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Answering the question of what they had done for the farmers the speaker said that it must be remembered that there was only a very small majority for the Liberals in the House of Commons. If John Sinclair wasn't there, there would be none at all. And on some very important votes it required a microscope to see it. The only course left to the government had been a middle one. As an instance of the fact that even the manufacturers did not condemn a non-protection policy, the appointment to the government of Mr. Massey of the Massey Harris Company.

Another instance of the accomplishments of the recent administration given by the speaker was the removal of the British embargo on cattle. Of course, he said the ranchers and stock raisers could not profit from it as the steamship companies had raised their rates exorbitantly. Negotiations were being entered on by Mr. King's government to get the markets of European countries and the West Indies. The policy of the Conservatives was to raise a Chinese wall about Canada.

It was boasted by the Conservative party that the United States was very prosperous, but this was not the case at this time. Dr. Beland gave figures to show that though the employment situation had a few years ago been worse

here than over the border, it had gradually equalized, and there was now actually a small percentage in the Dominion's favor.

To the cry of the Conservative party that times were not prosperous, the speaker said that in his own riding in Quebec the farmers said that prices they got for their produce were all right, and that trade was increasing by leaps and bounds. He further stated that the export trade was increasing by \$60,000,000 a month.

In conclusion the speaker stated that so far as the returned soldier was concerned the Liberal government had done every thing in its power for him, and under their regime the pension list had increased from \$32,000,000 to \$35,000,000. It had been the Premier's special mandate that though it was necessary to retrench and economise, when it came to a question of the soldiers everything compatible

with the resources of the country should be done.

Addresses were also made at the Prince Edward meeting by Hon. John Sinclair and Mr. R. H. Jenkins, the Liberal candidates for Queen's.

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