

"In opposition the present Liberal leaders declared that Canada's taxation and expenditure were excessive, but since attaining power they have practically doubled both.

"They railed against the iniquities of the customs tariff, proclaiming emphatically that the protective principle was absolutely unsound and harmful. In power they have maintained that principle, although when expedient they still pose as free-traders.

"They inveighed against corruption and extravagance in the expenditure of public money, but in power they have tolerated, and even openly and defiantly encouraged that system of illegitimate profit commonly called rake-off, which prevails in many public departments.

"They inveighed against any increase of the public debt, and now with abounding revenues they have largely added to it, spending huge sums without regard to the public interest, for the benefit of favored partisans.

"They pledged themselves to maintain the independence of Parliament, yet whenever necessary they retain the votes of wavering followers by direct and even written promise of office.

"They declared that all public lands should be for the actual settler, and then enriched their grasping partisans by transferring to them huge blocks of the public domain.

"They pledged themselves to secure uniform and non-partisan voting lists, and then disfranchised nine thousand Conservative voters in Manitoba by the Thin Red Line outrage.

"They pledged themselves to prohibition upon a Dominion plebiscite, and when confronted with a larger majority in its favor than any government ever received they found evasion in a condition until then unheard of.

"They pledged themselves to abolish or amend the Senate, and now that a Liberal majority in that Chamber has been secured they regard it as sufficiently amended.

"They proclaimed high standards for appointments to public office, and they have violated all decency when it was necessary to reward unscrupulous party service.

"They promised purity in elections, and they have organized, maintained and protected the machine, which has contrived to perpetrate the grossest and most outrageous election frauds ever known in any country."

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