

which supposedly to be the main feature of the session.

1921.

Parliament re-assembled, February 14, 1921.

The speech from the Throne:-

His Excellency, - "My advisers are convinced of the necessity for revision of the customs tariff."

"In order to secure the most complete information, a committee has conducted an extensive and thorough enquiry."

"The hearings necessary for this purpose have now been completed and conclusions founded thereon will be submitted to you in due course."

However on June 9, 1921, the Finance Minister stated:-

"Not proposed to put into effect now a general revision of tariff schedules."

Govt. not free agent, controlled by influences.

Government not a free agent, but controlled by influences.

The revision either prevented by:-

No intention to revise,

or,

proposed intention frustrated.

In word and act the Government not free; do not constitute real Government of the people, but the visible expression of influences and forces which dictate policies and controlling destinies of Canada - forces and influences which constitute the real though the invisible Govt. of the Dominion.

Failure to reduce H.C of L.; to increase production, not due to any legislation of the United States of America, but to deliberate and determined effort to thwart trade and restrict competition, not only with U.S.A., but more so with Mother Country and sister Dominions, in order that a few wealthy men, their immediate friends and associates may reap still larger fortunes through monopoly of Canadian market, and markets abroad secured by Government at the taxpayers expense.

Origin of Special Interests, and intimacy with Government during the War.

War necessitated close intimacy between several interests financial, manufacturing, transportation and distributing. The Government and its members, supposedly linked into a bond of disinterested public service.

During period of 4 years, over 2 billions of dollars, loaned by country, and disbursed by Government to such interests. The spending of this vast amount, carried out by Orders-in-Council, and no check whatever, or restraint imposed.

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