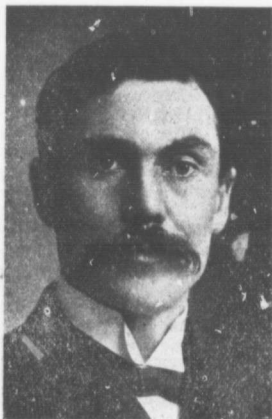


If Sir Wilfrid's speech was somewhat disappointing it was hardly his fault as Mr. Foster's speech was perhaps the poorest performance the House has witnessed for many a day, and there was really nothing for the prime minister to answer. He could hardly be expected to waste time repelling the charge that the people of Canada had been purchased wholesale to vote for the Liberal candidates. Mr. Foster even discussed the Auditor and the Audit Act, a subject of which the House was heartily tired, in the first place, the policy of the government had been declared last

eight years the Administration has held office when Mr. Frster himself actually fobbed the question for the same period? Are the people expected to hear a rehash eternally of the old United States reciprocity policy of the Liberal party, even now that its chief exponent is no longer in the elective Chamber, and anyway, when the Liberals have carried three general elections since that policy was propounded fourteen or fifteen years ago? If the net result of the Opposition's recitation of the songs sung by the Liberals when in opposition has resulted in prompting the people to return the Liberals to power with increased majority is it not time for a change in the programme? It is well known that this is the chief cause of the split in the present Opposition which is divided between the younger men and the old men, meaning, by the old men the Bourbons who can't forget and never learn. The people of Canada are taxed more for railway charges, telephone charges, telegraph tools than for customs taxes. Could the Opposition not, for instance, forestall the Liberals by declaring for government ownership of the telegraphs, which is as feasible as government ownership of railways is infeasible? The progressive though not socialistic legislation of other countries might be studied with advantage. The Opposition will learn that the Conservative half of the country expect some diet more wholesome than old eggs.



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Who was offered position of Whip by Liberal caucus.

session, in the second place, and the people had been appealed to by the Auditor himself, in the third place. Are we never to pass on to anything new? Why does not the Opposition bring forward some substantial reform that will attract the attention of the electors? Do they expect to listen with continued patience to Mr. Foster's charge that the East Atlantic service had not been established during the



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