

A Vote for Laurier Indorses Fred. Borden

SIR FREDERICK BORDEN EXPOSED

Liberals Should Refuse to Support a Government that Stands for Him

We take the following article from the Calgary Eye Opener. This is not the kind of stuff we like to publish, but in the public interest it is necessary at times to expose wrongdoing in high places.

Sir Frederick Borden has more gall than a herd of government mules. He has presented himself for re-election in King's county, Nova Scotia. What kind of people can there be in King's county to stand for an unclean thing like Fred Borden?

The day he received the nomination at Kentville, Sir F. Borden made a pitiful spectacle of himself. He alluded to the charges against him that had appeared in the Calgary Eye Opener and later were incorporated in an article in the Nineteenth Century. Amongst other things he said:

"My friends tell me that scribes are writing under various names against whom I ought to be bringing libel suits."

"I did bring a suit, but it was in England. My enemies say go west somewhere—to Calgary for instance—but it suited me better to go where I did. I was paying my own expenses. The people who talked of these suits were not paying the expenses."

"I saw fit to wait till a respectable journal put this slanderous western article in its columns. I saw fit to wait for some one to copy it. The journal that did this happened to be the Nineteenth Century."

"I promptly brought action and the result is that I was completely vindicated. That journal made a full and ample apology."

The late Sir James Knowles, editor of the Nineteenth Century, and Hamilton Fyfe, author of the alleged libelous article, were very foolish to apologize. However, they thought "the easiest way the best," and sent Borden £300, the amount at which the Minister of Militia's character was valued by these gentlemen.

Now mark the smooth cunning of the man in his disposal of the wonderful £300. Note the capital he makes out of it.

"I have determined," continued Sir Frederick, in his speech, "to give the money to the cause of education in King's county. I have established with it in the Canning school, for all time, a scholarship. The money is in the hands of trustees to give the interest, \$75 a year, to the boy passing the most successful examination into one of the colleges of Nova Scotia or the adjacent college in New Brunswick."

To assist him in doing this he had called in Rev. Mr. Sellars, Rev. Dr. Crowell and Dr. Covert, councillor. These gentlemen had met and drawn up conditions surrounding the gift, which had been drafted by Dr. Crowell. The money would help to educate some worthy boy or girl in one of the universities of that province.

By this colossal bluff Sir Frederick endeavors to enshroud himself in a clerical atmosphere. By this means he would fain lead the un-sophisticated Nova Scotian to believe that he was a deeply wronged man, a paragon of all the virtues, and an intimate ally and associate of ministers of the gospel.

F. Borden could not run this kind of a sandy out west.

Sir Frederick Borden in another part of his speech, startled his audience—Fielding, mind you, being on the platform also—by saying:

"I don't see where private character comes in in this contest."

It just amounts to this, that Sir Frederick Borden in opening his campaign adopted a threatening attitude toward any possible attacks that might be made on his private character during the campaign, his object apparently being to scare out of their boots such newspaper writers as might be courageous enough to show him up in his true light.

Well, he is not going to scare the Eye Opener.

On the second page of this edition we publish in facsimile two letters addressed to us early this year by Mrs. Maria Allison, Ottawa, whose daughter was spirited away from home by this old reprobate. The letters are those of an old lady whose orthography, etc., is not quite up to the mark, so we have copied them out to make their perusal easier for our readers. They speak for themselves.

FIRST LETTER

144 Slater St., Ottawa, Dec. 30, 1907.

Mr. Edwards:—Dear Sir—I thought many times of writing to you, but could not get my courage up to do so. I heard about some article written in your paper. I did not see it myself, but only heard of it. I refer to Sir Frederick Borden. I have been the victim of that ruffian's outrage on myself and family. I cannot get over it. I had the misfortune to take him to board in my house during the sitting of parliament, with some other members. Well, he ended by taking my only daughter away from home. I nearly died from grief and shame. I have one son. He was no assistance to me either physically or mentally, and being a widow I could do nothing. The whole cabinet stood by him. I was treated most shamefully. To add to my trouble at that time I was just recovering from rheumatism that I suffered from for three years and I could hardly work. I hired a lawyer named Taylor McVeity. He advised me what to do. I soon found out he only looked out for himself. He threw me over and told me that Borden was a fine, good-natured, jolly good fellow and he didn't like to do anything to him. I tried to get my case brought up in the House here, but the leader of the opposition being his cousin I could not get it past him. In order to make me out a liar in case it would come up, Sir Wilfrid Laurier interfered and had my daughter placed in the Crown Lands Department in Montreal. I cannot describe all I went through. In order to shut me up, Borden got Mr. Fielding to throw me out of a small position I held in the Finance Department since Confederation. I again hired another lawyer, but he (Fielding presumably) put me back after keeping me out for two months.

