

nant position in the councils of the House as they do to-day..... Oh, let no hon. member fear the result of this motion."

Mr. Bourassa Speaks

Mr. Henri Bourassa, Independent, returned after an absence from the House of eighteen years, and possibly the most picturesque figure in the Fifteenth Parliament, dealt ironically with the emphasis placed by the Conservative speakers on observance of the letter of precedent. It reminded him of the story of the expert Chinese tailor to whom a British officer in China entrusted the making of a new uniform coat.

"The tailor began cutting up the coat and putting on the embroidery and so forth," said Mr. Bourassa; "but when it was finished, the coat was so clean and glittering and fresh looking compared with the old one that he thought it would not answer; so he took a slice of pork and rubbed it over the collar of the coat and made it resemble the old one. Those legal pontiffs interpret the British laws according to the letter that killeth and not according to the spirit that giveth life and that will maintain life."

Pays Respects to "Interests"

In the course of his address, Mr. Bourassa paid his respects to certain selfish interests in Montreal and Toronto. "These gentlemen from Nova Scotia", he said, "though ardent Conservatives, cannot deny that they have been elected mainly on a platform - and a right one, a solid one and a justifiable one - of protest against the selfishness of Montreal and Toronto, which want to dominate the whole Dominion."

In fairness to these cities, he added, "No, it is not the selfish domination of Toronto and Montreal which is to be combatted, it is the selfish domination of a few individuals who, because they command the power of money, through money and the associations which money savoury or unsavoury brings, command the influence of lofty organs of public opinion."

Make Bows As Ministers

Keen interest attached to the first appearance as Ministers of the Crown of Hon. George H. Boivin, K.C., (Shefford), Minister of Customs and Excise, and Hon. Lucien Cannon, K.C., (Dorchester), Solicitor-General.