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Premier Laurier's Great Speech.

The great speech delivered by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, on the occasion of Mr. Bourassa's amendment to the contingent resolution is still the subject of admiring comment on both sides of the Atlantic. When notice of motion of Mr. Bourassa's amendment was given, some were a little timid with regard to the effect of the discussion which might ensue. But it is the part of a great leader to take advantage of difficulties, and make them stepping stones to triumph.

This was what happened on the occasion referred to. Those who had the privilege of being in the House during Sir Wilfrid Laurier's speech, had the opportunity of listening to what was probably one of the very finest speeches ever delivered in the Canadian Parliament. The Dominion Premier so carried the House, that those who usually are his opponents, like the hosts of Tuscany in Macaulay's ballad, could scarce forbear to cheer.

It is against the rules for those occupying places in the Parliamentary gallery to indulge in demonstrations of any kind, but on this occasion they broke into cheers, renewed again and again.

The London Times and other great English journals have pronounced Sir Wilfrid's oration one of the most perfect and powerful of modern times.

No man has done more to promote a true Imperial sentiment than Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and if one believes in providential missions for men, the thought readily suggests itself that the broad-minded and eloquent First Minister of Canada seems to have been providentially raised up for the express purpose of welding into one harmonious community the various creeds and races which go to make up the population of our happy Canada.

The Abuse of the Flag.

The British flag stands for good government, for liberty wisely enjoyed, and justice fairly administered. It required great and continuous courage on the part of our fathers to make that flag respected abroad, but it required perhaps even greater courage to make it at home the emblem of unity in diversity. The flag is the property of the whole empire, the symbol of the Queen's sovereignty, and of certain great principles which are maintained in all her wide domains. It stands for the same principles in Canada as in England, in India, as in Australia. It is the duty of all free subjects of the empire to honor it and to refrain from its abuse. In Britain, when Gladstone proposed his great home rule measure, some sections of the Conservative party, used the national flag as a party badge, and declared that they would resist to the death the "dismemberment of the empire."

They had a perfect right to oppose Gladstone and to criticize severely his proposals, but they had no right to use the flag as a party emblem. It is to be lifted above all mere sectional divisions and strife of factions. We in Canada have proved to the world that home rule under proper conditions does not mean the dismemberment of the empire, but rather its consolidation. We have seen the same at an election in Canada, party politicians rallying to the polls with the cry of "the old flag," and thereby insinuating that one-half of the country was disloyal, and that their particular party had a monopoly of loyalty. If a party can purchase a little temporary advantage in that way it is bought at too high a price. In Britain itself men sprung from different races live at peace under the same flag. The purpose of the flag is not to make all think and speak exactly alike, but to insure liberty for men to have that reasonable amount of difference without which life would be a very stale thing. Because we have the British flag, we should have the British ideal, which is that so long as men keep the law they shall have the right to think and speak freely. It is, then, the duty of all good citizens to honor the flag by lifting it above personal squabbles and party strife.

There never was a time when this duty was more imperative than now. Canadians of English, French, Irish, and Scotch extraction have shed their blood on South African soil for the cause of liberty, and we treat their memory with discredit if we bring disgrace upon the cause of liberty. Liberty and loyalty to law stand together; they cannot be divorced. The flag insures my liberty by teaching me to respect the rights of others. Let the British flag once become the monopoly of any party or clique, and it will lose its power in the face of the world. We believe that it would never have been carried into the territory of the Boers if they had not invaded British territory, or if they had shown the least respect for the principles it represents; but, carried there by our brave soldiers, it will mean, not tyranny, but freedom.

It is highly dangerous for anyone to advocate reforms in government in China. The emperor has just authorized the issuance of an edict offering 100,000 taels for the capture of the reformers Kang Yu Wei and Liang Hui or dead. A further edict has also been issued commanding Li Hung Chang, now in high favor at court to desecrate and destroy the tombs of the ancestors of Kang Yu Wei. This is about the severest punishment that can be meted out to a Chinaman, as the remains of ancestors are invariably kept most sacred.

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ANNIVERSARY SALE

Our Anniversary Sale, which has been a pronounced success, will continue a few days longer, AND WE'LL SEE TO IT that NO DEPARTMENT WILL BE BARE OF BARGAINS while it lasts. Anything you read in this list you can rely upon as being exactly as represented.

