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## E. M. McDONALD'S ARGUMENTS BASED ON "TROUGH POLITICS"

### Lethbridge speech a sample of what he uses in his own Constituency---Pugsley frightened of witness box---Liberals admit non-redemption of Senate Reform Plank.

Trough Politics  
When E. M. McDonald told the people at Lethbridge that the Government knew they needed a post-office, and admitted that they were entitled to it, but would not give it to them because they had voted Conservative, he shocked the West. But it is important to note that he was using exactly the line of argument which he was accustomed to use in Nova Scotia. It was on exactly such lines that he ran his own election. Here for example are extracts from his election address in his county of Pictou. He came to the election with the following "arguments":

A promise that the Transcontinental should run through Pictou to Country Harbor.

Dredging of the East River. Several new stations on the Intercolonial.

Public buildings at New Glasgow, Pictou and Westville.

His election address gave the following list of appropriations which it explained Pictou had got by voting Liberal:

"Westville new station, \$15,000; Stellarton, new roundhouse, station, etc., \$140,000; double track, New Glasgow and Stellarton, \$37,000; freight facilities, New Glasgow, \$30,000; new wharf at Pictou and freight shed, \$40,000; station, wharf and roundhouse, Pictou, \$97,000; station at Brown's point, \$2,500; station, Lorne, \$2,000; station, Woodburn, \$1,000; station Granton, \$1,000; wharf, Big Island, \$2,500; wharf, River John, \$2,000; boat shelter, Bailey's Brook, \$9,750; boat shelter, Skinner's Cove, \$13,500; new dredge, River John, \$10,000; breakwater, Cariboo Island, \$15,000; two lighthouses, Pictou Island, \$3,000; wharves, Pictou Island, \$11,000; wharf, Little Harbor, \$5,000; protection work, Toney River, \$12,000; wharf, Merigonish, \$1,000; wharf, Abercrombie, \$6,000; wharf, New Glasgow, \$6,000; roundhouse, Pictou, and filling in, \$100,000; new wharf, Pictou, \$40,000; wharf, Pictou Landing, \$10,000; Westville Public Building, \$10,000; subway, Avondale, \$10,000; dredging, Pictou, \$10,000; total \$674,750.

In addition, Mr. McDonald noted the Government had constructed a suction dredge to deepen the East River.

Western cities like Lethbridge which are kept waiting for years for ordinary postal facilities will note that \$675,000 was spent in four years in Pictou to reward it for voting Liberal.

The Laurier Government follows a steady practice of bribing the electorate with public works.

### Pugsley Long Range Fighter

Mr. Pugsley roared loudly that G. S. Mayes was a liar. Now, when a clever lawyer like Mr. Pugsley knows that a man has lied, he rejoices at a chance of getting that man into the witness box; for if he has lied, the lawyer can turn him inside out. Well, this man Mayes gave Mr. Pugsley this very chance. He brought suit. He went into court. He was ready to go into the witness box. Did Mr. Pugsley rejoice, and fight the suit, to get at the man Mayes in the witness box and tear him to shreds? Not much. You see, the bold had Mayes had said that he would put Mr. Pugsley in the box. And Mr. Pugsley wilted. He did not fight. He compromised the case. He gave \$10,000 of the people's money sooner than have Mayes and himself appear in the witness box, and have both cross-examined. What a terrible fighter Mr. Pugsley is--till the moment for fighting arrives.

### A Liberal Admission

A curious admission of weakness has appeared in part of the Liberal press. One of the planks of the famous platform of 1896 was Senate Reform. The Liberals got in. They reformed the Senate by straightway appointing Liberals as Senators and when approached for neglecting to keep their promise thought it was a good joke to reply that the appointment of Liberals was a sufficient measure of Senate Reform. Fourteen

### CHINESE ON RAMPAGE

Reported That Rioters Have Burned Numerous Buildings

Hong Kong, Nov. 11.—Mail advices from Leitchow, in Kwang-Su Province, report that rioters have burned and demolished numerous buildings there, including the American Presbyterian Church, hospital and college, and proceeded to Tsui Yuen Po, intending to slay the missionaries. The gentry, however, assisted the latter to escape in boats to Canton.

years have gone by and not one move has been made towards Reform. Now the Montreal Herald, the Kingston Whig, and the Toronto Globe have suddenly begun to talk Senate Reform. The Globe, for example, is quite sad because there are only 28 Senators out of more than eighty who are Conservatives, and these are advanced in years; it begins to apprehend the Senate may be solidly Liberal—a development which it pretends to regard as undesirable. It is time, it says, to start in on that Senate Reform.

