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## THE LETTER AND THE SPIRIT.

There is the old story of the guileless party who signs a promissory note on the verbal assurance that it will only become payable under such and such conditions, and the next he hears of it is the demand for payment by a holder who repudiates all knowledge of any "understanding," and insists on holding him to the letter of the law. It looks very much as if the Government were putting up a similar confidence game with the clause in the new militia act referring to Canadian troops serving outside of Canada for the defence of the empire.

It will be remembered that when it was proposed that Canada should send troops to South Africa Sir Wilfrid Laurier expressed the opinion that he had no power to do so under the existing militia act. This argument was advanced to combat the rising tide of public sentiment. If it were a mere technical handicap, it would be fair to consider that in framing a new militia act which will be the law for future years and similar contingencies, the opportunity would be seized to make it clear that a Canadian Government under proper restrictions, can send out Canadian troops beyond the borders "for the defence of the empire." But the wording of the proposed act is just the opposite and declares that the Government shall not send Canadian troops out of Canada "except for the defence of Canada." In this connection objections are met with the plausible verbal statement that this "really means" that they can be sent out to defend the empire. It is another case of the guileless man with the promissory note—the letter of the law means one thing, the ephemeral verbal "understanding" is quite another. Mr. Maclean, M. P., suggested that if it was the intention to have Canadian troops serve outside of Canada for the defence of the empire, the words "for the defence of the empire" should be substituted for "the defence of Canada," but the Government would not have it. Under the old act there was doubt expressed whether the Government had power from the phrasing of the act to send troops out to South Africa. Under the new act the same doubt can fall back on the letter of the law and declare emphatically that an attack by Boers on a colony 7,000 miles away did not necessitate sending out Canadian troops "for the defence of Canada."

Instead of the new act removing the legal difficulty which existed when the South African war broke out, it accentuates it. It places in the hands of a cabinet the opportunity to declare that Canada is not threatened and that it is needless to call Parliament together. To this the argument is advanced that the Governor-General could force them to do so, but we all know that the Imperial Government would be very chary of assuming any appearance of "forcing" the hand of the Government of its chief colony under such delicate conditions. In the spontaneity of the Dominion would be half its value. In the face of a war it would look like a confession of weakness for the mother country to proceed to "force" the hand of our Government, no matter how strongly the majority of the Canadian people felt on the subject. The people of Canada might force the hand of the Government, as it had to do in 1899, but that would take time, especially as the Government could entrench itself behind the mandate of Parliament, now being put in black and white, that Canadian troops shall not be sent out of the country except "for the defence of Canada." The South African war was an exceptional affair in that the enemy left Great Britain plenty of time to get its forces together with 18 1/2 or no molestation. Though war was declared on October 12, 1899, four months elapsed before Roberts' conquering army was ready to move out of Cape Colony on its march to Bloemfontein and Pretoria. Circumstances are easily conceivable where the process of forcing the hand of a Government, backed up as the latter would be by this clause in the militia act, would fritter away so much time that before Parliament was called, had made its decision and contingents were equipped, Canadians would find to their humiliation and disgrace that they were too late to be of service.

The clause is clearly one of obstruction, not of facilitation, otherwise why not put the "understanding" into plain English in the act, and be done with it—Ottawa Citizen.