Staples Department.

Plain Pink and Blue Flannel-ette; regular price 10c and 12c a yard, anniversary sale price 7c
Art Denims and Muslins; regular price 10c and 12½c a yard, anniversary sale price 5c
Cretones and Sateens, 10c, 12½c, and up to 25c a yard, anniversary sale price, per yard 8c
Best Standard Shirtings; regular price 12½c a yard; sale price 10c
Ten-cent Shirtings for 8c
Cottonade Moleskin; regular price, 15c, for 12½c
Twenty-five-cent Cottonade for 13c
Best Feather Ticking; regular 22c and 25c a yard. Anniversary sale price 15c
Gray Flannels; regular 12½c a yard, for 8c
Four pieces Fancy Shirting Flannel; regular price 25c and 30c a yard. Anniversary sale price 15c

In the Linens.

Sixty-inch Best Unbleached Pure Linen Damask; regular 50c for 35c
Seventy-two-inch Half-Bleached Table Damask; regular 55c, for 40c
Sixty-six-inch Bleached Satin Finish Pure Linen Damask, worth 90c a yard, selling at 75c
Sixty-eight-inch Fine Heavy Satin Finish Bleached Damask, all pure linen; worth 95c a yard, for 79c
Seventy-two-inch Extra Fine bleached, pure flax; worth \$1.25 a yard, for 98c
Damask Lunch Cloths, one row of drawn work and fringed; regular 50c, for 25c
Linen Huck Towels, large size, and fast borders; worth 35c a pair, for 25c
Hemstitched Huck Towels; worth 35c each, for 25c
Ends of White Cotton, from 5 to 10 yards; regular price 10c and 12½c a yard. Anniversary sale price 8c
One thousand six hundred and seventy yards fine even thread, factory or unbleached cotton, 36 inches wide; regular price, 5c. Anniversary sale price 4½c
One bale Extra Fine Gray Cotton 4½c
Two thousand six hundred yards Crum's Best English Prints, 22 inches wide, light, dark and medium patterns, navy, blue, etc. 12½c, for, yard 8c
Seven hundred and sixty yards Simpson's Sateens, black grounds, with white figure and plaids, 22 inches wide; regular 12½c. Anniversary sale price, yard 8c
One thousand six hundred yards, Light Prints and Percales, light blues, grays, 32 and 36 inches wide; regular 10c and 12½c. Anniversary sale price 5½c
Forty-inch Apron Muslins, drawn edges, fancy patterns; regular 15c. Anniversary sale price 10c
Check Muslins and Satin Stripes; regular 8c, 10c and 12½c a yard. Anniversary price, to clear, yard 5c

Wrapperettes at 7½c.

Worth 12½c and 15c a yard; good designs and colors for 7½c

Cambric Blouses, 35c

197 Fine Cardinal Cambric Blouses, in sprigs, dots and stripes; warranted fast colors; sizes 32, 34, 36, 38, 40; worth 75c and 85c; Friday, each 35c

Silk Blouses—Extra Special.

15 only Plain Fancy Silk Blouses, all sizes; were \$3 to \$3.75 each, to clear at, each \$1.50

Blouses, Special, 25c Each.

200 only Blouses, carried over from last season, prints, percales, etc.; were sold at 50c, 55c and 75c each. Anniversary sale price each 25c

Black Luster Skirts, \$2.

Nine only good quality, silsilia linings, velvet bindings, 40 only; were \$3; anniversary sale price \$2.00

200 Royal Scribbles, to clear out at, each 1c
Old Brown Windsor Soap per cake, 1c

Our Carpet Department Enlarged to

Double Former Space.

SPECIAL PRICES DURING THIS WEEK.

New Goods! New Values! We Want New Customers!

