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Further Evidence

Our former statements with regard to the quality and price of seed grain furnished by the government, has been challenged by the government and Mr. Motherwell, but we did not make any assertions which we are forced to retract, and our information was based on specific facts. We cited cases which arose at White-wood, Qu'Appelle and Lipton, and whether the wheat in the Winnipeg elevator at Regina, or the grain procured by Walter Simpson is good has no application to the specific instances which we recorded. It is not good enough that the grain distributed in the Regina district is all right, for the whole of the seed grain should be beyond question, this having been guaranteed especially as regards its cleanliness.

Neither Mr. Motherwell nor The Leader have refuted the fact that much of the grain contains wild oats and other noxious weeds.

The West is not in the habit of making statements of this kind without being able to substantiate them, and we wish it clearly understood that our information as to the quality and prices came in the first instance from a grain man in Winnipeg who knows what he is talking about, and who is a strong Liberal in politics.

The West made no insinuations against Mr. Leach in this matter; but, we do believe that Mr. Castle's department is seriously at fault. We are gathering facts from various points throughout the province, and we know that what we say, we can prove at any time.

It is not unfair to make a comparison between the cost of seed grain to the farmers of the Langenburg district with the prices being paid by the farmers in the Russell district east, which is in Manitoba. In that district in the sister province the municipality loaned the money for the grain, and the revee did the purchasing. He procured his wheat, which is good 2 Northern, at 25 cts. per bushel less than was paid by Mr. Castles, and the Russell farmers saved 20 cents per bushel on their oats.

At several points on the Yorkton branch, and especially at Saltcoats and Langenburg the oats which were graded to the farmers as 2 White, and for which they were charged 70 cents, are rejected oats when compared with the standard grades, and the government seed is full of Canadian Thistle and Mustard. Not only that, but in some cases the oats have never been through a cleaner.

We therefore, repeat that there are points in this province where grain that was never cleaned and which is full of foul seeds, have been distributed among the farmers.

It is an outrage to impose on the ignorant Galicians by unloading on

them rejected dirty oats at 70 cents per bushel. Mr. Motherwell may froth at the mouth if he will, and give his "emphatic denial," but what we say is true, and we are prepared to prove it by the best of evidence from the districts which we have named. One thing certain is that after the next crop, the busiest man in Mr. Motherwell's department will be Mr. Willing, the provincial weed inspector.

Steeped in Politics

The Royal Commission appointed to investigate and report on the condition of the civil service of Canada in their report severely censure some of the departments. The report states that about the only visible sign of any intelligent purpose in the department of Marine and Fisheries is that of spending as much money as possible. This is a strange tribute to pay to a department of a government which makes such professions of economy.

About the outside service throughout the country, the commission declares what is known only too well, that it is wholly steeped in politics, and the service is used more for the advancement of party interests than of public interest.

This only bears out what The West has been stating for several years past. When a vacancy occurs in the service, the new appointment is made in the vast majority of instances, not with a view so much to improve the service and give the country the best value, but with a view to promoting the interests of the Liberal party. We claim that the civil service should be removed from the influence of party favors, and that in appointments ability and personal character of the appointees should be the first consideration.

Editorial Notes

Walter Scott met the Duke of Devonshire while he was away. Most unfortunate for the Duke's relatives!

Are the people of Canada going to stand for such a state of affairs as exists in the civil service and as reported by the commission?

It was the sad duty of W. M. Martin to disillusion the mind of Hon. Walter about the rosy prospects of the Liberal party in Saskatchewan.

Since it has been rumored about that the government may adopt the policy of government ownership towards the telephone system within the province, we note that several points in the province are making moves to form companies to build lines. The Alameda Rural Telephone Company, is among the latest.

