

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: At that moment his loyalty to the flag was for him a negligible quantity, provided Laurier was defeated. The Nationalist movement was thus started on its way with Sir George Eulas Foster's blessing.

In 1911 there was another issue: it was the navy question. It was assailed from two angles. In the English provinces the policy of building a Canadian navy was called "the tin-pot navy of the Laurier Government." That "tin-pot navy" was intended for the protection of our coasts, and in 1914 the Conservatives realized that they had again sacrificed the interests of Canada in deferring the building of ships for a Canadian navy, which would have protected our coasts both on the Pacific and on the Atlantic against the raids of the German navy. But the Conservative party are not very proud. They are now proceeding on the same lines as the Laurier Government in building and developing a Canadian navy, and they seem to be quite satisfied with the "tin-pot navy" which they assailed in 1911.

Can they boast of their 1911 mandate? They then subsidized the whole Nationalist campaign and tried to carry in Quebec the principle of "no contribution to imperial wars outside of Canada." I have had occasion to state in this Chamber that every Nationalist candidate was helped by Conservative money; that Sir Herbert Ames, representing the Conservative party, having under his charge some eighteen counties, mostly English-speaking, or English-speaking to a certain extent, had left the rest of the province of Quebec to Mr. Monk and Mr. Bourassa. That was the division in the organization of the province of Quebec. I stated in this House that Sir Herbert Ames took the list of the French Canadian electors in his eighteen counties to the office of Le Devoir and asked that Le Devoir preaching "no contribution to Imperial wars outside of Canada" be distributed during the month preceding the election in those eighteen English-speaking counties in which there were French-Canadians, and that he paid with his own cheque, "Herbert B. Ames," for the distribution of Le Devoir in those eighteen counties. I stated that that Nationalist campaign had been subsidized by the Conservative party, and I added that outside of the ordinary organization and the subsidies which were distributed during the election, the sum of \$40,000 was given by Sir Hugh Graham, Lord Atholstan himself, to twenty National-

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ist counties, in order to better influence their returns on the night of the elections. And Mr. Bourassa—

Hon. Mr. BLONDIN: May I ask a question?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Yes.

Hon. Mr. BLONDIN: Would the honourable gentleman mind telling us who was the Liberal organizer and treasurer during that election?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: 1908?

Hon. Mr. BLONDIN: Yes.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I will not equivocate. The honourable gentleman thinks it was myself. It was not myself.

Hon. Mr. BLONDIN: You were in that position no longer?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: No longer? My honourable friend takes it for granted that I had been in it before?

Hon. Mr. BLONDIN: Yes.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: It would take some time to explain to him the working of the organization of the Liberal party—

Hon. Mr. BLONDIN: It is very complicated.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: —but we are not here for that purpose. It was not complicated at all; and if I told him with how little money the Liberal party could carry on an election in the province of Quebec he would be very much surprised indeed.

Hon. Mr. BLONDIN: That was not the opinion of your friends.

Hon. Mr. MURPHY: What is the inference?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: I may say to the honourable gentleman that never was I the treasurer of the Liberal party in the province of Quebec. I make that clear-cut affirmation.

Hon. Mr. BLONDIN: What answer did the honourable gentleman give to the Hon. Jean Provost when certain accusations were made against him?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: No accusation, within my knowledge, was ever made against me by the Hon. Jean Provost.

Hon. Mr. BLONDIN: Would the honourable gentleman permit me to refresh his memory?