26 pieces Crossley's Tapestry Carpet, 65c quality; this week, per yard..... 58c

Tapestry Carpets, 44c yard
18 ends Tapestry Carpet, light and dark patterns, regular 50c and 60c. This week, per yard..... 44c

Tapestry Carpets, 29c yard.
15 pieces, light and dark patterns, regular 33c and 35c. This week, per yard..... 29c

Union Ingrain Carpets, 45c.
Best 50c values in Ingrains..... 45c

Union Carpets, 25c.
14 patterns, 36-inch, new designs. Special, per yard..... 25c

All-Wool and Union Squares.
2½x3, 3x3, 3x3½, 3x4, 4x5 yards. Prices.....\$3.75, \$4.50, \$5.25, \$6.00

Mats, Very Special.
200 Mats, two sizes, 30x63 and 36x72. This lot was purchased from an English manufacturer to clear at rate very much below their regular value, and will be sold.
30x63, worth, each \$2.00, for.....\$1.25
36x72, worth, each \$3.00, for.....\$1.95

Special Value in White Wool Blankets This Week.

We have about 25 pairs left; these we'll close out at the following big reductions:

4 pairs, regular \$2.75, for.....\$2.39	3 pairs, regular \$4.50, for.....\$3.90
4 pairs, regular \$3.00, for.....\$2.65	3 pairs, regular \$5.00, for.....\$4.40
3 pairs, regular \$3.50, for.....\$2.90	2 pairs, regular \$5.75, for.....\$4.75
2 pairs, regular \$3.90, for.....\$3.25	1 pair, regular \$6.50, for.....\$5.00
2 pairs, regular \$4.00, for.....\$3.40	1 pair, regular \$8.25, for.....\$7.00

Clothing Department.

Boys' Two-Piece Suits, heavy Canadian all-wool tweed and serge, in navy, Oxford gray and brown shades, best trimmings, sizes 22 to 28. Anniversary sale price.....\$1.90

Boys' Three-Piece Suits, single-breasted coat, neat vests and knickerbockers, well lined and trimmed, neat check patterns, in brown and gray and navy serge; regular price \$3.50 to \$4. Anniversary sale price.....\$2.95

Men's Suits—Fine all-wool tweed suits, neat patterns, Scotch effects; fit and patterns just right; best Italian linings; all sizes, 36 to 42; our regular price was \$9.50, \$10.50 and \$11. Anniversary sale price.....\$6.49

Men's Trousers—Men's heavy all-wool black worsted and gray hair line stripe pants, newest patterns; cut, fit and finish in keeping with our up-to-date methods; regular price \$3 to \$3.50. Anniversary sale price.....\$2.40

Extra Heavy All-Wool Tweed Pants, neat style and check patterns. Special value.....\$1.25

Men's Furnishings.

Men's White Dress Shirts, heavy cotton, 4-ply linen bosoms, all sizes, 14 to 17½; regular 65c and 75c. Anniversary sale price..... 50c

Men's Cambric Shirts, detached cuffs, neat blue and white stripes and neat checks, Easter styles. Special value.....\$1.00

Men's All-Wool Underwear, medium weight, Scotch finish, ribbed skirt. Just the kind for spring wear; regular price, 75c. The lot of 70 odd garments to clear at, each..... 57c

Fine 4-ply Linen Collars, three shapes, 3 for..... 25c

Men's Fine Ringwood Gloves; regular 25c and 35c, for, per pair..... 19c

Shoe Department.

Three special assorted lots, Women's and Misses' Button and Laced Boots, not all sizes of each line, but assortment of sizes in the lot.

Special Lot No. 1—75 pairs Women's and Misses' Button Boots and Women's Laced Boots, fine Dongola, patent toe cap, medium pointed toes, hand-turn and sewed, flexible soles; sizes from 11 in

misses' to No. 7 in Women's. Our regular price was \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$1.85. Anniversary sale price..... 85c

Special Lot No. 2—38 pairs Women's Fine Dongola Kid, Sewed, Flexible and Turn Soles, medium pointed toes, patent tips; regular \$2, \$2.25 and \$2.60. Anniversary sale price.....\$1.50

Special Lot No. 3—30 pairs Men's Buff Whole-Foxed Laced Boots and Dongola Laced Boots, sewed soles; regular price \$1.95 and \$2. Anniversary sale price.....\$1.19

Leather Belts.

