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BORDEN COMING—Hon. R. L. Borden, Leader of the Conservative Party in Canada, is expected to arrive here on Monday evening next. He will address public meetings in this Province on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

In Vancouver city, B. C. on Wednesday last, a by election was held to ratify the acceptance of office by Attorney General Wilson in the Provincial Government. The election resulted in the return of Wilson by a majority of 971 over the Liberal candidate, Captain Stuart. The McBride Government is now complete and in a position to meet the Legislature and conduct the business of the Province with British Columbia, Manitoba and the Territories strongly Conservative and the Ontario Grit Government crumbling to pieces from inherent rottenness the chances of an early clearing out of the Grit political stables at Ottawa are not too bad.

Our Ottawa Letter.

LIBERALS STILL PRACTISING DECEPTION.

The plan of campaign mapped out for the Liberal party at the coming elections, so far as the fiscal question is concerned, will be on lines similar to those of 1900. The party will offer no general platform for the consideration of the electors. It will be a free for all rush to retain power. In the west, where Mr. Walter Scott, the member for West Assinobia, has already referred to the Laurier policy, an effort will be made to convince the people that free trade is still a plank in the Liberal platform. In the east entirely different tactics are being pursued. Hon. Raymond Prefontaine is endeavoring to satisfy his constituents in Montreal, that all will be well as far as protection is concerned. In South Wellington, Mr. Hugh Guthrie, in accepting the Liberal nomination, delivered a rousing "National Policy" speech. No broad national spirit underlies any of those fictitious promises. The one idea of the Liberal candidates is to get elected. So far as the welfare of the country is concerned they do not give it a thought. In striking contrast with such a deliberate attempt to deceive the electorate, is the splendid policy of "Canada for Canadians," which is announced from all Conservative platforms, whether in the east or the west. The Conservative party is proud of its record and the policy it offers for the development of Canada, but in every riding throughout the country apologies are being offered in one form or another for the Laurier programme.

YANKES GET ANOTHER TRADE PLUM.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company requires 30,000 tons of steel rails, which they will have to purchase abroad, owing to the neglect of the iron and steel industries by the Laurier government. The United States Steel Trust will endeavor to secure the big order at \$18 per ton. The price to an American road would be \$28 per ton, but the Yankees are making a dead set on Canadian markets and are willing to slaughter prices to any extent provided they can secure orders. At \$18 per ton, an order for 30,000 tons of rails means an expenditure of \$540,000, nearly all of which will find its way into the pockets of United States workmen.

The Canadian Pacific are known to spend money freely in this country whenever it is possible to secure supplies from Canadian manufacturers.

Then why go to the United States for rails? The answer is to be found on page 4277, Hansard, June 9th, 1903. The following resolution, moved by R. L. Borden, was defeated by a solid Liberal vote:

"This house is of the opinion that the tariff of customs duties should give such protection to iron and steel industries as will not only secure to our own producers and manufacturers the Canadian market in articles now

produced or manufactured in this country, but will also develop and sustain the manufacture in Canada of other iron and steel products which at present are imported in large quantities from other countries. And that the present tariff of customs duties should be now readjusted on this principle."

The defeat of that proposition means Canadian markets for the United States, and in the case of the Canadian Pacific order alone, the removal of \$540,000, at least, which should be spent at Sydney and the Soo.

TRAVELLING IN STATE AT THE PEOPLE'S EXPENSE.

The question has frequently been asked in connection with the growing expenditure under the Laurier government, "Where does the money go?"

During the last session of Parliament \$73,864,504 was voted for the ordinary purposes of government. In 1896, the last year of Conservative government, the ordinary expenditure reached \$41,702,383, so that in a little over seven years the Liberals have increased the cost of governing Canada by \$32,162,121.

The causes for this enormous growth in our annual outlay are many. In every department of the service money has been scattered right and left with lavish recklessness.

Immigration, which cost \$120,199 in 1896, was responsible for \$464,252 in 1902.

The last Auditor General's report shows up scores of items of expenditure, for immigration, which it is impossible to justify.

Mr. J. A. Smart, the Deputy Minister of the Interior, for instance, had an expense account of \$1,086.85, made up as follows:

Accident Insurance	\$25 00
Baggage	10 62
Cabs and street cars	10 54
Fares	393 17
Postage and telegrams	3 24
Valise	10 25
Tips	24 00
Living allowance, 61 days, at \$10	610 00
	\$1,086 85

In addition to this, Mr. Smart was paid \$456.83 for travelling expenses by the Interior Department, so that his movements cost in all \$1,543.68 in twelve months.

Can the workingman and the farmer see any reason why they should pay Mr. Smart's tips or his insurance, buy his valises, or provide for him at the rate of \$10 per day? Isn't the price rather steep? But this is just one of hundreds of similar accounts which appear in the Auditor General's report.

LAURIER'S MINISTER'S ARE NEVER MISSED.

