

of trade, this policy being defeated there went with it as was soon to be only too apparent the greater prosperity which these policies would have helped to bring about.

The conventions of 1893 and of 1919, being outstanding milestones in the history of the party, constitute convenient points from which further to consider the question of party organization. At both conventions, platforms of principles and policies were adopted by the delegates present from the several Liberal associations, and these have served as a guide to the Liberal parliamentary party both in opposition and in office.

At the present time, I do not think I need review the details of party organization during the period from 1896 to 1911 during which the Liberals were in office. I have little knowledge of what was done during that time, but I have some personal knowledge of what was accomplished almost immediately after the party found itself in opposition, for I was privileged myself to have to do with a part of this work.

First of all let me say there was opened at Ottawa a National Liberal Information Office, which became responsible for the two-fold duties of publicity and organization. From this office there was issued a monthly publication known as

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