The whole government is rotten. This is not half. Borden has another woman that he separated from her husband, named ——. She is in the same department as myself. She never goes to work, but draws her cheque just the same.

Will you send me one of your papers, and oblige,

MARIA ALLISON.

*We have purposely withheld the name of this woman from the facsimile, as it would hardly be fair to drag her into it.—Ed.

SECOND LETTER

144 Slater St., Ottawa, Jan. 10, 1908.

Mr. Edwards:—Dear Sir—Quite recently I saw some remarks in your paper about the great Sir Frederick Borden, minister of militia for Canada. In placing him before

the public in his true colors you must indeed have some moral courage about you that our papers have not got. In addition to a small position that I held in the government for a number of years, I kept a few boarders in order to support my family, one son and one daughter. We were doing fairly well. In 1896 I had the misfortune to come across this man Borden and had taken him to board at my house. The result was that under the pretense of getting her into the General Hospital in Montreal to train for a nurse he got her away from home. I was not, of course, consulted and knew nothing about it till she left home. I did not know that Borden had anything to do with her going for some time after. After all that, he came again and lived in my house, but never let on that he had anything to do with her leaving home. It was during his stay this time that I found out. I accused him right away. Then he told me I was mistaken. I warned him that I would make him pretty sorry, both him and his family, as I would see that they got their share of what was going. He got out of Ottawa that time and never came back for one year. He went to Boston. The same time my daughter left Montreal and also went to Boston. I tried to locate her in Montreal, but could not, nor did I hear anything of her for a year after. I put in a bad time, you may be sure. I broke up my house and went to stay with some friends here. Well, Borden came back and I went down to Montreal myself and hired the Montreal secret service. Then everything came out. He was keeping her in a boarding house at 862 Pallace (Palace?) street. His wife and family lived a short way from the boarding house. I went right up to their house at 111 Stanley street and told his wife all about it. She told me that Borden was in England, but would be back in a few days.

There was a dreadful row, you may be sure. Sir Louis Davies was brought down from Ottawa, another judge and the secret service agent. They all held a meeting in Mr. Beague's office. He is now Senator Beague. You may be sure I was not allowed to that meeting and Mr. Beague wanted Borden thrown out of the cabinet there and then, but Sir Louis Davies fought hard to keep him.

I cannot write any more tonight. Have you anyone here that would call and see me? This is not the one-tenth part of what I have to say. Every word I state here is true. You can do what you please with it.

(Sgd.) MARIA ALLISON.

We commend these letters to the tender consideration of Dr. Chown, of moral reform opinion. Being a clergyman of lively political proclivities, however, and an ardent Liberal partisan, it is hardly likely that he will pay any attention to them. The wrecking of a home, the ruin of a young girl and the breaking of a mother's heart, are of no consequence whatsoever when the cause thereof happens to be a libertine occupying a seat of honor in Sir Wilfrid Laurier's cabinet as a minister of the crown. It were political heresy even to breathe a word about the affair.

We may be regarded by certain bilious persons as a tough character running a disreputable paper, but, thank goodness, we are not half as tough and disreputable as editor of this little paper as is Sir Frederick Borden in his position as a cabinet minister. At all events, we never wrecked a home nor brought distress to a woman, let alone a mother. That, to our mind, is the limit of infamy. There is nothing beyond.

