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## *Toronto's Indignation.*

ON Friday last the Toronto News read a long lecture to Mr. R. L. Borden and the Conservative party, and at the same time it condemned Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his ministers, and not content with that little job, wrote an additional lecture to Mr. Whitney, leader of the Conservative party in Ontario. An attack on political leaders takes time and space, so that it is not to be wondered at that the editorial in question was two columns long. The News relying on the incomplete statements of the Auditor General, took up the Dav's contract, campaigned it at great length, and with infinite variety for weeks. Mr. R. L. Borden at Ottawa had the documents in connection with that case under his hand. He was cognizant of the facts, and naturally was looking for an opportunity of attacking the government, but he evidently found no ground in the Dav's contract, and no ground for inquiry. The News is naturally, therefore, wroth at Mr. Borden for neglecting to follow its lead. The News wanted an enquiry, even though that enquiry resulted disastrously to Mr. Borden and the rest of the Opposition. Mr. Borden is probably better qualified to judge of his duty in this mat-

ter than the Toronto newspaper, which was far from wanting an impartial enquiry into the matter, assumed false statements to be true and condemned the government day in and day out for weeks and weeks. If there should have been an enquiry, why did the News not wait for the result of that enquiry, and after getting the facts express an opinion? To condemn a man before he is tried is considered unfair and un-British. The News may call for a searching investigation into everything—that is its role, but in the Dav's contract it made a mistake not to have waited and seen the result of the enquiry. It gave its verdict before and in consequence has put itself in a very bad position. It seems now to be angry with everybody.

As a matter of fact there was a pretty searching enquiry into the whole matter both outside the House and on the floor of Parliament, and every document and paper in connection with the case was at the disposal of Parliament, and a special committee was appointed to look through these papers, and as a result the Opposition did not find itself in a position to call for further inquiry or to bring a motion before the House.