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Sir Richard McBride's Reply to Critics of His Speech Before Ottawa Canadian Club.

OTTAWA, Oct. 31—"I have nothing to apologize for, and certainly nothing to defend," stated Sir Richard McBride, Premier of British Columbia, yesterday when asked thsi opinion about the attacks made upon him by certain Liberal newspapers on account of his speech made last Monday before the Ottawa Canadian Club, when he discussed the naval questions. "I made a speech," Sir Richard McBride said, "in exactly the same tone during my recent visit to England before the London Carlton Club, and I stated there what I am not afraid of stating here right now and before any audience in Canada—that I was ashamed of my country, Canada, in its action in refusing to vote a sum for the assistance of England.

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Sir Richard seemed in no wise disturbed by the comments made upon him since he made his now famous speech. "I want," he said, 'to say that it be understood that there is no doubt about my Canadian views. I feel that I am as good a Canadian as any other man, and I have as good a right as any other man to express them when I think they are for the good of the Dominion."

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To The Editor

HOME RULE IN IRELAND.

The Editor of the Courier,

Sir,—I fear I am rather tardy in replying to the further letter of C. L. H., who I perceive signs himself as an Irish-Canadian Home Ruler and now admits that he is of Irish parentage and presumably he was born on Canadian soil. It is so far satisfactory to know this as his knowledge of Irish affairs is therefore limited to information he probably gleaned from his parents or from the perusal of newspapers or publications which bear on the history of Ireland and its social and political conditions from time to time and he possesses no peronal experience in such matters

Dealing with his second letter I can afford to pass over his reference to "Orange Loyalty" and "Treason" with contempt, except that I endorse his definition of the Orange motto, One King, Ine Flag, One Empire, with the addition of "One Parliament" and by that I mean a parliament such as the English parliament guided by the dictates of justice, honesty and sound judgment, unalloyed by any religious bigotry or intolerance such as would permeate the proposed Irish Parliament under Home Rule. With such a parliament I should be perfectly content as would be every sensible minded Orangeman or Unionist all the world over. I have no doubt that Mr. Winston Churchill would feel very flattered at C. L. H's friendly reference to "Churchill" (as if he was a bosom friend) in that he has convictions and the courage of his convictions, etc" but I fear from the tone of his first letter that his convictions are few and his principle arguments more approaching "clap trap", to use a vulgar phrase and such as any paid "demagogue" would use and such as has been used in the vicinity of our palatial edifice known as the City Hall.

However, I have no wish to indulge in any facetious or long winded controversy with my friend or with his apparent colleague E. F. A. (whose letter I must deal with later on) but to confine myself strictly to facts as they have been and now exist. I must however take execption to the statement as to the mission of the Rev William McGuire, referred to as being somewhat distorted but lack of information at the moment deters me from dealing with this more in detail at the present moment.

Now I will deal with his first letter of C. L. H. I am not prepared to dispute his statement as to percentages of the various denominations of religion in Ireland, as it would mean looking up official returns, and as I personally am not so much on the "priest ridden" track it interests me but little, however important it may be to C. L. H. But I take strong issue with his statements as to equal rights and a square deal as practised by Orangemen and in particular Orange justice. Does he mean to insinuate that protestant magistrates are so corrupt as to be biased in their judicial decisions as against Catholics because if so I throw the accusation back in his teeth. He has yet to prove that such a state of things is possible in this enlightened age and particularly in an intellectual and enlightened province, such as Ulster is at the present day. When I refer as I will shortly to the historical aspect of dealings between the Protestants and Catholics of Ireland, I am inclined to think that C. L. H. will modify his views in this regard. For the moment I will deal with his incorrect and I think cowardly reference to the "sweat shops" of Belfast Orange-Unionist manufacturers. Is C. L. H. aware of the fact if not he should be told, that wages run in Belfast and other Ulster cities, 25 per cent to 30 per cent higher than any of the cities or towns of other provinces, that is, that a laborer may earn from 25s per week to 30s. for skilled artizans from 25s. to £2 ($10.00) a week, while in Dublin and other parts of the country, wages run from 16s. to about £1 a week for the same labor. Then how does the sweating come in. These figures show a pretty good living wage for Ulster workers and is due to the wealthy and progressive men of Ulster that C. L. H. speaks of, men who have worked and worked hard from a poor start to make Ulster the rich thriving and prosperous province she now is. Let me ask C. L. H. this question in passing, Why is it, that this province of Ulster is so far ahead of other provinces, both in regard to agriculture and manufactures has reached this state prosperity? Men of other provinces have had the same chances of success, the same fertility of soil and in many cases the soil is even more fertile—the same means of transport, the same opportunity of obtaining and utilizing English capital and yet forsooth, they are still, compared to Ulster, years and years behind, both in regard to prosperity, development of any enterprise and still keep on the same old groan of down-trodden Ireland. How is it then on the other hand that Ulster is contented and desiring to be peaceful and undisturbed. Is she to tamely submit to be dragged down to the same level or fight for her rights, and this all sensible-minded Orangemen intends to do, and will be prepared to do, when the time comes. In this regard I may quote the old rhyme attributed to the stalwart Lord Randolph Churchill, the father of our friend C. L. H's friend, the aforesaid "Churchill" viz:

Ulster will fight,
And Ulster will be right.

