

## — THE PEOPLE'S BLACKBOARD —

### THE WHEAT SITUATION IN CANADA.

UNITED STATES OFFER ----- WHEAT FREE IF CANADA REMOVES DUTY ON WHEAT.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>TORY ATTITUDE.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">NO TARIFF CHANGE EDUCATE THE FARMER! WHICH IS RIGHT?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>LIBERAL ATTITUDE.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">CHANGE TARIFF SECURE WIDER MARKETS. LET STATISTICS ANSWER!</p>
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ESTIMATED PRODUCTION OF WHEAT IN CANADA 1913 \* 231,717,000 BUSHELS

ESTIMATED CONSUMPTION OF WHEAT IN CANADA LESS THAN \*\* 50,000,000 "

**BALANCE 181,717,000**


\*\*\* IF NOT EXPORTED THESE 181,717,000 BUSHELS MUST BE USED AS FEED FOR CATTLE, PIGS & FOWL OR DESTROYED.

THE UNITED STATES AFFORDS A MARKET OF 90,000,000 AT CANADA'S DOOR.

\* From Census and Statistics Monthly, December, 1913

\*\* This estimate is on basis of 6.240 bushels per head of population of over 8,000,000 (see Census Report, Coop Statistics, March, 1911, p. 52)

\*\*\* This includes, of course, wheat exports in the form of wheat flour. It is estimated that 5 bushels of wheat = 1 bbl. of flour.



### DECREASING REVENUES—INCREASING EXPENDITURES—MOUNTING PUBLIC DEBT.

THE "Dash-away-and-Spend-the-Money" policy of the Borden administration, as bluntly enunciated in the House of Commons on January 22nd by Mr. Donald Nicholson, Conservative member for Queens, P.E.I., is illustrated by the following ominous figures from the Financial Statement for the Dominion for the month of January and for the first ten months of the present fiscal year.

Decrease of Revenue as compared with January of last year.....	\$ 1,912,625
Increase of expenditures as compared with January of last year.....	4,688,055
Increase of public debt during January.....	10,821,765
Increase of expenditure for ordinary expenses of administration during first ten months of fiscal year.....	10,437,047
Increase of capital expenditure during the ten months.....	21,234,278
Increase in total expenditure during the ten months	31,671,325

The probable decrease in total revenue for the full year is at least \$2,000,000. The probable increase in total expenditure for the full fiscal year is \$40,000,000.

The net result of the year's financial operations by the Government will be:

- (1) A very substantial increase of the public debt;
- (2) An increase in the ordinary cost of administration by some \$12,000,000.
- (3) An increase in the capital expenditures by some \$30,000,000.
- (4) In addition to this there will be for the first time, since the late Conservative Government went out of office in 1896, a decrease in revenue of probably at least \$2,000,000.

In the estimates for the coming fiscal year the additional vote required to meet interest charge on the National Debt and sinking fund is \$1,738,013.

The increased expenditure of \$40,000,000 in one year means about \$20 per head for every elector in Canada. This \$20 additional must come out of what in some form or other the people are obliged to pay to the Government.

One explanation of the high cost of living for the masses of the people is the cost of high living by the Government. Expenditures have to be met by taxation.

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