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PROMISE AND PERFORMANCE

The Ottawa Citizen says:
In 1893 the Liberal platform adopted a platform and on the policy embodied in that policy the Laurier Government was elected to power three years. Now that the second term of office enjoyed by that Government is drawing to a close it is not inopportune to contrast the promise and performances of that Government and party. At the conclusion of its first lease of power, the charitably inclined might have argued that the Government had not had time to make good its promises to the people, but at the end of eight years no such argument can be advanced, especially as the Government holds out not the slightest prospect of having any intention to keep faith with the electors whose votes they secured under false pretences. The first, or "tariff" clause in the Liberal platform of 1893 reads as follows:

"That the customs tariff of the Dominion should be based, not as it now is upon the protection principle but upon the requirements of public service. That the existing tariff founded upon an unsound principle and used as it has been by the Government as a corrupting agency wherewith to keep themselves in office has developed monopolies, trusts and combinations. It has decreased the value of farm and other landed property. It has oppressed the masses to the enrichment of the few. It has checked immigration. It has caused a great loss of population. It has discriminated against Great Britain. In these and a great many other ways it has occasioned great public and private injury, all of which evils must continue to grow and intensify so long as the present tariff system remains in force. That the highest interests of Canada demand removal of this obstacle to our country's progress—by the adoption of a sound fiscal policy which, while not doing injustice to any class, will promote domestic and foreign trade and hasten the return of prosperity to our people. That to that end the tariff should be reduced to the needs of honest, economical and efficient Government. That it should be so adjusted as to make free or to bear as lightly as possible upon the necessities of life and should be so arranged as to promote freer trade with the whole world, more particularly Great Britain and the United States. We believe the results of the protective system have grievously disappointed thousands of persons who honestly supported it and that the country in the light of experience is now prepared to declare for a sound fiscal policy. The issue between the two political parties on this question is now clearly defined. The Government themselves admit the failure of their fiscal policy and now profess their willingness to make some changes, but their changes must be based only on the principle of protection. We denounce the principle of protection as radically unsound, and unjust to the masses of the people, and we declare our conviction that any tariff changes based upon that principle must fail to afford any substantial relief from the burdens under which the country labors. This we unhesitatingly accept and on it we await with the fullest confidence the verdict of the electors."

Just cause our readers to smile they read that deliverance and it with the policy pursued by the Government during the years. In 1896 the customs Canada amounted to some 9,000,000; in 1903 under that was to relieve the burden that was upon public and private men responsible for wrongs above set, receipts amounted nearly 100 per cent. It was the decade of devaluation was natural in protection, honest, over-

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siours of securing such a treaty. That the first step towards obtaining the end in view is to place a party in power who are desirous of promoting a treaty on terms honorable to both countries. That a fair and liberal reciprocity treaty would develop the great natural resources of Canada, would enormously increase the trade and commerce between the two countries, would tend to encourage friendly relations between the two peoples, would remove many causes which have in the past provoked irritation and trouble to the Government of both countries and would promote those kindly relations which afford the best guarantee for peace and prosperity. That the Liberal party is prepared to enter into negotiations with a view to obtaining such a treaty, including a well considered list of manufactured articles and we are satisfied that any treaty so arranged will receive the assent of Her Majesty's Government, without whose approval no treaty can be made."

The Laurier Government, banking on the friendly, not to say cordial "commercial union" relations which it had entertained towards its American friends, attempted to negotiate something of this sort and was incontinent turned down at Washington. Notwithstanding the absolute refusal of the United States to lower its tariff wall towards Canada, Hon. Mr. Fielding opened the sluices in the Canadian tariff wall sufficiently to allow the Americans to exploit our market with an influx of their exports which has increased to such an extent as to be 33-1-3 per cent. greater than the total imports of Canada for 1896.

"III. That this convention deplored the gross corruption of the management and expenditure of public monies which for years past has existed under the rule of the Conservative party, and the investigations of which by different parliamentary committees of enquiry has brought disgrace upon the fair name of Canada."

Comment on this is almost unnecessary. The "corrupt" Tory government completed our great system of canals, the Intercolonial railway and other national works. The present government has been eight years in office and has absolutely nothing to show for it, except that it has got rid of an annual expenditure for the benefit of its friends which this year will reach the enormous sum of \$80,000,000—frattered away the people's money in the debauching of constituencies, the erection of needless wharves whereto vessels arrive and kindred "national" expenditures. During the eight years the Laurier government has been in power it has expended nearly \$400,000,000 of the people's money. And what has the country got to show for it in the way of national works? Nothing.