Press Comments

(Toronto News)

The proposal to throw open to immediate settlement the railway land grant lands of the west probably would have been the result which Mr. Sifton predicts, and no doubt would mainly attract settlers from the United States, which are easily assimilated. A novel proposal in this connection is to reserve 3,000,000 acres in order to create a fund for the construction of the Hudson Bay Railway. Many considerations, however, arise in this connection which will bear more deliberate examination. It is certain that sooner or later the Hudson Bay railway will be constructed, and we may be sure that the settled desire of the west cannot be set aside by eastern opinion. The commercial value of the route is problematical. It is doubtful if such a road could exist as a commercial enterprise. But our whole experience warns against dogmatic opposition based mainly on suspicion and ignorance. The west has become powerful at Ottawa, and with every year will become more powerful, and both on land policy and railway policy its judgment will be influential if not final. The News, indeed, can reach no other conclusion than that the lands of the west should be owned and administered by the western provinces, and that only irritation and distrust can result from any other relation between the federal and provincial authorities.

(Yorkton Enterprise.)

Farmers obtaining government seed grain need not be surprised at finding some of it plentifully sprinkled with wild oats.

The specifications issued by the purchasing agent, Mr. C. C. Castle, provide that they must not contain more than 25 wild oats to the pound.

This means 856 grains to the bushel or 2,550 grains of wild oats per acre, when sowed. This means an average of 16 grains to the square rod. That is, the government was willing to purchase and distribute to the farmers seed oats with wild oats enough in it to send up stalks every two paces in every direction, all for seventy cents a bushel, while one of the elevators has been supplying good clean seed, without any frozen wheat in it at 65 cents per bushel, and the price of No. 2 White oats at Winnipeg this week is 46 cents per bushel.

(Qu'Appelle Progress)

Probably the most serious charge that can be made against the federal government is that they have lamentably failed to maintain the moral tone that marked their campaign while in opposition. Not only have they failed, but have been instrumental in lowering the standard of political morality throughout Canada. They rode into power by opposing the remedial bill which split the Conservative ranks, and then imposed on Alberta and Saskatchewan the system which the remedial bill was designed to restore to Manitoba.

The senate was to be reformed yet today it stands as the refuge of party hacks and defeated partisans. The Liberals came to power with a high ideal of purity in handling western lands and timber. How woefully have they betrayed their trust to the illegitimate enrichment of many of their friends and supporters.

Gross election scandals have been common even in the constituencies of the cabinet ministers, as in London, for instance.

No one denies that much advancement has been made in many lines, but it would be a weak government indeed that had not accomplished something of merit in twelve years.

As a party of purity and moral reform the Liberals have sadly failed, and the country cannot but feel ashamed of the numerous lapses in rectitude of the Laurier administration which was vber a government of opportunities.

(Toronto Sun.)

We are shutting our door against the harmless and orderly Chinaman or Jap, and even against the Hindoo who is our fellow subject. We are at the same time opening it to Italians and Polish Jews. This is not an industrial or economical question alone though even under that aspect at present it is serious enough. It is a question of national character. No national system, certainly not one from which the training of character must in a great measure be excluded, can soon overtake the social need. During the last decade there has been an influx of foreigners, now swollen or rapidly swelling to a flood. What has been the effect on the amount of crime and disorder? If there has been any increase of drunkenness,

To whom it may concern: This is to certify that I have used MINARD'S LINIMENT myself as well as prescribed it in my practice where a liniment was required and have never failed to get the desired effect.
 C. A. KING, M.D.

ALBERTA UNIVERSITY

Senate of Western university is now complete—Justice Stuart, Chancellor.

The members of the senate of the University of Alberta have been announced. The chancellor and five members of the senate were elected by members of first convocation and the remaining ten were appointed: Justice Stuart, B.A., of Calgary is chancellor of the new university. The members ex-officio are Hon. A. C. Rutherford, B.A., B.C.L., LL.D., premier of Alberta, and H. M. Tory, M.A., LL.D., president of the university.

