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THE POWER OF THE PRESS.

Pearson=Atkinson telegram to the cent Canadian. newspapers of Canada. This news such a Government? If it had a single good inof conditions at the front was re= tention it would not have failed to prove it while plete the victory won for his cause in the courts by a masterpiece of statesman. fused on the ground that it was the least dishonesty, the best treatment of the "partisan," but the petition for people must be expected when the gift of power votes to the boys at the front, is being sought, not after it has been granted. Resigned by a "noble eighteen" of ship has been proven a myth. If the present acts Liberal=Unionists, was given the of the Borden Government are the fairest sample broadest transmission. There's a given the boon its craves?

Probably the Canadian Press, Limited, of which The Advertiser out many thousands of dollars to alleged fuel controllers and assistants, for what? is a member, believed that it was For nothing. serving the interests of the major= ity of the papers when it refused to publish this most important news need, should be published in every corner of the relation between the Church and the State. as to the feeling of the soldiers Dominion with parallel cases, and the result overseas. BUT THE FACT RE ought to be the elimination of the present office-MAINS THAT ALL BUT 18 and willing to do something. EDITORS REFUSED TO SIGN THE "S. O. S." APPEAL FOR VOTES.

charge that the press of Canada is dollars worth of offensive Unionist advertising has been refused admission to these columns, and that hundreds of thousands of dollars are being spent in publicity. The press is not bought up, but it is well feed a not beat that age he was a spent age of the least that age he was a spent age of the least that age he was a spent age of the least that age he was a spent age of the least that age he was a spent age of the least that age he was a spent age of the least that age he was a spent age of the least that age he was a spent age of the least that age he was a spent age of the least that age he was a spent age of the least that age he was a spent age of the least that age he was a spent age of the least that age he was a spent age of the least that age he was a spent age of the least that age he was a spent age of the least that age he was a spent age of the least that age he was age of the least that age he was a suffering more or less for some purpose, and to resign their positions. Instead of doing this, they are dumb, but the macious. The least that age he was a suffering more or less for some purpose, and to resign their positions. Instead of doing this, they are dumb, but the macious that they are suffering was aged to hear that you are all enjoying good age of the was aged to hear that you are all enjoying age of the least that age he was aged to hear that you are all enjoying age of the least that age he was aged to hear that you are all enjoying age of the least that age he was aged to hear that you are all enjoying age of the least that age he was aged to hear that you are all enjoying age of the least that age he was a suffering more or less for some purpose.

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The Liberal and the liberal was a suffe hundreds of thousands of dollars are being spent in publicity. The press is not bought up, but it is well fed—and at a time when there are statements to the effect that the Unionists are certain to win. If this be the case, when the much author of this be the case, when the much some thing of the case, when the much some thing of the case, when the much some thing of the case, when the much some things almost entirely on one side, why should money be spent so freely in advertising? FURTHERMORE, WHO IS PROVIDING THE MONEY?

public should be made aware of it, a government by the people and for the people, that the proposed increase in the 17. Failure to do this is equivalent to admitprice of newsprint to publishers ting Canadians ever, ever, ever will be slaves. has been withheld until after the election. One well-known Unionist publisher made the statement that those who feel the pinch of the rise in prices. if the price of newsprint went up the present Government. Other power over the Government? papers have made veiled threats.

newspapers, and The Advertiser is if he has, Canada will rejoice. deriving the same benefit as any other paper. There is nothing the monopoly in manufacturing oleomargarine, the monopoly in manufacturing of demargarine, wrong with this. But why should the Government control prices only for the newspapers? SIMPLY BECAUSE IT FEARED THE POWER OF THE PRESS BE-FORE AN ELECTION. News-FORE AN ELECTION. News-Fore and the suggestion to utilize the Victory Loan for the figure of the first profession of the suggestion to the

POWER OF THE PRESS BEFORE AN ELECTION. Newsprim is the only article in Canada
upon which the price is fixed.

CONTINUED, ROTTENNESS.

SHAMELE, BSNESS and contempt for public
on are expressed in every act of the Borden Government, but yould be state for the days Bolsheviki will be helping in the form must all be accepted as dating from the beginning of the New Year, and as lisable to breaking as the average New Year's resolution.

Borden power hand becomber 17. Lis promises or the form must all be accepted as dating from the beginning of the New Year, and as lisable to the realising of the New Year, and as lisable

unabated until the whole nest is cleared out by

Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

Forget Flavelle, pork and profits, cries Hugh Guthrie. Taking obedience for granted, the Borden Government immediately gives a halfmonopoly of the oleomargarine manufacture in Canada to Flavelle's company. This also must be forgotten at once, in order that there may be no impediment to the handing over of more naadians cannot and will not forget and be blind. robbery by the moneyed interests will vote for bigotry. The grand struggle was to come in the following decade.

being handed over to these parasites in munitions

The right of the clergy to intervene in politics was upheld."