"IV. We cannot our view with alarm the large increase of the public debt and of the controllable annual expenditure of the Dominion and the consequent undue taxation of the people, under the governments that have been in power since 1878, and we demand the strictest economy in the administration of the government of the country."

This clause is a gem. In 1896 when they "viewed with alarm" the large increase in the controllable annual expenditure, the wicked Tories were spending \$36,618,000. This session the expenditure is expected to reach \$30,000,000! In 1896 the population was about 5,000,000. In 1901 it was 5,371,315 and is now about 5,500,000. In other words, while the population has increased 10 per cent. under the economical government, the expenditure has increased over 100 per cent., while the net public debt has increased, since they viewed it with alarm from \$241,000,000 to \$261,000,000. Thus has the "strictest economy in the administration of the government" been carried into effect according to their promise. And the worst of it is there is nothing to show for it.

"V. The present constitution of the senate is inconsistent with the federal principle in our system of government and is in other respects defective as it makes the senate independent of the people and uncontrollable by the public opinion of the country and should be so amended as to bring it into harmony with the principle of popular government."

The "Reform" of the senate has been accomplished by the simple method of appointing Liberals to the senate vacancies until finally the government had a majority of its own political stripe in the upper chamber. Since that there has been nothing further heard of "senate reform" or bringing it into "harmony with the principle of popular government." Senate reform in the government's astute interpretation of its promise simply meant a Reform Senate!

"I. And when as public attention present much directed to the condition of the admittedly great intemperance it is desirable mind of the people should be obtained on the question of by means of a Dominion

The Dominion plebiscite was taken on September 29th, 1898, at a cost of \$200,000. It resulted in a majority for prohibition of 13,687. It carried by very large majorities in every province but Quebec which put in a solid negative vote of nearly 100,000 in a total vote of less than 550,000. Nothing resulted from the plebiscite except the expenditure of \$200,000.

Has any government ever scored a worse record of breach of faith, incapacity and inept extravagance when submitted to the judgement of its own standards?

Goldwin Smith, in the Toronto Sun, says—"The Jackson affair is vile; that one man only on the ministerial side should have been found to refuse connivance is deplorable; the electors of Ontario would show themselves utterly unworthy of the franchise if they failed to condemn any government which clung to power by such means."

The Stratford Beacon, St. Mary's Argus, Oshawa Reformer, and Bowmanville Statesman—all Liberal journals—have condemned the Jackson appointment. No Liberal journal, so far as we have observed, has defended it. Sir Richard Cartwright, once the hope of all real Reformers, stands alone as the champion of one of the worst jobs ever perpetrated by any Government.—Farmers Sun, Independent.

We find the following in the Toronto Globe's report of the Perry reception:

"A platform had been constructed over the gun carriage with railings decorated with the Union Jack, upon which Perry placed both hands as he sat down in the chair on the platform."

What did he mean by that? There can be no doubt that he was acting under the instructions of that bad man, Dundonald. "Both hands on the Union Jack," indeed, before 150,000 people, several of whom were Liberals, who were there, not to take part in a party demonstration, but simply to show their contempt for the Globe's "militarist" ravings. It was a grave breach of confidence, and we wonder how the Globe managed to restrain its bludgeonist.—Hamilton Spectator.

RUSSIA IS IT.

Toronto Telegram.

Time was when Russia went looking for trouble, but now trouble goes looking for Russia.

THE LACKING ESSENTIAL.

Montreal Gazette.

Mr. Gervais, M. P., wants Canadian commercial agents abroad to have a better official status. If some of them had a better moral status it might be easier to get them the other advancement that is desired.

THE EXPLANATION.

Hamilton Spectator.

And now we are told that when a civil servant writes it down in black and white that he has been instructed by the Minister of Militia, when he has not been so instructed, he is simply doing "the usual" thing.

NAMES IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

St. James Gazette.

An analysis of the names of the members of the House of Commons shows that out of the total of 470 no less than 92 are called John, the remainder being made up as follows: William 57, Charles 42, James 34, Thomas 30, George 27, Edward 27, Henry 27, Arthur 20, Frederick 18, Robert 17, Joseph 16, Samuel 12, Patrick 10, and miscellaneous other names, 237.

CHILDHOOD DANGERS

How the Heavy Death Rate Among Children May be Reduced.

