

vegetarian, answered "Yes, I am a vegetarian, I once ate a pea." That is the extent to which the present Government of Canada is solving the problem of larger markets—the extent of one pea. That is all they have done in one year.

During the first twelve months we were in office we gave the Canadian people the British preference. The Borden Government has given the Canadian people one pea.

I told you in opening that we had been defeated by a combination of the most heterogeneous elements—elements which combined together could destroy, but could not construct. Here you have an evidence of the truth of my statement. They could destroy, but they cannot construct.

But they were so busy otherwise that perhaps they had no thoughts on these important problems. You must give the devil his due, and you must give the Government its due also. It is entitled to as much as the devil. The present Government has been very busy in some respects—very busy spending money.

### LIKE A YOUNG RAKE.

In my appreciation the present Government is very much like a young rake who has been unexpectedly called to an estate long administered by careful hands, and, who, dazzled and bewildered by his sudden good fortune, plunges his hand deep into the accumulated treasures, and scatters them broadcast, east and west, in a very excess of riotous extravagance to make up for a long period of enforced abstemiousness.

That is the condition of the Government. After a long term in opposition, finding a full treasury, thanks to the administration of a competent Government, they have put their hands deep into the coffers and scattered the contents to the winds, and all the time they have been doing this they have been making dismissals and appointments.

They were not one day in office when there stormed upon them a host of applicants for office; coming as thick as the locusts in Egypt. Their time was taken up making dismissals and making appointments. The job was so heavy on their hands that they appointed commissions to help them. They appointed no less than forty-one commissions to make dismissals, and the more dismissals they make the more applicants they