forced them to support a system of would be another condition of affairs altoschools in which the religious exercises gether, another's ox being gored. So were were acceptable only to the majority. To-day we find him appealing to the wishes that "Rank Tyranny" to be con- pulpit in this country that would not tinued, and characterizing as traitors to Manitoba his fellow members from the West, who wished to remedy a grievance. which, according to the testimony of its author, is "rank tyranny." The Privy ing to protect the rights and privileges Council declared there was a grievance, Mr. Martin declared the grievance was "rank tyranny." His fellow members from the West being statesmen, said: "We must remedy the grievance in obedience to the judgment of the Privy Council, not because we believe in separate schools, but because to do otherwise would be a violation of the constitution, and, in the words of Mr. Martin, a continuation of a "rank tyranny." Mr. Martin, being a demagogue, shouts: "No, traitors! I admit it is rank tyranny. I admit it is within your power to remove that rank tyranny. The judgment of the Privy Council says so. The constitution of the country says so; but you need not obey the judgment. You can ignore the constitution. Therefore you are traitors to Manitaba. You allow yourselves to be dictated to by the hierarchy of Quebec. You say you are bound by laws of honor, both political and moral, to do so. I say, no, traitors, you are not bound by anything in this life that does not pay. The mob does not care for honor or honesty. The constitution be hanged." Were we not right in saying that Mr. Martin was an unprincipled politician, a genuine dem-

If, three months hence, Mr. Laurier should be called upon to deal with this question and political expediency requires it, it will be the easiest thing in the world for Mr. Martin to throw over his political dupes, violate all his promises and add still further claims to his title of demagogue. He has done it before. Why should he not do it again when occasion requires?

#### PREMIER'S SPEECH. (Continued from page 1).

Protestant, should never have their rights interfered with-rights enjoyed before they came into Confederation. When the highest court in the realm, the judicial committee of the Queen's Privy Council, has put on record that the right of the minority of Manitoba has been taken away and that a grievance had been created which entitles them to redress; under the constitution of confederation they were pledged and it was the manifest duty of any government to redress that wrong, and I ask what you would think of the government of your country because it might be prejudiced senarate schools, if it w out this leaf of the constitution of Canada upon which these privileges rest, I say what would you think of such a government? (Applause). How could they take such utterly undefensible ground and cause the rights of that minority to dress themselves to the great political be trampled upon and render that page in the constitution a dead letter. I say, therefore, that this is not a question of separate schools at all, it is outside altogether that subject. It is simply whether the construction of that clause in the constitution of the country is to be respected even when it affects a small majority. There has been a great deal of misapprehension upon this question and I appeal to any Liberal Conservative supporter and ask him, whether or not he has a strong hostility or conscientious behef out the world: "For God's sake do not that separate schools are bad.—I put it go to Manitoba, for that is a country to that man what is your position in re- where a man's most sacred rights and gard to the government of your country; can you turn your back upon the government of your country and that party that man more successful as a national buildhas made Canada a country, that has be- er than the late Sir John A. Macdonald, come a factor in the civilized world (at and from the first day of his great career this point the speaker's remarks were to the day of his death, his cardinal

appeal to my Liberal Conservative that friends, of course I only appeal to them because I understand that everything is that has made Canada what she is tofair in love and war and I understand day, and I say no man can commit a how fruitless it would be to appeal to any member of the Liberal party upon this or up discord between the races and creeds any other question. So I appeal to the of the country. (Cheers). And now, Liberal Conservative party whether a ladies and gentlemen, I want to say one member of the party would advise the word more. Although this may be contearing up of the glorious constitution sidered the first gun fired in the great under which Canada has been formed campaign of 1896, I saw the battle is alfor the purpose of trampling under foot the rights of a feeble Roman Catholic you why. Some very striking illustraminority. I will put it in this way. Sup- tions of the positions of the two parties

