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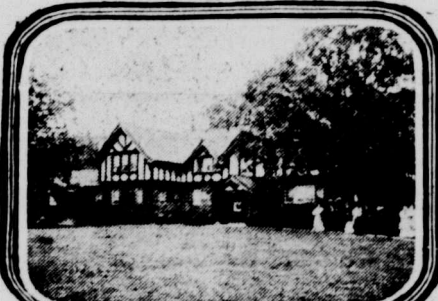
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## Campaign Fund Contri- butions

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said, among other things: "No nation  
can find its future greatness by ma-  
terial prosperity alone." I think that  
is right, not only as to the nation but  
as to the community and as to the  
individual. The Leader of the Oppo-  
sition said: "The progress and future  
of Canada will rest on the same basis  
on which rests Canadian liberty." I  
think this is also correct. We cannot  
make true progress, or ensure the best  
future of our country except upon the  
foundation of general liberty, and we  
surely sap the foundations of our own  
liberty when we put our representatives  
in a false position.

### Who Should Supply Funds?

If these funds are not to be con-  
tributed by selfish outsiders, the only re-  
maining source would appear to be  
either the candidates themselves or the  
electors. It may be a somewhat delicate  
position for a member of parliament to  
take, but I venture to say that it is  
not quite fair or wise to have two can-  
didates, one of whom must be defeated,  
compelled to spend \$10,000 between  
them of their own money for the cam-  
paign. I think it would be very unwise  
to adopt a policy that would put a man  
in ordinary financial circumstances in  
danger of financial ruin if he remains a  
representative of the people, unless he  
is prepared to sell himself to the high-  
est bidder. I do not mean to say that  
the candidate should not be expected to  
contribute a very large portion of the  
necessary campaign funds. If he is not  
prepared to make special sacrifices, the  
probability is that he is not the right  
sort of man, and that the constituency  
is better without him, but I believe the  
electors should be prepared to contri-  
bute their proper share, either in cash  
or free work, and I believe the self-  
respecting electors in every constitu-  
ency should insist on the election ex-  
penses for the constituency being fully  
paid by themselves and the candidates.  
I believe that this is not only sound  
moral ground to take, but sound finan-  
cial ground also. It always increases  
our interest in public affairs if we vol-  
untarily contribute some of the actual  
expenses of good government.

### Money Needed for Education

I fancy you will gather from the fore-  
going that I am not in favor of an im-  
mense sum of money being expended by  
the Western Grain Growers in election  
campaigns over Canada. I can hardly  
consistently oppose such action by the  
protected manufacturers, and support  
similar action by the Grain Growers. I  
believe we should foot our own elec-  
tion expenses and that, besides this, a  
considerable amount could be legiti-  
mately and wisely spent in setting the  
farmers' point of view fairly and  
squarely before the general public. I  
fully agree with Mr. Cruise in his  
view that our manufacturers are badly  
in need of education to teach them to  
face the competition of the world  
squarely without this everlasting pap-  
feeding on which they insist. Possibly,  
if we could do something to make them  
sufficiently ashamed of the contemp-  
tible position they occupy, a little  
money would not be mis-spent, but I  
think our main outside work should be  
to get thoroughly in touch with the  
city-laborers of Canada. I believe our  
western farmers generally have a keen  
sympathy for these people, but I am  
afraid the city laborer does not gen-  
erally realize this. I think we should  
not only educate our city laborers on  
our point of view, but we should also  
educate ourselves on their point of view,  
and any money spent by the Western  
Grain Growers for that purpose will  
benefit the laborers, our country and  
ourselves.

LEVI THOMSON.

House of Commons,  
Ottawa, March 31, 1914

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