

THE COERCION BILL

Sir Charles Tupper's Speech in Support of the Motion for Second Reading.

The Old Story That the Confederation Compact Requires This Measure.

Elaborate Defence of the Course the Government Has Seen Fit to Take.

Ottawa, March 3.—In the commons to-day Sir Charles Tupper, Bart., was received with applause on rising to move the second reading of the bill which has for its object the coercion of Manitoba and the re-establishment in that province of a system of separate schools. He confessed that the question which he submitted for the consideration of the house transcends in importance any measure that has ever been submitted in the Canadian parliament during its existence. He then went on to speak of what he said, had been accomplished by confederation. Sir Charles said that at the confederation conference no feature impressed itself more deeply upon all the delegates present than the measure affording means to remove an antagonism of race and religion, which had previously been found so fatal with reference to the interests of Canada. Sir Charles then referred to the Intercolonial and the C. P. R., the development of the Northwest and the imposing spectacle of the Ottawa conference followed by the promise of the imperial parliament to give substantial aid in making Canada a great highway of imperial and international communication. There would have been no confederation, Sir Charles continued, and all these achievements, the C. P. R., Intercolonial railway, Ottawa conference, etc., would have been impossible, if consent had not been given to the proposal made by Sir Alexander Galt on behalf of the Protestants of Quebec to protect the rights of minorities, whether Catholic or Protestant. Having read the section of the B. N. A. act embodying this guarantee, Sir Charles took up the Manitoba act and showed that it contained a similar provision. He pointed out that the exclusive powers as to education given to the provincial legislatures were expressly made subject to such an appeal as had been taken, having read the terms of the section of the act in question, he continued: "I think it would be impossible to find in the English language terms that would more completely and more easily establish the position that the exclusive right of the provinces of Quebec, Ontario and Manitoba to legislate in reference to education is not confined to the case in which they have not taken away any of the rights enjoyed by any one of these provinces at the time they entered confederation. That is to say, that if it can be shown that any right enjoyed by any province at the time it entered confederation has been invaded, that the rights which were enjoyed on all that right by Protestants or Catholics had been interfered with and removed under the law as it stands upon the statute book, the moment that infringement takes place, the right is transferred ipso facto, from the local legislature, because they hold that exclusive right, subject to the fact that they shall not invade the privileges of the minority to the parliament of the Dominion. (Ministerial applause.) I would not hold that to be an incontrovertible position if it were not fortified by the highest authority in the British Empire—the judicial committee of the privy council.

ment of the kind made, that the law says "may," and does not say "shall," is there any member within the sound of my voice who will say that on ground of that kind you will turn your back on a helpless minority who are struggling for their privileges, of which they have been deprived by the local government, and who will say: Yes, it is quite true that the lords of the judicial committee said we may do it, but they did not say we shall do it, and we intend to leave the minority to suffer in the face of the decision of the highest judicial authority that can be given in the empire. A position of that kind would be unworthy of any government of any civilized country. I hope no body of gentlemen who are entrusted with the high position of administering the government of Canada will ever shelter themselves behind a subterfuge so plain and transparent as that and avoid the duty and responsibility which has been thrown upon them in regard to one of the most vital, one of the most important questions that can be presented.



in the province of Manitoba the rights which the imperial statute and the laws under which Manitoba came into the union have been guaranteed to them and preserved.

I care not who the man is, I care not which side of the house he sits on—I say that the Canadian who with the history of the past to guide him and with the history of the present before him—can for any such purpose be willing to lend his hand to promote and countenance a war of races, religion and creeds, is an enemy of Canada.

It is not a question of separate schools; it is a question of the constitution of the country. The progress and the prosperity of the future development of Canada depends upon that constitution being sacredly maintained, and all the rights that are guaranteed under it whether to the central or provincial governments shall be sacredly guarded.

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Sir William Dawson, Sir William was many years a superintendent of education in the province of Nova Scotia, and from that most he has risen to the step, and point by point, until he has attained one of the most exalted and respected positions among educationalists throughout the world.

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Sir Charles then proceeded to define the difference in the federal constitution of the U. S. as compared with that of Canada, and said: "When we set down in Quebec to form a federal constitution for Canada we had the experience of long years of practice in the United States, and we provided that the local legislatures of all the provinces should be restricted to the exercise of such powers as were specifically defined by the law as appertaining to them. Everything else belonging to the federal government. Had that been the constitution of the United States they would have been spared the sacrifice of a million lives and untold treasure in maintaining their union against the results of that defect in their constitution."



ALL MODES OF MOTION. The theory that electricity, magnetism and chemical action are modes of motion, either of the molecule or the ether, is held by Walker, an English physicist. He claims that this view, which he published three years ago, is confirmed by the Roentgen experiments. An electric current, according to this author, is a series of waves of greater length than the largest of the invisible light waves, and of a transmission rate lower than those waves; electric magnetism, a series of waves shorter than the ultra-violet, waves, and with a higher rate of transmission; magnetism, a wave motion imparted to the molecules of iron at their formation or to the ether surrounding the molecules; chemical action, a motion probably between the wave length of the highest sound wave and the waves of electricity. Roentgen rays, he believes, may be very short electromagnetic waves.



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