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Time for a Change

In 1896 the Conservative government collected from the people \$27,700,000.

In 1908 the Laurier government collected in taxes \$73,000,000.

The Laurier government has added to the tax bill we have to meet \$45,300,000.

Our taxation has undergone the following change since 1896:

Per Head	1896	1908
Per Family	\$ 5.46	\$ 11.70
Per Family	\$ 27.30	\$ 54.50
Per Day	\$ 76,000.00	\$ 200,000.00

Since 1896 we have paid in taxes \$252,000,000 more than we should have had to pay had the Conservative scale of taxation been continued.

The \$252,000,000 has been expended largely in "take-offs" and in grafts.

Martin Discouraged

W. M. Martin, the Liberal machine candidate, in this constituency has become quite discouraged, and were it not for the ginger supplied by the machine would throw up the sponge. He admits himself that he is disgusted with the whole life of a Liberal politician.

However, as he is Walter Scott's candidate, that gentleman took him in hand last week and gave him a few pointers.

Poor Martin, what he would not give to renounce the whole business and this he would do if he were to follow his own inclinations. The machine, however, has him in its grip, and Martin has to play the game. He will be relieved, however, on October 26th and it will be a good thing for him. By nature he does not belong to the miserable machine that is making a tool of him. We can assure him that the voters will relieve him of the strain on polling day.

Usual Tactics

The following from the Grenfell Sun shows to pretty well the tactics of the chief Liberal screamer in this province:

Is our genial friend of the Regina Leader a member of the Manufacturers' Association, or does he keep a representative of that ubiquitous organization in his employ? Judging from his glowing reports of Mr. J. T. Brown's meetings he must be one or do one or the other. One day last week he had a grand description of Mr. Brown's meeting at Summerberry. The Orange hall was decorated in great style with mottoes eulogistic of the government and Mr. Brown. The speeches of the candidate and his friends were so impressive and expressive that even the dwellers in the Osage stronghold were strangely wrought upon, and although they didn't positively bemoan their manifold sins with "strong cries and tears" at the political pentecost bench the Anti-Scott-Provincial-Rights-Liberal-Conservative-Laurier-Government candidate and his fellow evangelists, made a deep and probably ever lasting impression upon them. On reading the Leader's account we were afraid that if this kind of landslide kept moving Mr. Lake's cake would be dough sure enough, and he had better make for cover while time and opportunity remained. But lo! a change came over the scene. We learn on excellent authority that when Mr. Brown and his helpers opened the Summerberry meeting there were just six local residents present and when the meeting closed the number had increased to sixteen, of whom six were non voters, and the rest mostly "Tories." The mottoes, we are told, for convenience sake and to save trouble, are carried from one meeting to another, so as to preserve the continuity of sentiment

and expression. Say we not therefore truly that The Leader must be either a member of the Manufacturers' Association or that it keepeth a representative thereof to manufacture reports of Mr. Brown's meetings.

Black Sheep

Sir Wilfrid Laurier recently made a reference to the black sheep in the Liberal party intimating that the government would attend to them. No doubt he had reference to Sifton, Burrows, Adamson and Turfitt as among the western black sheep. Already the electors have taken upon themselves to assist Sir Wilfrid get rid of some of these black sheep. The Liberals of Humboldt have refused to endorse Mr. Adamson as a candidate for parliamentary honors.

We would advise all the electors in Assiniboia, Brandon and Dauphin to assist in the purging process and help Sir Wilfrid get rid of Turfitt, Sifton and Burrows. By defeating these men they will do much towards putting politics on a higher plain. Surely it is time for an elevation. More decency in public men is demanded today. Men of honor are needed in the public life of Canada, today. We want men as members of parliament who will look upon a public trust as something sacred, not as something to be used for their own and their friends profit.

Judging from the exposures made at Ottawa these last two sessions, there must be more than a few black sheep in the Liberal party. It would appear that the counsel of the black sheep prevails. Give R. L. Borden an opportunity to prove that it is possible to have an honest administration.

Liberal Prosperity

The Liberal speakers and press during the present campaign take occasion again and again to refer to the prosperity of Canada under the Laurier administration. They admit a depression last year but state that the same existed in other parts of the world. They forget or ignore the fact that other parts of the world previous to last year also enjoyed prosperity.