## JACKSON.

Mr. Willson, a life-long Liberal, and for many years editor of the Toronto Globe, gives the following opinion of Sir Richard Cartwright and Mr. Jackson, in his newspaper, the News: "There are few more disheartening incidents in the history of Canadian politics than Sir Richard Cartwright's defence of the Jackson appointment. There is no doubt that he was responsible for the appointment, and therefore had no option but to attempt its justification in parliament. Mr. Jackson did as dirty a piece of work in South Oxford as has ever disgraced our politics. The election of Mr. Sutherland in this old Liberal stronghold was one of the most unexpected results in the last provincial general election. It was one of the first elections to be attacked by the Liberal managers, but it is manifest that they had no evidence to justify the petition which was entered against Mr. Sutherland's return. They reasoned, however, that if the constituency could be opened the government could succeed in a bye-election and therefore evidence had to be obtained. Mr. Jackson was furnished with money, doubtless by the Central Liberal organization, and in collusion with a recreant Conservative he set to work to buy the necessary testimony. He deliberately incited to perjury, and, as Mr. Justice Street said, associated with men of the lowest possible character in order to get the evidence necessary to prove the charges made in the petition. He is rewarded for this rascally work by appointment to a responsible office in Great Britain. He is quartered upon the public pay roll. He is championed by Sir Richard Cartwright who for a score of years stood out as the sternest teacher of public morals in the country. There is only one conclusion from the circumstances. Either Sir Richard Cartwright, as a political moralist, was a huge partisan humbug, or he has surrendered very completely to the corrupting influences of office. In any event, no more deplorable utterance has ever been made in parliament than this speech of Sir Richard Cartwright, and it must be a case of profound sorrow to the whole country that one of the finest reputations in our politics should be so wantonly and so utterly destroyed in order that a very poor type of party heeler should get a living at the public expense. There is no doubt a place where he should have got free lodgings but it is not in an honorable position in the civil service of Canada."

And now we put into the witness box one of the most solid Grit sheets that Ontario produces—The Stratford Beacon. It says:

"In voting disapproval of the appointment to a government office in Leeds, Eng., of J. B. Jackson, the Ingersoll lawyer, whose work in the South Oxford provincial election case was, to say the least, of a very suspicious character. D. K. Erb, M. P., gave expression to the views of the Liberals of this riding and, we hope, of the country. It was one of the few acts of the present administration that has not met with public favor. Mr. Jackson may be a very efficient officer, as Sir Richard Cartwright says, but his record is not such as should entitle him to service under the crown. The friends and admirers of Sir Richard Cartwright—and they are numbered by the thousands in the Liberal party—must regret that his splendid public career was marred by such a recommendation. Sir Richard is strong in his friendships as he is in his views, and he doubtless was loath to believe that Mr. Jackson had intended anything improper in his relations with the

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man Chambers, but those who believe that appointees to the public service should be above even a suspicion of guilt, could not take such a lenient view of the case. It was, therefore, well that one Liberal member, by his vote, recorded disapproval of the appointment. It may have the effect of preventing similar appointments in the future."

But there are Liberal papers in Ontario that have fallen so low in the service of the government that they find themselves able to defend Jackson and Cartwright.

**VERY EFFECTIVE.**  
 Hamilton Spectator.

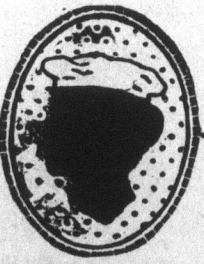
Dundonald may not be a dexterous orator; but that "both hands" appeal seems to be ambidextrous, as it were.

**TIMELY ADVICE.**  
 Peterboro Review.

The barnacle organs are protesting that Lord Dundonald's advice to Canadians to keep their hands on the Union Jack is unnecessary. We think it was very timely when a member of the Laurier administration had just been uttering threats in London of the disruption of the tie binding us and the empire.

**A VACANCY AT OTTAWA.**  
 Farmers' Weekly Sun.

Sir Richard Cartwright sat silent in the house when the final estimates were brought down which will make the Dominion expenditure for this year over \$70 per family. When he rose last week it was to defend the appointment to an office in his department of a man whose chief recommendation was that he had endeavored to buy evidence to unseat a political opponent. Had such an expense bill been placed on the table by a Conservative government, had such an appointment been made by an enemy, we would again have seen the Sir Richard of a quarter of a century ago, and his speech would have been, as described on another occasion, a flame of indignation. But even to Sir Richard Cartwright the Point of View—whether it is taken from the Right or Left of the Speaker—makes all the difference in the world. There is a vacancy at Ottawa for a watch-dog of the treasury, for one who will assist in upholding the standard of public morality; and who will perform his duties at all times regardless of whether Grits or Tories are in power.



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