

renounced his allegiance to the Liberal party on account of their attitude towards the free importation of agricultural implements. To magnify the importance of the defection a full description of his high place is given—the president of the largest implement company in the country, president of a waggon company, president of an American harvester company, director of a plough company. When Sir Wilfrid Laurier serves upon all members with such affiliations formal notice of their freedom to retire to their own place, he will have defined the issue, and will then, but not before, have an opportunity of doing something towards putting his policies into force by securing a full and free discussion of them. One would think that his experience in 1911 would have impressed him with the necessity of putting the sincerity of his followers to the test. Then we should have the full benefit of government by party and a chance to decide which was right and which was wrong. We should then be divided not by interest, but by principles upon which there might well be two opinions. Neither party would then feel obliged to condone the wrong doing of an individual and shield him from the penalty, since it would be quite clear that the consequence would expend its force upon the party, and the community at large would be saved.

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