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LONDON, MONDAY, JUNE 15.

BOURASSA AND THE CONSERVA-
TIVE PARTY.The joy unfeigned and undisguised
of certain Conservative papers in the
appearance of Mr. Bourassa and his
attendant luminary in the firmament
of Quebec provincial politics, is
worthy public attention. The more so
because the entrance of these gentle-
men into their new sphere of activity
was aided and abetted by Conserva-
tive politicians, Federal and Provin-
cial, and because their appearance
was accompanied by the unimpaired
eclipse of the Conservative party in
the Quebec Legislature.No Conservative candidate ran in
any constituency contested by Mr.
Bourassa or his avowed supporters.
Members of the Federal Opposition
appeared in constituencies through-
out the province in aid of Mr. Bour-
assa's candidates, and the whole party
machinery, Federal and Provincial,
was employed on behalf of those
candidates. Such power as Mr. Bour-
assa has attained, therefore, he at-
tained with the enthusiastic assistance
of the Conservative party leaders,
Federal and Provincial.More, the triumph of Mr. Bourassa
was accompanied by the extinction of
Quebec Conservatism as a provincial
force, if, indeed, the effectiveness of
the party was not deliberately sacri-
ficed that the way might be made
clear for Mr. Bourassa. The provin-
cial leader of the party went down in
the fight, but his loss is not
mourned. There is no suggestion
of securing another constituency for
him. His defeat is accepted as his
finish politically.Meantime the advent of Mr. Bour-
assa is hailed as a party triumph.
The Ottawa Citizen declares that "on
Monday a notable increase was made
in re-establishing Conservatism in
the Liberal stronghold of Quebec."
Remembering that the party leader
went down, no construction of these
words is possible, but that Mr. Bour-
assa is the "notable increase." This
is in thorough accord with the pro-
tracted jubilation with which the
party press still continues to allude to
Mr. Bourassa's election.Conservatism in Quebec has, there-
fore, been merged into Bourassism.
He is the hope and the only hope of
the party in that province. To him
and to him alone the party, Provin-
cial and Federal, looks to shake the
influence and prestige of Sir Wilfrid
Laurier, and to make a Dominion
victory possible; to renege the con-
ditions under which and by means of
which Conservative governments held
power at Ottawa for nearly twenty
years; to bring again the days when
the voters of that province stood up
to be counted as they were told—and
were invariably told to vote for the
Conservative candidate.For this is the meaning and pur-
pose of Bourassism. The idea of
that gentleman as consistently and
persistently maintained in the House
of Commons and out of