

man from Hastings who was Prime Minister of this country, and who was Minister of Customs under his leader, Sir John Macdonald, denounced the Liberal party as disloyal men who wanted to disrupt the empire. That was the cry which kept these people in power for over twelve years. They won their first victory in 1878 through the protection cry, and again partially in 1882; but when Sir John Macdonald made an appeal to this country that he was 'born under the flag and under the flag would die,' that was the only cry that kept the Tories in power. He was a great old statesman, I admire and respect his memory, because he did great things for this country; but I say that cry kept the Tories in power from 1891 to 1896, and the hon. senator from Hastings benefited by it during the two years he held the premiership, until he was swallowed up by a nest of traitors. The flag did not cover him then.

Hon. Sir MACKENZIE BOWELL—We shall have it increased in size.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN—The hon. gentleman would not require it to be greatly increased to cover him now. To-day the party whom he and his colleagues denounced as being disloyal, have done more in the past twelve years to build up the solidarity of the empire, to make it solid and strong than his government did in the 18 years they were in power. We have not waited for England to ask us for help. We have gone and offered our help to England, and have given our help on the battlefields of South Africa even against our traditions and sentiments, because we Canadians believe in home rule for ourselves for which we fought in 1837, and home rule which we are prepared to give to the people of Ireland. In the unfortunate war in South Africa we, against our sentiments, but as a manifestation of loyalty to the empire, sent our sons of all classes, creeds and nationalities to uphold that flag which the Prime Minister of England, on account of what consideration I cannot tell, but, in his wisdom and judgment, thinks it is unnecessary and inadvisable to hoist on our public buildings on Empire Day. The lessons I draw from that statement is this, that we are not to be called upon to dis-

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play more imperialistic sentiments than the mother country itself. If I, or any one like me, dared to rise on the floor of parliament or any platform in the country and say: 'Canadians, it is inadvisable to raise the Union Jack on Empire Day,' I would be denounced immediately as a traitor, as the disloyal man who wanted to disrupt the empire. But when the Prime Minister of Great Britain and of the empire states on the floor of the British House of Commons, that it is inadvisable to hoist the flag on Empire Day, what is the spectacle? A young colony like Canada stands up and says that the British Prime Minister is disloyal; is not true to the empire; is false to his duty and to his King. Is that the message we are to send from this honourable Senate and parliament to the imperial government? Why we are presuming on our youthful strength and on a thing which we do not possess. We are presuming on a thing which is not necessary for the building up of this country, and that is this intense imperialistic sentiment that Canada can never prosper and go ahead without being bound up to the apron strings of the mother country. That feeling does not exist in England; but we have a certain class of citizens in Canada who wish to impose it on the people. We have in this despatch an object lesson coming from the Prime Minister of the empire, saying that this flag flying is simply a burlesque and he wants nothing of the kind. He does not believe that loyalty to the empire is bound up in a flag that waves in the breeze. He does not want the English people to believe that their loyalty depends on the flag flying over a public building. He wants his people to understand that the solidity of the empire remains in the policy of the government which will do best and most for the people. He wants the people to understand that the solidity and prosperity of the empire depends on its internal policy, and he does not look for flag shows. He appeals to the people of England to support his policy for the building up of the empire and not to simply say we are Englishmen because we hoist the flag. That is the position he has taken, and why should we here in Canada be