

His superb mental equipment and decided ability led him to take large, statesmanlike views.

I presume especially in the establishment of new regiments of militia along the boundary.

His vigorous policy has brought about something like a revolution in Canadian agriculture, chiefly by the extension of the principle of co-operative farming, the great success of which is notably shown in dairy farming.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Hear, hear.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. And, Sir, it is told of him that on one occasion he went out to interview his foreman, and, going over to the bull pen, he asked him which was the Jersey that gave the best cream.

He has also travelled far and wide with a view to the opening up of new markets, or the development of those already existing.

Especially in regard to the Geisha girls in Japan.

He has founded several flourishing organizations for the furtherance of agriculture.

He is in the prime of life. His political career began in 1880, and in the famous electoral campaign of 1896, which resulted in the overthrow of the Conservative party—

Remark that it does not say in the triumph of the Liberal party.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Hear, hear.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. I notice that all the gentlemen who are slated for offices are leading vigorously in the applause.

Mr. WADE. Russell is not here.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. Otherwise he would have been at the top of the list, if the hon. gentlemen would be good enough to take the lead right along from our good friend.

Mr. Fisher took a very prominent part, and in the Laurier cabinet was included as Minister of Agriculture, with the unanimous approval of all Canada.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Hear, hear.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. The unanimous approval of all Canada—a plebiscite.

The Canadian Department of Agriculture includes in its range some matters not exactly of an agricultural nature, such as public health, patents, copyright, and census statistics, and Mr. Fisher has introduced several beneficial changes with regard to these subjects.

Now Sir, there is an important addition here. Under the new Orders in Council we find that this gentleman is charged with the administration of militia affairs also. The Minister of Militia, being thoroughly incompetent to attend to his business, the cabinet appointed the Minister of Agriculture to deal with militia matters in this special district. Would the Minister of the

Interior or the Minister of Agriculture or the minister of whatever department this was sent from, be good enough to have that corrected?

One of the things he has done is to amend the copyright law of Canada with a view to the protection of English authors.

Yet the general view taken in this country is that he endeavoured to amend the Copyright Law in order to shut out English authors.

He is a strong temperance worker.

Mr. BENNETT. What about the dozen bottles of whisky?

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. Let us draw a mantle over that.

He carried in 1896 a government measure providing for a popular vote on the question of total prohibition.

The writer might have added that he carried around with him on his trip to England several bottles of good Canadian rye whisky.

Some hon. MEMBERS. Shame.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. I was not referring to these hon. gentlemen. There was no danger of their carrying whisky around in their cases. It would have been carried elsewhere by them.

Mr. SIFTON. What paper is this published in?

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. It is published in the London 'Daily Mail.' I do not know how much it cost a line.

Mr. SIFTON. Who is the writer?

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. There is no name, but undoubtedly it was inspired by the Minister of Agriculture. Of course he would not have his own name signed to it.

Mr. SIFTON. Would the hon. gentleman give the reference so that we may look it up?

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. I will give you the extract.

Mr. SIFTON. What date?

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. Thursday, June 16th, 1904.

An hon. MEMBER. Did he surrender?

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. These hon. gentlemen seem to forget the fix they were in the other evening, or they would not say anything about surrendering. But I want to tell them that when I get hold of anybody who surrenders, he never escapes.

Som hon. MEMBERS. Oh, oh.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. This sort of thing is rampant throughout the English press. We find extracts from obscure country papers in England cabled out here at the expense of Canada, tooting gentlemen of no