

intriguing and meddling took place was that Sir Robert's colleagues insisted on these supplies being purchased through friendly middlemen who were to get a rake-off. Sir Robert has not denied one of these serious charges. On the other hand he has charged Sir Sam with defying Cabinet authority and ignoring Government responsibility. The Prime Minister makes the humiliating confession, which in itself stamps him as utterly weak, that he has devoted much of his time to straightening out these difficulties, which should have been spent in prosecuting the War. If Sir Robert really knew what he says he knew about Sir Sam, then the very thought that the Prime Minister of our Country could be guilty of worse than weakness, in tolerating such conduct is beyond the scope of our imagination.

"But Sir, notwithstanding all the charges made by Sir Robert against Sir Sam, these do not form the reason the latter's resignation was demanded. Had it not been written by Sir Robert himself, it would be inconceivable (but it is nevertheless true) that the Prime Minister of Canada should, after making serious charges against his colleague, practically say to him, '**But for none of these things do I seriously condemn you, and had it not been that you committed the grave offence of writing me a letter derogatory to my dignity, you could still remain a member of the Government. As you did write me such a letter, however, you cannot expect to be kept in the Cabinet and I ask your resignation.**'"

"Sir, the utter supineness of the Prime Minister is shown in that he wrote letters at all. Worse than weak he showed himself in falling into the meshes of the net of letter writing so cleverly woven for his discomfiture by Sir Sam. What would a strong man have done under such circumstances? What would Sir Wilfrid have done? No letter would have passed, no parleying indulged in, but with a ring of the telephone he would have summoned the recalcitrant Minister to his office, and talked to him face to face. If he proved uncontrollable, that man who entered Sir Wilfrid's office as a Minister would have departed from it a private citizen, with no copious correspondence for public consumption. A real Prime Minister must be master in his political house, and that Sir Robert is not and never has been.

### The Loyalty Boasters.

"It has been made evident that the Conservative Party is again going to arrogate to itself all the loyalty of Canadian and British citizenship. Sir, Liberals do not boast of their loyalty, neither do they charge disloyalty against the Tories, for sensible and reasonable men gladly admit that fidelity to the Empire and sacrifices in the gigantic struggle for maintenance of true freedom, are not confined to any creed or party. Notwithstanding this, leading Conservatives have but recently questioned the loyalty of Liberal leaders, and the word has been passed on, to whisper the same throughout the hamlets and up and down the concessions, particularly in Ontario. Let it be called to mind Sir, that the Liberals are not in alliance with the 'No-Aid-to-Britain' party. On the contrary when under

Sir Wilfrid the Canadian Government for the first time in the South African War, sent aid to the Motherland, certain men forsook him, and the Tory party took them to its bosom, and in the Election of 1911 they greatly assisted that party. Let it not be forgotten that the present Government came into power and remains in power on account of an alliance it made with that body of the electorate, whose policy was and is 'We owe nothing to England.' The public mind will not be diverted from the fact that Sir Robert still keeps in his Government men elected on the policy of 'No Participations in the Wars of the Motherland.' We have no apologies to make for Liberalism, which through the ages in shade and sunshine has stood for what is best among the peoples of the world.

"History as well will record, that while the Conservative Party has always insisted that its loyalty is of a clearer strain than that of the Liberals, it was left for the latter with Sir Wilfrid as Prime Minister and Hon. W. S. Fielding, Finance Minister, to give Great Britain a preference in our markets. History of a later date records the fact that when the present Government introduced its 7½% addition to the tariff under the guise of war necessity, the Liberals opposed it as unscientific and unfair, and particularly did they most strenuously oppose the added incumbrance placed on trade between the Motherland and Canada. So strongly did the Liberals feel on this point, that before the vote was called, they offered to withdraw all opposition to the tariff proposals if the trade of Great Britain with Canada were exempted from this extreme burden of taxation. The Conservatives refused this offer, not one from the Prime Minister down, dissenting.

### About Policies.

"The Canadian people, if this knowledge be not Empire, yes world wide, knew now that a huge blunder was made, when the present Government in order to carry out its pre-election pledges to its ally the Nationalist party, refused to proceed with the building of war ships in Canada. Had Sir Robert never been in league with the Nationalists, he would have adhered to his own pronounced policy of 1909, and Canada to-day would have her shores protected by ships of her own; our troops would have been conveyed across the sea by Canadian cruisers, and our commerce would have been protected by the same means. Had there never been a Tory-Nationalist alliance, Sir Richard McBride would not have felt compelled to rush to the United States on the outbreak of War, and for the defence of British Columbian coast cities, purchase without any authority whatever, two submarines built for the Chilean Government. If Sir Robert had refused the demand of the Nationalists to dismantle the Niobe, that ship would have been able to capture German vessels, on their rush to cover, when War was declared, in sufficient numbers to pay for herself many times over.

### As to the War.

"The winning of the War and how best to perform our full duty is the aim we all ought to have in view.