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MR. BORDEN'S POSITION. Mr. Borden has been made the target of much Liberal sneering and of considerable criticism from Conservative politicians of the near-sighted sort because, as they say, he is hesitating and trimming before announcing his policy on the separate school question.

All such sneers and criticisms are altogether unjust except as they come from those who would be frankly delighted to see Canada torn with a sectarian struggle, which, whatever lasting bitterness it might cause, would tend to their political advantage. For, unless he was animated by a desire like this, Mr. Borden has yet had no opportunity of declaring himself for or against any section of the autonomy bills. They were introduced one day a few weeks ago with an explanatory speech from Sir Wilfrid and have not been before parliament since. The first intimation of their contents was given to Mr. Borden by the premier's speech, for, contrary to customary courtesy, he was not furnished with copies of the bills long enough beforehand to become acquainted with their provisions. Under those circumstances none but a reckless mischief-maker would have declared any definite line of policy on so important a question. But though Mr. Borden did not thus carelessly commit himself to any definite position he said these critics concerning his personal opinion on the question. When the proper time comes—when the bills come up for their second reading—Mr. Borden and the Conservatives will be found in a position in accord with justice and the constitution, in accord with the sentiment of the west, and of the great majority of the people of all Canada, who have spoken once on this question and have not since changed their opinion.

ARE LAWYERS NECESSARY? Hon. A. B. Aylesworth, himself one of the most distinguished of Canadian lawyers, advocates in a recent speech the abolition of all the compulsory qualifications for practicing at the bar, so that any man could plead his own cause or call in any other man to represent him.

While the majority of lawyers would naturally oppose such an innovation, that it would meet with general favor is beyond a doubt. Though the advantages of having in courts of law the advice of men learned in the law is obvious, there is no good reason why any man should be a member of the lawyers' union in order to be able to plead a case for himself or a friend before judge and jury should he choose to do so.

The lawyers form one of the most powerful trades unions in the world. No fault can be found with them for doing so except when they use their power, as they continually do, in enforcing the injustice of the "closed shop."

If a change were made along the lines suggested by Mr. Aylesworth, the greatest result—next to the putting of thousands of lawyers out of business—would be that many cases would be decided upon their merits and according to the principles of justice instead of upon insignificant technicalities which in the majority of cases in which they are resorted to, are irrelevant to the common merits of the case and made to work directly contrary to the principles of justice.

THE ANSWER. Sir Wilfrid refuses to answer Mr. Borden's questions, if he had prepared and introduced the Northwest autonomy bills without the knowledge and approval of Messrs. Sifton and Fielding, and if so, why? But if Mr. Fielding remains in the cabinet or Mr. Sifton returns, the question will need no verbal answer; for if it were true that they were not consulted nor their approval secured, they could not remain in Laurier's cabinet and maintain either any influence in the government councils or any self respect. If in a month's time either Mr. Fielding or Mr. Sifton is a minister of the crown, it may safely be concluded that he was an accomplice of Laurier in his plot to coerce the new provinces and at the same time to make his blindfolded followers believe that they were preventing that coercion.

The trouble about Sir Wilfrid Laurier, says the Mail and Empire, is that the country never knows what he will do next. He ran as a free trader and gave a sort of modified and crippled protection. He was an economist, and he doubted the expenditure. He was a friend of provincial rights, and he introduced a bill declaring that the West provincial rights shall never be enjoyed. He was once a Liberal, now he is a Czar. No one can tell from his list of principles what his principles are. While he is declaring for some particular policy he may have an agreement in his pocket under which he has secretly bound himself to pursue the opposite course.

His Honor Lieutenant Governor Snowball is a considerable man. Fredrick reports that he did not allow the members to stand during the reading of the speech from the throne. The speech put into his hands was sufficiently wearisome when the audience had an easy position.—Sun.

Sir William Mulock has not resigned, but the Toronto Star, of which he is supposed to be one of the proprietors, is emphatic in the declaration that the Northwest school system should be left at the absolute disposal of the Northwest people.—Sun.

BOOKS IN WINTER. In winter, when the nights are long, I sit and dream before the fire; My heart is light, my love is strong; For books, dear friends, they never tire. In winter, when the nights are long, I read from eve till midnight comes; I revel in the summer's dream; My spirit then with heroes roams; I quaff of poets' mystery From out the worn, beloved tones.

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Recently the guardians were informed that some of the paupers had declared that the tea supplied was distinctly inferior. The price paid by the guardians for it is 2s 2d a pound, and Mr. Bishop, who is a guardian, told his colleagues that he took a sample of the tea home, and it was so good that he would be glad to get more at the price. Another guardian who called at the house on "boiled pork day" had a most enjoyable meal. "I need not nothing else till tea time," he asserted. So the guardians decided that tea at 1s. 2d. per pound was good enough for the fastidious inmates.

Rev. F. C. Wright, of Hebron, N. S., will occupy the pulpit of Carleton Baptist church at both services tomorrow.