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Car Shortage.

Months ago when the crop prospects were good The West referred to the question of the supply of cars and urged upon the government the necessity of seeing that the transportation companies were prepared to handle the farmers' wheat as soon as it was ready for market.

Hudson Bay Railroad.

Liberal newspapers are trying hard to mislead the electors as to the policy of the Conservative party with regard to the Hudson's Bay railroad.

"Sir Wilfrid Laurier has suddenly discovered, on the eve of a general election that the Hudson Bay Railway must be built. The Liberal-Conservative party has pledged to the building of that railway ever since 1895, when it was promised by Sir Charles Tupper.

If Sir Wilfrid Laurier were returned and the work commenced surely the people of Canada can fairly judge what the result will be. It would follow very probably the precedent established in the case of the National Transcontinental.

The building of the Hudson's Bay railway is one very good reason why the Liberals should not be returned to power. We want the railway, but we want it at a reasonable price.

The People's Leader.

In the struggle to rid themselves of their present ruinous rulers it is the signal good fortune of the Canadian people to have in public life a man round whom they unhesitatingly rally.

Mr. Borden's career lifts him up and unmistakably marks him out as the leader of his countrymen at this crisis in their national affairs. The popular instinct, usually more discerning than the judgment of the shrewdest publicists, has figured upon him as the man to be entrusted with the people's cause and the people's standard in the campaign.

The record which commends Mr. Borden to the people is an open and singularly meritorious one. Among the many great services that have been rendered to this country by statesmen of the Conservative party high place must be accorded to Mr. Borden's work as leader of the opposition.

We believe the public appreciates this service as the most important ever done for it by any statesman in that particular capacity. Had there not been an able and patriotic opposition the secrecy in which the government kept its wrong-doing enveloped would not have been so soon penetrated.

A state can be riddled to the point of ruin as well as a bank can, if there is not strenuous attention to duty on the part of some interests concerned. The Ontario bank was cleaned out, and, in addition to bearing the loss of their capital and rest fund, its unfortunate shareholders have to pay off liabilities of about three-quarters of a million dollars.

Mr. Borden's hold upon the people is the stronger because of their conviction that he is a statesman and no mere striver for office. No man could be less of an opportunist. In this particular his character presents a striking contrast to that of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who is undoubtedly the most supple shifter that has ever figured in the politics of Canada.

Our chief reason for opposing the government at the present election is that they have not been true to the well known historical principles of Liberalism, or to their own platform of 1896, or to the promises and pledges made to those who supported them.

We are determinedly opposed to the "protective" policy of the government, which with the enormous sums paid out as bounties and subsidies, we regard as quite as bad as the old tariff and probably much worse than any "revised" tariff the Conservatives would have ventured to make had they remained in office.

It won the admiration for him as a man of broad views and fine culture. The government has yielded him the high praise of appropriating several of his ideas. It changed the constitution and powers of the railway-board in accordance with his suggestion. It adopted with material modification, his proposal for the preservation of industrial peace.

Mr. Borden's most adverse critics ungrudgingly admit that he is in every sense of the word a gentleman. A statesman who is so true to his political professions and who stands for honesty in government could not well be wanting in that sincerity of private character which is the main quality of a gentleman.

Editorial Note

Time for a change at Ottawa.

Canada needs honest men to retrieve her good name.

Grant Laurier's request and let him finish his job by Oct. 26th.

Another five years of jobbery such as the Laurier administration has been guilty of will completely wreck the Dominion.

Press Comments.

(Winnipeg Tribune)

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The unspeakable Yukon deal and Yukon mismanagement.

The Crows Nest deal. The Blairmore townsite. The Arctic expedition.

The Saskatchewan Valley land deal. The Algoma Indian land deal. The grazing land scandals.

The irrigation land deals. The timber limit deals. The Winnipeg post office site deal, by which he must have added \$75,000 to his fortune.

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Can this awful man do the trick again? It is up to the people of Brandon.

(Grenfell Sun)

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(Qu'Appelle Progress)

Notwithstanding their opposition to Mr. Haultain in the recent provincial campaign, the "Liberals" in this constituency recognize in him a man of sterling worth, and one who is conceded by all to be one of the ablest, if not the ablest, in the west.

Conservatives Set Example.

Vancouver, Sept. 25.—Hon. Jas. Martin gave an interview today in which he made a red hot attack on the Liberals, he said: "Last night's Conservative convention is an objection to the different methods of the two parties. In connection with the Conservative convention the delegates were legitimately and fairly selected. They met in open convention and freely cast their votes in accordance with their opinions, which is in striking contrast with the respectable tactics adopted by the Liberals."

When McPherson was first nominated the primaries were packed with all kinds of bores, hired to attend for the purpose of nominating him against the wishes of the Vancouver Liberal Association. It is openly asserted by the friends of Mr. Senkler and Mr. Farris, the unsuccessful aspirants for convention honors, that a large contingent of Italians, another large outfit of war rats and loafers, and a number of hotel huns piloted by a well known hotel keeper, were on hand, and when the convention was called, these were supplied with ballots, already marked for McPherson.

(Bystander in Toronto Sun.)

Sir Wilfrid Laurier is reported as saying: "In an organization like ours, with thousands of employees and tens of millions of dollars, there may be men who are not what they should be. It is our work to turn them out, and we shall do it."

But how came these men in? That is the question; and it is likely that most prompt and thorough-going in those who brought them will be the turning them out? So long as the system of government by party, that is by faction, lasts, the contestants, in default of any real head of principle, will have recourse to corrupt influences and to the agents and henchmen of corruption.

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(Victoria Colonist)

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