

PREMIER'S GREAT SPEECH

In Parliament in Reply to Mr. Bourassa.

Took Him But Thirty Minutes to Answer Speech Five Times as Long—Everybody Cheered Him.

Ottawa, March 13.—The reply of Sir Wilfrid Laurier to Mr. Bourassa was a splendid effort of oratory, and is being generally commented upon as another great tribute of Canadian loyalty to the empire. Mr. Bourassa's speech lasted two hours, and a half. The premier occupied but half an hour in replying, but in that time he effectually disposed of the arguments of the lonely Canadian pro-Boer.

Sir Wilfrid said: "I must confess Mr. Speaker, that it is with a great deal of regret and with some surprise that I have seen my honorable friend persist in his determination to present the motion of which he gave notice some few days ago, and which he has now placed in your hands. Well remembering the uncompromising hostility which my honored friend showed to our policy nearly two years ago, of sending contingents to South Africa, well knowing from a long acquaintance and a long friendship the logical mind of my honorable friend, remembering also that he had on more than one occasion announced himself as entirely opposed to what he called Imperialism, remembering also that he had somewhat ostentatiously and most persistently refused assent to the policy we advocated of sending troops to South Africa for the prosecution of the war, I must say I was a little prepared for the attitude he has now adopted. I would have supposed that he would be a stalwart to the end, and that having refused to send troops to South Africa he would not ask us to send advice to England, but my honorable friend has taken an attitude altogether different from that. He now wants to send advice. He would not fight for the cause of England, but he is willing to sit at the council board in discussing the cause of England today. (Hear, hear.) Whether this conduct of my honorable friend is in keeping with his former well known views, is a problem as to which I shall offer no opinion as of my own, but which I shall leave for his own pondering.

"As to the right on our part, asserted in this motion, of making representations to the imperial authorities of all questions that may affect the British empire in whole or in part, this is a right which is no longer in question. We asserted it nearly twenty years ago, when on the 20th of April, 1882, we passed a resolution in favor of home rule for Ireland. We asserted it again a few days ago, when we passed a resolution on coronation declaration. The fact that we sent contingents to South Africa almost two years ago does not in any way affect our right in this respect. It is today what it was before. It has not been altered in any way. It is no longer and no smaller than it was. We have a perfect right to offer advice, and we claim we have the privilege of making representations to the imperial authorities. Therefore, we can approach the question submitted by my honorable friend on its merits and on its merits alone.

"The question which we have before us is not so much the speech of my honorable friend, which has no bearing on the motion which he has presented, but upon the motion itself. Shall we adopt this motion or shall we not? The conclusions of it are to be found in the last two paragraphs. First let me take the last one, which states that no Canadian troops should be sent to South Africa, and that no enlistments for the South African police should be permitted in this country. As to the first conclusion of this proposition—that there is no necessity for sending Canadian troops to South Africa—I must admit I altogether agree with our honorable friend, not for the reasons that have prompted him, but for the reason that the war is at an end. (Hear, hear.)

"There may be still some guerrilla warfare, there may be still some brigandage under the name of war, but there is no longer at issue. Though my honorable friend pretends to be very much in doubt as to the issue of war, my part I am ready to leave the issue in the hands of the men who have it in hand now and to say with my honorable friend that there is no necessity for sending Canadian troops to South Africa. As to the other portion of the conclusion, namely, that the enlistment of recruits for the constabulary should not be allowed to take

place in Canada, I ask my honorable friend what reason can there be why enlistment of men for this force should be put an end to in Canada? If there are men in Canada, I care not for what motive, whether high or low, whether dignified or undignified, whether because they desire to get a living or from a spirit of adventure, or from the nobler impulse of fighting for their sovereign, who wish to take service in South African constabulary on what principle should a Canadian government interfere and prevent their liberty being so exercised?"

"My honorable friend has spoken well and eloquently upon the cause of liberty of which he has constituted himself the almost sole champion in this house, but I must ask him what kind of liberty is it which will not permit a British subject if he chooses to offer his king to serve him in any capacity?"

"I am a Liberal as my honorable friend declares himself to be, but my idea of liberty does not agree with one that will not allow that freedom to every British subject in Canada. (Cheers.) But, sir, the gist of the motion of my honorable friend is in the last paragraph of this motion which means that we are to invite the British authorities to restore the two republics, the South African republic and the Orange Free State to their independence.

"My honorable friend will not deny that this is the meaning he has in his mind, although, strange to say, he never said a word as to that proposition. I would have expected him to deal at length with this point which after all was a noble and worthy subject to consider, and which after all might invite discussion. I would have expected him to give his reasons and arguments why the British authorities should be invited by the Canadian parliament to undo what they have done and to restore to the two republics the independence which they forfeited on the 9th of October, 1899.

"My honorable friend did not speak a word upon that subject, and, sir, perhaps I might sit down and not utter another syllable upon this subject, and I would do so were it not for the fact that my honorable friend in some of his arguments has been so unjust, so unfair, to the British government, that I feel constrained to put before the house the other side of this question." (Cheers.)

Sir Wilfrid proceeded to review his story of the war before and after hostilities broke out, to show that the war was a just one, the British government could not have made any other course than it did, and that Kruger was entirely to blame.

