

Wilfrid Laurier's recent attitude towards this province, we have little reason to hope for anything that will be of benefit to us at the hands of the government at Ottawa. We have the open, clear, distinct, declaration as made by Sir Wilfrid Laurier's own personal organ, and about this, Mr. Speaker, there can be no doubt, because we had the evidence of it most clear and distinct just a few days ago as to the absolute control and management of *Le Soleil* newspaper by Sir Wilfrid Laurier. They had a little row, Mr. Speaker, of their own in the province of Quebec when Senator Choquette was evidently offended by Sir Wilfrid Laurier's interference in a municipal contest in which he was engaged. Sir Wilfrid sent the following telegram:

"I have refused up to the present not to interfere in the municipal contest in Quebec, but in view of the complicated conditions of the situation, I think that in the general interest of the party, you should withdraw your candidature."

To which Senator Choquette replied: "At your request and as you say in the interests of the party, I retire from the municipal contest. I desire also to return to you the control and direction of *Le Soleil*."

#### Well Established

Therefore I think I have established to this house and to this country a statement clear, full and complete in effect that Sir Wilfrid Laurier is undoubtedly responsible and answerable for the utterance of every syllable appearing in that newspaper. Thank heaven, Mr. Speaker, the day is not far off when no public man in Canada, either through his own organ or by his notions, can continue to regard the good citizens of our little province simply as bastard members in the confederation of our great Dominion. We ask for no favours. We look for none. We expect none. We want none. We have pleaded for simple justice and fair play. This for the present has been denied us. We may for the present have to wait a while, but not long. It is true we may have to wait to see the present administration at Ottawa politically dead and politically damned. When that day arrives and a Conservative administration rises in their place, we can then depend as citizens of the province upon securing equal liberty, equal rights and equal fair play in common with all other good citizens in all other provinces that now form the great confederation of our grand Dominion of Canada. (Loud applause.)

