

My Confession of Faith

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Leader of the National Progressive Party.

In recent issues of the Canadian Labor Press there have appeared letters by the leader of the Liberal and Conservative party and the leader of the National Liberal party. These letters were reproduced from Maclean's Magazine, in which the leaders of the different political groups were asked to outline the policies of the parties they represent. Herewith we reproduce the letter of the leader of the new Progressive party, in which the policy of that party is outlined.—Editor.

Today thousands of Canadians, to whom public affairs a few years ago were either a jest or the subject of a ceremonial process at stated intervals, are taking a serious interest in the management of their country and its future. Thousands of men and women are sternly determined that the old political order with its jobbery and corruption; its prostitution of the public interest for private gain; its vicious political machines and cynical "bosses"; its shameless patronage system in the matter of offices and contracts; shall be banished to the limbo of forgotten things.

The sacrifices and sufferings of the war have opened many eyes to the vision of public service and responsibility and to a daily growing number of people who realize that the only monument worthy of our dead is a newer and better Canada. The idea of any reversion to the old political standards is an intolerable thought.

It is perhaps an exaggeration to give the whole credit for this wholesome change to the war alone. Even before its grim advent we were beginning to blaze new trails and ideas whose fruition would under normal peace conditions have been of slower growth.

But, say some of my older friends, you make too little allowance for the difficulties which confronted the country's leaders in earlier days and the peculiar conditions which they had to face.

There is, I admit, something in the contention. Until the beginning of this century Canada was, more or less a pioneer country, whose inhabitants were mostly engaged in a desperate struggle with the wilderness, and were attempting to provide half a continent with the physical machinery of civilization. A large element of our population had come from other lands to better their personal fortunes and were engaged in the task. Under such conditions disinterested idealism and clear political thinking does not flourish. The mutual understanding and the regular interplay of ideas which are indispensable to a healthy state of public opinion were simply not available.

A Government can rarely rise above the source from which it derives its origin, and though its able and disinterested men freely gave their talents and energies to public life, the level of our Government in both the Federal and Provincial spheres has been deplorably low and their efficiency and foresight have often left much to be desired.

Our Painful Railway Problem.
The richness of our natural resources gave ample opportunities to the scheming, exploiter and his political tools to advance their private fortunes at the public expense and the apathy and indifference of the electorate allowed them a clean field for their operations. It would be an invidious task to rake up and catalogue what I regard as the most serious errors of the past, but our present railway problem is a sufficiently painful example. What defence can be offered for the statesmanship which in the last 50 years has poured over one billion dollars into the jaws of reckless promoters and selfish contractors and left us with a railway muddle whose reasonable solution presents a baffling problem? The wanton exploitation of our public lands and other resources, and the scandals attendant thereon, could easily have been averted or minimized under better standards of government and citizenship. So though the blame must be shared

of permanent prosperity lie in concentrating upon those particular lines.

But the protectionist policy, which both the historic parties have sponsored and maintained since 1878, has loaded and weighed down the natural industries with the burden of sustained a long string of secondary and artificial industries which are often simply the fabricating type which are dependent on foreign countries for their raw material. These artificial industries have drained labor from the land and are largely responsible for the serious rural depopulation, which is now visible.

As long as these protected industries have plentiful labor and can run full time, the workers in them can contrive an existence, but what is their lot when through adverse business conditions factories have to close down or reduce their staffs? Why are so many thousands of hard-working people on the borderline of starvation today in this country of such natural riches? Go to Prince Edward Island, the most purely rural community in Canada, and then cross over to the industrial area in Cape Breton and you will find the health and happier society. Can it be seriously argued that John Thompson, growing grain, and Marie Gagnon, making butter on an Eastern Nova Scotia farm, are not both happier, healthier and greater contributors to the national wealth than the same pair of people making the same pair of people making out of imported raw material in a Sherbrooke factory?

There is great lamentation about the amount of our imports and the amount of our exports and the effect of the exchange, but it should not be forgotten that raw materials for our manufacturers comprise a large part of our imports. Does anyone think our fiscal position healthy? Our imports far exceed our exports and we have to send millions yearly abroad to pay interest on our bonds, mortgages, and other forms of their investments. The fact is that as a nation we cannot hope to reach a stable economic basis until we are free to play to our natural industries. When they are allowed to flourish as they might, our export surplus will increase and our urban industries will prosper as never before.

Agricultural Leaders Not From U. S.
It is a gross travesty of facts to assert as some ill-informed critics do, that the leaders of the anti-protectionist movement in the west are for the most part American immigrants whose sympathy with British and Canadian institutions is rather imperfect. I think I may claim to know the chief personalities in the agrarian movement as well as some former citizens of the United States have played their part in it, but I think I am correct in saying that the main force of criticism of the protectionist principle has come from British-born farmers and that the majority of the leaders are of undiluted British blood. The accusation to me, economic arguments by the cry of disloyalty is cheap and unworthy of intelligent people.

My manufacturing friends often profess the bitterness of the tariff and profess great mystification as to its cause. Let them recall the past. In 1911 there was offered to the

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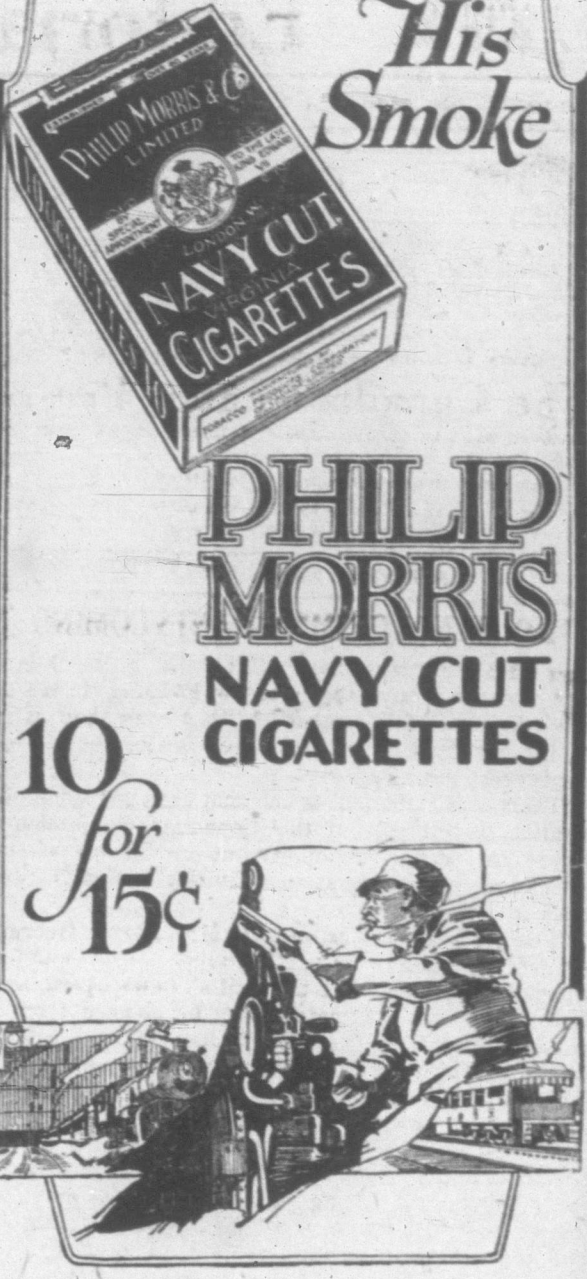
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