The ten members of the senate appointed by the executive council are: Mr. Justice Beck, B.A., Edmonton; J. H. Riddell, B.A., D.D., Edmonton, principal of Alberta college; R. G. Brett, M.D., Banff; R. J. Hutchings, Calgary; John A. McDougall, mayor of Edmonton; P. J. Nolan, B.A., K.C., Calgary; John J. Gaetz, Red Deer; O. Boyd, M.D., C. M., Lethbridge, and E. H. Strathay, Lacombe.

The elected members of the senate are: C. A. Kennedy, K.C., Macleod; W. D. Ferris, M.D., Edmonton; J. McCaig, B.A., M.A., LL.D., Edmonton, superintendent of schools; R. S. Jenkins, B.A., M.A., Strathcona, and Geo. Harcourt, B.S.A., Edmonton, deputy minister of agriculture.

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REDUCED RATE

On Agricultural implements is Advocated by R. S. Lake M. P.

Mr. R. S. Lake, in speaking on the budget, criticised the manner in which the finance minister had loaned money to the banks. In order to do so, it had been necessary to issue paper money in excess of the gold reserve. This would not have been necessary had the government instead of spending all its income, laid aside a reserve for a rainy day. Further, although the banks had received the loan, they had not advanced money to western farmers, but had refused to loan it on bills of lading as was the usual practice. He had questioned the finance minister on the matter and the reply had been that the banks must be the judges as to whom loans would be made. That had not been very satisfactory to him, and he did not think it would pay, Ltd.

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be very satisfactory to the people of the west.

"Agricultural implements are to the farmer what raw materials are to the manufacturer," he declared, in advocacy of a reduction of the duty on them. Last year, he pointed out, Opposition members had proposed a reduction during the tariff debate, but the Liberals had voted solidly against it.

Mr. W. E. Knowles—"How many members of the opposition voted for the reduction?"

Mr. Lake—"All the western opposition members voted for it." Taking up the question of C.P.R. exemption from taxation in the new provinces, Mr. Lake charged that the neglect of the government had caused the loss of the rights of the province. During the autonomy debate the premier's attention had been called to the question. Sir Wilfrid had replied that litigation was in progress and so the government could not interfere, but had given the impression that the case would, if necessary be carried to the English Privy Council. However, it appeared that the appeal from the supreme court decision had not been taken for two years after judgment and therefore the privy council had refused leave to appeal. Consequently the C.P.R. was still exempt and the people of the new provinces were thus under double taxation.

A similar situation existed as regards the Saskatchewan Valley Land Company, whose lands, owing to the fact that land patents had not been issued to the company, were still exempt from taxation.

Mr. Lake accused the government with playing with the Hudson's Bay Railway question. The line, he stated, was considered an absolute essential throughout the west. In the same connection he urged the supply of more adequate transportation facilities to handle the crops, and the establishment of terminal and transfer elevators. These elevators, he maintained would easily pay their cost.

GRAIN GROWERS

Of Richardson organize—Walter Simpson Speaks on Advantages of Organizing.

The Richardson farmers met in the Camden school house on Saturday, 21st of March, at the instance of R. Moore, president of the Regina Grain Growers' Association, and after the advantages of organization and the work accomplished by the farmers' associations of the three provinces had been explained by Walter Simpson, hon. president, Regina grain Growers' Association, proceeded to organize the Richardson Grain Growers' Association, electing the following gentlemen to office.

President—A. Weeks.
 Vice Pres.—B. Adams
 Sec.-Treas.—G. Campbell.
 Directors — Messrs. Rathenburg, Crum, A. Shane, G. Anderson, R.H. Moore and S. Burgess.

Mr. Moore deserves great credit for getting together such a business like set of men, who kept the speaker busy the whole afternoon explaining various points of the commercial and of the farmers' profession. After adjournment, they of their own volition, went into session again to hear something of the aim, work accomplished and ultimate intentions of the Grain Growers' Grain Company, and he did not think it would pay, Ltd.

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