10 dozen Leather Belts; were 10c, 15c, 18c. Sale price each..... 5c

5 dozen only Ladies' Leather Belts; were 15c, 18c, 25c. Sale price each..... 10c

37 only Leather and Fancy Belts; were 20c, 25c, 35c, 40c. Sale price each..... 15c

Ladies' Black Cashmere Hose.

Double heels and toes, spliced ankles, 8½c, 9c, 9½c, special 85c, or 3 pairs for.....\$1.00

Dress Goods Specials.

Twenty-five pieces Colored Dress Goods—Checks, plain and fancy figured, price 50c and 65c. Anniversary sale price..... 25c

Twenty-nine pieces Colored Dress Goods—Plains, whipcords, plaids, and fancy figured goods, also fancy checked, price 60c and 75c. Anniversary sale price..... 35c

Thirty-six pieces Colored Dress Goods—Homespun checks, plain homespun, serges and fancy figured goods; also black and white; all wool goods; price 75c and 90c. Anniversary sale price..... 50c

Twenty-five pieces Black Dress Goods, all wool, Priestley's small figured cloth, satin finish, 44-inch, prices 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25. Anniversary sale price..... 59c

Twenty pieces Black Figured Mohairs and Black Crepons, beautiful mixed designs for skirts and dresses, prices \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50. Anniversary sale price..... 85c

Fifteen pieces Black Figured Mohairs, large and small raised designs; special for skirts, silk and mohair; prices \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.00. Anniversary sale price.....\$1.00

Ten pieces Black and Navy Serge, all wool, 42-inch, heavy twill, special for skirts and suits. Special anniversary sale price..... 35c and 50c

Black Homespun Suiting, 54-inch, special weight for skirt and jacket. Extra special anniversary sale price..... 75c

Plain Homespun Suitings, 54-inch, fawn, gray and brown. Special anniversary sale price..... 75c

Silks!

Three hundred yards Blouse Silk in stripes and checks, prices 35c and 50c. Anniversary sale price..... 25c

Four hundred and fifty yards Blouse Silk in taffetta checks and stripes, and Fouard stripes, prices 60c, 65c and 75c. Anniversary sale price..... 35c

Five hundred yards Blouse Silk, in taffetta stripes and checks, also Fouard stripes, prices 75c and 85c. Anniversary sale price..... 50c

Black Peau de Soie, plain, reversible, guaranteed dress silk. Prices for anniversary sale as follows:
Special 85c Peau de Soie for 75c
Special \$1.00 Peau de Soie for 85c
Special \$1.25 Peau de Soie for \$1.10

Special Black Surah Silk—Anniversary sale price:
Surah Twills, 60c for..... 44c
Surah Twills, 75c for..... 63c
Surah Twills, 65c for..... 55c

PARASOL SPECIAL \$1.00 Each.

60 only, fancy handles, twill top, 22-inch frame, \$1.50 goods, for.....\$1.00

Parasols, 50c.

Ten dozen only Ladies' 22-inch Parasols, strong steel frames, twill tops, celluloid and fancy wood handles; anniversary sale price..... 50c

Kid Gloves for 39c.

5½, 6, 6½ only; were \$1, 75c, 50c; black and colors..... 39c

Four only Flannellette Wrappers, \$2.40; finest Wrapperette, lace trimmed.....\$1.75

Full Sweep Skirts \$2.40, for.....\$1.75

Four Wrapperette Wrappers, \$1.75, for.....\$1.25

Seven Black and White Braid trimmed Wrapperette Wrappers, \$1.75, for.....\$1.25

Five only Wrapperette Wrappers, fancy patterns, gray, blue and pink, \$1.50, for.....\$1.00

Seven only Print Wrappers, navy blue and fancy prints, dark colors; regular \$1.75 and \$2; anniversary sale price.....\$1.00

Kid Gloves, \$1, for 50c.

Gray and white, 3 clasps, 5½ to 6½.

Ribbons, 25c to 35c, for 15c Yard.

60 ends Fancy Ribbons, all warranted shades, 5 inches wide, pure silk stock, were 25c to 35c per yard. Anniversary sale price per yard..... 15c

Ribbons, 10c to 18c, for 5c

37 ends Plain Satin, Heavy Gros Grain and Fancy Silk Ribbons; shades of blue, ecru, brown, pink, coral. Anniversary sale price per yard..... 5c