

the effects thereof, he is as deeply in the mesh as either or all of the others. The worst and best that can be said of him is, that Hon. Wilfred Laurier "does not love Canada less but Laurier more;" that he would sacrifice his country's name, fame and future, at the shrine of his own ambition, and he scruples not what means he uses, provided the goal of his life is reached,—the Premiership of Canada. In fact, to sum up Mr. Laurier's political character, motives, ideas, actions and all, we could not more fittingly close than by using his ominous words: "We must make use of questionable means very often in political life, the instrument is of little consequence compared to the results that we can produce with it." That gentleman has given ample evidence of his belief in, and practice of, this Machiavelian doctrine. What with playing one part in Ontario, another in Quebec, and audaciously denying both in the House; with preparing, reading, and correcting the proofs of a Quebec speech, and then proclaiming that he was wrongly reported; with repudiating, on the floor of Parliament, what he boasted of before the electors; with knowingly and deliberately misquoting paragraphs and pamphlets before Parliament, and attributing the authorship to Conservatives, when he knew who wrote, corrected, and was paid from Liberal funds for publishing the same; with denials of connections, compacts, agreements, or even sympathies with Mercier, Pacaud and their junto, and actually dictating to them all the while—what, with all these things, can we do other than admit, howsoever reluctantly, that the Leader of the Opposition is no better than his political associates. It is hard to feel that such an idol should be hurled from its pedestal, but the lover of his country—like the Catechumens of old—must become iconolast for the sake of the fame, honor, and well-being of the land he loves, and must tear away the veil from the shrine of the Delphic deity, if we wish to see the great principle of Political Truth prevail. Future politicians may learn