

PREMIER SCOTT'S LETTER ON THE SUPPLEMENTARY REVENUE TAX

(From the Regina West, August 21, 1906.)

Twice has Mr. Calder attempted to justify the cent an acre tax and now Mr. Scott himself has undertaken the task, but he cannot expect to meet with better results, for the law is a direct contradiction of their pre-election principles, and the farmers of the Province should be the last source of revenue for provincial purposes, and not as the Government has made it, the first.

One of the last appeals Mr. Scott made to the electors before the last election was: "If we had the lands we would not get a subsidy in lieu of the lands. For the year 1905 this amounts to \$468,750. If deprived of this the Province would immediately have to borrow money. DIRECT TAXATION WOULD BE STARING US IN THE FACE."

This was just the same argument as was made by Mr. Scott with regard to the police. He said: "If we get the lands we will have to maintain the police," but we have lost the lands and are paying \$75,000 per annum for the police. Mr. Scott is a lightning calculator, but he is never accurate. That is one of his chief faults.

The Premier follows the argument of Mr. Calder and places the amount of unorganized lands in the Province at the same figures as those computed a year ago. Yet the Saskatchewan Gazette tells us that since the session 1,416,400 acres have been added to the organized districts of the Province, or in the year about 3,840,000 acres, which means that the whole unorganized territory will be rural districts in five or six years more. Then where will the money come from to pay the agricultural college, the university and the high schools, except out of the hard earnings of the farmers, while the villages, towns and cities remain the same as now, without contributing a cent. It is all very well for Mr. Scott to figure on a basis of twenty-two million acres of unoccupied land with a minimum of organized districts, but that argument is a fallacy and will not obtain even this year.

Another phase of the question is the fact that included in the unorganized territory is the large acreage until recently held by ranchers in the western part of the province. Mr. Wylie, member for Maple Creek,

the house when the act was before the legislature that the ranchers holding land under lease from the Dominion would surrender their leases before they would pay the cent an acre tax. This they have since done, and Mr. Scott must therefore deduct from the 22,000,000 acres the large tracts which have reverted to the Dominion under the new law. This will bring down considerably the unorganized lands available for revenue purposes.

Notwithstanding his two column letter he has fallen down, and the point has not been met with regard to his own position, for he promised the people that if they returned him to power they would not be confronted with direct taxation.

It is unfortunate that Mr. Scott was out of the House when this act was passed, but that is no reason why he should not be familiar with the proceedings of the legislature respecting this measure, and he should not misquote anyone in connection with this matter, for it is an important issue, as he realises, or he would not write such lengthy letters to Local Improvement Districts.

Mr. Haultain in speaking of "magnificent grants" said that the law already provided such, but the Premier should not try to leave the impression that Mr. Haultain in using these words, referred to the grants under the supplementary revenue act. Our legislative notes remind us that Mr. Haultain regarded the special grants as illusive and indefinite in their most favorable aspect.

The Premier states that the new act is "perhaps the first decidedly advanced step taken by Saskatchewan since gaining full provision status." That looks like brazening the thing out, but we mistake the disposition of the farmers of this province if they will stand for any such legislation as the cent an acre tax.

Of course there may be a small section of the farming community that will respond to the party appeal which the Premier has made when he turned aside in his letter to attack the Provincial Rights principles, and in an official letter on an issue of this kind such a reference was uncalled for and altogether out of place, but we question if even with his own party these tactics will have the desired effect.

Press Opinions on Borden's Sixteen Planks

The National Idea
Mail and Empire, (Con.)
It is gratifying and inspiring to note that the Liberal-Conservative leader stands for the development of the national idea in trade and industry, and that the keynote of his commercial policy is progress.

A Comprehensive Policy.
Winnipeg Telegram, (Con.)
Mr. R. L. Borden's speech at Halifax shows that the Conservative campaign that is destined to effect a change of government in Canada. The speech is a comprehensive outline of Conservative policy. Without extravagant promises, without fiery denunciation, it yet goes far to show the abuses that afflict Canada and has practical remedies to suggest.

Not Conservative Planks.
Victoria Daily Colonist, (Con.)
In speaking of Mr. Borden's speech a few days ago, the Colonist expressed the opinion that the questions, which he would discuss, would be of a general character, with only an incidental reference, if any, to matters which are chiefly local in their application. At the opening meeting in Halifax he quite bore out this view. His opening speech of the very full telegraphic synopsis, which we printed yesterday, is fully in line with our general forecast. In the sixteen propositions which he laid down, Mr. Borden dealt with general propositions, and while it seems hardly proper to call them planks in the Conservative platform they embody principles upon which all Conservatives can unite.

Little Better Than a Joke
Winnipeg Tribune, (Lib.)
Mr. R. L. Borden's so-called platform, which he outlined at Halifax the other night, is little better than a joke. It is a list of things that have not been said in one form or another by political parties for years, and as it is at present standing for nothing, the people naturally look to a party in opposition as the party of reform, progress and advanced ideas. To Mr. Borden's opening speech of his transcontinental tour they looked forward with hope and the expectation of something radical, comprehensive and means nothing. Their hopes have been disappointed—for they have had presented to them a platform that is vague, rambling, and so full of loopholes that it is worthless, a mere bundle of generalities and platitudes.

Neither Offensive Nor Alarming.
The Telegraph, (Ind.) St. John, N.B.
The Conservative leader today throughout the several provinces through which he is presently to proceed, the essential portions of his address will be, in the opinion of the men who desire to occupy an intelligent position with regard to public affairs. By certain elements in both political parties, however, he is being regarded as a danger to the country. Mr. Borden made no mention of the matter of the telephone and telegraph systems there is not a hint of Mr. MacLean's program and the Conservative party has no appearance that the leader of the opposition was prepared to go as far as the public ownership proposal. It is a matter of regret that he failed to catch a whisper of so bold a program now. Indeed, if his proposals are so scanty as will be seen they consist almost altogether of immaterial truisms and suggestions of mere developments of Liberal policy.

Notable for Its Omissions.
(Toronto Globe, (Lib.))
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An Unwise Step.
Montreal Gazette, (Con.)
Perhaps most attention will be attracted to the telephone and telegraph ownership proposal. It is many regard as the legitimate beginning of a policy which will make all the great means of transportation in Canada public property. It is also what many doubt the wisdom of, seeing that public management is often proved to be especially unwise in the case of the telephone and telegraph lines of Canada, which are a heavy investment of capital. In many parts of the country they have only been begun to spread. Their purchase would involve a heavy outlay of capital, which would have to be borrowed, and there would have to be a corresponding increase in the taxation of the country. It is a matter of regret that he failed to catch a whisper of so bold a program now. Indeed, if his proposals are so scanty as will be seen they consist almost altogether of immaterial truisms and suggestions of mere developments of Liberal policy.

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A SHORT-LIVED GRAFT CHARGE

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A despatch from Vancouver states that the greatest timber deal in the history of the province has been closed up in Vancouver within the last few days. The buyers are the North American Timber company of St. Paul, which obtained and paid cash for two hundred and sixty square miles of timber on the coast and on Vancouver Island.

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He Waked Oxford Up
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