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# "Laurier Luck"

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"A little more Laurier luck is what this country needs just now," said an Old Political Observer the other day.

"Why," replied a Conservative friend who had been offering reasoned explanations of the present depressing conditions, "you don't seriously suggest that luck is a political policy do you?"

"No," replied the old P.O., "and I do not pretend to understand why good luck follows one man and bad luck follows another man, whether it is in cards, or in love, or in business, or in politics. I only know it does.

"You may remember that when the elections of 1911 brought Mr. Borden into power this country was at the height of a prosperity such as it had never known. Well, at lunch one day I said to a friend of mine, a Conservative, 'I don't grudge you people your success, but I'm afraid of this man Borden. He's unlucky, and he's almost sure to spoil the Laurier luck?' 'Don't talk nonsense' said he, 'Canada will now just strike into her stride. And anyway, why do you say Borden is unlucky?' 'Well,' I answered, 'one day I was going East on the Intercolonial train, and as we passed the Quebec Bridge everybody in the car went to the windows to admire it. Next day I got back to Quebec by boat, and what was the news we heard? First that the Bridge had fallen. Next that Mr. Borden had been there making a speech. Now Mr. Borden rarely or never went to Quebec; why should he go there just the day the bridge was to fall? It wasn't his fault; it was his luck. Now you look out for him. With Laurier it was just the other way. I was in Moose Jaw when