The death rate among infants and young children during the hot weather is simply appalling. For example, in the city of Montreal alone in one week, the death of one hundred and six children was recorded. Most of these deaths were due to stomach and bowel troubles, which are always alarmingly prevalent during the hot weather, and most, if not all, of these precious little lives might have been saved, if the mother had at hand a safe and simple remedy to check the trouble at the outset. As a life saver among infants and young children, Baby's Own Tablets should be kept in every home. These Tablets prevent and cure diarrhoea, dysentery, cholera infantum and all forms of stomach trouble. If little ones are given the Tablets occasionally they will prevent these troubles and keep the children healthy. The Tablets cost only 25 cents a box, and a box of Baby's Own Tablets in the home may save a little life. They are guaranteed to contain no opiate or harmful drug, and may be given with safety and advantage to a newborn babe or well grown child. Your dealer does not keep the Tablets, send the price to the Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., and a box will be sent you by mail post paid.

Many a reputation has received a severe fracture from a slip of the tongue.

Keep Minard's Liniment in the House

Humor and Philosophy

By DUNCAN M. SMITH

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NOT ALWAYS MAY.

Then let us give our best applause
To every glad spring day,
And in the sunshine bask, because
It is not always May.
But hold! This hint from somewhere
drops—
It may be best that way:
When would we gather in the crops
If it were always May?
How would the man who handles
skates
Make such a business pay
And keep the sheriff from his gates
If it were always May?
A fellow with his only girl
Could never take his sleigh
And through the pleasant country
whirl
If it were always May.
And here's another thing that's so
About one form of play—
A man could never shovel snow
If it were always May.
Then let us on the season smile
As through the month we stray,
But let us thank our stars meanwhile
It is not always May.

Disgraced.

Mrs. Clara de Clare, proud mistress of a grand colonial home, sat in her inner chamber, her eyes red with weeping and a great sorrow gnawing at her heart like a chipmunk at a shellbark hickory nut.

Blue blood ran in her veins whenever it was needed exercise. At other times it sauntered along, soldiering painfully on the job.

She was of a proud race. The family hadn't stolen anything for three generations, for the founder of the line had gathered in three townships by questionable means, and his descendants did not have to go about picking up hot stoves in order to live.

But for all she was not happy. Not that any of the women in her set had homelier and more expensive hats than she had. It was no rifle like that that stirred her bosom to its depths and made the Missouri river fresher come unbidden from her eyes.

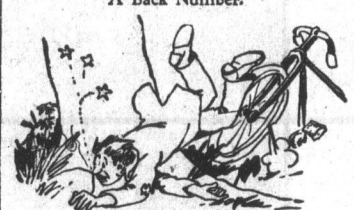
Her only son, heir to the estate, on whom she had builded so much, had disgraced the family, and she felt she could never again look the world in the face. He had gone to work.

The Change.

He had to kiss the baby,
Affecting much delight.
He didn't want to do it,
But the mother said he might.

Some twenty odd years later
He met her once again.
He didn't kiss her that time,
But he was willing then.

A Back Number.



"Is Jenkins up to date?"
"I should say not. He is just learning to ride a bicycle."

Double Pressure.

We walked with her in quiet lanes,
Romantic paths and shady.
At first he warmly pressed his suit,
And then he pressed the lady.

His Turn Coming.

"Are you going to marry that young man who has been hanging around you for a year?"
"I don't know, but if I ever do, I will get even with him for holding me so long in suspense."

Cheer Up.

Don't worry over your troubles
Or sigh or fret or frown,
For that won't cut them down a bit,
Though it may cut you down.

Sufficient Cause.

"On what plea does the general apply for a pension?"
"His feelings were wounded when another officer was promoted over his head?"

PERT PARAGRAPHS.

The father of thirteen children seldom adopts one more because that is an unlucky number.

Some women are such dutiful wives that they will laugh at their husband's jokes.

A man can never find the thing he is particularly looking for unless it happens to be trouble.

That man certainly has a well disciplined mind who can think away a toothache.

A woman with a new blue umbrella takes a cloudy day as a personal affront.

The boy who stood on the burning deck probably had asbestos soles and an accident insurance policy.

If a man writes poetry in his youth somebody is bound to dig up the fact later on when he wants to run for congress.

Two is company, three is a crowd and four is a mass meeting if it happens to be a gathering to support you.

"GOOD FEATURES."

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Lemons.

The tiny black specks seen on almost every lemon are the eggs of an insect. If the grated rind is used these eggs become an unwholesome element of the dish. Lemons should be dropped into water as soon as they come from the store, then scrubbed with a little brush, dried with a cloth and hung in a net in a cupboard until used.

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