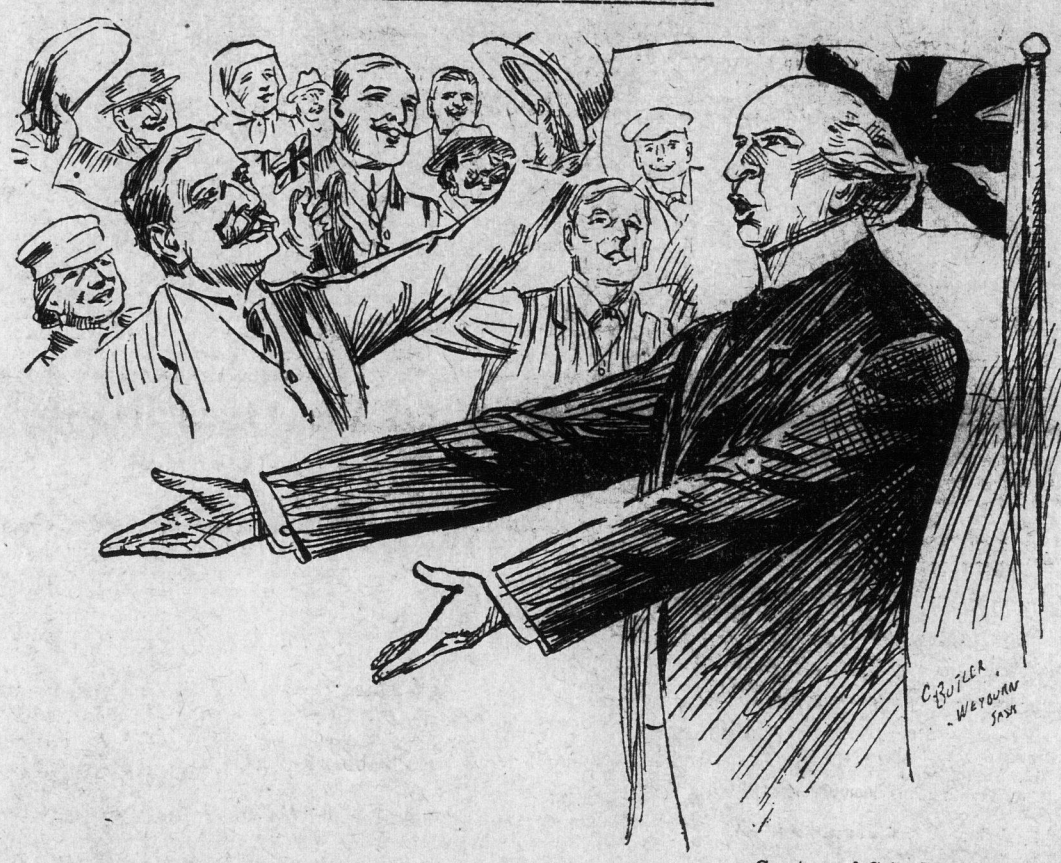


# TERRIBLE MONOTONY OF CANADIAN PRAIRIE LIFE

New Settler Has No Thoughts of Anything But Wheat—The New Towns Treeless and the Drinking Water Bad—The Telegraph Man on the Laurier Tour Advises Easterners to Remain at Home, Where They Have Many Comforts Unknown in the West.



Sir Wilfrid Laurier speaking to the newer Canadians at Weyburn, Sask.: "We welcome you all to this land where all men are free and equal before the law. We are prepared to share our country and our blessing with you—All we ask is that you become Canadians, and loyal subjects of His Majesty King George V."

(From Telegraph Man on Tour.)

Edmonton, Aug. 5.—We have now traveled pretty thoroughly over the prairie, and everyone is becoming a little weary of the monotony of the journey. It is not any spirit of sectionalism that leads one from the east to the conclusion that this country is no place for an eastern man, or, say forty-five or over, to come to. For a man from Great Britain, who has never known land-freedom, it is a good country for it gives him the chance of being a "own man" but for the man advanced in years from the Maritime Provinces to have the more advanced civilization and broader life of that older portion of the country and start practically where his great-grandfather did on the road to freedom seems to me to be practically setting back the hands of the clock for him and those of his family.

For the west thinks broadly but, as yet, not deeply. Their thoughts do not go below the black loam nor above the wheat tops. Of culture it knows nothing, and now I am speaking, of course, of that part of the west through which we have passed; on the Pacific coast there is a difference. The west may produce statisticians but it is an inconceivable deprivation; but man cannot live by wheat alone. They pride themselves somewhat in this country that they do not take their politics seriously, and rather laugh at us in the east because we are inclined to do so. Here it is nothing for men to be in business together, and yet on opposite sides of politics. Well, the calibre of their public men shows that the people do not take their politics seriously. They talk of the time when men were to be made to do so, and to make room for "the great and rapidly growing west." Let it. So long as they give us one to three, or perhaps four of their men, we shall still be on a fairly equal footing.

