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Episode 11
Bourassa and the Bishop
It Will Be a Terrible War
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LAURIER'S LOSS

Laurier had always taken the route of compromise to satisfy both the French and the English, however he finally found he could please no one. Even Laurier's friends decided that they could not continue to support him. First, Bourassa left Laurier's government to become a voice for the French. Then, the issue of Free Trade alienated long-time supporter Clifford Sifton. In the election of 1911 the people chose a new government and thirty-seven years of Liberal leadership ended.

QUESTIONS DURING VIEWING

BOURASSA AND THE BISHOP

1. What did the Archbishop of Westminster say at the 21st Eucharistic Congress in Montreal (1910) that angered the French?
He said that English should be the dominant language of the Catholic Church in North America.
2. What was the basis of Henri Bourassa's rebuttal?
The first Catholic apostles spreading Christianity in North America were French, three quarters of the clergy of North America have come from the French population, and though a small group, we have the right to retain our language.

ATTACKED FROM ALL SIDES

1. What was the fear if Free Trade was approved?
It was feared that Americans would simply swallow Canada.
2. Who defeated Laurier in the 1911 election and what was his political party?
Robert Borden, Conservative

IT WILL BE A TERRIBLE WAR

1. Where was the Canadian First Division stationed in April, 1915 when John McCrae and Alexis Helmer were serving?
Ypres, Belgium
2. How many Canadians died in The Great War?
60,000