

temporizing with a situation which demanded revolutionary changes and drastic reform that it did not receive.

Ever since the Conservative Party came into power in 1915 and particularly for the last five years, the Agricultural interests of the Province have been woefully neglected. The already overburdened Prime Minister, instead of appointing a practical farmer as Minister of Agriculture—a farmer with breadth of view and qualities of leadership—himself took charge of the Department and undertook to teach the farmers what he did not know about Agriculture, with the serious results to be expected. He had to be re-inforced by a Commissioner of Agriculture and an Assistant Commissioner, in addition to the Deputy Minister and Assistant Deputy already in the Department, but only caused increased dissatisfaction among the farmers of the Province.

The salaries paid to these particular gentlemen, as appears by the last edition of the Public Accounts, were as follows:—

G. C. Creelman as Commissioner, in addition to his salary as President of the Guelph Agricultural College	\$1,700.00
G. C. Creelman, President of Guelph Agricultural College, \$3,000.00, total of	4,700.00
J. R. Miller, Assistant Commissioner	2,500.00
W. B. Roadhouse, Deputy Minister	3,450.00
C. F. Bailey, Assistant Deputy Minister	3,000.00

The Liberals protested that President Creelman could handle only one job at a time, but the Government persisted in its course of neglecting to provide a Minister to look after its Agricultural interests on account of its fear of a reverse at the polls, and endeavoured to hoodwink the farming community into thinking their interests were receiving attention by paying Mr. Creelman an additional \$1,700.00 a year for acting where either he must neglect his work as President of the College or hold down his position as Commissioner to make it appear that the Government was doing something for Agriculture.

On account of the fact that the Government appeared afraid to open a constituency the Liberals offered to allow any Minister of Agriculture chosen by the Government to be elected without a contest at the bye-election which would be necessary. This offer was ignored by the Prime Minister.

The Government's Fear.

The bye-elections had not been going very well from the standpoint of the Government since the 1914 general election. Hamilton West in the general election gave the Government a