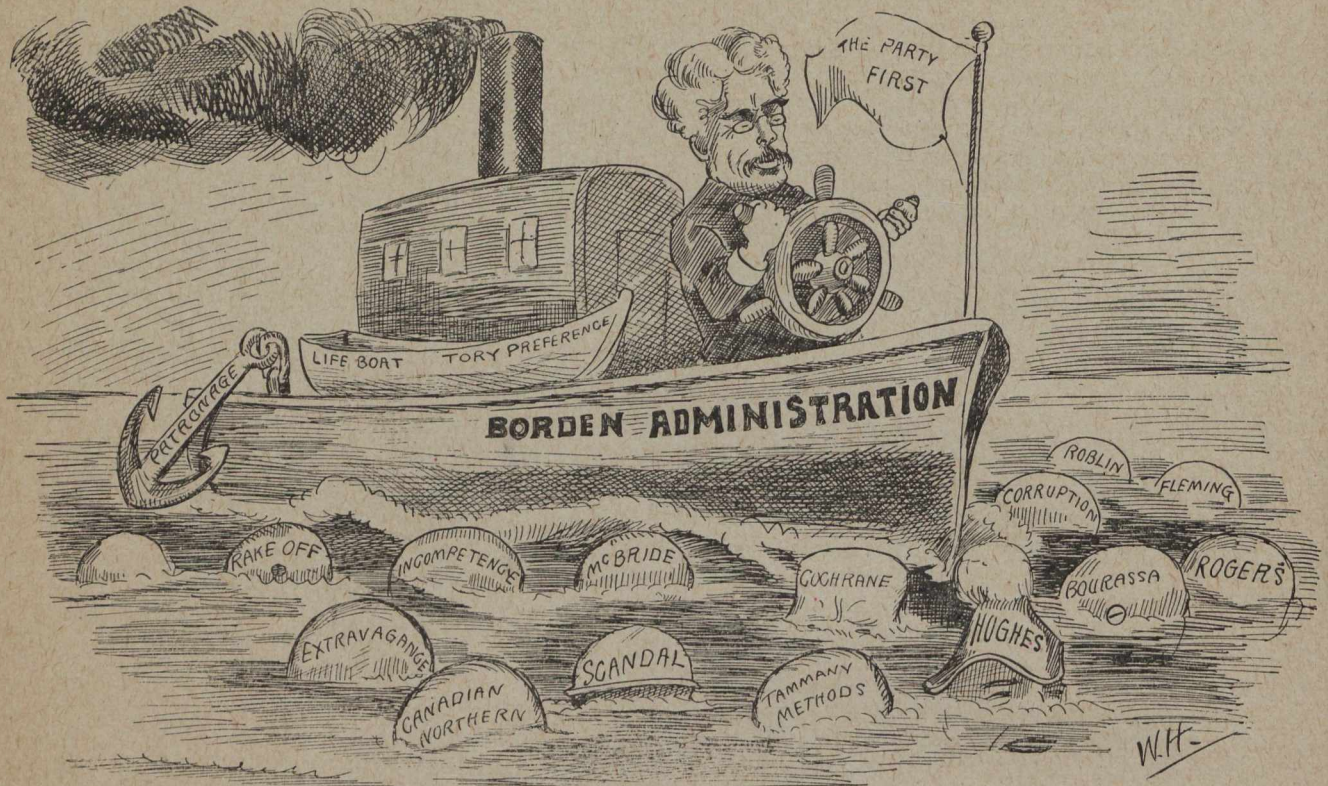


## A TROUBLESOME COURSE



### QUEBEC LIBERALS AND THE WAR.

The true spirit of French-Canadian patriotism to the Empire, coupled with strong appeals to the young men of Quebec to don the khaki and fight for Britain and the Allies, has been heard from leading Liberals of Quebec recently at many meetings under Liberal auspices. Notable among these gatherings was the reception tendered at Maisonneuve on November 4th, to Senator L. O. David and Hon. Jeremie Decarie, Provincial Secretary.

Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, one of the chief speakers of the evening, in a speech inspired with the most ardent patriotism, roused the big meeting to unwonted enthusiasm when he handled without gloves certain persons who have classed as "traitors to Canada" all the loyal French-Canadians who have favored Canada's participation in the War.

"For the past century," said Mr. Lemieux, "our people have enjoyed the benefits of peace, but this immunity could not last. The agitators, who in 1911 proclaimed that Canada owed nothing to England, know to-day of their dependence upon her."

"Two ideals are the gauge of the frightful slaughter—on the one side is might, on the other side is right. Is this the time to try and incite hate—Anglophobia—when England and France, long reconciled, present a united front to the barbarians? The War, far from restricting the autonomy of the Dominions, can only increase it."

Senator Raoul Dandurand, also made an eloquent appeal. "Many of our countrymen have gone to do their part on the soil of their old mother country.

Is it not desirable that other battalions should rise and march to follow them? It is our duty to resist with all our force the rule that the Germans would impose upon the world."

Senator David, in the course of an eloquent acknowledgement of the reception tendered him, protested vigorously against certain elements in Canada which had not been just to French-Canadians and had not given the French-speaking people of Canada the credit to which they are entitled for the part they were taking in the War. Despite this, they should all do their duty so that England and France would emerge victorious from the upheaval.

### A BUSY POLITICIAN.

Hon. E. L. Patenaude, the new Nationalist Minister of Inland Revenue, has been the busiest little politician in the country since being taken into the Borden cabinet. He has addressed nearly a dozen meetings, which are quaintly described in the Conservative press as "patriotic" gatherings. At each one of these his main theme has been a labored defense of the Borden Government in all its doings, but mostly, of course, in its conduct of Canada's war business. Incidentally he has no compunctions about taking a shot at the Liberals and drawing pictures of what have happened to Canada if the Conservatives had not been in power. But according to the faithful party press the erstwhile colleague of Armand Lavergne is specializing, in fact is devoting himself altogether, heart and soul to patriotism.