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Mr. Borden's Platform

er seeking the living among the dead. preserving the best traditions of Conservativism, but adequate to the conditions from that which prevailed province especially in view of the atprevious to the last decade.

the public treasury must without on agricultural implements. We bechoice decry the whole sixteen clauses of the platform laid down by the Conservative leader in his Hallfax follow the first announcement, there titude. The West has been publishing Borden offers the people of Canada, and that which is handed out today States towards reciprocity with Canin the name of Liberalism.

Even considering Mr. Borden's an- ments, and when this takes place, point, which is perhaps the narrow- ple of Canada thirty years ago will est aspect, what will appeal to us have come true-"that a protective more than "a thorough and complete tariff in Canada will bring the Amerreformation of the laws relating to icans to us sooner or later." If howthe civil service ?" We do not like ever. Mr. Borden is seemingly firm to be forever talking political scan- with regard to the national benefits dal, yet what a record the Hansard of a home market he is so from prinof the last two sessions is?

with regard to the public domain be to knife the Canadian Manufacturand national franchises, Mr. Borden's ers Association. They certainly put policy is not vague. If the country is the harpoon into him every chance make a tour of the Dominion, and great historic debate. There was no paying the price for railways, the they get. That organisation is merepeople of Canada should nave a share ly a Liberal machine, but the present motion and proposed tour together, nationalism and lover clericalism in

Outside of the Hudson's Bay rail- erential trade appears to be some one of his followers. way project our transportation ques- distance away and its future may be takes the more business will be cre-

position with respect to this clause. ting his position.

The nationalisation of telegraphs the people of the province. In this and telephones is surely a clause way it differs from the lands queswhich the western daily press, re- tion. gardless of party politics concur in. make out a strong case in favor of we have quoted.

what they have been asking for; what our public domain. We have untold next year.

the fiscal question. This was no to remedy. doubt partly due to the oft repeated Under the circumstances, and after statements of the Liberal leaders that a close scrutiny of Mr. Borden's fifteen miles east of Wetaskiwin (Ro advantageous arrangement might be "the tariff is out of politics." An speech, we consider that at the open-senroll post officel testified that he forced upon these provinces by reother reason is that neither Mr. Bor- ing of his Dominion campaign, the had a carload of cattle that he was den or any other public man would Conservative leader, especially from going to ship to Winnipeg-billing be justified in being too rigidly ex- a western standpoint, has made good. them to himself, as is a common as the local organ of the Dominion plicit on that subject before coming in contact with the people of each titude of some members of the party in the House in regard to the duty lieve that the present tariff is quite the Reef Commission the name of a high enough on farm implements, and correspondent, even though they were threshing machinery; in fact too high, threatened with punishment for con-

and if Mr. Borden were to champion find strong western opposition. However the Conservative leader has not intimated that he has taken that atinformation of great importance regarding the campaign in the United ada respecting agricultural implewhat the Conservatives told the peo-

ciple, for his best party policy would

railways which are built west of the tariff movement is expected for some ated and the greater the congestion issue at the next election. at the lake terminals. The only so- It is said that Mr. Borden has lution of the transportation question failed to recognise the principles of is the deepening of the canals and the provincial rights. It is contended improvement of harbor facilities on that he should have come out strongthe lakes. It costs money to lighten ly on the question of education in a boat to get through the canals, and the new provinces and the right of it costs money to hire tugs in port these provinces to legislate for themwhere the harbor facilities are limit- selves in this matter. Mr. Borden filled?-Toronto Weekly Sun. ed. These expenses are paid by the has certainly beem emphatic respectfarmer just the same as he pays the ing provincial rights principles, for other costs of transportation. Mr. clause 16 declares for: "The unim-Borden is not required to defend h's paired maintenance of all powers of self-government which have been con-The reorganisation of the railway ferred on the provinces of Canada uncommission the government themselves der the constitution." What more will no doubt admit is necessary, could he say? The school question is and there has been enough public crit- out of federal politics so far as Doicism to warrant Mr. Borden in sta- minion legislation is concerned, and

The only way in which the school That is government ownership and question can come before the federal and the most feasible aspect of it house again is through remedial legis-The three western provinces today lation, and if the Privy Council deare practically united on a national clares the Saskatchewan Act bad telephone system and yet the govern- law, then the province will be left ment press says that Mr. Borden's free to legislate respecting education, policy is made up of platitudes. With which right the Conservative party has written to to the Winnipeg Teleregard to the telegraph service, did will respect according to the caluse gram in reply to an editorial in that not Senator Davis of Prince Albert of Mr. Borden's announcement which paper on the question of a Saskat-

this clause in his masterly speech in What about the GREAT issue in

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they have in many cases been de- forest and mineral wealth and we must possess it in our own right. While Mr. Borden sat in the House English provinces so feeble and dumb.

