

to accept or refuse prospective candidates; with the understanding that such candidates as were approved of must fight as best they could the Naval Law and the 'no less nefarious policy' of Mr. Borden; that on Reciprocity they could take whatever stand they chose, and that they should nevertheless receive from the Conservative party their wholehearted support."

DETAILS OF THE ALLIANCE.

Continuing the story in *Le Devoir*, June 2nd, 1913, Mr. Bourassa tells of the details of the alliance in the Eastern Townships and in Ontario.

"The most obvious proof," he says, "that the Conservative party had surrendered to Nationalist sentiment was to be found in the Eastern Townships. Through that district, with the exception of Drummond-Arthabaska, no Nationalist or 'autonomist' candidates had been brought out. We took no part in the fight. Local committees and the electors generally took upon themselves to spread our principles. Such favor had Nationalism gained in public opinion that Conservative candidates, both English and French, had seen fit, willingly or not, to grant our doctrine considerable way.

"Mr. James Davidson, Conservative candidate in Shefford, issued a manifesto which contained the following paragraphs:—

"I declare that, if elected on the 21st of September, I shall oppose and vote against any Prime Minister, of whatever party, who will endeavor to maintain the Naval Law as adopted in 1910, without, beforehand, giving the people of Canada an opportunity to express their opinion thereon by means of a special referendum.

"I shall, if elected, see to it that the rights of the French-speaking Catholic minority are recognized and respected everywhere, as are the rights of the English-speaking minority in the Province of Quebec. I endorse separate schools, recognition of the French language, etc., etc.

"Mr. Davidson asked for my personal support. Similar declarations were made by Mr. Pickel in Missisquoi. All the others eventually did the same."

TORY MONEY FOR NATIONALISTS.

To the clamoring candidates who were praying that Mr. Bourassa speak at a big local rally at Sherbrooke, the Conservative Organizer suggested that Mr. Borden should come alone, since it might create a bad impression in English-speaking provinces to see Borden and Bourassa on the same platform. Here is the answer he received, according to Mr. Bourassa: "The trouble is, as one said, that we do not need Borden to win, but we do need Bourassa."

"A few days later," he continues, "there came to our office one of the most prominent members of the Conservative party, carrying under his arm the Voters' Lists of all the Eastern ridings. He paid into our hands subscription to "*Le Devoir*" for thousands and thousands of electors. We asked nothing but the regular subscription price, deducting therefrom the ordinary commission paid to agents. We thus enjoyed the satisfaction of using Tory money to circulate the good Nationalist gospel everywhere.