

party or a constitutional end, but that it has a force party,—a party that endeavours to intimidate people in this country, to threaten the lives of members of the Government, with dynamite and daggers. I ask him, how can any soldier at the front vote for a party of that kind?

Mr. OLIVER: Mr. Speaker,—

Mr. CURRIE: How can anybody in this country vote for a party tied up to an outfit such as that in Montreal?

Mr. OLIVER: Is the honourable gentleman aware that two of the dynamiters arrested are ticket-of-leave men let out by the Minister of Justice a short time before they committed the crime—possibly for the purpose of committing the crime?

Mr. CURRIE: You will observe, Mr. Speaker, that I have about two minutes.

Mr. SPEAKER: The deputy Speaker, who has been in the Chair, informs me that the hon. member has two minutes.

Mr. CURRIE: I will occupy my two minutes in stating that I think it is time,—after four weeks in this House— that the right hon. leader of the Opposition (Sir Wilfrid Laurier) spoke. He stood with me on a platform in Ottawa after I returned, and I was very proud of him when he spoke in favour of the war as he did, asking the people to support our boys at the front. Why did he not keep up that record? I say when he now sits for four weeks in this House, when men are cheering for him in Montreal and threatening to use dynamite against innocent people, why has he not rebuked them? It is too late now, after the Bill is through, for him to come through and say he had nothing to do with it.

I have read a resolution passed up in Lambton at a convention, the other day in which they said they wanted the Liberal candidates to win the war as Laurier wanted them to and they said: They were all for conscription the same as Laurier was. Sir, the speakers outside this House supporting the right hon. leader of the Opposition are those who have spoken for him with dynamite in Montreal. Not one single argument has been advanced by him or his speakers on the public platform in my province or in any English-speaking province to show that his heart was in the war or that he wanted to support the men at the front.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER: Mr. Speaker, it was not my good fortune or bad fortune to hear the whole of the speech of my hon.

friend from Simcoe (Mr. Currie). I came in when he was referring to a young man, the son of an old friend whom I have known personally from boyhood up to the present time. If my words would mean anything, there never was a more unseemly and unwarranted attack upon a young man than the attack of the hon. gentleman upon the son of the hon. member for Guysborough (Mr. Sinclair). This young man was one of the first to enlist, was eager to do so, and is not in the force to-day because his health would not permit of it. He had to go to the hospital to undergo a serious operation which disables him for the service. That ought to be sufficient for the hon. gentleman. If he has any manhood in him he will not rest where he has left the matter, but will apologize to the young man, who is just as worthy as himself to wear the King's uniform—and if he does not wear that uniform it is through no fault of his, but because he cannot do so; otherwise he would be in the trenches to-day. As to myself, my record is before the House. It has been before the House since the commencement of the war. Everybody knows it; I have been in favour of the war. I have been and am against conscription. As to the attack made upon me by the hon. gentleman that the men to-day who are using dynamite in Montreal are my friends, all that I have to say to him is, that the men who are using dynamite in Montreal belong to the criminal classes. There is only one of them to-day who is not of that class and that is Mr. Lalumiere, the man who took part in the election when Mr. Coderre, now Judge Coderre, went before the electors after the resignation of the late Mr. Monk. When the hon. member says men are cheering for me in Montreal, there are some who have done so, but does the hon. gentleman not know that some others at the same meeting cried, "Down with Laurier"? If the hon. gentleman does not know that, he does not read the papers. It is a matter of public record, and everybody knows it except my hon. friend. I think I have been too long in public life to defend myself from these attacks. I have been endeavouring all my life to fight a square and honest battle. The charge made against me on the floor of this House, where I have sat for more than forty years, is shown by what I have said to have not a shadow of foundation. I do not want to meet such people as he has referred to. I do not belong to the class of men who have come from the penitentiary. I have nothing to do with them, and I do not know any of