

Last July Sir Wilfrid Laurier returned from the recent Colonial Conference. Since then Mr. Borden has delivered a most interesting series of addresses throughout the Dominion. He has attacked Sir Wilfrid upon every point except his conduct at the Colonial Conference.¹ Mr. Borden has never given us the slightest reason to suspect that he is less of a Canadian than the very best of us.

Gentlemen, I have finished, and my last word must be that if in some proximate or some far-off day the future of Canada shall be as I have indicated — nationhood; self-control; political equality with the United Kingdom, instead of subordination and subserviency to the Colonial Office; the Kingdom of Canada, instead of one of many "Dominions beyond the Seas"; imperial coöperation in all matters of mutual advantage; coöperation in war under agreed conditions; coöperation in trade; coöperation in communications by cables, by post, and by speediest methods of travel; the increase and advancement, by these means, of imperial sympathy and friendship and brotherhood — if this be our future, then I say that we shall yet reach the goal aimed at by Sir John A. Macdonald forty years ago; we shall yet be

"a great British monarchy in connection with the British Empire and under the British Queen . . . recognizing the Sovereign of Great Britain as its sole and only head."

Gentlemen, that is, I think, a future of which we need neither be afraid nor ashamed.

¹ Since the delivery of the above address, Parliament has met and the debate upon the Speech from the Throne has taken place. No member complained of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's attitude at the Conference.