So Laurier, then a candidate for the Quebec Legislature, was branded for contracts, money which the nation has made sac-rifices to supply. More millions (whether from the same fund is not apparent) are placed at the

The Liberals in Quebec had a hard fight against clerical intolerance and

the election result is in doubt. The best behavior, ly and epoch-making oratory. it can exhibit, what would happen if it were

USELESS, IMPERTINENT EMPLOYEES.

ANADIANS have the privilege of paying

London's experience in dealing with these

"Go out into the open market and buy coal." This is the only advice or assistance to be obtained from these "controllers," who are content The Advertiser has made no struggling to get enough coal to keep frost out of against ecclesiastical persecution. As Mr. Skelton says (p. 50), the speech "was a master-stroke, both for freedom and for harmony."

The coal situation is little, if any, better than

WHO IS PROVIDING THE try of such an incubus immediately, and take steps to handle the situation. But it is too busy electioneering to trouble about the health and One thing is certain, and the welfare of the people. If Canada is ever to have she must oust the Borden crowd on December To the Editor of The Advertiser:

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Why not have it all open? Why not anhe would turn all his forces upon other Victory Loan, the proceeds to go direct to the C. N. R. interests, to signify their victory and I

The Government is controlling

In desperation, the Tory papers now ask the price of newsprint for the controlling to enlist to fight for Sir Willing to enli the price of newsprint for the not heard of his trading places with Borden, but,

> Since two great packing firms are to have there need be little fear of the price being low one of the first professions of the C. H. Barnard, a Conservative mem-

The Life of Sir Wilfrid Laurier---2

A Series of Articles Taken From Professor Skelton's Latest Book "The Day of Sir Wilfrid Laurier.'

As a young man of 25 Sir Wilfrid Laurier showed his courage and the strength of his convictions in undertaking the editorship of the Rouge organ "Le Defricheur" (The Pioneer). This task he carried on at Arthabaskaville for tional treasure to the 81 per centers. But Can-six months in the teeth of the religious authorities of the district who did not perceive, as Professor Skelton says, that the editor's "quarrel was with ecclesiadians cannot and will not lorget and be blind, astical pretensions, not with religion." Laurier's paper flickered out under Only those who desire domination and barefaced persecution, and thus was lost, and yet not altogether lost, his first bout with

In 1871 the ultramontane party dominating the Quebec Church issued "The Borden candidates next Monday.

Forget Mackenzie & Mann and the C. N. R. Catholic Programme." "It sought," says Mr. Skelton, "to lay down a policy to govern all good Catholics in the coming elections. The doctrine of the separation of Church and State, the document declared, was impious and absurd. On the contrary, the authorities of the state, and the electors who chose them, must act in perfect accord with the teachings of the Church, and endeavor to safeguard its interests by making such changes in the laws as the bishops might the past were forgotten, the present is enough to damn the Government. Millions of dollars are

disposal of the railway ring with lavish hand.

This is not being done by the "dead" gov
government, but by the capiels and living; quick to ernment, but by the quick and living; quick to voters with eternal punishment if they went Liberal. If Liberal candidates follow in the old footsteps and living for the announced themselves as not anti-clerical but merely opposed to such vadue greed of nower. The government which Sir clerical pressure, if they called themselves "moderate Liberals" in order to The Canadian Press, Limited, greed of power. The government which Sir Robert Borden promises as an improvement is that which now exists, and which sanctions and that which now exists, and which sanctions and that which now exists, and which sanctions and the construction of the colors of the sanctions and the construction of the colors of the sanctions and the construction of the colors of the sanctions and the colors of the sanctions are sanctions. ing agency, refused The Advertiser's request to send the Pearson=Atkinson telegram to the time to the definition of the people and subservience to the millionaires condemned by every decent Canadian.

Elections of Conservatives in Quebec being contested as brought about by these distinguishes the content of the qualitation of the people and subservience to the millionaires condemned by every decent canadian. What hope for reform can there be with effect." But bitterness had reached such a pitch by 1877 that all "the vigor and noderation, the grace and flair" (Skelton p. 34) of Laurier, from 1874 the leader of Quebec Liberalism, was still needed to calm a dangerous ferment and com

It was in June, 1877, that Laurier in a speech to "Le Club Canadien" of

"Came forward to do for his province and his country a service which could be accomplished only by a man of rarely balanced judgment, of firm grasp of essential principles, of wide reading and familiarity with the political ideals of other lands, and, above all, of matchless courage. Rarely, if ever, has there been delivered in Canada a speech of such momentous importance, or one so firmly based on the first principles with which Canadian statesmen too rarely concern themselves."

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It is noticeable that here (p. 48) and elsewhere in his history, Professor Skelton emphasizes the principle and consistency of Laurier. Again and again this is brought out. Finally, summing up (p. 325-330), the historian says:

"With rare consistency and steadfast courage these ends were held in view. Ever an opportunist as to means, Wilfrid Laurier has never been an opportunist as to ends. an opportunist as to ends. . . . A wise opportunism, that met each issuas it arose and dealt with it in the light of long-held principles, kept the

as it arose and deaft with it in the light of long that an advancing steadily and advancing abreast."