In Manitoba they have a government which gives considerable comfort to Conservatives everywhere. Prohibitionists should see how temperance is encouraged in Manitoba, where a Conservative government is in power. Selling must be done in town or village we stop at in that province, the saloon appeared to be the outstanding feature of the place. In Alberta the prohibition sentiment is very strong. Hotel licenses only are granted, and the hotel must be one of not less than twenty rooms. Selling must cease at 10.30 p. m. on every night except Saturday, when the closing hour is at 7. The law is enforced to the letter, and even in the clubs they are liable to get into trouble quickly if it is violated. We saw no drunkenness, but then drunkenness does not appear to be a failing of the west, in summer time, at least. What they may do to pass the long winter months is another question.

The west, notwithstanding its hurry, is beginning to turn its thoughts more towards solidities. This is seen particularly in the nature of permanent improvements in towns and cities; though there are few of the former, and the latter are few and far between, and few places of any pretensions can be found to call themselves anything smaller than a "city." Permanent streets are being laid down everywhere, and they were sorely needed, for in mid-time the condition of the western roadways is said to be something awful. The streets are in almost every case broad; there is no reason why they should not be for they were not circumscribed in the matter of room; and the general plan followed is of a central boulevard dividing the roadway into two.

The principal drawback to the beautification of western cities is the absence of trees. Trees were apparently not intended by nature to flourish here, and they do not. The government has made an effort to encourage their cultivation, distributing free all the trees wanted; but the strong cold prairie winds are against their growth, and it is doubtful if western plains will ever be beautiful by trees. The result is a barrenness which tends to monotony.

Horses are extremely high out here, and some of those who have gone into the raising of stock are making an exceedingly good thing out of it. A very ordinary team sells for \$500.

One of the hardships of life in the west is the lack of good water. It is nearly all extremely alkali, which cannot be used without serious inconvenience, particularly by those who are unused to it. Fair water is sometimes found by sinking artesian wells, but generally speaking the water is scarce and bad.

It does not take a long residence in this country to turn a man into a "booster," as the enthusiastic ones are known here. When you see and hear every one around infected and follow suit. We have not met one individual who was not full of the most absolute faith in the country, and all express themselves as being satisfied that they are very much better off than they were in the place from which they came. It is tiresome, but it is the spirit that is building up the west.

Moose Jaw, Sask., Aug. 6.—We entered Moose Jaw in a cloud of dust, and were more or less enveloped in the same during our entire stay. Moose Jaw is in the midst of the civic improvement stage, and going along its streets parties more or less of the nature of Alpine climbing while thick clouds of dust hang heavy all around. Street paving and street car installing is the explanation of it all, and even more arrogant is the sworn rival, Regina, than it is at present.

There is nothing attractive about Moose Jaw any more than about any of the dozens of other prairie towns. It has a brilliant future, of course, which it is not shy about flaunting at you, and any Moose Jawer can lame you with reasons why it is to be the biggest and best place between Winnipeg and Vancouver. Its principal claims to fame at present are its and having a flour mill.

The meeting here was simply a repetition of what has been experienced everywhere—the largest building in the place crowded to the limit. It was "Ned's" meeting, everyone said. The member for Pictou spoke accordingly well, a Conservative newspaper man sitting beside me said, at the conclusion of Mr. MacDonald's



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speech: "You ought to be proud of your Nova Scotia." The best part of the member for Pictou's address was that in which he pointed out the necessity of the west recognizing that it does not comprise the whole of Canada. There is a distinct tendency in that direction, as I have already mentioned. They regard us with a more or less unpleasant tolerance which is somewhat galling. Nova Scotia and New Brunswick are known as places where some of their best people have come from, but not worthy of any particular attention apart from that. It is not merely faith in the west they have out here; necessity of paying any particular attention to any other part of the dominion.

The member for Pictou warned them that if the east is to be narrow and selfish, or if the west is to become too aggressive, then Canada will fall of her destiny, and we shall not attain the end we all so ambitious of. We cannot and shall not be a mere dependent colony, but a great aggregation of nations joined together for the civilization and peace of the world, and this can only be attained by a unity of purpose and a desire to advance our nationhood. This ambition could best be attained by tying up to the liberal party, which, as its record of the past fourteen years has shown, is the party of progress and the party of the common people. It is the one which can best advance Canada's interests.