One of the first things Sir Wilfrid Laurier promised to do, if returned to power, was to reduce the number of cabinet ministers. Sir Richard Cartwright was equally solicitous as to the salaries paid to members of the government. The Minister of Trade and Commerce proved his sincerity by accepting an office, with increased emolument, which he declared was as useless as the fifth wheel of a coach, and the result was that the salaries of the ministers jumped from \$95,000 in 1895 to \$99,000.

That the present ministers are too numerous or neglect their duties is established from the record of the past year. Hon. Clifford Sifton was absent from Ottawa for the greater part of the past ten months, and his work was done by Sir William Mulock. Hon. Sydney Fisher took a trip to Japan lasting several months and Hon. W. S. Fielding found time to manage the department of Agriculture and also look after the Finance department. Then Hon. A. G. Blair resigned, and ever since Mr. Fielding has been acting Minister of Finance. And the wheels seem to go round as readily with a reduced cabinet as they do with a full working complement. This does not say much for the energy of a majority of the Laurier government, all of whom have been away for extended periods at one time or another without being missed.

Something is radically wrong with the system or the men, and the latter explanation seems to be the more acceptable.

OBSTRUCTION OF THE LIBERAL PARTY.

Whether is the Liberal party drifting? Its political acts reek with rottenness, and the affidavit of Wm. H. Callaghan, of Toronto, to the effect that he acted as an intermediary for Hon. J. R. Stratton in purchasing an affidavit from Edward Crossin, R. R. Gamey's partner in the Crossin Piano Company, in which Stratton was exonerated from much blame in the Gamey revelations, clinches those charged against the Ross government and the Grit mischiefs. Where will it end? Is there to be no sense of decency required of Canadian legislators?

Glance back over the past seven years and look upon this picture of unblushing political crime, under the auspices of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. G. G. Ross and other Liberal leaders.

In Ontario, Sir Wilfrid's right hand, we have had the West Elgin scandal; the offering of the speakership of the Ontario Legislature to Conservative members providing they were willing to sell themselves body and soul; the attempt to buy up Mr. Gamey; the purchase of Mr. Crossin's self-repudiated affidavit; the employment of criminals, paid by the Ross Government to make perjured accusations against innocent men; and the disfranchisement of North Renfrew and the shielding of the political bandits, who were furnished with lucrative employment by the men responsible for the prosecution of criminals. Still, this is only a small part of the story.

Then turn to Sir Wilfrid Laurier's part in the disgraceful history. His government benefited by the Brockville and West Huron steals and the culprits were kept out of prison, in St. James Division, Montreal, a Conservative seat was stolen and the guilty parties were promptly released from jail by the Dominion government. The seat was thrown open, and there, as in North Renfrew, the people were denied the representation in Parliament to which they are justly entitled. Preston, the most notorious election manipulator in the country, was furnished by Sir Wilfrid with a position worth \$3,000 per annum, and within a few days a Mr. Jackson, whose record is of the worst, was selected to represent Canada at Leeds.

In every way the Ontario and Federal governments are as one when it comes to political debauchery. Laurier is ever ready to reward the Ross heeler, who are as active in Dominion as in Provincial elections.

How long must this wholesale prostitution of the country be tolerated? Is it not the duty of every honest elector to put a stop to such practices for once and all by hurling from power the men who openly and persistently encourage the lowest elements in political life?

QUEBEC IS WITH CONSERVATIVES.

The Conservative party have every reason to feel encouraged by the progress that the policy of "Canada for Canadians" is making in the Province of Quebec. Leaders of the "National Policy" party, who displayed indifference in the past, are coming to the front and taking off their coats to assist in the next great battle of ballots. In Montreal, last week, Mr. R. L. Borden and Mr. F. D. Monk the Conservative leaders, were received by an audience which has been seldom duplicated in the great commercial centre. The policy of the Conservative chiefs was received with deafening cheers, and the vast audience without dissent declared for home markets for home producers. Quebec has always been protectionist, and is at last beginning to realize that the protectionist pledges of leading Liberals were given with the sole object of misleading electors. In the meeting of the Conservative Sir Wilfrid Laurier has left them at the mercy of foreigners. Quebec is tiring of this sort of thing, and will give a good account of herself at the next general election. But Quebec cannot do everything, and the Conservatives of the other provinces should follow her lead. There is victory in the air for the party that made Canada. But the elections may come at any moment, and it is therefore necessary to perfect the organization of the opposition forces. Quebec is setting a good example which can be followed with profit in every part of the Dominion.

THE PETITIONS STILL PROTEST.