That is, Laurier has aimed to keep the two Canadian races abreast and harmonious. He is still working at that, and still meets the issue as it arises, with a judicious application of rock-bottom principle. What serious historiar with a judicious application of rock-bottom principle. will praise the principle and the consistency of Sir Robert Borden? Mr. Robert opportunists, who have secured good, well-paid

Rogers may earn condemnation if not praise for "principle" and consistency.

But to return to the great oration of June, 1877. The subject was "Politic positions because of the country's distress and Liberalism," with particular reference to the question agitated in Quebec of the

"No true Liberal wished to deny the Church's officers the right which "No true Liberal wished to deny the Church's officers the right which every citizen enjoyed of taking a part in his country's politics; Liberals had opposed, and would continue to oppose, every attempt of politicians in clerical garb to crush freedom of speech by spiritual terrorism. . . On individual freedom alogne could a sound national political system be built up, individual freedom alogne could a sound national political system be built up, individual freedom alogne could a sound national political system be built up, individual freedom alogne could a sound national political system be built up, individual freedom alogne could a sound national political system be built up, individual freedom alogne could a sound national political system be built up, individual freedom alogne could a sound national political system be built up, individual freedom alogne could a sound national political system be built up, individual freedom alogne could a sound national political system be built up, individual freedom alogne could a sound national political system be built up, individual freedom alogne could a sound national political system be built up, individual freedom alogne could a sound national political system be built up, individual freedom alogne could a sound national political system be built up, individual freedom alogne could a sound national political system be built up, individual freedom alogne could a sound national political system be built up, individual freedom alogne could a sound national political system be built up, individual freedom alogne could a sound national political system be built up, individual freedom alogne and taking down and taking to hear that he has a big majority to hear that he has a big majority of the situation. The lines are sitting down and taking to hear that he has a big majority of the situation. In Norfolk Hon. W. A. Charlton being quite tightly drawn, and it is possible to get an idea of the way the latter that he has a big majority of the hard that he has a big majority just as on colonial freedom alone had it been possible to build up a lasting country is going. Information coming

imperial system." (p. 49-50.). Mr. Skelton recognizes the uniformity of Laurier's imperialism with his Liberalism. Individual freedom as the basis of freer and fuller social or racial co-operation is the central and unifying principle. But of that and other matters more anon. In 1877 Laurier finished the victory for Liberalism in Quebec

16 YEARS IN THE UNIFORM,

500 Men Ready To Enlist If Sir Wilfrid Is People's Choice

vertiser, under date of December 6, 1917, in which you say Sir Wilfrid can get the men of French and English Which Liberals have left Laurier? Not Canadian descent, if elected, I wish to say that I am a French-Canadian, born and raised in Ontario, and now I hope that all full-blooded Frenchin Detroit, and have a good job at \$6
Canadians will support him on December 17 for right and justice.

willing to fight for him. Long live Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and

And if Sir Wilfrid Laurier is elected I hope this will appear in The I am willing to quit my good job and respond and enlist and fight for my maple leaf country, the land of my who are willing to serve for his country. if Sir Wilfrid Laurier is elected. Vive

HOW PREMIER BORDEN ABOLISHED (?) PATRONAGE

from the cheapest to the best. Toys from England, France, Japan, United States and Canada. Follow the crowds to the big Toy exhibit. Space will not permit us to be-

gin to list the articles here, but we promise you that you will find what you want here at the price you want to pay. Come early while the selection is best.



Ontario Furniture Co., Ltd.

226-228-230 DUNDAS STREET.

How the Wind Blows As December 17 Approaches

to The Advertiser indicates victory for and Mr. Chariton's fri

the Liberal party. Expert opinion, after a close survey of the situation in the Maritime Provinces, states that there will be at least

frid Laurier if elected, But for Borden, beaten, the

May I compliment you on the galland and clean fight you are waging for better conditions for the boys and their loved ones? Yours faithfully,

Betcha! are playing poker," replied the

She loves the letter carrier,
And he loves Mabel Hale;
So she stands at her door for hours And waits there for her male.

I could not help thinking, when less devoid of understanding) can find rived?—Wilmington Journal-Republican one man, woman or child, Liberal or

B-r-r-r-l Beatrice Blizzard is an officer in the First Christian Church of Hutchinson, Kansas.

Gosh!

It must be tuff to have a name like that and have to live in a Dry State. Oh, yes, what we started to say was that J. H. Casebeer is publisher of the Blue Springs, Neb., Sentinel.

Police! The convicts played baseball quite free Outside the prison walls 'Twas fun, And several batters said to me:

Bishop Williams' statement re Union Conservative, of British parentage, Government, how very far removed whose whole being is not their ideals were from those I heard imbued with patriotism and the wholerecently in one of our leading churches.

The speaker was no lord bishop, it to aid the blessed motherland in its is true, nor a cleric of the church of war for righteousness.

The Pulrit and the Elections

special privilege, but one who reaches and touches the hearts of the common people—a strong, devoted and eloquent follower if his Master, and his sermon ment, of French extraction, and other gave a reassuring message to some of fellowers and supporters of the Gov-us who were bewildered by the brutal ernment in Quebec, who are not imthings we have read during this bued with that desire, according to