

Mr. W. D. Euler, M.P. Speaks in the House

OTTAWA, March 11.—W.D. Euler, M.P., for North Waterloo, today delivered one of the most eloquent, most critical and most practical speeches that has been uttered during the debate on the reply to the speech from the throne. His criticisms were for the most part constructive and gave the Government leads on many questions.

"We have three great problems to solve all inter-related. Debt, reconstruction, allying of unrest. We owe two thousand millions of dollars, placing a staggering weight of \$250 upon every man, woman and child in Canada. So far we have not felt it. We have lived on borrowed money, but must pay the piper and begin paying right away. It can be done, but only by a courageous people working harmoniously to develop our own resources" was one of his telling points.

After paying a feeling tribute to the late leader of the Liberal party, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Mr. Euler discussed important issues at some length.

"I desire to thank the former minister of militia for his kind words with regard to German-Canadian soldiers who fought in this war," said Mr. Euler. "When he stated that these men had fought just as courageously as other Canadians, he said what some of us knew, but which we appreciate with special gratitude, because of the apparent feeling of race prejudice which exists in some quarters where normal feeling is absent and the sense of patriotism and fair play is gone."



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"I had no intention to make and personal reference but a remark by the former minister with regard to myself must be my excuse. He stated that he did not know whether I had any German blood in my veins. Is Pure Canadian.

"I have nothing but contempt for the man who denies his father or the race from which he sprang. But I want to say also that the blood which flows in my veins is exactly the same as that which flows in his own. It is not English or French or German. It is Canadian. And lest any person should mistake what I say, I freely offer the information that the man who gave me his name, came to this land at the age of two years, long before Confederation, and, more important than anything, is just as good a Canadian as his grandson, who is still bearing arms overseas.

"A good deal has been said about the light in the window, and the latch upon the door, and the outside of the door. For my part, I think there should be no occasion for the light."

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"The member for Red Deer (Michael Clark) does not like the metaphor. He compares himself to a coy young maiden who is being courted by two swains. Naturally she likes it, and has decided not to make up her mind for a while. Well, that is quite all right, but I would caution the young lady from Red Deer with the old saying that the question 'Whom will I take?' may change over night to 'Who will take me?' Then again in this practical and modern world of ours, the young ladies with an eye on the main chance, refuse to make a decision until they can take a peep into Dun's or Bradstreet's to ascertain who can supply her with the good things of the earth. Of course, I know no such sentiments actuate the western member. Those who listen to his fervent declaration that his attitude is dictated entirely by regard for his country are willing to admit that he was at least as sincere as he

was in his magnificent laudation of his former friend and leader.

"But if it were otherwise we on this side would admit, without a moment's hesitation that we cannot compete with gentlemen on the other side. The lady from Red Deer might, therefore as well make her choice at once, place her reluctant hand in that of the gentleman from Brantford (Mr. Cockshutt) and off that most uncomfortable pinkie fence which they are said to be straddling and say in the words of Ruth, 'Whither thou goest, I will go, thy people shall be my people; where thou diest, I will die, and there will I be buried.'

"I listened with interest to the speech of Hon. J.A. Calder. He asserts he is still a Liberal. If he feels that it is his duty to put his Liberalism in cold storage for another year, I would merely express the hope that these cherished ideals of theirs do not perish in the rarefied atmosphere in which they are living. I would describe these members as Sleeping Liberals; may they not, like another famous sleeper of Washington Irving's tale, wake up too late, and like Rip Van Winkle find that the world has moved on, and the place that knew them will know them no more forever.

"The minister invited suggestions, criticisms and opinions as to the temper of the people themselves. There was a constituency known as North Ontario and another known as Glenora and still another as Assiniboia. These three parliamentary seats are known and in the last two the elections have been disfranchised for nearly a year. Let the Government bring on by-elections in these ridings, and they will obtain an inkling of what the people think of them.

"Possibly the name of North Ontario has not an agreeable sound in the ears of gentlemen opposite. The rebuke administered to another government in that riding may be an intimation that autocracy in Dominion affairs is just as odious as in provincial

"The Government criticized the Government for its failure to call the House in session for more than nine months, but had substituted the order-in-council for constitutional rule.

"The Government is the existing government, and it is a fact that it is the Government, without danger of dispute. I believe the Government is entirely mistaken in the temper of the Canadian people. They have shackled the newspapers although I admit many of them bear their chains with much equanimity, so long as the shackles come in payment of extravagant advertising. They tried to take away the one effective weapon of the working-man, the right to strike. They strike-broke free speech. Canadian prisons were used as instruments of oppression. Men entirely innocent of wrongdoing have been imprisoned and illegal fines under the payment of imprisonment. Patriotic fervor showed itself by using a man guilty until he was innocent. Conscientious objectors were sent to jail for long terms, and had the strength of mind to refuse to swear to a lie. They taught wrong. An entire generation of public-spirited men were banished from the country.

