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GOVERNMENT VS. OPPOSITION PLATFORM

As election day approaches, and the people of Canada are asked to support the policy advocated by Premier Meighen as against that of the Hen. Mackenzie King and the Opposition party, it is not smiss to remind our readers of what these policies really are—that is of course in-so-far as Mr. King's policy is capable of specific definition. His several speeches on the subject have varied so widely that it is well night mpossible to fix him definitely on any one programme. With Mr. Meighen on the contrary, the ory has never varied one jot; it has been the

same thing East, West and Centre..

Here is the official platform of the National Liberal and Conservative party of which Premier Meighen has been the apostle:—

A thorough revision of the tariff with a view to the adoption of such reasonable measures as are necessary: (a) To assist in providing edequate revenue. (b) To stabilize legitimate industries. (c) To encourage the establishment of new industries essential to the economic development of the nation. (d) To develop to the fullest extent our natural resources. (e) To prevent the abuse of the tariff for the exploitation of the consumer. (f) To safeguard the interests of the Canadian people in the existing world struggle for commercial and industrial su-

Mr. Meighen has made it clear that in revising the tariff these principles will be followed He has also explained on scores of platforms in Canada the policy which will be adopted in carrying out a revision. He recently declared that "The tariff policy of this Government is to keep Canadian workingmen in Canada. When you find workingmen's houses put up in hundreds for sale you will soon find hard times for everybody. The policy of the Government is to make goods here and keep people here with plenty of work for every class of men. The policy of the Government is to give Canadian industries of every kind just enough advantage in the Canadian market as to make it pay them better to stay here and expand than to diminish their plants or leave. when revising the tariff wherever there is a tax or schedule that is not absolutely necessary it will

Further he said, "We intend to see that no interest, however powerful, gets more than those requirements. We intend to see that no theorists, however enthusiastic, imperil the well-being of

This should be clear enough for any reasonable man. This means that no industry will be driven out of Canada through removing tion, but that no industry will be pap-fed by too On the other hand, what is Mr. King's

policy? A plutform was laid down by the party two years ago which both Mr. King and all his followers sciennily undertook to implement by legislation as soon as returned to power. Here it

"Wheat flour and all products of wheat, the principal articles of food, farm implements and machinery, farm tractors, mining, flour and examili machinery and repair parts thereof, rough and dressed lumber, gasoline, illuminating, lubricating and fuel offs, etc., nets, not twines and fishermen's equipments, and fertilizers should be free from customs duty, as well as the raw material entering into the same; that a REVISION DOWNWARD SHOULD BE MADE and advisantial reductions should be effected in the duties on wear. tions should be effected in the duties on weating apparel and footwear and on other articles of general consumption (other than luxuries), no well as on the raw materials entering into the manufacture of the same; that the British preference should be increased 50 per cent. of the general teriff."

ed 50 per cent, of the general teriff.

If this plotform were to be implemented by legislation as it was undertaken should be the case, the majority of manufacturing plants in the country would be maned. Mr. King, however, refuses to say shother it will be put into force or not. he says now that he looks upon it only as a chart to show the direction he ought to take. Are the people of Canada going to give this irrespondible politician what is virtually a blank cheque, and let him fill in any policy he chooses? That is practically what he is asking for.

And that is not the worst feature. A lot of his exporters have got policies of their own slao, and they are prominent and powerful enough in the party to be able to bring pressure to bear upon him to listen to them, even if it comes to having to out him from the leadership altogother. They have weeked Mr. King side stepping many of the most important issues of the campaign.

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the general tenor of his speech.

"Cherp power attracts industries and power for munutacturing purposes cheaper than that to set next to some of them, to those y which can be developed from coal under present traces in this province at the present time. The rising price of coal has compelled the manufacturer and every individual to pay higher prices for power and light, and the only way for New Brunswick to secure a place in the industrial progress is to develop its waterpower. Our position should make it possibile to develop its waterpower. Our position should make it possibile to develop incore manufacturing industries if power than now prevails."

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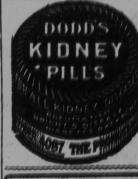
have seen large clegations coming here protest ind spainest increased rates for street out faces and electric light, while right at their very doors, are water powers which could be developed for municipal purposes. This has been going on for years, and nothing has been done to remedy the grievance, which by reason of the rising price of coul is becoming a burden upon the citizens and a clog in the wheels of industrial progress."

There are several pages of this "high falutin' sort of stuff, which heads very nicely. As a result of the bill which passed the Legislature, a very integer sun, of money—we have no idea how much, and probably no one else has either—has been approbably no one else has either—thas been approbably no one else has either—has been approbably no one else has either—has been approbably no one else has either—thas been approbably no one else has either—has been approbably no one else has either—has been approbably no one else has provide power and light at a much cheaper rate than had hitherto been the case. The public has had the pleasurable excitement of reading in The Clobe. The Telesgreph and The Times glowing accounts of all that the Government was doing to provide cheaper power and light, and how with the errival, they might expect to see industrial plants springing up in all parts of the city, which in earning the provide cheaper power and light, and how with the errival, they might expect to see industrial plants springing up in all parts of the city, which in earning the provide cheaper power and light, and how with the extent of the reading and appearing to the comments of the provide cheaper power wealth and prosperity to the corrowants.

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