

LIBERAL LEADERS, THEN AND NOW.

Shortly after the Liberal Convention for the four Western Provinces held at Winnipeg in July last, Hon. J. A. Calder, visited Ottawa, and pointed out to the publicity committee of the Liberal party the desirability of publishing a Liberal Weekly newspaper in Ontario and another in Winnipeg.

Mr. Calder outlined a policy, and copies of this policy were made from the document he submitted, and sent to a number of persons who showed an interest in the issues of the day. In the prospectus of Hon. the Mr. Calder were seven paragraphs dealing with the method of establishing a Weekly, then followed directions herein printed without addition or change, as originally set out:—

8. The Weekly should be used as the medium for making a strong attack upon:—

- a. The Toronto Financial Ring.
- b. Food Barons and War Profiteers.
- c. War Scandals.
- d. Sifton-Bourassa Conspiracy.
- e. Borden's Incompetency.
- f. Waste and Extravagance.

9. In order that the attack may be made effectively it is imperative that all the necessary facts and material should be collected and tabulated AT ONCE.

10. The facts so gathered should at the proper time be sent to the Liberal papers throughout Canada that support the Liberals in order that they may join in the attack.

11. The Liberal counter attack against its opponents should centre around the following ideas:—

- a. The common people of Canada who bear the heavy burden of the war—the farmer, the workman and the soldier, have had no proper representation in the government for three years.
- b. Borden and his government have been the tools of the Financial Ring in Toronto.
- c. Greed for money and not patriotism is the real motive that controls the Big Part of Borden and his associates.
- d. While the Toronto Money Barons are shouting for aid for the men in the trenches the public treasury is being looted of millions and the common people of Canada are being bled white by a gang of war profiteers.
- e. Hanna the food controller of Canada is the head of the Imperial Oil Company, the Canadian Branch of the Standard Oil Co., of the Dominion and one of our leading corporation lawyers.
- f. Staggering debts are being created through incompetence waste and extravagance that must be paid by the workman and farmer unless the mass of people see to it that a government is created that will drastically conscript wealth and profits. Compare Borden and Tom White's action in this regard with what has been done in Great Britain and the U.S.
- g. In 1911 some 18 Liberals and Sifton deserted their principles when they then bowed down and worshipped the Golden Calf.
- h. Sifton's western trip in 1917—another conspiracy—why it failed in the West? Why it may succeed in the East? The power of Gold—gold wrung from the people in war time—blood money.
- i. Sifton's interests—his wealth—his war profits. His interest in England. His ambitions for honors and titles. Selfish motives &c.
- j. The real situation in Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa as regards recruiting and conscription.
- k. The great need of Canada—Government by the people—not by plutocrats and millionaires.
- l. We must have a united Canada under able leadership and a national government for war purposes and for the reconstruction period. It would be fatal to give the money Barons and war profiteers a new lease of power.
- m. The failure of recruiting in Quebec—the real causes—also enlistments there and elsewhere among French Canadians.
- n. The Borden-Bourassa-Sifton-Toronto conspiracy of 1911 and the Borden-Rogers-Sifton-Bourassa-Toronto Ring conspiracy of 1917.

TORONTO RING MADE STRONGER.

Hon. Mr. Calder may find that the Toronto ring is stronger now than it was when he entered the Borden Government. To the number of friends of the Toronto ring in the Borden Cabinet is added Hon. Wesley Rowell who as President of the Privy Council intialied his special approval of the Order-in-Council hinting to the arbitrators to fix the price of the worthless Canadian Northern Railway stock at (\$10,000,000.00) ten million dollars.

MORE POLITICS.

For further proof that politics is the game we have the statement of General Mewburn shortly after he became Minister of Militia that it was not possible to give the boys of the first contingent a furlough to enable them to return to Canada to visit their friends. Hardly had these words reached the ears of the electors when we find a prominent Conservative candidate, Mr. A. E. Fripp, of Ottawa, making the announcement that he had arranged for the boys of the first contingent to be given a furlough on the next day when General Mewburn was questioned as to the authority for Mr. Fripp's statement, he confirmed it and said that arrangements were under way for the boys of the first contingent to return home. A typical Borden Government pre-election promise.

NO ALLIANCE WITH BOURASSA.

At Arnprior on December 3rd, The Right Honourable Sir Wilfrid Laurier gave a categorical denial, of the statements published by the Tory leaders that he had formed an alliance with Mr. Bourassa.

The following are Sir Wilfrid's words:

"How happy, how proud the Tories would be—they who made an alliance with Bourassa in 1911—to see Laurier make an alliance with Bourassa in 1917. They can say it. They cannot prove it. There is no truth in it. I am not in alliance with Lavergne. Mr. Bourassa and I are at variance upon many questions, as he has set forth in his paper, *Le Devoir*. He says in his paper, for instance, that we have done enough in the war, I am in the war to the end. While there is no alliance between Bourassa and me, I do not abuse him. I never abuse anybody, but I am the very antithesis of Mr. Bourassa. We have quarrelled. Mr. Bourassa is a very able man. No one knows that better than I do. I have suffered from his blows and the Tories have profited from those same blows, I have no alliance with either Bourassa or Lavergne. I have no alliance with anyone. I stand on the record of my own convictions."

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All criticisms aimed at the Food Controllers office, says Mr. Hanna, is the work of German sympathisers. (See Bulletin 4 issued from the Food Controllers office.)