The Grand Trunk Pacific deal will be definitely concluded as soon as the promoters deposit \$5,000,000 with the government, and the western section of the new railway will be completed. It is well to remember, however, that nearly 200,000 electors have petitioned against the eastern section of the line being constructed. The petitions bearing the signatures of this immense number of citizens are carefully filed away in the records rooms at the House of Commons. Some of the signatures were challenged, and an investigation was demanded by the government. Are they now going to persevere in their wild scheme? There is still time for delay and deliberation. The mighty protest of 200,000 people is not to be as quietly ignored as perhaps the Prime Minister imagines. The Grand Trunk Pacific petitions, resting quietly in their pigeon-holes, are as emphatic a protest to-day as they were when laid on the tables of the Commons and Senate. Will Sir Wilfrid further insult the signers by continuing to disregard their prayer?

HOW TO RAISE CHICKENS PROFITABLY?

Hon. Sydney Fisher is meeting with constantly diminishing success in his efforts to instruct farmers as to the most profitable methods of chicken raising. The Auditor General in his last report shows that the Minister of Agriculture's outlay for chicken culture was \$7,621, and his receipt \$2,755, making a loss of \$4,866. This is a style of profit the farmer will hardly appreciate. Going into details and taking the net results at five stations it will be seen that they were not encouraging.

EXPEND. RECEIPTS

Table with 2 columns: Location, Expend., Receipts. Includes West Huron, O., Bowmanville, O., Renfrew, O., Alberton, P. E. I., Bondeville, P. Q., and The Fallure at the Bowmanville and Renfrew coops.

Mr. Fisher's poultry ventures line in the fact that party heeler and no experienced poultry raisers are conducting the experiments.

SENDING MILLIONS ABOARD.

The trade returns for the four months ending October 31st, 1903, are hailed with delight by Liberal papers. The results were as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Category, Amount. Includes Imports (4 months, 1903: \$85,662,255) and Exports (4 months, 1903: \$83,284,191).

Is there anything in this condition of affairs to move Canadians to hurrah? Look at the results in cold blood. We have bought from foreigners, in only four months, \$15,918,713 worth more goods than we did during the corresponding period a year ago.

Is this a source of congratulation to the government? The shopkeeper or farmer, who, at the end of the year, has spent more than he made, is quite as entitled to make merry over his good fortune, as Canadians are because of our unhealthy growth of purchase abroad. The fact that the Laurier fiscal policy is sending additional millions of Canadian money away to enrich foreign workmen, is something that should engage the earnest attention of the electors. The foreigner will thrive at the expense of the people of this country, as long as the present government is entrusted with power.

SIR WILFRID LAURIER IN HIS TRUE COLORS.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's attitude towards the fiscal question does not redound to the Premier's credit. He has played fast and loose with the electors in the past, and the approaching campaign will probably see much of same hypocrisy introduced into it by Sir Wilfrid.

SPEAKING AT WINNIPEG IN 1896, HE SAID:

"I come before you tonight to preach to you this new gospel of freedom of trade, new—yes—new to this country. New on this continent, new on the other side of the line—the American republic, but not new on the other side of the water—the Old Country."

In the American republic you have the line of cleavage which exists between the Liberal party and the Conservative party—the question of free trade. We stand for freedom. I denounce to you the policy of protection as bondage—yes bondage, and I refer to bondage in the same manner in which the American slavery was bondage. You have to toll and sweat for the privileged monsters; you have to toll for those who use protection which I claim is bondage. I protest against this policy of protection—protection cannot be attained on any fair principle. What has protection done for your own Manitoba? Manitoba is a young giant manacled. Can you expect reform from those who do not believe in reform? Can you expect reduction of taxes from those who have always told you that taxation makes a country prosperous?"

In the same year that Sir Wilfrid delivered himself of this scathing denunciation of protection, he wrote to Mr. Bennett, of Toronto: "Whether a policy of absolute freedom of trade would or would not be injurious to the manufacturing industries of this country is a question which I will not stop to discuss here. There is no occasion for such a discussion as the intention of the Liberal party is not and never was to establish free trade in this country."

I submit also that apart from the community as a whole, the manufacturers have not only not to suffer, but much to gain from the substitution of revenue tariff for the present system."

It is hard to believe that these are the opinions of the same man. They show Sir Wilfrid in his true colors. Can the people of Canada conscientiously support a public man who has been guilty of such deception?

THE ELECTIONS WILL COME SOON.

The Dominion general elections are assumed at the present time. When they will be held is in the power of only one man to announce. At Ottawa active preparations are being made for an early appeal to the electorate. The lists have been prepared and poll books and other requisites for the polling booths are being received in large quantities. The ministers are actively engaged in studying up the political situation, and the writs may be issued at short notice. There is no time to be lost, therefore, in preparing for the fight, which from present indications will result in the defeat of the Laurier government.

To Our Subscribers.

We should be exceedingly obliged to all subscribers, who have not yet paid their subscriptions for 1903, if they could do so with as little delay as possible. The rule is to pay in advance; but the year is now almost at an end and still quite a number have not paid. It is quite unnecessary for us to remind them that we need the money to meet our obligations and provide paper and other necessary supplies for the winter. These are facts of which they are well aware. We shall be extremely thankful if our friends will assist us in this matter. Please don't delay.



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