

NAVAL BILL GETS THIRD READING

Sir Wilfrid's Final Protest Against the Policy of Contribution—Canadian Built and Controlled Navy

Ottawa, May 15.—The naval bill was read the third time at 10 o'clock to-night by the Commons of Canada, and next week will be before the senate for its decision.

Sir Wilfrid's motion for the rejection of the bill was lost by an adverse majority of 34 and the premier's motion for third reading was carried by a narrow margin.

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Forty of only 33—101 members voting for it and 68 voting against it.

Five of Premier Borden's Quebec followers voted against him on each occasion, and Col. H. H. McLean, of Queens-Sunbury, voted with him.

It is expected that the senate will have considered and disposed of the measure before the end of next week. Opinion is divided as to whether the bill will pass or will be rejected by the upper house.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier rose amid intense enthusiastic Liberal cheering, and said: "I rise now simply to offer a last protest, to voice as we on this side of the house understand it, the sentiments, nay the conviction of Liberalism. I make this last protest not, alas, with any expectation that it will in any way influence or affect the decision soon to be recorded by the majority. That decision will not decide the complicated problem of naval defence. The question must come again. (Liberal cheer.)"

"It is a question which means much in its wide significance to Canada and Canadians, to Britain and the empire. And I would, speaking for those whom I have had the honor to represent for so many years, earnestly and with all sincerity seek to give counsel. Is it not well, still at the threshold, to determine the landmarks which should guide us this day and in the future years?"

"There has been expressed in some quarters," continued Sir Wilfrid, "surprise at the strenuous character of the opposition to this measure. I should have been disappointed in Liberalism if it had failed to do what it has done. (Prolonged Liberal cheering.) With the submitting of a measure at variance with the historic progress and development of the country since confederation, the people of Canada had the right to expect their rulers in parliament to treat them with frankness and candor, to tell them where they were being led, and to consult them directly as to the decision."

"I charge the government in this respect with being remiss in its duty, unfaithful to its great responsibility, and delinquent to the trust imposed upon it. I arraign the government before the people of Canada, and the first indictment I charge against the administration is that the basis upon which this measure was presented to parliament and the country had no foundation in fact. Little perhaps thought the government when it presented its proposal to the Canadian parliament and the Canadian people, on the ground that there was an emergency in Britain, that before long matter was finally disposed of we would have in our hands, all of us, indisputable evidence of the falsity of that assertion."

Empty Ships for an Emergency.

"Emergency! Emergency! Britain in the throes of an emergency! Were it true, then what?" exclaimed Sir Wilfrid in one of his dramatic outbursts. "The people of Canada should do their part by contributing \$50,000,000 in money to build three empty ships to put on the firing line. If emergency had existed this policy would not represent the sentiment and the spirit of Canadianism. (Cheers.) But, thank heaven, the emergency did not exist."

"Liberalism stood as it stood in 1909 for a continuance and development of that policy which had had the unanimous endorsement of Canada's parliament, a policy

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which had had the endorsement of the admiralty. "This is where Liberalism stands today, just as it stood in 1909," reiterated Sir Wilfrid. "Canadians realize their responsibility to the wider constituency of empire and are eager to take up their share of the burden. But they want to do it in the manner adopted unanimously by the house when free from party prejudice in 1909." (Cheers.)

On the government side it had been claimed on behalf of the present proposal that Canada owed a debt of gratitude to Britain. "So say I," declared Sir Wilfrid, "but I do not place the basis of our gratitude on the childish argument that Britain has lent us money. But I base it on the higher ground that Britain has given us our liberties, and let us become a self-governing nation within the empire. If gratitude be the basis of this contribution, then whoever heard of paying a debt of gratitude with a loss of empty ships?" "Because Liberalism has stood constantly by a policy of autonomous development

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and had remained faithful to the Canadian navy idea, unanimously adopted by parliament in 1909, it was, forsooth, now attacked by the double fire of Nationalists and Imperialists.

Then again, he continued, he had been branded as a separatist because he had preached the doctrine that the Canadian parliament should at all times control its own provisions for defence. That was a doctrine for which he had no apology. The voice and views of the Canadian people through their parliament must always prevail. The great mistake of the present government was that they were not willing to trust the people.

In conclusion, the Liberal chief declared, amid enthusiastic cheers from his followers:

The Liberal Policy.

"We are a nation within the British Empire. It is one of the greatest glories of Britain that her colonies have grown into nationhood without weakening the imperial tie. We are proud to claim our rights of nationhood within that empire. It is our duty to take up all the responsibilities of nationhood. This policy of makeshifts and expediency which the government now advocates is based on no broad or permanent principle. It takes no root. It leaves no residuum."

"We believe that the \$35,000,000 should be applied to a Canadian naval service, built, manned and equipped in Canada, and in close co-operation with the imperial fleet. We stand by that policy in opposition as we stood by it in office. For these reasons I beg to move, seconded by Hon.

George F. Graham, the six months' hoist." (Prolonged Liberal cheering.)

Mr. Guilbault, one of the seven still recalcitrant Nationalists, followed briefly. Speaking in French, he declared that he had wanted to propose the same amendment but for entirely different reasons. Sir Wilfrid wanted to continue as a permanent policy the Canadian navy. He still wanted "the blood of our children." Premier Borden's policy of contribution was almost equally objectionable. Both parties had evidently conspired to prevent the plebiscite which the Nationalists demanded.

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