there is an overwhelming majority, I ask any Protestant whether there is any have resounded with denunciation go to the relief of the Protestant minornationality, and does not hold these bringing into power a Roman Catholic French premier, who declares he will do more. Do you think he would so stant himself? Perhaps, I hear a person say that Mr. Laurier has done much to deter the passage of the remedial bill. Quite so, but I want to ask that person the reason Mr. Laurier gave for it. It was that the bill was useless, that it was a half-hearted measure, that it was good for nothing, that it could do nothing for the Roman Catholics, and that he would reason he has for striking down that bill. What does Mr. Laurier say in a speech in reference to the school question. "That the government has finally introduced a bill which was such a miserable thing that the principle of remedial legislation was not written in its four corners." There is some truth in that charge, and the truth is that all interference with the province of Manitoba will not compel the people to do more than they are absolutely compelled. I say that the coercion of Manitoba is due solely to the government of Manitoba itself. They knew that they lost the right to legislate exclusively on the question of education the moment they passed beyond their power by taking away the rights and privileges that were once guaranteed to the minority. It is not for them to say that we coerce them, all coercion came from them and I agree to pose as a prophet, but I will venture with my hon, friend that when this election is over and the Liberal-Conservatives are returned, as they have been in the last four elections (cheers) by an in- The province of Ontario has too much at creased majority, I believe that Mr. Greenway will find that is an argument great province and all the rest of Canada to induce him to take up this question and settle it. I appeal with the strongest say this-I am not prophesying, but I confidence to the Protestants throughout am speaking that which I know-that the Dominion of Canada on this question and ask them in that spirit of toler. me, and the majority of the present adation, in that spirit of justice that is administration will be greater in the absolutely essential to the progress of a new than the old. They were almost free people to take a broad and not a unanimous in the old house—the great narrow minded view of this question body of the representatives are supportand settle it as it ought to be settled. ers of the Government. The Province of MPURE BLOOD. (Cheers). No one can regret more than I do that such a question should be flung into the political arena and that is the reason I fought so hard to have it fice of principle to mainitain his ascensettled before these elections came on so dancy in the Province of Quebec." that the electorate could be able to adquestions of the day on which their interests depend; and not be drawn outside by questions that appeal to their feelings rather than the mind of the country. (Cheers). Ladies and gentlemen, if there is a part of this Dominion that is vitally interested in the settlement of this question it is the Province of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories, as to put it in the power of our enemies, who are envious of the prosperity of Canada, to send word throughprivileges are ignored." (Hear, hear) In this wide world there has not been a quite inaudible by the heavy rain on the principle was "Equal Justice to all, without respect to race or creed." (Great Continuing Sir Charles said: I would cheering). It was the following out of

GREAT CARDINAL PRINCIPLE greater crime or injustice than to raise ready won. (Cheers). And I will tell pose it had been in the province of Que- have occurred. I dare say you know becand not in the province of Manitoba it that when the Liberal party in parlia-

