

of the fact that all men and women are consumers and they have kept the family budget in the forefront of considerations which have been permitted to govern. Generally speaking, we have resolutely and systematically sought wider markets for our manufactures and natural products, and for the great body of our consumers a reduction in the cost of living by the reduction of duties on the instruments of production, as already mentioned, also on motor cars and trucks, and on many of the necessities of life, and on many of the commodities in general use. We have also sought to lessen the cost of living by a consistent and persistent reduction in taxes in all forms in which we found them when we came into office, or which we ourselves were obliged, for a short time, to impose in order to meet the enormous deficits which, prior to the change of government, were bringing the country to the verge of bankruptcy.

In the realm of transportation, it might be pointed out that it is to a Liberal government that we owe the construction of a second transcontinental railway system whereby rates and charges have been brought into the arena of competition and that we owe, as well, the establishment of the Board of Railway Commissioners with power to adjust and control rates in the interests of the people as a whole. To this I might add the fair trial being given Government ownership under the

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