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BORDEN STATES HIS PLATFORM

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so great a gathering of electors. He was delighted to see so many Liberals in the audience. Party lines were not so closely drawn as in other days. Mr. Borden came with a policy. He had laid down his platform, and he was certain that the Conservative party, under Mr. Borden's leadership, would carry out that policy. The Conservative party always carried out its promises. He criticized the Liberal party and its policies, declaring that its history of late was not such as to fill the electors of Canada with hope for the future.

London was without a representative. Hon. Mr. Aylesworth often spoke of the Conservatives as having a divine right to power. It seemed on the contrary that the Liberals considered themselves as endowed with the divine right to rule. The Liberal party had brought forward dead men to vote, said the speaker, and by other acts shown that it considered its right to rule as divine.

"Mr. Aylesworth stated that he would willingly follow Hon. G. W. Ross and Hon. Mr. Hyman," said Mr. McMahon. "I don't know where he would follow them, to sunny California or to Japan, or the quetude of the Senate."

Whip Blain.

Mr. R. Blain, M.P., for Peel, the Conservative whip, was the first speaker. He was delighted to come to London, for it was the home of so many distinguished men, Sir John Carling, Hon. Adam Beck and Billy Gray. He considered this splendid meeting a magnificent tribute to the qualities of the great Conservative leader, Mr. Borden. He had promulgated a policy, a progressive policy for the people of Canada. Right opposite the platform was a suggestive motto, "No graft." That is what the Conservative party stood for, clean, honest administration of public affairs. Graft was the cardinal principle of the Liberal party today, he declared. This visit to London was for the purpose of making the citizens of London better acquainted with the policy, the new, advanced policy of the Conservative party. The young men should study it, learn it thoroughly, and then they will vote for Mr. Borden and his policy. It will convince them that the Conservative party stands for honesty and purity of government.

Macdonnell Approves.

Mr. C. Macdonnell, M.P., South Toronto, was the next speaker. He declared that he was in hearty accord with the new and advanced policy of

responsibility for the condition of affairs that existed in London, as revealed by the investigation at Toronto, rested with the Government. The men who occupy the treasury benches were responsible. He maintained that Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues buried every inquiry into election frauds. The Conservative party wanted these charges investigated, but the Liberal party had refused to investigate, and consequently the fearful results of that policy reflected no credit but rather blame on the Liberal party. The individuals were not responsible, but the Liberal party was responsible.

Public Ownership.

Mr. Borden next referred to the plank in his platform relative to the public ownership of telegraphs and telephones. He said that Mr. Aylesworth was insisting that the Conservative party had stolen that policy from the Liberal party. He knew not when or where. He also said that Mr. Aylesworth had at another time, declared that these planks in the platform were absolutely valueless. The Globe had come out with an editorial declaring that it had stood for the state ownership of these utilities long before Mr. Borden had. These statements are confusing. He did not understand the attitude of the Liberal party.

"Will the Toronto Globe, will Mr. Aylesworth, will Sir Wilfrid Laurier, introduce a bill to take over the telegraphs and telephones, and make them state concerns? I ask them these questions in all fairness. The Conservative party stands ready to do so. I have traveled up and down Canada, and I have yet to find a Conservative opposed to the state ownership of these utilities."

Admits Corruption.

Mr. Borden harked back to electoral corruption. He was in favor of enacting more stringent laws to cope with it. He was in favor of appointing an independent officer, somewhat after the fashion of the public prosecutor in England, whose business it would be to see to it that these laws so amended would be thoroughly enforced. He could not say that the Conservative party had always been absolutely clean in election matters, but there never had been the organized corruption, backed by enormous campaign funds, as was clearly demonstrated in the case of the Liberal party.

The Conservative party stood for purity in public life. When insinuations were made in the House of Commons touching the life of certain members of the House, he stood up, with the whole Conservative party behind him, and demanded the fullest possible investigation. The Liberal party refused to allow that investigation to go on. The Conservative party were not afraid of any such investigation.

Charges Graft.

Graft was the next topic touched upon. Graft was rampant in the Liberal party. There were three things that the Conservative party insisted upon—honest elections, liberal appropriations for all public works, and the honest spending of such moneys, and decent appointments of capable men to public offices. Mr. Aylesworth called such planks mere platitudes. If they were mere platitudes, the Liberal party had violated them shamefully. The Liberal party had not conducted honest elections. The Liberal party had not set aside liberal appropriations, and decently and honestly spent these appropriations. The Liberal party had spent thousands, yes millions, of dollars for the benefit of the members of the Government and their friends.

