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A LESSON FROM CANADA.

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Great Britain, the United States and Canada, have now emerged from critical elections, and in no case have the late governments been ousted from office. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, French by extraction, retains power in Canada, while his doughty opponent, Sir Charles Tupper, who never lost an election during forty years of political life, has been left out in the cold for the first time in his career, together with some of his chief supporters. It is not a critical point, but may be marked in passing, that the Canadian elections were taken quietly on one day with closed public-houses, an arrangement that it would be a great gain to trade and morals to adopt in this country. Sir Wilfrid Laurier's success stands for the cementing of the British and French races in Canada, and should serve well as some guide to the manner in which the racial question will have to be treated in South Africa. And the first thing to be done will be the maintenance of a bilingual policy, such as has checked the exodus of French to the United States. Seeing how loyally the French Canadians glory in being British, one begins to hope that as the fires of war die down at the Cape, racial animosities will die down too. But this will only be if reactionaries like Sir Charles Tupper are kept out of power, and cautious but firm loyalists, with Dutch sympathies, have a voice in the future settlement at the Cape. Antipathies are only moderated by moderation.