

## The Planet

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### JOHN CHARLTON BOLTS THE LIBERAL POLICY.

John Charlton, who is perhaps the most important Liberal among Sir Wilfrid's followers outside the cabinet, is the latest politician to denounce the present ministerial policy. He has issued an address to the electors of Norfolk in which he says some things that will make hard reading for those Liberals who still believe in the Government. Mr. Charlton has couched his address in very moderate language, but taken as a whole it utterly disapproves of the policy which has been and still is being pursued at Ottawa. In his address Mr. Charlton says:

"The present Administration, which appeals to the people, has a record of something over four years to present. This record, in some respects, falls short of the expectations entertained by those who endorsed the principles enunciated by the platform of the Liberal party convention, held in 1893. It is, of course, difficult to put into practice the ideals of Opposition. Exceptional causes, such as the enlargement of the St. Lawrence Canals, the opening up of the Yukon district, and the expenses of sending a contingent to South Africa, have unavoidably increased the expenditure, and while I do not say that satisfactory reasons cannot be adduced for the large increase of controllable and capital expenditure, and the considerable increase of the public debt, I feel called upon to announce it as my firm conviction that our public improvements are now as far advanced as the necessities of the country in the near future are likely to require, and that the time has arrived more fully to redeem the pledges of the Liberal party, by practising greater economy in public expenditure, and by reducing the public debt. The expenditure should not, in any case, in my opinion, exceed the amount of the revenue, and the public debt should be reduced each year to at least the extent of the sinking fund."

"While holding that Canada is not likely to be able to get preferential treatment for her food products in the British markets, owing to the relatively small amount of our trade with that country, as compared with her export and import trade with foreign nations, I am free to confess that I may be mistaken in this view. Canada now discriminates in favor of the British importer to the extent of 33-1-3 per cent., and this discrimination is purely gratuitous and sentimental, for Great Britain gives to Canada not the slightest tariff concession that does not equally apply to all other nations. In addition to this discrimination, we have put forth great efforts, spent much money and sacrificed many valuable lives for the purpose of maintaining the cause of the Empire in South Africa. All this has been done without a return, and has been done ungrudgingly, and perhaps there may be some force in the assertion that under the circumstances it would have done no harm if a greater effort had been made to obtain from Great Britain some trade concession in our favor, and it is not unreasonable to suppose that at least some slight advantage, such, perhaps, as the removal of the restriction upon the importation of our cattle, might have been obtained from the British Government."

"I should, if again permitted to sit in the House of Commons, urge the opening of negotiations with the Home Government, for the purpose of obtaining, if possible, trade concessions from that nation, which will put us in a more favorable position in her market than that enjoyed by the foreign states."

"The government was fortunate in assuming office just at the beginning of a period of prosperity, which not only applies to us but to all commercial nations, and which is well to realize has been due to the blessings of Providence, and to causes beyond the control of the Canadian government. It is the duty of a government, under such circumstances, to follow the example of a wise ruler of old, and in years of plenty provide for meeting the exigencies of succeeding years of scarcity. The increased prosperity has caused a very large increase in the public revenue. Under the stimulus of overflowing coffers, a scale of expenditure has been set that it will probably be found necessary to recede from, when a period of bad times with decreased receipts comes, and it is desirable that action in this direction should be taken at once."

"The Liberal convention of 1893 declared in favor of selling the public lands to actual settlers only. The restriction of the convention bearing upon this question, was as follows: 'That in the opinion of the convention, the sale of public lands of the Dominion should be to actual settlers only, and not to speculators, upon reasonable terms of settlement, and in such areas as can be reasonably occupied and cultivated by the settler.'"

"I had the honor of first introducing this publicly by resolution in Parliament in 1880. Since the Liberal party came into power no legislation has been placed upon the statute book to give effect to this salutary policy, the observance of which would have been

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the settlement of the Northwest, and to protect the settler from the greed of the land speculator. I shall, if again elected to represent you, press for legislation in the house.

"The policy of making grants of public lands to railway corporations has been carried beyond prudent limits in the past, and I think the time has arrived when the making of grants of this character should either cease entirely or be made to a very limited extent, and with careful regard to the public interest."