The premier went on to say: "The issuing of the fatal ultimatum was the mistake. It was the sending of this fatal ultimatum which brought all these calamities upon the Boers which Mr. Bourassa deprecates now. Let me tell the honorable gentleman that the responsibility for this does not lie upon any other head than on the ex-president of the Transvaal republic, who has been the first victim of his own doings and notwithstanding all his faults and notwithstanding that he has brought all this on his own head, considering his age, I cannot help feeling for Mr. Kruger a great deal of sympathy.

"Mr. Bourassa deprecates the war. I do not deprecate it as much as he does, but I believe perhaps it is the greatest calamity which has befallen England within the last 40 years or so, because it places on England the burden and the duty of governing South Africa with its two races estranged perhaps for generations by the cruel memories of war, but, sir, even from that view we must take the situation as it is. The problem of South Africa is this: That you have in that country two races so mixed and intermingled that it is not possible to separate them. These two races must be governed by the same power and the same authority and that power has either to be the power of England or the power of the Dutch. It has either to be the liberal and enlightened civilization of England of today or the old bigoted and narrow civilization of the Dutch of 200 years ago. (Hear, hear.)

"Let my honorable friend forget for a moment that he and I are British subjects and in the name of civilization and the name of humanity I ask him which is the power that ought to govern in that distant land? Is it the enlightened power of England or is it the semi-barbarous civilization of the Dutch? (Hear, hear.)

"There is but one future for the Dutch. They have been conquered, but I pledge my reputation and name as a British subject that if they have lost their independence they have not lost their freedom. (Hear, hear.)

"There is but one future for South Africa, and that future is a grand con-

federation on the pattern of the Canadian confederation. It is federation on which Cape Colony, Natal, the Orange River colony, the Transvaal and Rhodesia will be united together in a federal constitution under the British flag and under the sovereignty of England. My honorable friend will agree with me that with the British flag flying over South Africa they shall have that which has been found everywhere during the last 60 years under that British flag—liberty for all, equality for all, justice and civil rights, for English and Dutch alike.

"For this reason I have to ask the house that they shall not agree to this motion but shall vote it down."

Prolonged cheering from both sides of the house followed the premier's speech.

NO MORE HIGH LIFE

For Grace Drummond's Ex-Husband, Charley Anderson.

I've had my fling with people,
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I've gone right through the social swim—
Lord, let me live with men!

I'm going back to Dawson,
Back where I want to be;
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And swell society.

I've lived and loved—and lost her—
She's fixed for life, all right;
Back on the banks of Bonanza
I'll make just one more fight.

I've gone the limit in clothing—
Plug hat and swallow-tail,
And diamonds and patent leathers
That made the sun turn pale.

I've run the hotel paces,
And traveled East and West;
But the mud log Klondike cabin
Of all the earth is best.

I've had my fling with people,
"Nobbed with the upper ten";
I've gone right through the social swim—
Lord, let me live with men. C. S. AIKEN.

Another Klondike romance has had its ending in the divorce court. Mrs. Grace Anderson has been granted a legal separation from Charles J. Anderson, a reputed millionaire, on the ground of cruelty, and before the parties left the courtroom they settled their financial differences, after which they parted on apparently good terms.

The most interesting chapter in the Anderson family history was the experience in Dawson. He was owner of a rich placer claim and she was an actress in a variety theater. He began his attentions by throwing handfuls of gold nuggets on the stage in lieu of roses, which were too expensive.

The little actress was impressed by Anderson's method of paying court to her, and when he proposed she accepted him. That was a little over a year ago.

At the time of the marriage Anderson was credited with being worth \$1,000,000. The wedding dinner, consisting of all the delicacies of the Yukon valley, cost a fabulous sum, and the rejoicings of the friends of the happy couple, lasting about a week, were also very expensive. The high price of champagne caused no diminution in the supply. Then came the journey to San Francisco. At every stopping place the groom insisted on buying expensive presents for his bride. Mere gold was too common to be considered, so she graciously consented to accept diamonds, pearls, emeralds and other baubles.

Before leaving the Klondike Anderson invested in a few additional claims, and so when he got to San Francisco he had only about \$300,000 in cash. He bought a fine residence and furnished it luxuriously. After that he hired a safe deposit box, which once a day he visited for the purpose of drawing money to be used by his wife. On his visits to the bank Anderson used to wear a dress suit including what he called his "plug hat and his claw hampered coat" outfit.


But all this came to an end yesterday. In a complaint filed against his wife, Anderson said that she took advantage of his absence from the city to obtain possession of all his property, safe deposit box and all. It was shown that Anderson had cruelly threatened to shoot his wife and that he kept a loaded pistol under his pillow. Therefore her demand for a divorce was granted. Anderson said he was willing to have the marriage ties dissolved if he could only get enough to pay his expenses to Dawson. She gave him back the \$30,000 mansion and furniture, besides \$10,000 in cash. For herself she kept \$130,000 worth of real estate and whatever trifling sums of money she may have saved after paying household and court expenses.

"No more society life for me; I'm going back to the Klondike," Anderson said.—S. F. Examiner.

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