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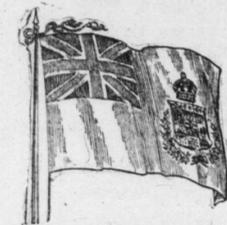
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THE CONSERVATIVE TASK.

It is not so much of a task that is before the Conservative party in ousting the Laurier administration from power as many had supposed. As the members sorted themselves by affiliation, or general way of voting, the late House of Commons stood as follows between Government and Opposition.

Table with 3 columns: Constituency, Govt., Opp. Rows include Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, P. E. Island, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia, Yukon.

As nearly as may be, the government had 60 per cent. of the seats and the opposition 40. A change of 10 per cent. would have made them even; and when the issues are of a character to rouse the interest of the people more than that can easily be accomplished. It can be the more easily accomplished in the present case, also, because the voting strength of the government in the late House of Commons was grossly out of proportion to the voting strength of its supporters, as shown in the count of the ballots. After the election of 1908 the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, who keeps the records of the polling, prepared a statement of the votes cast for and against government candidates. It is as follows:

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Table with 3 columns: Province, Seats, Votes. Rows include Alberta, Saskatchewan, Total.

Through discrepancies in the size of constituencies, and through the operation of the redistribution of seats made after the census of 1901, and from other causes, the government, whose candidates by this showing received only 16,962 more votes than were cast for Conservative nominees, had a majority of 29 per cent. in the membership of the House of Commons. This is a state of affairs that is not at all likely to be repeated. It shows how slim a majority in the country a large majority in Parliament may have behind it. It shows also how easy may be the task of reversing a popular verdict. A change of 5 per cent. in the vote cast for the government supporters in 1908 would in 1911 put them in a minority in the country, and in all probability in the Commons also. A change of five per hundred in the voters is not much to bring about when circumstances are favorable. They are evidently favorable to Conservatives now. The bye-elections have all been going against the government. It has been a long time in power and its members have lost touch with public sentiment. It has offended the decent opinion of the country by favor shown to grafters of every description. After working to create a national sentiment among the people, it suddenly threw up its hands and sought by a commercial treaty to tie Canada's trade up with that of the United States. Thus it made hostile critics of broad as well as narrow grounds; and they have been active in pressing their views upon the public. The ground has been well prepared for the active campaign that is now general from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The whole situation indicates that never in Canada's political history did a resolute and capable opposition have a better chance of pushing aside an old, worn out and badly guided administration. Few there are who now doubt that they will be successful.

WASTE AND CORRUPTION.

Public squandering on middlemen, government favorites and grafters—that is the chief theme of the story of the Laurier regime. If the country has not been swindled of millions of dollars every year, by the connivance of the government, then all available evidence and signs are deceptive. Perhaps the squandering bargains of Mr. Pugsley have received more attention at the hands of the Public Accounts Committee than those of any other Minister. There is some good reason for this. Mr. Pugsley is never happy unless he is dabbling in some transaction such as the Richibucto sawdust wharf, the McAvity dredging rake-off, the Loggie mystery on the North Shore, or the lighting contract at Ottawa, in which it was shown that the government was paying to a Pugsley favorite 80 per cent. more than was right and proper. Apply such squandering as that to the public service generally, and is it any wonder that the annual expenditures have gone up in about a dozen years from forty-four millions to one hundred and thirty-three millions. And the characteristic feature of the Laurier government has been to freely apply the white-wash brush to all delinquents. The black sheep is carried back to the fold and Laurier himself will boast his pride in the evil deed.

Nothing else in Canada has increased at anything like the rapid ratio of the public expenditures, unless it be the taxation to support it, and the new system of graft that has called for it. It is not to the public need but to public squandering that the people must look to account for the enormous increases in the annual expenditures under the Laurier regime. The electors can see by this time that graft comes high. Paying two prices to middlemen for government supplies, and four prices to contractors for railway building, and buying sawdust wharves and that sort of thing, soon multiply the annual expenditures by three. Canada is a great country and can stand an enormous amount of public waste and public robbery, but there is certainly ample cause for public concern and sweeping reform.

The most characteristic and most alarming feature of the Laurier regime is its thorough corruption of public life. This feature of the Laurier administration has been rapidly growing worse and worse for the past ten years, and will certainly continue to grow still worse so long as this government holds office.

There is but one remedy, and the electors will have the matter in their own hands on the 21st of this month. Let them bear in mind the following figures as an indication of the cost of graft: In 1896 the Dominion expenditures called for \$7 per head of our population, or \$35 per family; but by 1910 those expenditures call for \$19 per head, or \$95 per family.

A speaker at a Liberal meeting in Ontario the other day declared that he did not know what the Conservatives would do if it were not for the Liberals who have gone over to them by the thousands. The Conservative party will not worry much over such a state of affairs. The sign is against the Laurier government. The men who on due occasion go over from one party to the other break and make governments.

The farmers of New Brunswick will

be well advised if they hold fast to the certain prosperity that now prevails over the whole of Canada, and to let the United States open the American market to our produce by lowering their top-heavy tariff, as the Democratic party have already expressed their intention of doing.

Let Canada be guided by the ideals and aspirations of the 20th century, which demand, not reciprocal relations with the United States, but a continuance and further development of the growing inter-imperial trade.

CAMPAIGN REMINDERS.

- The white plume will hit the dust, as it were. Do not grasp at too much, or you may lose all. Without the home market Canadian produce would go begging. A fair trade never enters into our American cousin's calculations. Taft has set a trap and Laurier would entice the Beaver into it. From the Reciprocity fire-escape into the Annexation fire. That's what. Prosperity doesn't come by giving your neighbors the best you have. It's the hog seat for Uncle Sam every time, and don't you forget it. To break down the line fence would be a bad break for Canada to make. Keep both hands on the Union Jack and land on the pact with both feet. Make a hole in the tariff wall and Canada's prosperity will leak through. Who ever heard of a trust paying high prices and selling at small profits? Uncle Sam has the hogman slide all greased and ready for Canada to hit. Reciprocity is the nose with which Uncle Sam proposes to strangle Canadianism. Uncle Sam isn't taking any chances. He knows which side his bread is buttered on. There'll be little doing for Canada in the big market on the other side of the line. Pass the pact and New Brunswick will soon be as full of deserted farms as are the New England States. If Canada wasn't enjoying prosperity there'd be some excuse for taking the big chance suggested. Canada can place all she produces in the big imperial market at as good prices as Yankee trusts ever offered. If the pact were a good thing for Canada 'twould have got its bumps at Washington in spite of President Taft.

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