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## Laurier Again Victorious.

THE Canadian general election Nov. 3 resulted in another sweeping victory for the Laurier Administration. At the time of writing full returns have not been received; in fact in half a dozen constituencies voting has not yet taken place, but the ministerial majority is over sixty in a House of 214 members. No political party has for many years received such emphatic endorsement.

In Ontario there are losses and gains, but most of the gains have been made by the Liberals who kept the Conservative majority down to seven or eight. Mr. Aylesworth was defeated and Mr. Foster elected. Toronto remained Conservative, but the Liberals came very near to capturing two out of the five. The other cities went Liberal. In Ottawa the Conservatives made Lord Dundonald the issue so far as they could with the result that they never before got such a thrashing. The Liberal candidates were not only returned but they received majorities away up in the thousands.

The Hon. N. A. Belcourt received 6,277 votes as against 4,806 for his opponent Mr. Birkett, the late member who was again put in the field as the strongest Conservative candidate available. Mr. Belcourt's majority over the French Conservative candidate was 1,749. Mr. Robert Stewart the other Liberal candidate defeated Mr. Birkett by the handsome majority of 1,050. Here was where Lord Dundonald lived while in Canada and it was here that campaign advertising and a brass band brought out, it was said, forty thousand people to bid him farewell. But when it was made an issue at the polls as to whe-

ther an insubordinate servant of the government of Canada should be supported as against constitutional authority the electors, being not over fond of a ribbon, or a scarlet uniform, took the side of Canada and Canadian home rule. The rebuke to the Conservative party for throwing its leader



Sir Wilfrid Laurier.—From a photo by Jarvis in 1896.

into the shade for the sake of a soldier from abroad was a crushing and it is to be hoped an instructive one. Canadians value responsible government too well to allow their servants to dictate public policy, whether in the militia or any other department.