Again C. L. H. speaks of the opposition of Orangemen to Home Rule, and is evidently imbued with a great idea all through his letter of the animosity and cruelty of Protestants and Orangemen towards their Catholic neighbors. Let me quote what happened in the Irish parliament in the last century. This parliament was— as probably C. L. H. may know—barred against Catholics since the time of William III, and it was virtually a protestant parliament. The protestant party, led by Grattan and Flood, agitated for restoration of its independent power (which had been greatly curtailed) and aided by the large volunteer force which had been raised to defend the country against any invasion by America (with whom Egland was then at war) English statesmen very wisely yielded to these demands and the Irish Parliament was to be an independent parliament of Lords and Commons to make laws for the people of Ireland, but remaied and was elected by an exclusively protestant vote. Yet, its leaders at once went to work to obtain the emancipation of their Catholic fellow subjects. Grattan succeeded in obtaining "an act to admit the Catholics to practice at the bar" and also carried an act to enable Catholics to vote for members of parliament. For years afterwards agitation took place to obtain more reforms until Pitt in about 1800 brought in the act of union and this came into force in January, 1801. The movement for Catholic representation in the English parliament was continued and it was not until O'Connell in 1828 defied the laws and was returned and was the first Catholic to sit in that Parliament.

The foregoing short history of the policy pursued by the Protestant Orangemen in the past, therefore, seems to knock the bottom out of C.L.H. and Home Ruler's generally as to the cruelty and tyranny displayed by Orangemen towards their co-religionists, the Roman Catholics. It seems to me also to be a complete refutal of the statement of our friend E. F. A. that the past history of the parliament would make the union "stink in the nostrils of any fair-minded person," but that rather, on the other hand, the Orangemen might well be proud of the policy of self-sacrifice, unselfishness and consideration for the rights and freedom of their Catholic neighbors displayed by their noble predecessors.

After a very stormy period from this time, during which the "Phoenix" and "Fenian" movements were the cause of destruction of life and property (including the destruction of Clerkwenwell Prison and the murder of the policemen in Manchester), and when cattle maiming, boycotting, the non-payment of rent, tyranny (in almost every case the acts of Roman Catholics backed up by their priests), we come to 1882 when the civilized world was horrified by the murder of Lord Frederick Cavendish (the Irish Secretary) and Mr. Burke, his under secretary in Phoenix Park (also the act of Catholics). Surely a fitting way of showing their appreciation of all that the Orangemen had done for them in the past. As a sequence the Home Rule Bill was brought in by Mr. Gladstone in 1882 and defeated and a subsequent one passed but defeated by the Lords in 1892. Then (in 1887 to 1891), under Mr. A. J. Balfour, the Unionist premier, and Mr. Gerald Balfour, his brother (to quote an established authority), "Ireland prospered, men of all parties and faiths combined in an association to promote dairying, trade and commerce; the Department of Agriculture greatly promoted agriculture; a regiment of Irish guards was formed, and act after act for the improvement of the country was passed." One can readily understand that not only Orangemen, Protestants and all sensible and broad-minded people were satisfied and contented with this state of things and it was generally considered that Home Rule was dead never to be revived. But, no, the insatiable desire of Roman Catholicism, of the priests and the "Czar" of Rome were not to be denied, and the Liberals again, wanting a battle cry and the support of their Irish allies, steeped in all the infamy that had been permitted and condoned by them (and invariably directed against these old Protestant champions), the old horse, Home Rule, was again led out of the stable and is now being trotted around stalking in hideous nakedness to wake up more and more strife in an otherwise contented country. Perhaps the best example of the boasted "loyalty" of our Catholic friends, was on the recent visit of the King and Queen to Dublin, when the Mayor and Corporation of that intelligent Irish City refused to offer any reception or, indeed, recognize his visit and otherwise treated them in what can only be considered as very treasonable behaviour. I only know that if they had behaved so in Germany, that Emperor William would promptly have consigned them to durance vile with deserving fine and punishment, until they had purged their conduct. However, "verb sap."

But, I think, I have now somewhat taken the glamour off C.L.H's profuse peroration, and shall not (at all events until I think there is any need or justification), deign to reply any further to his insulting remarks with reference to King Carson (as he dubs Sir Edward Carson), a man of the highest ability, integrity and a thorough gentleman at that. May I tell C.H.L., that I have had the pleasure of meeting Sir Edward many times in connection with legal business I have had with him and had personal conversations, and am confident that he is the man to lead the Orangemen to fight and to victory, if fighting is to be done.

Lord Grey's good name and uprightness are a complete answer to C.L.H's. stigmas against him, so I pass over his references with the contempt they deserve.

Now, sir, I fear I have exceeded my liberty with regard to space and somewhat abused your patience, but I leave myself in your hands, knowing well that you are only too anxious as between "man and man" to let the truth be known; so will trespass no longer, but remain as a constant reader.

H. H. M.

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Mr. Meredith has not yet definitely decided to take up the defence of Tom Riley, who is to be tried here in January for the murder of Geo. Blackburn, Hotel Cecil bartender.

Louis Imbleau, the Renfrew River star, whom Kennedy of the Canadiens was after, will play hockey for Sarnia, this winter, in the O.H.A. Imbleau is now working in Sarnia and intends to stick there.

Novel Move

To Have Collegiate Institute Quite Work Earlier.

HAMILTON, Oct. 31—According to an announcement last night by George Allan, chairman of the Board of Education, the school trustees will deal with the proposal of Principal Thomson, of the Collegiate that the school hours be changed from 2 to 4 in the afternoon to 12.30 to 2.30.

This allows only 30 minutes for luncheon, but the scheme is favored, and an appeal will be made to the department of education.

It is understood that the idea is being taken up in Toronto also, and the likelihood is that the cities will join hands in the move and cause the Provincial Legislature to make it general throughout Ontario.

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