

False and Slanderous

At all the public political meetings this far held since the election campaign opened in King's County, Mr. J. J. Hughes, the Liberal candidate, has devoted the greater part of his time to the reiteration of ancient political history and thrashing out old straw. He lives for the most part in the past, and seems to have lost his memory, so far as events of recent years are concerned. Occasionally he wakes up and interjects some new phase of unfounded and preposterous muck-raking.

The most astounding statement from him is that which he has made at every meeting, to the effect that Colonel Jenkins of Charlottetown told him that he, Jenkins, in England at the time of the election, had in his possession five thousand fraudulent ballots, and that he placed three hundred of these in the ballot box against Mr. Hughes. All will see that this is a most astounding statement for any sane man to make. It is not only absurd and preposterous, but impossible. Col. Jenkins most emphatically denies the statement and solemnly declares that "the only ballot I saw was the one given to me on election day, and the only ballot box I saw was the one in which I placed my own ballot."

An examination of the official election returns for 1917 show that in Great Britain 102 King's County soldier votes were polled, and of these Mr. McIsaac received 148 and Mr. Hughes 14. In addition to the soldier votes polled in England, the votes of soldiers from King's County at the different battle fronts numbered 189. Of these Mr. McIsaac received 156, and Mr. Hughes 33. This made a total soldier votes for Mr. McIsaac of 304 and 47 for Mr. Hughes. These figures represent the actual and legitimate votes of King's County soldiers. These votes were inspected and scrutinized by Mr. L. E. Prowse and C. J. Davison, selected by the Liberal party of this province and sent to Europe for that purpose.

Mr. McIsaac's Speech

(Continued from page 2) In a word, both the Liberal party and the Agrarian party place on record as the platform of which they are prepared to stand or fall, the admission to Canada of all the important products that are manufactured or produced in Canada; that is to say, they declare that if given power they will throw down the barriers between Canada and the United States and allow them to send into this country everything that we now manufacture under the protection system. Let us consider for a moment what we might hope from the United States under the conditions which the Liberal and Agrarian parties are pledged to bring about. The best way of judging of the future is by a review of the past. Under the Underwood tariff our wheat and wheat products could go into the United States free. But in the face of this, after agreeing to reciprocity on this article, the Fordney Bill imposed a tariff of 25 cents a bushel on wheat and 20 per cent on flour. Our potatoes also went in free, but immediately under the new United States legislation 25 cents a

bushel duty is placed on it. Most other things are in proportion. The barriers are erected against us so that we are practically shut out from that market. In consequence of this legislation of the United States about \$165,000,000 worth of our exports of farm products have been attacked, at a time when the United States was sending into this country \$80,000,000 worth of those products and selling them here against the output of Canadian farms. This, too, at a time when they had succeeded in selling us in five years, \$1,706,610,941 more goods of every kind than they bought from us. In the face of these conditions, what hope have we of any favorable trading with the United States? They make their tariff to suit the United States and it is the duty of the Canadian people to have a tariff for Canadians made by Canadians and not at the dictation of any outsiders, for the preservation of Canadian industries.

Our Liberal friends, perhaps, are not as desirous of discussing their tariff policy as might be expected. They seldom refer to the published platform adopted in Ottawa in 1919. They prefer to revert to other matters of government. They do say that Canada is in debt. That is not denied. The debt of Canada is given at over two billions of dollars, but the greater part of this debt was incurred in consequence of the war. The expenditure for the last fiscal year on ordinary fiscal operations was about \$62 millions and differed little from that of the few previous years, probably not more than 3 per cent. The greater part of the additional expenditure was for pensions to the soldiers and the relatives of those who fell in the country's cause, for interest on the public debt, for soldiers' land settlement and civil re-establishment, for demobilization and for other expenditures arising from the war. These expenditures were no doubt great, but is there any one in this audience who would have undertaken any effort that had been exerted by the government of Canada to sustain and admirably sustain, the part our soldiers and people took in winning the war and preserving our liberties? I should like to say, further, and I say it without fear of contradiction, that no scandals or corrupt practices can be brought home to the government of Canada. During the past four years that I had a seat in Parliament, I happened to be a member of the Public Accounts Committee. I seldom missed a sitting of the Committee and I know that not one of several questions that came up for investigation showed that not one dollar had been misappropriated. So futile were the efforts of those members of the Opposition who from time to time proposed the charges that the minority report was never presented to the House from the meetings of that Committee.

I wish to refer briefly to one other question and I shall have concluded for the present. In this election the women of Canada enjoy the franchise equally with the men. The government of the day considered that the women of Canada well deserved this compliment for the splendid part they took in promoting the success of the war; by every means in their power they admirably supplemented the efforts of the government and of the soldiers on the battlefield. For this reason it was deemed by the government that the least compliment to the women of Canada would be to afford them the privilege of voting for those who might be chosen as representatives in the House of Commons. I am confident that the great majority of Canadian women and those in my presence will regard it as their duty to poll their votes in favor of the government that accorded them this privilege.

Now ladies and gentlemen my final word is this: It will be impossible for me, in the time at my disposal between now and polling day to make any extensive canvass. I therefore avail myself of this opportunity to solicit your votes and influence at the coming election.

Here is a pointer for the Patriot's political monkeys: Several letters have been received by the Journal indulging in personalities in connection with the political situation, but the writers do not desire their names to appear. That is not "playing the game," and the Journal does not care to be a party to it.—Ottawa Journal.

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