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Some Things The Old Government Did

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ELECTORS, the Foster Government is trying to tell you that the late Government did nothing to improve conditions for the people during all the years it was in power. Here are some of the things it did anyway:

It founded the present Agricultural Department, and inaugurated the policies which have ever since been carried out. It divided the Department into the various sub-divisions, horticultural, live stock, soils, animal and field husbandry, poultry and bee-keeping, and placed experts at the head of each. It brought in the ditching machine, by means of which hundreds of acres of otherwise useless land has been brought under cultivation through drainage; it brought in the clover huller, by which farmers can thresh their own clover and save the cost of buying; it brought in the lime rock crusher, to give the farmers all over the province the chance to get lime at cost; it established Women's Institutes and encouraged the formation of agricultural societies; it gave bonuses to pure bred sires, in an effort to improve the quality of stock in the province, and many other benefits to agriculture.

All these policies have been followed by Mr. Tweeddale, the gentleman who is "7-8 politician and 1-8 farmer," and, Electors, don't forget that he has \$70,000 a year to work with from the Dominion Government that the late Government did not have.

It passed the most stringent Liquor Law that was in existence in any province in Canada, and when a demand was made for absolute Prohibition, it brought in and passed the present law, and thus did what it could to do away with the liquor traffic altogether. The Foster Government is afraid to enforce this Act as it should be enforced, with the result that Prohibition is little better than a farce.

It enacted in 1914 what was at that time the most advanced law on the subject of Workmen's Compensation for Injuries, and, when required, amended it to make its provisions more effective from the workmen's point of view. It laid the foundation of the present law by appointing a commission to enquire into all matters connected with the subject, and to study the Acts in force in other parts of the country and Great Britain, with the view of preparing the present Act. Nothing but the fact that they did not remain in office long enough prevented the late Government from passing the present Act, instead of the Foster Government doing so. Another instance of "Evolution."

It passed the Act empowering the classification of the Crown Lands and got the work well under way before going out of power. It did not create the useless and cumbersome body known as the Advisory Board.

It created the Farm Settlement Board, by means of which young men and others can obtain homes on easy terms, and pay for them out of the annual crop returns.

It created the Board of Public Utility Commissioners, to guard the rights of the public in the matter of Public Utilities.

It passed the Rural Telephone Companies Act, under which telephones can be established very cheaply in country districts.

And many minor measures of value to the community.

AND WITH IT ALL IT DID NOT GET INTO DEBT.

Every useful measure that the Foster Government has passed is practically an "Evolution" (as Mrs. Hooper puts it) from policies inaugurated by the late Government. The clumsy, cumbersome and costly Health Act is the only exception.

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