These papers have steadily supported the Liberal party in its cynical repudiation of its pledges of Reform. Few will be single enough to think that they care one whit for a just representation of the parties in the Senate. The meaning of the move simply is that they apprehend a Conservative victory in 1912; that they know that the moment it is out of power the Federal Liberal party will go to pieces as decisively and as thoroughly as the Ontario Liberal party did after its defeat in 1905; and that they look forward to a long period of Conservative rule during which, if the Conservatives prove as cynical and as determined to use all patronage for party Senate purposes as they have been, the Senate will in turn be filled with Conservatives. To head this off they now begin to think of Senate Reform, so that the last act of the Laurier Government would be to re-arrange the Senate so that during the coming years of opposition the Liberals will have a fairer representation than has been allotted to the Conservatives. Thus they would use all the patronage during their day of power and deprive the incoming Conservative Government of patronage.

The chief interest of this proposal naturally lies in the implied confession of the Liberal expectation that after the next election the party will be out of power. Senate Reform on proper lines assuredly would be welcomed by the Conservative party, which has a straight record for keeping its pre-election promises.

### The St. Peter's Reserve

It transpires that the Registrar General of Manitoba has refused to accept the survey of the St. Peter's Indian Reserve, effected by the Dominion Government since the surrender of the reserve. Thus everyone in connection with the enterprise of throwing these Indians' lands on the real estate market is held up. One reason for the taking of this action is that the survey made since the Indians were cajoled into surrendering their rights does not correspond with earlier surveys. Another one is that the Indians have a protest against the surrender, claiming that they were unjustly dealt with and the surrender was obtained by misrepresentation and fraud. The remarkable proceedings which led up to the alleged surrender thus will have a chance of being reviewed by the courts.

### "When Laurier Steps Down"

The sun will still shine, Canada will retain her climate, and the harvests still will be gathered. Inspired by the Prime Minister's Monument National and other great speeches, says the Montreal Gazette, some papers are indulging in doleful anticipations of what will happen "when Laurier steps down." None of the commentators have anticipated that the world will cease revolving on its axis, or that night will fall to succeed day and day by night—as it did before Laurier was head of the Government of Canada. There will, therefore, it is presumed, still be a climate left in the country, and rain and fruitful seasons, and crops to feed man and beast. The minerals will not disappear from the rocks nor the fish from the sea, though some not very whole some public men may drop into an obscurity that no one will grieve over. When, voluntarily or by force, Laurier steps down the loss will be to a politician's party, not to Canada or to the universe.

### Three battalions have left Canton

to quell the disturbances. The British gunboat Sandpiper is also proceeding thither. The mob was enraged at officials numbering their houses, believing that this was an excuse to impose taxation.

The Leitchow American Presbyterian mission comprises Drs. Machie and Ross, Mrs. Ross, Mr. Kunkie, Mr. and Mrs. Edwards and Miss Elda Patterson.

## DID NOT CLIMB MT. MCKINLEY

### Another Dr. Cook Fake Disclosed—Pictures Prove Bold Claim to be False—Barrill Corroborated

New York, Nov. 14.—Prof. Herschel Parker of Columbia University, who recently returned from his expedition to Mount McKinley, has made public a series of photographs taken near the Alaskan mountain which he claims is indisputable evidence that Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the Brooklyn traveller, never reached the top of the highest peak in America.

Prof. Parker states that he found the mountain peak which Dr. Cook photographed and called Mount McKinley, "the top of the continent," and in support of his statement showed a photograph of a mountain peak taken by his expedition last summer, and pointed out that a comparison of the two photographs shows in detail identical outlines of rock formation, proving that they are pictures of the same mountain.

"The mountain which I photographed," said Prof. Parker, "was 20 miles away from Mount McKinley and 15,000 feet below its summit. This is the same peak that Cook photographed and called 'The Top of the Continent.'"

Prof. Parker corroborates the confession made a year ago by Edward Barrill, guide of Dr. Cook, that they never reached the top of Mount McKinley.

