gentleman?" He was one of the most gentlemanly persons you could meet. You would always expect better things from him than you got. However, when he was leading the procession into the White House, an old Yankee who was standing by asked: "Who be those three men?" Somebody answered: "Why, there is Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Premier of Canada, and that is Mr. Fielding, the Finance Minister of Canada, and that is Mr. Patterson, the Canadian Minister of Customs, the man who makes the biscuits over there." And the old Yankee said: "Ah, yes, that be where they have to sing 'God Save the King!' Now I understand why they have to sing that." He thought from the look of those Ministers that it would be essential to take care of the King.

Now, honourable gentlemen, I come to the election of 1917 and the War-time Elections Act. I would like to find out what my honourable friend has to say about that War-time Elections Act. If I understand it rightly, that measure was framed on the principle and with the intention that every Britisher, every Canadian, every man who was taking any part in the fight for Canada, for Britain, for the freedom of the world, was interested and should be on that electoral list if possible. That was the principle of the Act, and I ask my honourable friend if he does not think that was a proper principle?

Hon. Mr. MURPHY: He is very quiet.

Hon. Mr. CROSBY: Well, he is getting instructions from that able Whip.

Hon. Mr. MURPHY: Silence gives consent.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Go on.

Hon. Mr. CROSBY: No, I am not going on. Pardon me. I have my place in this honourable House, and if those honourable gentlemen do not know enough to treat others as they are treated when they are talking, it is their fault, not mine.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN: Would the honourable gentleman—?

Hon. Mr. CROSBY: The honourable gentleman will do anything you ask.

Hon. Mr. CASGRAIN: We would like to know what the joke in the story was. We have not seen it.

Hon. Mr. CROSBY: It would be of no use for anybody to tell the honourable gentleman a joke, because he never could see it, unless somebody explained it to him

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the next day. He would never be able to have his laugh when he first heard it. What I want to say, honourable gentlemen, is this. If I understand the War-time Elections Act, it was framed for the purpose of making sure that every Britisher, every win-the-war person in Canada, would have the right to vote in the election of 1917; and I want to ask my honourable friend if that was a wrong principle.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Is the honourable gentleman addressing me?

Hon. Mr. CROSBY: Yes, sir. I want to ask if that was a wrong principle

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I stated my views last week, before the honourable gentleman spoke.

Hon. Mr. CROSBY: The honourable gentleman may have stated his views, but nobody in this House knows what his views are. I could not make them out. I am asking him if that was a wrong principle on which to frame that Elections Act. Do not tell him, Mr. Whip. He does not need you all the time. Was it a wrong principle on which to frame that measure at a time when a war was going on, a war in which we had been engaged for three years? Was it wrong to frame that Act so that every man who was taking part in that war, every woman who was taking part in it, every woman who had a son in it, or a brother in it, should have a vote in that election? Was that a wrong principle?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I do not admit that that was the principle underlying the Act.

Hon. Mr. CROSBY: Then what was the principle underlying it? More principle than my honourable friend has in dealing with anything, which is not much. But, honourable gentlemen, that was the underlying principle, and that was the proper principle, and everybody in Canada who believed in principle and fair-play voted for that; but I am sorry to say that my honourable friend's people did not vote for that principle. He may say to me that certain people were eliminated. Yes, but nothing like as many as should have been eliminated; and, if I had my way, I would eliminate a good many of them to-day and they would not vote at the next election. But this Government—this broad-minded, forgiving Government, that wishes to have the country run by the people and for the people, and to give the people every oppor-