Mr. Charlton also expressed unqualified approval of the sending of the troops to South Africa.

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Are we to conclude the Liberals are deliberately trying to avoid the question of prices?

Wonder if The Globe will publish John Charlton's address to his constituents?

Hon. Mr. Fielding came to this section to get the glad hand and is receiving the key mitt.

The Globe has not yet plucked up enough courage to publish the Cook correspondence. Still it pretends to be a newspaper.

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Mr. Stephens has made two speeches, but has not yet been fit to come down to the issues which directly affect the people of Kent.

Ald. Stephens can talk from practical knowledge about binder twine, farm implements and coal oil. Why doesn't he do it instead of wandering off into trade returns?

What is to be expected from the rest of the county when it is necessary to take the Minister of Finance out to Tisbury to try and convince the electors of that section that new Liberalism is the genuine article.

If Kingston Penitentiary binder twine were sold by the Government at five cents and retailed to the farmers at 15, approximately speaking, who got the big rakeoff? Mr. Stephens, who is a dealer in twine, did not, but he could probably give the plundered farmers a good idea as to who did.

Still another life-long Liberal has joined the Conservative ranks in Ottawa. Dan Doyle Darcy, merchant, of By Ward market, has for twenty years been one of the best workers of the Liberals here. In that ward, but, like ex-Ald. Joseph Rowan, and P. O'Rielly, he has broken with the party of broken pledges, and is now in the thick of the fight for Messrs. Birkett and Champagne, the Conservative candidates.

### ABERDEEN'S VIEW.

Ottawa Journal. Lord Aberdeen condemns the Boer war and asks the British people to condemn the "government that had commenced the war." Somebody should tell him that they have done that by firing the Kruger Government.

### THIS TEMPERATE COUNTRY.

Ottawa Star. That drinking is on the decrease in Canada and that Robert Birk's charge made a couple of years ago in the Canadian Magazine that the people of this country were excessive drinkers was not true, is shown by the figures for 1899. Canada used 3-1/2 gallon of alcohol per head of population; Australia 1-7/8 gallons; United States, 2 gallons; Great Britain, 4-1/8 gallons; France, 9 gallons.

### THE OTTAWA TOLL-GATE.

The Mail. The charge levied upon the Intercolonial railway employee for his office was \$100.

Let us see how things are going:—\$1,500,000 for a railway subsidy. \$85,000 for a railway charter. \$10,000 for a senatorship. \$100 for a little government office. How much did the Standard Oil pay for its franchise which enables it to take \$1,500,000 a year out of the people? How much do our industries expect to pay for legislation permitting them to live? Out with this rotten system. Out with the men who are responsible for it.

### GETTING RID OF THE HESSIAN FLY.

Cincinnati Price-Current. An Indiana farmer is said to have discovered a method of getting rid of the Hessian fly. Last fall he anticipated trouble from this pest, so as soon as his wheat was up he sowed a barrel of nipsacked lime on the thirty acres he had in this crop. A few days later he repeated the dose and later went over the field a third time. He says that there was not a fly to be seen in the whole field, nor any of its eggs, though adjoining fields were full of them. He sowed the lime with a hand-sower or fiddle. If the fly can be got rid of as easily as this the discovery will indeed prove a boon to grain growers.

### What to Feed Cattle.

A good many farmers feed their stock what they happen to have around regardless of whether it is good or bad for the animals. In this way much damage is done to stock. Topping corn has gone out of fashion. It used to be common. The practical use has not been satisfactorily explained. Its discontinuance indicates that it did no good. Farming is going forward, not backward. The manure pile is not a nuisance. It is one of the best things the farmer has on his farm. The fields become "tired" and need assistance. The land in the west does wonders but it should not be overworked.

Never let stock suffer for water. You know how it is yourself if you are out in the field with nothing to drink. Horses suffer the same way, only they can go longer on account of the capacity of their stomachs.

More and more the farmers are patronizing the creameries. The big reason for this is that it saved trouble time and money. However, farmers should see that they get a price for their milk warranted by the circumstances.

Don't be afraid of harrowing wheat land too much. The ground should be clean of all rubbish, well plowed, carefully harrowed and sown with good seed. It is a business proposition and farmers should be careful.

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