"Socialist, but I have no sympathy with those who placed a ban upon these people, so long as they sought to obtain their rights by constitutional means and deprecate violence in so doing. Many were imprisoned and persecuted for having harmless literature in their possession. Such literature was not in, as you say, but foolish and calculated to defeat their own purpose. You cannot read a story by covering it up, and forcing the corruption into more dangerous channels. If socialist doctrine is wrong, free discussion of its principles will provide its own cure. Suppression and persecution merely aggravate the evil, and it will break out in worse form."

Living on Borrowed Money.

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to buy bonds and when the people were ready with both hands to contribute of their substance because of the terror of that feeling, the Government threw away the benefit of the campaign by offering inducements that made the buying of Victory Bonds not a patriotic matter, but merely a first-class financial investment. They gave the tax-free privilege. I am sure that it would have been just as easy to sell 5 per cent. bonds as 5 1/2 per cent. bonds. The people were in a patriotic, not calculating mood with selfishness predominating. That loss of 1/2 per cent. alone will cost the country some ten or fifteen millions annually for a generation or two.

Crushing the Wage-earner.

"The minister of public works wants the income tax to operate on both higher and lower levels. Certainly large incomes must pay in taxes. I do not agree with him when he says that the taxes should fall on men who earn \$1,000 a year or less. The man who earns wages has a heavy load to carry. It is barely equal to \$500 a few years ago. How much of a surplus has he got with a family of four or five children with meat at 25, 30 and 40 cents a pound, with woollens almost prohibitive and everything else in proportion. He has carried the brunt of the war. It is the worker, the rank and file, who suffered and bled in this war. He does not have to pay a tax to realize that this is his country. The casualty lists have told him, while the rich man has given only of his abundance—in fact, has been piling up money."

Get After Sir Joseph.

"The ex-minister of militia says that Sir Joseph Flavelle owns the Government. If he does, the suggestion I am going to make will not meet with favor. Sir Joseph has denied that he owns it, but the Government does not. It seems then, it is reasonable to say that he half owns it. The Government should seriously consider a heavy succession tax. No man can earn a million dollars. If he possesses that much it is the product of the labor of others. A large portion of every large fortune, say 50, 75 or 80 per cent., should come back to the people on the death of the owner. No injustice would be done."

Large fortunes merely represent the labor of the working people.

"Let them return to the state which provided the opportunity for their accumulation, leaving sufficient for the reasonable needs of the family of the former possessor. Thus, when the time comes that the revered knight of bacon fame is gathered to his fathers, and the Government takes some fifty or seventy-five millions of the one hundred millions he is reputed to have, it would simply be restitution of what he has taken from the people."

The Cause of Unrest.

"The labor problem is the greatest of all. I do not mean the problem of unemployment. There is much unrest. The cause of this unrest is human selfishness. Under the present conditions, where no ordinary man is absolutely secure against the future, the only course is for each to seize all he can and the devil take the hindmost. Selfishness is the logical result of modern conditions. LABOR, CONSCIOUSLY OR UNCONSCIOUSLY, DEMANDS THREE THINGS—INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY, A COMFORTABLE LIVING, SECURITY FOR THE FUTURE. I BELIEVE THAT UNDER EFFICIENT CONDITIONS AN EIGHT-HOUR DAY, AND PERHAPS LESS, SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO PROVIDE EVERY PERSON WITH A COMFORTABLE SUBSISTENCE. Fear of the future is constant with everyone. We must remove that. If that means more practical education, the fitting of the man to the job, old age pensions, pensions for unemployment, for widows and mothers, care of the sick, then I am prepared to give my support to efforts in that direction. We have traveled far in these last four years. Governments must progress as well."

Hundreds Disfranchised.

"I want to bring the attention of this House to the unfortunate positions of men who are to all intents and purposes Canadians, and who are yet men without a country."

"In Waterloo County and in other parts of old Ontario there are hundreds of men, who have lived here 25, 30, 40 and even 50 years. They came from Germany. Many of them took the oath of allegiance years ago, considered themselves British subjects, although

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technically they were not such, as they were not were complete naturalization required taking out of papers. They have heretofore always voted. The fact that both political parties agreed not to challenge a voter because of nationality aggravated the trouble. No one foresaw the war. Then war broke out and the real position of these people became apparent. In Kitchener 13 of these men applied for naturalization under the order-in-council of 1917. They were recommended by the judge. They were refused. Yet I read that in that year 471 Austrians and 43 Germans of other sections of the country were naturalized. Did they vote Unionist, and so were made citizens? I know of one case in Kitchener, a man from Germany fifteen years, who had been back shortly before the war, but because he was a Unionist he was given naturalization. The war is over, and these men should be given naturalization papers."

Mr. Euler, in conclusion, asked the Government to deal fairly with all people in the preparation of the new franchise act, that it be worthy of the Dominion of Canada, and that it be in keeping with national honor.

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