His Majesty's ministers at Ottawa are the virtual rulers of this country. Earl Grey is merely the neat-little-speech-cum-champagne ruler. The people of Canada desire that those who take upon themselves to guide this beautiful Dominion in the paths of progress and righteousness should be men of honor, of personal purity and of high moral character. They do not want the affairs of this country to be run by dead game sports whose inclinations in

certain directions are a bye-word even in the red light districts.

Sir Frederick Borden is a disgrace to any community. The West is watching King's county with considerable concern and will be grievously disappointed if the respectable citizens of that constituency do not rally as one man to the support of the splendid nominee of the Moral Social Reform League.

FISHER'S MONTREAL SPEECH

Mr. Fisher in a speech delivered in Montreal on October the ninth has many interesting things in it. But its chief interest lies in the things omitted rather than in the things stated.

Mr. Fisher refers to purity of elections. In this reference his whole argument was the fact that the Conservatives should not speak about such things. Mr. Fisher's whole argument with regard to purity in elections was the argument that people in glass houses should not throw stones.

Does Mr. Fisher believe in purity of elections? From his recorded speech the natural conclusion to be drawn is that he does not. When the Conservatives accuse the Liberals of being corrupt Mr. Fisher simply answers, "What about Colchester?"

The day was when Mr. Fisher stood squarely against bribery in elections. He is very quiet on that question now. When he or his party are accused of election trickery he does not come forward boldly and indignantly deny the accusation. All he says is that the Conservatives did it first.

Mr. Fisher dare not come forward boldly and say that he is against corruption in elections. His own elections have been corrupt in the past. Whether he is personally responsible or not is a secondary consideration. He is evidently aware of the Brome bribery as he is content when the Liberals are accused of corruption to calmly announce that the Conservatives are as bad.

CAMPAIGN OF SLANDER

Mr. Fisher also referred to the campaign of slander being waged against the Liberals. Mr. Fisher prefers to call it slander, many people call it the truth.

Mr. Fisher does not refer at all to the Liberal platform of 1893. That platform was a good one. Mr. Fisher, however, and his associates found that platform rather annoying and consequently it has dropped out of sight.

It is very well for Mr. Fisher, to get up before a Montreal audience and accuse the Conservatives in bygone times of giving away government lands to large syndicates. Fisher and his associates were sent to Ottawa expressly for the purpose of putting a stop to that practice. The giving away of immense tracts of land was one of the reasons of the Conservative defeat in '96 and it comes with very poor grace from Mr. Fisher to calmly acknowledge that the Liberals have practically given away large tracts of land to large corporations. His excuse that the Conservatives were worse is no excuse. He and his associates have betrayed their trust and all their excuses are wearisome.

There is one thing sure. Sifton has made millions out of the government. Burrows has become wealthy and many other government attaches have also profited from large deals in government lands. This very fact condemns Sifton and also condemns Fisher when he hastens to defend that princely prodigal of the peoples' property.

MR FISHER THE DOLLITTE

We are not however, so much interested in the Dominion campaign as we are in the Brome one. The Conservatives are exposing corruption and bribery in almost every department of Dominion activity. This corruption is the result of insincere men being at the head of the government.

The Honorable Minister of Agriculture is one of these insincere gentlemen. We have accused Mr. Fisher of going back on every pledge he ever made. Not a word of denial does he utter. He has gone back on his pledges of

Blessed is the Man that walketh Not in the Counsel of the Ungodly

The Minister of Agriculture has not Walked--He Has Sat

prohibition, Mr. Fisher started out to carry on the temperance reform in Parliament. He has remained silent on this question. If asked why he has not agitated this question his only reply would be, "If you elect the Conservatives they will not be any better."

Mr. Fisher has not protected the interests of the farmers as he should have done. If asked why he has not been more active in their interests he would probably reply, "If you elect the Conservatives they will not be any better."

Mr. Fisher has not been instrumental in reducing the preference given to manufacturers by the protective policy. If asked why he did not work for the reduction of the tariff he would probably reply, "If you elect the Conservatives they will not reduce the tariff."

Mr. Fisher has done nothing for temperance, has not seen to it that his elections were pure, and has gone back on the pledges he made. His only excuse is the that other fellows are worse. This excuse will not go down with the electors of Brome.

