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Borden when he went west to oppose reciprocity. The speech from the Throne is published on another page of this issue of The Guide.

Laurier and Borden Clash

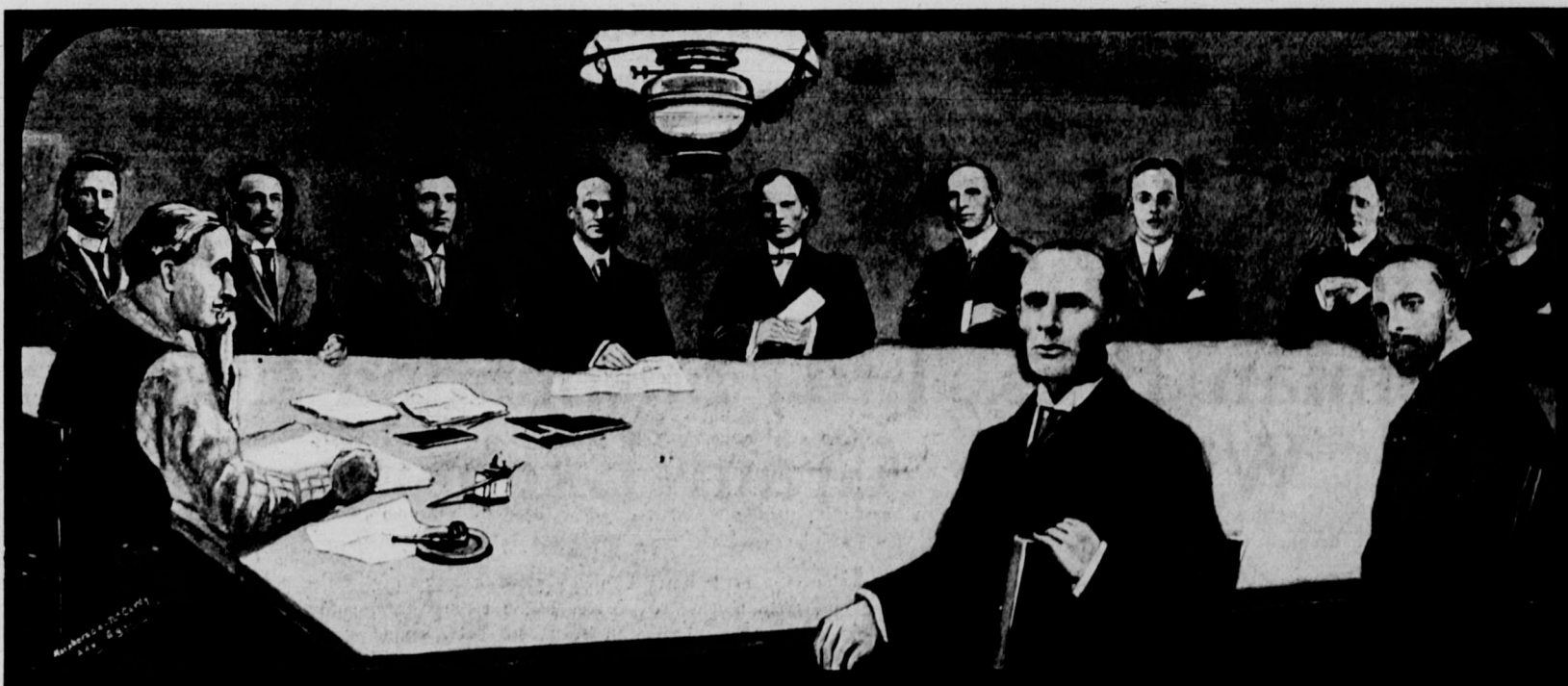
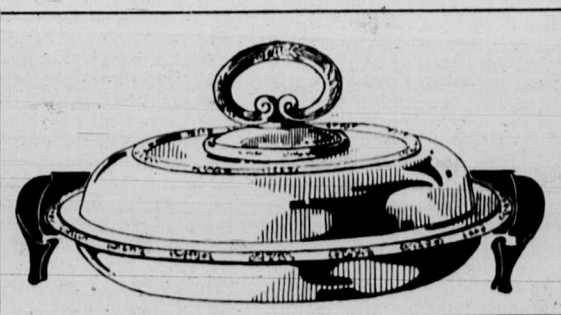
Everyone expected that the first sitting of the House would pass off practically without incident and that the election of Dr. T. S. Sproule to the Speaker's chair would be attended by a few commonplace remarks about his fitness for the position; his long services in the House, and so forth. It proved to be quite the contrary, however, because Sir Wilfrid Laurier, despite his high regard for Dr. Sproule could not, apparently, resist the temptation to comment on the acquiescence of the Nationalist wing of the government in the elevation of one who has been the subject of abuse in the Nationalist press. While agreeing that Dr. Sproule was worthy of the praise which Premier Borden had bestowed upon him he expressed surprise that the minister of public works (Hon. F. D. Monk) and his followers could approve of a man who had been described as a bad man by the Nationalist newspapers and who had been accused in 1905 of having entered into a compact with himself (Laurier) to deprive the Catholics of Saskatchewan and Alberta of their schools and the French-Canadian settlers of the prairie provinces of their language. Yet on the first day of the session Dr. Sproule was chosen as the candidate of the Nationalist party. "Sir," said the ex-premier in conclusion, "is it not thus that we take



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