The country has been prosperous, not because of the Liberal party, but in spite of that party. How much better off the Dominion treasury would have been had the Liberal administration acted in the best interests of the country instead of in the interests of party friends.

Here are a few items showing how the party friends made money which should have gone to the treasury:

Theodore Burrows secured the Moose Lake limit for \$7,000, and announced it for sale again in these terms:

"The estimate of this limit is between two hundred and fifty and three hundred million feet, and the price asked for the same is \$2 a thousand, to be determined by arbitration. Terms, 50 per cent. cash and the balance to be arranged."

Market value \$2 a thousand, on two hundred and fifty million feet—\$500,000; share for the treasury, \$7,000; share for the politician, \$493,000.

By Mr. Burrows the Prince Albert limit was obtained for \$6,000. He sold to the lumberman who needed it for \$80,000.

Value of the property, \$80,000; the share for the public treasury, \$6,000; share for politician \$74,000.

A. W. Fraser of Ottawa, whose record is so notorious that Sir Wilfrid had to withdraw him as a candidate in Ottawa constituency, got the Cedar Lake limit for \$500. He issued a prospectus in which was stated:

"The timber is of good quality and fairly clean, more so than

the timber in the Erwood and Red Deer districts. The price for this block is \$500,000." The treasury of Canada got \$500. The Liberal politician was to get \$499,500.

A. W. Fraser got another limit for \$1,650. He sold it for \$100,000. The treasury got \$1,650, and the politician's profit was \$98,350.

E. J. Elliott, an Edmonton politician got a timber limit of 24 miles square for \$7,500. He offered it for sale as follows:

"The limit occupies a most favorable location at the junction of the two rivers with the Grand Trunk Pacific ensuring splendid facilities for the material cut and for the delivery of the logs to the mill. Price of, above limit \$72,000."

The treasury got \$7,500 out of what was valued at \$73,000, and the rest was for the political friend of the government.

No wonder Liberal politicians speak of the wonderful prosperity. Wealth came easy to some, but the average elector in Canada had no such string on prosperity. Is Laurier to be allowed to continue such work?

Editorial Notes

It's time for a change: vote for Wilkinson.

A vote for Wilkinson is a vote for yourself.

A vote for Wilkinson is a vote for the Borden platform.

A vote for Wilkinson is a vote for economy in administration.

A vote for Wilkinson is a vote for clean politics and honest administration.

A vote for Wilkinson is a vote against the Sifton-Burrows-Turfitt bunch of plunderers.

A vote for Wilkinson is a vote for a man who will fearlessly fight your battles in parliament.

A vote for Wilkinson is a vote for the ending of the iniquitous western land, mineral and timber deals.

A vote for Wilkinson is a vote for the immediate construction of the Hudson's Bay railway by and for the people of Canada.

A vote for Wilkinson is a vote for the preservation of our grand heritage for the people and not for the favored few.

What did the Scott government do towards settling the C.P.R. strike? Evidently they did not write their customary letter.

W. M. Martin has copied the greater part of his address to the electors from what A. Champagne is sending out to the electors of Battleford. Probably these epistles are the product of the same notorious machine.

Well really it is too bad that the Conservative party in this constituency and J. K. McInnis, could not accommodate the Leader. Now what will become of those stacks of campaign literature that he printed and ready to circulate. Will the public be deprived of those masterpieces of literature on the life and works of J. K. McInnis?

J. T. Brown of Regina is assisting J. T. Brown with his campaign in the Qu'Appelle constituency. When J. T. Brown was nominated by the Liberals some time ago, T. D. Brown was among the first to point out the untenable position of J. T. What about his own position now? T. D. Brown was a supporter of the Hautain policy at the recent elections. He supported Mr. Hautain on his land policy. How then can he endorse Laurier's land policy?

In the matter of political demonstrations it must be said that Sir Wilfrid Laurier has struck a new idea. Before he opened his Ontario tour he had prepared for the occasion a carload of street decorations. There were union Jacks and streamers; mottoes with the words, "Five More Years of Good Times," and "Let Laurier Finish his Work," and

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Press Comment

(Bystander in Toronto Sun.)