CORRUPTION IN BROME

We are running in Brome County and we are running without corruption. This to many people appears to be utter madness, but there is a method in it.

We have been through the county of Brome and everywhere are heard the tales of rank corruption practiced in the elections of the Minister of Agriculture. On every body's lips is the same story that Brome is corrupt and has been corrupted during the past twelve years and this corruption has been practiced on behalf of Mr. Fisher.

Liberalism has been dragged in the mud in that county. The name no longer stands for purity and righteousness. In the county of Brome it stands for bribery and corruption and election trickery.

We have heard the Minister of Agriculture speak in Brome. The sentiments he uttered were noble. To listen to him one would naturally conclude that all his elections were pure.

Mr. Fisher is either a fool or a hypocrite. He has time after time delivered public addresses in Brome. Never once have we heard him refer to these rumors of corruption. He has kept quiet. If he had not heard them then he is dull of intellect and perception and should not be sent to Ottawa. If he heard them and has not denied them in his speeches about electoral purity, then he has exhibited great foolishness in talking vaguely, when he should have denied specific charges.

If the elections in his behalf have been corrupt to his knowledge, then he is a hypocrite when he arises to talk about morality and purity and himself as Minister of Agriculture is the result of corruption.

We desire to run as a protest against Mr. Fisher and the election methods practiced on his behalf. If Canada is to enjoy pure elections such men as Mr. Fisher must not be allowed to monopolize the so-called party of purity.

Twenty-two clergymen, who have charges in the county of King's, N. S., says the Montreal Gazette, are announced to speak on the platform against the candidature of Sir Frederick Borden, the minister of militia. There seems some reason to expect that one of the seats the Liberals will not retain in Nova Scotia will be that for some time held by Sir Wilfrid Laurier's senior colleague from the Maritime Provinces.

Geo. E. Foster was Finance Minister for eighteen years and retired poor. According to Liberal ethics such a man should not be allowed to be minister of Finance.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Fisher has done little for the farmer.

The time is ripe and rotten ripe for change.

Dan Meigs votes solid for Fred. Borden.

Fisher's political career is finished in Brome County.

Mr. Fisher says he is a Liberal. Maybe he was once, but he is not now.

Fisher has a stronger constitution than we have if he can stomach Sir Fred.

The Hon. Minister of Agriculture stands for purity and yet backs Fred. Borden.

Brome county has been corrupted in the interests of Mr. Fisher. Fisher calls this electoral purity.

Twenty-two ministers of the gospel are out working against Fred. Borden in his own county of Kings, N. S.

The Liberals have been pointing the finger of shame at Geo. E. Foster. Lately they have been apologizing.

Fisher tells England, "Let Canadian cattle into your country." England tells Fisher, "Improve your regulations and I will."

United States papers, The Montreal Witness says, are describing Montreal as the most wide-open town on the continent on Sunday.

If a Missisquoi voter cannot vote for Geo. Ford, let him vote for Dr. Pickel. We have known the Doctor for fifteen years and there is not a mean streak in him.

Mr. Fisher believes the one end of politics is to get votes. Principles are purely secondary. He has thrown overboard principle after principle for the sake of votes, and now Brome Liberals are disgusted with him.

The Montreal Herald has received a quarter of a million dollars in government money. Five hundred dollars a week from one client merits a few eulogies to the parties giving the contracts. Fisher is the member of the government eulogized.

Fisher says he has tried hard to remove the British embargo against Canadian cattle. His foolish regulations in regard to cattle are deposited with the British minister of agriculture. The Englishmen know a thing or two, and are perfectly justified in turning Fisher down.

We have received a five-page eulogy on Fisher from a Brome voter. We would like to publish it were the ideas new, but anybody who wants to find out these ideas can find them in Fisher's personal organ, the Montreal Herald, a paper that is run to eulogize Mr. Fisher.

Mr. Fisher says he benefits the farmer. He spends \$300,000 in attempting to keep out rotten American cattle, and looks the other way while Canadians sell rotten Canadian cattle to each other. This attitude of his is like a country that spends hundreds of thousands of dollars to keep foreign lepers out, while letting its own lepers wander unrestricted through its own territory.