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## Changes in Tariff Are Commended

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today's Ottawa budget. The British preference stands firm and will still strengthen the bonds of the Empire. The people will appreciatively recognize the debt reduction, reduced taxation and the sound efficiency of the King administration.

HON. W. E. FOSTER.

Fredericton, April 11.—The budget just delivered being along the line as laid down at the Liberal convention of 1919, will be well received throughout the country. While the reduction of the sales tax is not as large as those who have to provide for it would like, yet it is a relief to know that the Government was able to go to the extent they have, and this, together with the other changes tending towards the reduction of taxes, and still balancing the budget will tend to inspire better confidence.

Let us hope that the results will prove beneficial and that the next step will be towards the relieving of those who pay taxes on smaller incomes.

ANGUS McLEAN.

Bathurst, April 11.—In my humble opinion the reductions just made in our tariff are a decided move in the right direction.

While it entails a loss in revenue, this can easily be made up by a continued practice of economy and greater reductions in expenditures.

Our taxation has become so burdensome that it has driven away large numbers of our people who could not pay the high cost of living in Canada. We must lighten our cost of living in Canada. We must lighten our cost of production and this decrease in taxation will materially help.

What we need in Canada today is cheap goods and we must get these by hard work and efficiency in production. One way to bring this is by competition. There are too many artificial restrictions on industry today and these should be removed.

We have too many people today who are living on the industry of a part of our population.

We need to think more about how to produce and less about shorter hours and selfish indulgence.

When we have demonstrated by our own efforts what industry and thrift can accomplish in this country then and not till then, can we expect to see the hoped for emigration flocking to Canada.

When this happens our burden of taxation will disappear.

I consider the Government at Ottawa should be commended for the courage they have shown in handling this contentious matter of tariff.

A. F. BENTLEY.

Fredericton, April 11.—The change in Canadian tariff will be in the interests of the great consuming classes.

Healthy competition and the law of supply and demand have been arrested by our high tariff.

High protection aims to eliminate competition and then by combine and monopoly improperly seeks to control output and fix prices. The changes will take a brick from the tariff wall which protects the classes at the expense of the masses.

The reductions will be especially

welcomed in the Maritime Provinces.

J. S. MARTIN.

Fredericton, April 11.—I am in entire accord with the tariff changes submitted. Their encouraging effects on general business conditions in the Maritime Provinces will be marked. Lumbering operations and farm conditions must benefit. I look for an improvement in the labor situation and in general business. Particularly gratifying is the step in the direction of reduced taxation, relied on necessities of life and the national debt reductions.

W. E. SCULLY.

Fredericton, April 11.—The reductions in the tariff are in line with the Liberal platform and will benefit the country. The reduction in the sales tax will benefit consumers generally,

and the farmers, lumbermen and fishermen in the Maritime provinces will profit by reduction in the tariff on the implements they use. The cost of living will be reduced by the changes announced and they should therefore be very welcome.

The provinces by the sea have much to gain by tariff reduction and the whole country needs a lower cost of living to stimulate enterprise and hold our own people. The Liberal Government at Ottawa has adopted a wise course in lightening the burdens on basic industries, and larger production and improved trade should result.

R. O'LEARY.

Richibucto, April 11.—From a cursory glance at the budget I can only infer that the Government of Canada is delivering the goods in exchange for Progressive support. This country needs protection of all its industries if the exodus of our population is to be checked and no reductions in tariff should be made for one class while direct taxation is applied to the others.

J. W. SCOVILL.

Fredericton, April 11.—Tariff reductions should be very pleasing to all farmers, miners, lumbermen and fishermen. The reduction on farm machinery while not large will be a material benefit to agriculture which is suffering from low prices, high cost of production and restricted markets. The fishermen will welcome the reduction on lines, hooks, ropes and all materials going into nets, as the fishing industry needs all the assistance that can be given it at the present time. The reduction on sales tax is a little disappointing as business men were looking forward to having it cut in two.

A. C. FAWCETT.

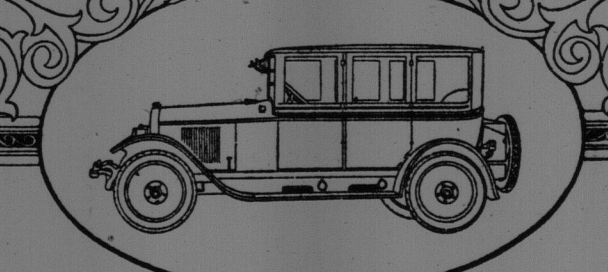
Fredericton, April 11.—I believe the reductions on the Canadian tariff and in the sales tax recently announced at Ottawa, is a move in the right direction. The present Government was elected on the promise of a reduction of taxation, and I have never been able to understand why a policy which secures a majority of the voters should not be put into effect.

HON. D. W. MERSEREAU.

Fredericton, April 11.—I consider the changes in tariff as presented in budget yesterday will work greatly to the advantage of the agricultural interests of Canada and will go a long way to bring closer together the Progressive and Liberal parties and is in accordance with the Liberal platform adopted at Ottawa in 1919.

HON. J. E. HETHERINGTON.

Fredericton, April 11.—From information given in the press re tariff changes I would judge that it should be a great relief to farming interests in Canada as well as to our lumbering industry. The change in sales tax should be satisfactory.



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