"We left our boat on the Tokositna at about the same spot where Dr. Cook and Barrill took 'to the top,' said Prof. Parker, who was a member of Dr. Cook's expedition in 1906. "My idea was to follow as closely as possible the route taken by the doctor, and we had no difficulty in doing this with Barrill's map at hand. In a few days our party reached the spot where Barrill's picture was taken. This was in the Amphitheatre glacier in the foothills of Mount McKinley, and 20 miles from its base.

"Having reached the place, the problem now confronting us was to pick out the rock on which Barrill stood when he was photographed with the flag in his hands. This, perhaps, was easier to do than one might imagine. In spite of the fact that there were innumerable rocky peaks on all sides of us.

"There will be noticed in the lower right hand corner of Cook's photograph a peak in the distance, the snow foundation on the top of which should make it easily distinguishable. It was therefore a comparatively simple matter to identify the peak as the second of the seven peaks of Ruth glacier, only a few miles away from where we stood.

### GETS THREE YEARS

Government Veterinary Surgeon Sentenced at Prince Albert

Prince Albert, Nov. 15.—Government Veterinary Surgeon Inspector Mountford, whose arrest on a charge of stealing Government funds caused such a sensation here about three weeks ago, was sentenced by Judge Forbes this morning to three years in the penitentiary.

Owing to the fact that all the money stolen from the government has been refunded, amounting to over \$5,000, the sentence was much lighter than it would have been.

Albert Morgan, a confederate, got a similar sentence.

### Shooting Fatally

Rolland, N. D., Nov. 13.—Phillip Gordon, a farmer of Belcourt, killed his wife accidentally while attempting to shoot a chicken, the entire charge entering her head and mutilating her features in a horrible manner, causing instant death. Gordon and his wife were in the yard in their home, Mrs. Gordon a few yards ahead of him. He was carrying the gun under his arm and when about to raise it the trigger caught in some portion of his clothing and the charge exploded. The husband is almost crazed over the affair.

### Sir Hugh as Commissioner

London, Nov. 14.—A cable from Toronto to The Times says that Sir Hugh Graham, proprietor of the Montreal Star, will succeed Lord Strathcona as high commissioner for Canada here. Nothing is known of this report at the Canadian office in Victoria at present. Sir Hugh is at present in Scotland. W. L. Griffith, secretary to Lord Strathcona, says that the latter has given no intimation of his intention to resign.

### Fielding Going to Florida

Ottawa, Nov. 14.—Hon. W. S. Fielding will on the advice of his doctors leave next Friday for Florida, where he will stay until after Christmas at least. The budget speech will be delivered by Hon. William Paterson.

## R. B. BENNETT MAKES QUERY

### Asks That Correspondence Regarding the Appointment of Premier Sifton in Alberta Be Laid on Table

Edmonton, Nov. 15.—The greater part of the afternoon's session of the legislature was spent in the debate on the speech from the throne.

Before the debate commenced R. B. Bennett gave notice of motion asking all correspondence regarding the calling of Premier Sifton to the premiership to be placed upon the table of the house.

Otherwise, nothing of a feature occurred. No word was mentioned by any member of the government regarding the Alberta and Great Waterways railway or any other bill given as to the policy of the government. Attorney-General Mitchell predicted that the session would last six weeks or even longer, and stated that there was lots of time to announce the government's intentions later.

Mr. Smart, of Sedgewick moved the reply to the address in an eloquent speech, and Mr. McArthur, the new Liberal member from Gleichen, seconded in his maiden speech. Mr. McArthur thought that the government might well postpone the erection of large public buildings involving expenditure of large sums of money and spend this money to help the agricultural interests. He expressed the sentiment that Lieutenant-Governor Bulyea was the best selection for the second term, and stated that he displayed great tact during the Alberta and Great Waterways trouble and took the wisest course in calling on Mr. Sifton as premier. He stated that the election in Gleichen was a complete vindication of this step.

"When the question of the future of the Alberta and Great Waterways railway comes up," said Mr. McArthur, "I believe it will be handled in an amicable spirit and to the best interests of the province."

E. M. Michener, of Red Deer, replied to this in his first speech as leader of the opposition. He stated that he was disappointed in the speech from the throne, as it failed to show indications of progressive and constructive government and legislation.

"Autocratic," said Mr. Michener, "should be used to describe the party in power in Alberta."

The speaker deplored the fact that the agricultural interests of the province are evidently being neglected. They have a university, but no agricultural colleges.

