

(2) In the Campaign of 1930:

In opening the campaign for the Conservative Party at Winnipeg on June 9, 1930, my right honourable friend, the present Leader of the Government, at that time Leader of the Opposition, made his coercive attitude perfectly plain. He made perfectly clear that it was by the method of "fighting" and "blasting" that he intended to find markets for Canadian wheat and surplus products generally. The language he used is all the more remarkable because my right honourable friend told us that the speech was written out, and that in most part it was read. The part of the speech from which I wish to quote was in the nature of a direct appeal to the farmers of our country and to the West in particular. Here are his words:-

"Listen you agriculturists from the West and all the other parts of Canada, you have been taught to mock at tariffs and applaud free trade. Tell me, when did free trade fight for you? Tell me, when did free trade fight for you? You say tariffs are only for the manufacturers. I will make them fight for you as well. I will use them to blast a way into the markets that have been closed to you."

Then, after making further promises of what would be done in the nature of drastic adjustments and improvements, he made the following pledge, couched in language of the greatest tenderness:-

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