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QUEBEC NATIONALISTS AS A DISTURBING FACTOR.

An exciting political meeting was held in St. Hyacinthe, Quebec, on Sunday afternoon last, as has long been the fashion in that Province. There the largest political gatherings take place on Sundays. St. Hyacinthe is a town of some ten thousand inhabitants in a constituency of the same name with about twice as many people in it, the town being situated some twenty-five miles east of Montreal. The constituency is a Liberal one, represented in the late Parliament by Mr. Beauparlant, who was returned by some 550 majority over his Conservative opponent.

The meeting on Sunday last was a huge one, as political meetings go, being attended by some 20,000 persons. This gives an idea of the political interest that at present prevails in some sections of Quebec Province. There were no fewer than twelve special trains to bring people from various directions to attend the gathering, which was convened to hear a challenge debate between Hon. Mr. Lemieux, late Postmaster General and now Minister of Marine, and Henri Bourassa, the Nationalist champion. These gentlemen have been breathing out threats and defiance against each other for some months past, each affirming that the other was afraid to meet him.

It turns out that neither one was so much afraid as to stay away from the contest. There were several lesser orators on both sides, but interest centred chiefly in the two speakers named. The accounts published tell that the meeting was turbulent, also that Mr. Lemieux denounced Mr. Bourassa as "a fool, leading a flock of sheep," and because "he had lied and continued to lie" in his newspaper, the Devoir. He also declared that reciprocity was the main point at issue, but was interrupted by cries of "No, No, the Navy." But finally he got a fair hearing, and much applause from the thousands of Liberals present.

Mr. Bourassa replied, passing lightly over the reciprocity question, declaring that the navy bill was the principal issue, denouncing Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and repeatedly "giving the lie" to Mr. Lemieux. This will give some idea of the tone and temper of the meeting and the speakers. Other features of the published report go to show that hundreds of the audience wore the red Liberal badge, while an equal number were crowned with hats around which were white bands on which was printed the name of Bourassa, while no Conservative badges at all were in evidence. Which would seem to indicate that Conservatism has been wholly submerged by Nationalism in that part of Quebec at least.

The accounts of the St. Hyacinthe meeting raise the question of the

strength of the Nationalist movement in Quebec Province. Also the question of what proportions it may grow to and its effect upon the general result of the campaign. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his lieutenants in Quebec are forced to consider these questions seriously. At this distance neither Conservatives nor Liberals have any sympathy with Bourassa, except it may be an odd Opposition man here and there who would have Sir Wilfrid Laurier beaten at any price. Bourassa's attitude on the Navy question and Imperialism is even more hostile to Mr. Borden than to Sir Wilfrid in theory, but the bitterness of his campaign is directed against the Liberal leader and his policy.

Apparently the object and hope of the Nationalists is to carry enough seats in Quebec to hold the balance of power in a House somewhat equally divided otherwise between Liberals and Conservatives. It is very unlikely that they can succeed in this, and it would be a most unfortunate thing for the country if they could. The two old parties in Canada are undoubtedly loyal to the British flag while no party has yet arisen in Canada which has seemed to aim directly at the ultimate severance of our British connection as the Nationalists do. The Nationalists do not favor annexation to the United States, it is true, but in another way are a greater source of danger than the annexation bugaboo which has been imported into the present campaign.

There is another aspect of the case. If Quebec, which contains one-fourth part of the population of Canada, votes on the navy question to the exclusion of reciprocity, how can it be determined what the verdict of the Canadian people upon reciprocity is? Again, it seems probable that the Nationalist campaign in Quebec will really help Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the English-speaking Provinces. Conservatives have denounced him in Ontario and elsewhere for not being British and Imperialistic enough to suit their taste, while in Quebec he is affirmed to be sacrificing the autonomy of Canada by his support of Imperialism. The one complaint must go far toward balancing the other.

Just now, if danger there is in Canada, Quebec is the centre of it. The strength gained by Bourassa, should it ever become considerable, which is doubtful, would tend to unsettle politics and policies throughout the Dominion and might become a serious source of trouble. Sir Wilfrid Laurier's hold upon his compatriots has hitherto been the best safeguard for the Dominion against the Nationalist movement, and it is doubly so now when the formerly respectable Conservative party in Quebec seems to be almost wholly submerged, or in more or less open alliance with Bourassa.

NOTES.

Dr. Andrew McPhail is an advocate of reciprocity and his name will add weight to the arguments in behalf of

that measure. But like The Guardian, Dr. MacPhail while he thinks the country wants reciprocity does not think that is all we want. He is a staunch opponent of the high protective duties imposed by the Conservatives and continued by the Liberals on manufactured goods. But we cannot get all we want at once. Nor is it desirable to make too sweeping a change suddenly. Once the prop of agricultural protection is knocked down under the protective system it must totter to a fall. That will come in due time. The farmers will not consent to go on paying 20 to 40 per cent. on manufactured goods merely for the purpose of fattening the manufacturers of Ontario and Quebec when there is no longer any pretence—a ridiculous pretence it was—"protecting" the farmers.

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