What about the postal service? The fair terms referred to by Mr. of Commons and merely took a nega-Did the government not get a shak- Borden can only have one meaning tive attitude the Liberal papers were the whip and huddles to the leader ng up from their western org in on We want more than the lands in the fairly well pleased, but now when he for shelter. this question? The Free Press de- right of the Crown at present. We has come out with a constructive voted a large portion of one issue to have a right to demand compensation policy they say that he gives no the inadequate postal facilities in the for all lands alienated for other than promise of being a leader. It is realwest, and now they criticise Mr. Bor- homestead purposes. This will also ly too had that Mr. Borden has disden because hs offers a remedy when involve the question of our coal area appointed the government organs. the government has, as the Toronto which is of such vital importance to News points out, left the country the western provinces. At every turn It did appear from the evidence of without efficient postal service while of our provincial life we are con- Jas. T. Gordon before the beef comthe department is made a taxing ag- fronted by the difficulties and incon- mission at Winnipeg that he was tellency, a condition of affairs which veniences arising because of the want ing the truth when he said that his plication than by direct statement of control of our public lands. This, company never received a rebate or Mr. Borden touched only lightly on however, Mr. Borden has promised

Tribune Stood Pat

commend the attitude of the Winnitempt of court. If a newspeper viohigher protection than this he would lates the law in this respect, the law shred of strength among Canadians correspondents, shows a courage nomy hill which all other papers should applaud Quebec, would never forget the It should satisfy any court that a words of a public man who assailed newspaper is responsible for what it the terms of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's publishes, and on this the Tribune attack on national schools can be maintained.

moved to reduce the duty on agricultariff compells American concerns to It says if Brantford is on the leaders education, the Laurier of the Auton-The operation of government roads come to Canada to manufacture. listlist of places of call, perhaps he by an independent commission is on- They add vitality to our commercial will tell the manufacturers of the the broad minded, generous hearted ly an advanced form of management, life, and from a national standpoint city whether or not he is in sympaand this is a very laudable proposal. this is very beneficial. Imperial pref-

Could there be a more striking iltion is wrapped up in the problem of affected by the attitude of our neigh- lustration of the change which has our Canadian waterways. The more bors to the south of us. However no taken place in party alignments since '96 than is contained in the above al journal challenging the leader of

Editorial Notes

If the prairie chickens are wise old birds they will soon migrate to Alberta where the close season extends to September 1st, 1908.

The Carlyle Herald commenting on decision of the provincial government lic policy. Even Sir John Macdonald this question may be safely left with seat says: "The Liberal party in particular feel that they have been unfairly dealt with by the government and the effects of this treatment will not be forgotten even after some have passed from the uncertainties of

> ing himself, "A Lover of Fair Play," chewan university. The writer from the northern city asserts that the ing their charter providing the pro- X Th vincial university is established at Prince Albert. It is needless to say that if this scheme works with the government, the people of the Royal city may step in the front ranks for political ingenuity.

The public works department is tion of a concrete tank near the Germany colony in South Regina constituency. Owing to the lateness of Q

the senate during the last session? this province, the public lands? Mr. the season Mr. Calder will not make was never so powerful and autocratic Mr. Borden is promising the people Borden pleadges the restoration of the connection with the hrewry till as Sir Wilfrid Laurier. There were what they have been asking for, what our public domain. We have untold next year.

favored rates from the C.P.R. However it is evident that the public are practice. The deopt agent at Wetas- Governmentwell knows.

kiwin told him that if he would ship In Parliament, he opposed the robthe carload to Gordon and Ironsides Every newspaper in Canada should C.P.R. He did so and got one-third

PRESS COMMENTS

(Toronto Telegram) to

If Sir Wilfrid Laurier retains provides a penalty, and the who are not of his own race, such editor who will accept punishment strength is due to the weakness or rather than disclose the names of the speech that introduced the auto-

stood pat. This is the only way in It is the public and patriotic duty which the independence of the press words of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. That speech should not be a club with which to beat Sir Wilfrid over the Fare and One-Third head whenever he intervenes in debate. That speech should be a lan At the last session of the Dominion a politician who, for once, allowed tural implements from 17 1-2 to 10 If Sir Wilfrid Laurier had been nail-

per cent. Mr. Borden, Conservative ed to the appaling blunders of that leader in the Commons, is about to one speech his popularity outside of longer admiring.