ment became atterly disorganized, and a good majority was recorded in favor of this in the province of Quebec where the remedial measure, and when obstruction was begun by speaking nonsense hour after hour, something happened. electors to support him because he Protestant clergyman, any Protestant What was it? When I moved that ob- to the Province of Quebec, and I said to ority of two to one, but again when I against the government that would not made a similar motion a vote was teken and the majority stood 99 to 7. (Cheers). ity. They would be doing their duty if When then this obstruction was carried they denounced the government for fail- still further, such was the disorganization of Mr. Laurier's forces, that whenguaranteed by the constitution of the ever a vote became imminent he saw country to the Protestants of Quebec. But the coattails of his followers at right I said to Mr. Taillon, "I would like you I say what is right on one side is right angles shooting through the doors. to resign your position of prime minister on the other, and the man who has any (Laughter). He too, disappeared from claims to justice, irrespective of creed or the House, and where did be go? He portfolio in my cabinet." He replied, went up to Toronto to seek solace views is a traitor to the government of from his friend Sir Oliver Mowat. I did the country. To my Conservative friends | not hear his appeal, and if I had heard | minister of the Province of Quebec and who have turned their backs upon me I it I should not reveal the secret, (Re- he has no soft story to tell me. "If you want to make another appeal and it is newed laughter), I can imagine I heard have a majority I will come to you after. this, I want to know where is the man him say: "My dear Sir Oliver, this I know what is the sentiment of Quebec, with any brains in his head, where is the trap into which I have been betrayed in what is the sentiment of Canada? I man who has any capacity for exercising | my feverish anxiety to get hold of a majintelligent reasoning capacity, who would ority of the house of commons has ruinjustify bimself or would justify himself to ed me. (Mingled cries of "Oh, oh!" and his countrymen if he oppressed a feeble cheers). I have destroyed myself in minority and that for the purpose of Quebec. Even the Catholics of Ontario, I am told, are going over in crowds to in Canada have done-Mr. Angers was the enemy, and I am likely to be nowhere. The only man that can save the ship is your illustrious self. Come on board; join me and we will form a powerful combination that will enable us to weather the tempest, or at least to go down with our flags flying and some little appearance of respectability." (Laughter). Sir Oliver Mowat, who is a very cautious man, as you know, replied: "My dear Mr. Laurier-It would have a much stronger bill. You see the not do for me to come along side of you just now; but I will tell you what I will do; I will give you the help of my voice and of my colleagues in fighting the battle; but I do not like to give up a certainty for an uncertainty. (Laughter). I will hold on to my position as prime minister of the great province of Ontario; I do not want to be left out in the cold nor fall between two stools. You must, therefore, excuse me for not doing more than this. I will write you a letter saying I will fight your battle, and help you uphold your flag, and in case you get a majority, you can depend you may call upon me to share the results. (Laughter). I will take a soft seat in the senate

and I will give you the very best of my illustrious services." Mark, if there is a man who knows the pulse of Ontario well, this is Sir Oliver Mowat, and I don't hesitate to tell you to-night-I don't like on this-I believe that the biggest surprise that is going to come to the Liberal party is going to come from Ontario. stake to sacrifice the interest of that by doing toe behests of Mr. Laurier. I the Maritime Provinces will stand by Quebec, Mr. Laurier knows, has gonehe knows he has trifled-be knows he has bid too high for office-at the sacri-

Voice-"We will see to that on the 23rd."

Sir Charles Tupper-I will say to my friend who interrupts me, that if he is right and I am wrong, I will never ask

him to accept a prophecy of mine again. When His Excellency the Governor-General sent for me and entrusted me with the great responsibility of forming a government, I wanted aid and I went struction go no further, we had a maj- the prime minister of the Province of Quebec-Hon. Mr. Taillon, a man of the highest standing, a man of the greatest influence, at the head of a much bigger majority in the Province of Quebec than Mr. Mowat has in Ontario-has the confidence of the Province of Quebec, has an overwhelming majority at his back. of the Province of Quebec and accept a "With the greatest pleasure." (Loud cheers). He resigns his position of prime know what your position is, and I shall be proud to stand by you."(Loud cheers). Mr. Angers—a gentleman of the highest standing in the Province of Quebecwho vindicated his integrity as few men governor of Quebec and he found that his prime minister, Mr. Mercier, was guilty of the most scandalous and dis-

graceful corruption-when he found one hundred thousand dollars stolen from the Province of Quebec to be applied to the support of Mr. Laurier-he struck down Mr. Mercier-and although Mr. Mercier had a majority of twenty-five in the house, promptly dismissed him and his cabinet, and sent for men on whose integrity he could rely.

The premier's remarks were here in terrupted by the patter of a rain on the.

Sir Charles corcluded: I am proud to be able to say that there is not a man in my government against whom any charge of malfeasance or corrupt dealing can be sustained, therefore, I appeal with confidence to the electors of Canada for their support. (Loud cheers).

Sir Charles concluded his remarks with an earnest appeal to the electors of Manitoba for their support, and took his seat amid loud cheering.



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