There were many who years ago were paupers, but today were wealthy, because they were friends of the department of the interior. The old Liberal policy that the land should be for the people has been flagrantly violated, and the public domain has been plundered for the benefit of the members of the Government and their friends. Scandal after scandal had been uncovered, and the party had no excuse to offer.

"I do not blame Sir Wilfrid Laurier for going outside his party in the House for ministers, if he could not get good, honest men inside his party. He looked into the faces of the 125 men behind him and he could not find three honest, will carry out every detail of his policy," declared Mr. Macdonnell.

Abuses the Cabinet.

"The present Government is composed of raw recruits and old fossils," declared Mr. Macdonnell. "Some of them put me in mind of an extinct volcano, smoke and rumblings within and no results. Three of them are much over 80 years of age, much too old for public service—such as this country demands. The party is full of graft, and all kinds of impropriety. It may escape the just condemnation of its deeds now, but the time was coming when the great tribunal of the people would declare it guilty, guilty."

An Address of Confidence.

At this juncture, Mr. Hume Elliott, secretary of the Western Ontario Liberal Conservative Association, read an address from that association, expressing confidence in Mr. Borden as leader, and fidelity to the cause of the Conservative party. The policy of the party was heartily subscribed to, and the support of the association was pledged to Mr. Borden. The address was signed by Major Beattie, president of the association, and by Mr. A. T. McMahon, president of the London association.

Mr. Borden's Address.

Mr. Borden, in opening his address, referred to the fact that on Aug. 20, he began a comprehensive itinerary that embraced eight of the nine provinces, and would not be finished until after Nov. 1. But such a splendid gathering as that before him was sufficient compensation for the fatigue and weariness of the work. He spoke of the number of ladies in the audience, and ventured the assertion that if the ladies were with the Conservative party, it would win.

Boosts Billy Gray.

Mr. Blain spoke of this riding as being unrepresented. Technically that was true. But London had a real representative, and that representative was Mr. William Gray. By the will of the people he was elected in 1904, and he was again elected in 1906. The seat belonged to him by right. "I consider myself still member for Halifax," said the speaker, "for I know the means taken to defeat the will of the people."

Continuing Mr. Borden declared the



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See Change in Feeling.

A change of feeling had come over the people of Canada. Everywhere the platform had been promulgated, there was intense enthusiasm. In Nova Scotia he was accorded splendid receptions. In Quebec monster crowds had greeted the speakers. Ontario's reception was more like that accorded to ministers of the crown, men vested with the reins of power.

Mr. Borden made a plea for good men to enter public life. There was imminent danger of professional politicians obtaining control, not for the benefit of the country, but for what they could get out of it. The Conservative party should see to it that none but the best, honest, straight-forward businessmen should receive the nominations. If such were done, the Conservative standard would be carried to victory at the next general election.

Bennett Abuses Londoners.

Mr. W. Bennett, M.P. for East Simcoe, was surprised in coming to London, which he called the modern Sodom and Gomorrah, to find so large and intelligent an audience. In London there had been the worst gang of political assassins ever gathered together, but now, thanks to the fact that the strong arm of the law was no longer behind the organized blackguards, electoral corruption had seen its best day, and it could no longer exist. The Conservative party would not stand any such work.

The North Atlantic Trading Company was referred to as a party of political bandits.

He then gave the speech on corruption delivered by him many times.

He predicted that London would return a Conservative member at the coming by-election.

Hon. Adam Beck.

Hon. Adam Beck was proud of the splendid reception to their honored leader, Mr. R. L. Borden. He paid special attention to the public ownership planks of Mr. Borden. This subject he had given much consideration, and he was convinced of its feasibility. The Whitney Government had proven that a government-owned railway could be managed successfully. He knew of no reason why the telephone and telegraph systems could not be operated with great profit to the citizens of Canada. He was very enthusiastic over the public ownership platform.

One for Mr. Bennett.

Mr. Beck was proud to be a Conservative. He was proud of the great leader of the party, an honorable, clean and moral man. London was a moral city, in spite of the remarks made by some speakers this evening. It had as many moral, as many honest men as any other city. He was humiliated at the revelations of the Toronto investigation, who received the five and ten dollar bills, but the men higher up. He was convinced that Mr. William Gray had been elected member for the city of London. He promised that no such experience would be repeated. He promised that a Conservative member would be elected at the next opportunity.

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