**The Tory Policy.** An English free trader coming here and speaking for the Conservative party was, he said, a spectacle for the gods. What do the Conservatives stand for in regard to the tariff? Some of the so-called English free traders out here, he said, would like the people to believe the Conserva-

tives stand for a lower tariff. He quoted from the Ottawa Journal and Winnipeg Telegram to show that the Conservatives would adhere to the policy of protection and would carry on the fight along that line; that they were dealing with "a condition, not a theory." The manufacturers of Canada would speedily be controlled by those of the United States if we had no protective tariff. The leader of the opposition stands for protection. His close friend, the correspondent of the Toronto News who had accompanied him on his western tour, said that the leader of the opposition, Mr. Borden, "skated over the tariff question in all of his utterances in the northwest."

As to the record of the Liberal party on the question, he pointed out that in 1894 they had come out for a tariff for revenue only, and would work for a reduction of the tariff so as to make it bear as lightly as possible on the common people. The British preference, a great measure of tariff relief, had been introduced. The tariff had been reduced. The average percentage of duty on goods coming into Canada in 1894 had been 18 per cent, today it is less than 15 per cent, a reduction of three per cent. In other words, if the Conservative party were still in force, \$80,000,000 more would have been taken from the pockets of the people.

He warned them not to be misled by the cry that the Americans were offering reciprocity in agricultural implements. He showed what kind of reciprocity it was, there being "a nigger in the woodpile" in the shape of a duty of 45 per cent on parts of implements which would make the concession practically valueless. We will have fair trade with them or none at all.

He then made a statement of some importance, that a moderate degree of protection would be necessary for Canada for some time to come. The tariff is the easiest way that the people can contribute to the government the expense of carrying on the affairs of the country. He thought indirect taxation of this kind was preferable to direct. The Hudson Bay Company, for example, had to be made profitable, and had to be paid for. How could it be done except by a moderate tariff, on any one; if it does, the government will see to it that it is remedied. The tariff can contribute to this and other necessary undertakings in a moderate tariff.

**Free Trade Not Possible.** When Sir Wilfrid Laurier spoke he endorsed what the member for Pictou had said. "Mr. MacDonald," he said, "has presented our policy." We cannot have free trade as they have it in Britain, because that is a nation formed, and ours is one forming, but we can have free trade. The tariff has already been lowered, and he hoped it could give them some more free trade when the time comes.

This will not be particularly pleasing to the out and out free traders, as any of those we have heard from here declare themselves to be; but if the west gets free trade in agricultural implements there will not be much more heard from it for the present at least.

After the meeting, we adjourned to the base ball grounds adjoining, and saw a professional game in the Western League. The people here are base ball crazy. All the western cities have teams in the league, the players being almost without exception, Americans; yet they pay them good salaries and go out and about as though there were really something depending on the matter. It used to be put down as one of the signs of Roman decadence that they hired foreign athletes to provide their amusement.

**"Strike" for Laurier.** The referee came out before the grandstand and announced that "Mister Wilfrid would pitch de foist ball" in a true American accent. And Mister Wilfrid proceeded to deal his overcoat and to get out on the diamond. It wasn't such a bad ball either—straight over the plate. The batter made a tremendous show of swiping at it, but a "strike" was called on it, to the satisfaction of all concerned, including the able pitcher, who returned all smiles to his seat.

All is well that ends well, but our experience after leaving Moose Jaw was anything but a pleasant one and might have ended more tragically than it did. I do not of course refer to the imperiling of sixteen able and intelligent members of the newspaper profession, but to the fact that Canada's premier stood with the rest of us, in imminent danger of his life. A head-on collision is an unpleasant affair, and had this one occurred on a curve there would have been little enough left of us. The engines were interlocked and ours driven back into the baggage car, which was completely wrecked. Flour and other goods from the wrecked freight train were scattered all over the position of safety at the rear, the shock was enough to smash the typewriter of his private secretary. Sir Wilfrid was clinging to the door, but was not injured in any way, and was calm and unperturbed as ever. The conductor of our train, who was in the car into which the other engine ploughed its way, was seriously hurt. The operator at Regina, the cause of it all, decided that by explanations of his carelessness he had to offer were not good enough, and fled.

We have now nearly finished our tour in Saskatchewan. We have traveled about many miles to various corners of the province, held several large meetings, and innumerable small ones. Each place where we have held meetings has tried to outdo the other in the warmth of its reception. They are all so lively and apparently persons that it is hard to name the best; but the consensus of opinion would probably be that Prince Albert has it as a place of residence, and Saskatoon as a place to do business in. We have seen wheat until the eye grew weary and are all fully ready to accept all the claims or boasts that are made for Saskatchewan as a wheat growing province. Its capabilities in that respect are enormous—so enormous as to be scarcely conceivable. They expect a 60,000,000 bushel crop this year and that is still practically unsettled, or at least uncalculated. Regina, Saskatoon, Prince Albert and Moose Jaw are places of importance and bound to become bigger and probably more beautiful. There are evidences here and there that the people are beginning to realize that wheat must do something more than grow wheat to be great; there is the university at Saskatoon and the capital at Regina, both ambitious and encouraging.

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