

It has succeeded in forcing an election because, under the present Rules of Debate in the House of Commons, a small minority can effectually block all public business. There has been for some time a feeling that the Rules of the Canadian Parliament require revision so as to remove public business from this difficulty. All other representative bodies amongst the great nations of the world have regulations by which obstruction may be checked. It is evident by this last, but by no means ONLY evidence of the evils of obstruction, the Rules of the House must be changed, and an opportunity be given for more prompt and expeditious transaction of the public business, with less waste of time by useless repetition and endless talk, and if the Liberal Party is returned to power at this Election—the rules will be changed to that end.

The Opposition are putting forward a lot of Fly Sheets; some ingenious, some containing simply wild appeals, and many disingenuous and incorrect in their statements. One of these, entitled "An Appeal to the British Born," tries to raise the prejudice of those Canadians who happen to have been born within the four seas of the Motherland; as a matter of fact, the words "British Born" apply just as much to Canadian Born as they do to English Born, Scotch Born, or Irish Born; the British Born are all those who came into the world under the British Flag, and within the British Empire. It matters not whether the accident of birth took place in Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Great Britain, or Ireland.

The intention of this pamphlet "British Born," is to arouse the prejudice of the newcomer from Britain into Canada against Reciprocity. The whole pamphlet turns around a quotation of Sir John Macdonald:

"A British Subject I was born, a British Subject I will die"

—a sound, good sentiment shared in by practically every man, woman, and child who is fortunate enough to have been born within the British Empire, and believed in by no people more faithfully than the average Canadian.

This is quoted as an appeal against Reciprocity, but those who use the quotation forget that in the very election in which Sir John uttered that sentence he did so in his manifesto asking the endorsement