

THE BATTLE OF ST. JULIEN—*Con.*

fly the flag at half-mast, and not at the head? Not such is my conception, Mr. Speaker, and I believe that we shall best honour their memory also by flying at the head that flag for which they made the supreme sacrifice and which symbolizes the ideals of justice and liberty which Canada, in common with the whole Empire, maintains in this war.

*Laurier, Sir Wilfrid* (Quebec East)—3028.

The proposition of my right hon. friend that the Canadian people should remember that day is one that must commend itself to us all. What should be the form of that commemoration? In what manner should we Canadians express our testimony to the valour of our soldiers on that occasion? The proposal which has just been made by the Government, I think, must commend itself to every one, 3028.

## THE BILINGUAL QUESTION.

Inquiry—Mr. Marcell, 3297.

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Reference made to newspaper report which is characterized as a gross and mischievous misrepresentation.—*Sir Wilfrid Laurier*, 2973-4.

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Documents in connection laid on table.—*Mr. Doherty*, 3352.

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Motion:

That all the words after "that" in the main motion be struck out and the following substituted therefor:

"It has long been the settled policy of Great Britain whenever a country passed under the sovereignty of the Crown by treaty or otherwise, to respect the religion, usages and languages of the inhabitants who thus become British subjects:

"That His Majesty's subjects of French origin in the province of Ontario complain that by recent legislation they have been to a large extent deprived of the privilege which they and their fathers have always enjoyed since Canada passed under the sovereignty of the British Crown, of having their children taught in French.

"That this House especially at this time of universal sacrifice and anxiety, when all energies should be concentrated on the winning of the war, would, while fully recognizing the principle of provincial rights and the necessity of every child being given a thorough English education, respectfully suggest to the Legislative Assembly the wisdom of making it clear that the privilege of the children of French parentage of being taught in their mother tongue be not interfered with.—*Mr. E. Lapointe*, 3618.

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*Borden, Sir Robert* (Prime Minister)—3619.

In any event, it seems to me that, if my hon. friend is determined to precipitate a debate, which, so far as I see, can do no possible good, and which, in my judgment, may do an infinite amount of harm, the exact terms of the proposed resolution ought to be submitted for the information of the House before any debate takes place, 3619.

*Casgrain, Hon. T. Chase* (Postmaster General)—3620.

I have not seen the terms of the present resolution, but, if I am correctly informed, we are asked to comment to a certain degree upon the action of a legislature in this Dominion, 3620.

*Foster, Sir George* (Minister of Trade and Commerce)—3620.

My right hon. friend who has just taken his seat (*Sir Wilfrid Laurier*) has asked his supporter, in reference to what has been said, to let this motion stand for another day. I wish to the bottom of my heart that he had put his plea that the question should stand forever and a day, 3620.

*Knowles, W. E.* (Moosejaw)—3618.

I submit that this House has no more jurisdiction to discuss this question than it would have to deal with the question of whether Prince Edward Island should take into consideration the matter of running automobiles on the country roads, 3618.

*Laurier, Sir Wilfrid* (Quebec East)—3619.

There is nothing to be gained by running away from this question. Let us discuss it; let us hear both sides of it; and then, Sir, I believe that from this discussion we shall rise wiser and better men, knowing better what our position is, knowing better what the rights of the minority are; and I venture to say that when the question has been settled, as it ought to be settled, the minority will accept the situation, whatever it may be, 3619-20.

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House resumed discussion on *Mr. Lapointe's* resolution, 3676.

*Bellemare, A.* (Maskinonge)—3824.

Alas! that a priest, a Catholic bishop, should be so blind as to make common cause with the Orangemen in their attacks upon our race. Does he not realize that the interests of religion, the welfare of the country, the promotion of peace in Canada, forbid him to assail a minority that has acquired rights and shows respect for his high office, 3825.

*Bennett, R. E.* (Calgary)—3812.

I wonder if it has dawned upon the minds of the men responsible for the introduction of this resolution that the very existence of our institutions is at stake, and that the question for which our fellow Canadians are dying to-night is whether