(Toronto News)

Compare the House of Commons to time and the tariff will hardly be an paragraph? Here is a leading Liher day with that of twenty or twentythe Dominion Conservative party to Charles Tupper, Sir John Thompson defend a movement, inaugurated by Lord Strathcona, Thomas White one of his followers, looking towards D'Alton McCarthy, Sir Adolphe freer trade. Is the prediction that Chapleau, D. Girouard, J. H. Pope, the Conservative partywill yet be Edward Blake, Alexander Mackenzie fighting under the law tariff hanner, Sir Richard Cartwright, Sir Louis with their one time free trade oppo- Davis, David Mills, John Charlton, nents upholding protection to be ful- Sir Wm. Mulock, C. W. Weldon, and A. G. Jones. How much smaller it stature are most of those who sit in their places today, and if we go back to the first parliaments after confedparty leaders and the ma-The big men of other days There were always strong voices in parliament and caucus to shape pub

The local organ of the Laurier of the meaning of the plank in Mr. R. L. Borden's new platform that reads: "The restoration of the public lands to the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan upon fair

to make it appear that Mr. Borden somewhatat sea as to the real situa- famous Autonomy Bills are more tion for a rancher who lives some than should be paid, and that a less ting down the subsidy.

bing of Albrta and Saskatchewan of heir public lands merely because the he would get a lower rate from the lands rightly belong to the provinces. It is to his credit that he sticks to his attitude on this point even though he has been weak enough to drop all reference to the school clauses of the

Mr. Borden's platform deserves criticism in many particulars, but that there should be no attempt to mis-

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Mr. Robert A. P. Stormont, has, so ! Montreal Star repr looking into the he apropos of the fina at present existing. this he thinks that features which would tion, having in view of the banking act; a poses to move for at of parliament. On present examination ment bank report, he teresting observations posal of the Canadian interest and the ame by directors or the they are interested. Speaking of his prop

Mr. Pringle said: "I have had occasio into our Bank Act, ar that 'nistcad of being ; on the old acts which in this country for m ahve gone back. "For instance unde

tes a bank exacting a

interest and discount

was liable, under the renalties and forfeitur "At the present law in force which liable to incur any pe ture for usury. It is t tion 91 of our presen of interest which the for, take, reserve or e exceed seven per cent. rate of interest shall I the bank However very ingeniously got a provision. I find on le authorities that the ha ly throughout the west acting as high as 24 p ner cent, is common ceeded in sustaining to the grounds that the per cent was paid volu al cases tried in the dence as to the exces given and our supreme that if a debtor volunt excess of interest over

to the bank for same, coverit. "The fact is, as stands our banks are i create a stringency market and charge rate they deem fit. "As a matter of been charging from 18

as, for instance, by gi

We find today in (stringincy in the Here are some figures

point. According to t ment report the total al of all our banks i We find that at the en as per government repo Canada, and largely, the United States, \$5 on current loans elsev Canada \$23,388,259.

"Then, there are loan and firms of which th partners, \$11,432,629. "Now here we have i about ninety millions

total paid up capital o "Is it any wonder i in Canada? Is it an our banks are in a position usurious rates of inte borrowers in the west, for that matter.

"Why, we have great on the ordinary money the money-lenders act largely brought about tion of the Montreal dinary shylock lending and often very risky so ited to 12 per cent. I we have our large l tions, with enormous position to create suc in the money market compel any price they

borrower. No Good Rea

"Now I can see why the bank act shou ended so as to carry the spirit of the law, rate of interest that by our banks to a reas

"In the United State you will find that in state where a greater est than seven per co by either a state or the parties so charged ount of the excess paid

"And usury is a misd That is, for instance, State of New York. Dakota the legal rate seven per cent, but by per cent. may be charg above twelve per cent. forfeited. I can readil certain cases seven per too small a rate; but there should be legilimit the rate to at

"Our banks are getting at a low rate from fari