Mr. Michener said there were four things the government should do:

- (1) Open up roads and bridges, as the best advertisement is a satisfied settler.
- (2) The government should regulate the stock and agricultural markets. Farmers' unions long ago asked for government regulation and a commission had reported favorably, yet nothing was done.
- (3) Help needy incoming settlers by government loans. Follow New Zealand's example and lend money at a low rate of interest.
- (4) There should be at least five land titles registration districts.

### FARMER'S HEAVY LOSS

Robert Walker, of Declaire District, Suffers Heavy Loss.

Declaire, Sask., Nov. 13.—Robert Walker, a farmer in the Declaire district, lost his house by fire Friday. The blaze started in the dining room. Mrs. Walker, who was washing, heard a noise, and upon opening the door of the dining room found the room full of smoke. Mr. Walker, who was outside, discovered the fire, and remembering that he had some four hundred dollars in the house, tore off the front door to get in, but the current of air fanned the flames so fiercely that he could not enter. The house and furniture, together with the money, were destroyed. Mr. Walker is a new settler in the district and his loss is very heavy. Steps are being taken by neighbors to assist him at once in building a new house. There was a small amount of insurance on the property.

### OPENING OF LEGISLATURE

Formal Ceremony Dec. 15, Then Adjournment Made to New Year

In accordance with the law, which necessitates the calling of the House within one year of the last sitting, the formal opening of the Saskatchewan legislature will take place on December 15 adjourn until the new year when regular business will be taken up.

It is expected that the opening ceremonies will take place the same as last year in the top story of the post office building but that the session proper will be held in the new legislative buildings.

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## GOVERNMENT ELEVATORS

### Denounced By The Elevator Commission—Recommend a System of Co-operative Elevators—No Sample Market

The elevator commission's report has been made public, and in the words of the government organ—"Government ownership and operation, municipal ownership and operation, state aided farmers' elevators, and all the various modifications of these plans are alike discarded as faulty in some important particular," and the organ also generously confesses "not does the existing system receive unqualified commendation."

The commission offers a solution of the present elevator difficulty by proposing a co-operative joint-stock company composed of the agriculturists of the province. The shares will be \$50 each and on which \$15 must be paid. No person may hold more than ten shares, and the minimum number of proposed elevators under the new scheme is 25. The government assistance will take the form of a loan for each elevator, and the loan will be secured by a mortgage. The provisional board of directors will be the executive of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association.

For the purpose of securing the maximum amount of local control consistent with ownership by the whole body of shareholders and management through the central board of directors, the commission recommended that each elevator be a separate unit or "local" in the company, with a local board elected by the local shareholders. Each such "local" shall contribute one representative to the organization and subsequent annual meetings, at which the board of directors of the whole company would be elected. It is further suggested that the stock subscribed at each "local" should be equal to the cost of the proposed elevator, and the aggregate annual crop acreage of the shareholders should not be less than two thousand acres for each ten thousand bushels of the capacity of the elevator, or one acre for every dollar of proposed expenditure at each "local."

The report is a voluminous affair, and deals with the various causes of dissatisfaction in the grain trade. The charges against the present system are summarized under the following heads: (1) the initial elevators, companies and operators, (2) the banks, (3) the railway companies, (4) the terminal elevators, (5) the grading system, (6) milling companies, (7) the Winnipeg Grain Exchange.

A complete summary of the report will be published in our next issue. The coming session of the legislature will deal with the matter.

### Red Hat for Galician Priest

Winnipeg, Nov. 15.—Word has been received from Rome that Archbishop Szeplacki will be appointed a cardinal. He is present in Western Canada and will be the first Galician ever given the red hat.

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AIRSHIP AND NAVY.  
Eugene Ely Makes Successful Flight From Deck of Cruiser.  
Fort Monroe, Vir., Nov. 15.—Aerial navigation proved today that it is a factor which must be dealt with in the naval tactics. From Hampton Roads, the scene forty-five years ago of another epoch in the history of naval warfare, Eugene Ely, in a Curtiss biplane flew from the deck of a cruiser across the lower end of Chesapeake bay and landed on the shore opposite the fort.

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Swept Streets With Grape  
San Juan Del I Sur, Nicaragua, Nov. 14.—Troops were called out to suppress a political demonstration at Leon yesterday and, meeting with resistance, they swept the streets with grape and canister. Many persons were killed and wounded. Excitement is intense.  
The government recently prohibited political demonstrations. In face of this prohibition Leon Liberals attempted to hold meetings. The police were powerless, but the troops drove the rioters to cover by a furious charge.