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there are many points of resemblance in their characters. Sir Robert, like Peel, is of the prosperous middle class, and has the same cautious and steady temperament. Like Peel, he is a better parliamentarian than public speaker; and, like him, he suffers from a certain lack of imagination. Like Peel, he is also described as a Conservative, and leads the Tory party and like Peel he has managed with the help of opponents to pass certain reforming measures. Like Peel, too, he has earned the bitter hostility of a strong wing of his own Tory party.

Both men are true types of the Liberal Conservative. Peel, had he lived, would certainly have gravitated into the Liberal camp as Gladstone, Graham, Cardwell and practically all his followers did. Sir Robert Borden has a number of followers who share his views, and the time is soon coming when the same choice which confronted Peel and his friends will confront them. They are not ardent Liberals on all political questions, but on many matters they possess distinctly Liberal views, and in the baffling years of reconstruction which are to come, none but Liberal views will have much chance of popular acceptance.

A Choice to be Made

Sir Robert and his like-minded Conservative friends can, doubtless, rejoice the Tory party and share their struggles against the forces of reform and reconstruction; but they have a nobler and more attractive path to follow, if they would shed the last remnants of their Toryism and frankly come forward as champions of reform and democratic progress.

Let Sir Robert take the lead in this course and his name will stand high on the roll of Canadian history. But let him relapse into a comfortable Toryism in the coming years, and a century hence men will class him with Sir John Abbott. In short, Sir Robert's inclinations are Liberal but his prejudices are Conservative; and the crucial question is whether, like Peel, he will allow his intellectual sympathies to conquer his prejudices.—Historicus.

"What Weather After the War"

Editor, Guide: For the worker the conditions of living have been better during the war; what will the period after the war be like? During the war, the Government by taking control of the surplus spending capacity of the nation, and using it to increase the amounts of food and clothing, etc., and also employing all comers at big wages, has raised the workers' standard of comfort. At the same time by the shrinkage of international uses for gold and the more fluid conditions of money due to simple Government borrowing or taxing and direct dealings with manufacturers, money has lost some of its value and the owners of bonds take less goods out of the nation's stock, than formerly.

Will taxation after the war be light or heavy. Light taxes mean that the privileged classes will enforce their legal rights to the extent of taking all (and more) left, after affording the workers a bare living.

Heavy taxation and taxation constantly increasing in width and heaviness, due to Privilege loading the burden, will be the only hope for the workers, and even this will be only a backing up of economic privilege, unless the source of privilege, land values, are taken. Land values steadily absorb all wealth produced, above a mere living for the worker, and left in private hands act to paralyze initiative and thrift.—John Buchanan, Berwick, N.S.

B.C. Timber Resources

The report of the Commission of Conservation on its investigation into the forest resources of British Columbia, an investigation that has taken three years to perform, states that the total stand of saw lumber and pulpwood material in the province is 366,000,000, 000 board feet. Of the 355,855 square miles area of the province 200,000 square miles is reported incapable of producing forests of commercial value, 28,000 square miles produces the above amount of forest, and the remainder is destroyed by fire. Nearly twice the amount of commercial timber now available has been destroyed through carelessness.

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