Difference of opinion between these warring parties there is substantially none. Nobody can tell what constitutes a Conservative or what constitutes a Liberal. Principles, so-called, are adopted or discarded just as the exigencies of the struggle require. The Liberal leader went to office an avowed free trader. Now, he is having "a heart to heart conference with his friends the protected manufacturers." He went into office a strenuous reformer of the senate, and the increase of senatorial indemnities to carry the Autonomy bill through that house shows to what his zeal for its reform has come. At present the two most important questions for the people seem to be whether a change of ministry is likely to lead to greater purity of administration, and how long it is to be desired that the government should be in French hands necessarily and visibly subject to the political influence of Rome.

(Moosehorn World)

Mr. Knight, the Regina spell-binder who has been speaking in this district in the interests of J. T. Brown, started at the Orangeville meeting last Wednesday night that he knew nothing whatever about Mr. Borden's platform. This is a strong contrast with Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who, in the fear of losing the premiership, is grasping at plank after plank of the Borden platform in a frantic effort to stem the rising tide. For instance the Liberals spoke strongly against the free rural mail delivery in the House, but now, in order to win over the voters, they are pledged to commence this system. Other planks are being stolen by the government, one by one, for use until after the elections; but it is now too late. The tide has turned, and there is no staying it. Mr. Borden is certain to be premier after Oct. 26 next.

(Winnipeg Tribune)

It is a truism as ancient as the hills and as inexorable as the law of gravitation, that the moment a man begins to live that moment he begins to die. This law applies with accentuated force in regard to governments. As a strong body will resist the encroachments of disease longer than a weak one, so a strong government will weather storms with less injury than a weaker one. Then there is the other law that the man who exposes his body or abuses it with alcohol or other evil agencies, so a government that abuses itself and runs riot suffers from exhaustion and dissolution much earlier than the careful going, canny administration.

HUMPHREY BROS.

MAKE A SPECIALTY OF IMPROVED FARMS AND ALSO HAVE A LARGE LIST OF WILD LANDS TO DISPOSE OF NO CHARGES FOR SHOWING LAND INFORMATION FREE

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These observations are prompted by the position and history of the Laurier government. The Liberal leader formed a government of wise and strong men, such as Mowat, Mulock, Cartwright, Blair, Fielding, Davies, Sir Henry Joly. The new school of Liberalism was in full flower. There was a good deal of detail work to be done, so nothing revolutionary was proposed at once. The tariff was not abolished, but modified ever so slightly. Yet it was said to be only a revenue producer, not a protective agency. That quieted the criticism of the radicals and reassured the manufacturers, who had feared they would be delivered bound into the hands of the enemy. Circumstances made it difficult if not dangerous to immediately carry out the principle of free trade upon which the party had appealed to the electors.

But what circumstances prevented senate reform, or civil service reform? Plainly none, yet in twelve years of office the government has not dared to touch the one, and has only gingerly approached the other—then under compulsion. The Liberal out of office promised to curtail extravagance in public expenditure. Yet the annual expenditure has mounted to well over a hundred million dollars. The Liberals out of office were pledged to clean elections; yet after twelve years there is a mass of unsavory reading in the annals of the nation concerning election trials in various parts of the country. The Liberals were pledged to the abolition of jobbery of all kinds. Yet after twelve years we find the public domain given for nothing to party followers who are making fortunes at the country's expense. We read the Civil Service Report, which says that in at least one department "zeal for economy is not visible." We have the reports of the public accounts committee, which recite the marvelous exploits of Merwin the middleman and certain of his imitators. We read of wharves built in a field, of municipal bridges placed on the records as wharves, of extravagance here and waste there, of general incompetency in the small matters, and of the vicious and indefensible patronage list.

The Laurier government has been subject to the law of Decadence. It has deteriorated. Dry rot and wet rot have eaten it up, and it now stands tottering. It has principles which it never practices and practices which are utterly without principle. Yet that government appeals "with confidence" to the people. So did the government which preceded it. So did the Ross government. The voters must decide.

Prince Albert, Oct. 1.—A bridge gang has arrived from Hamilton, Ont., and the work of putting the superstructure on the new C.N.R. rail and traffic bridge will soon be under way. The steel for the first two spans is here. The work of building up the embankment to carry the track onto the bridge is completed. The embankment is six feet above the level of the river where it crosses it.

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