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A Discrepancy

The Edmonton Bulletin in a recent issue reviewed the work of the Alberta government during the first two years of the provinces' existence and in enumerating the legislation passed by the present administration says with regard to education:

The act passed last session taxing all lands in the province for educational purposes is in advance of other provinces and shows that the Alberta government believe that education in a free country is the basis of intelligent citizenship, and as the premier said the other day, "the foundation of all good government."

It would be interesting to know why, if, as the Bulletin says, the act is good law, the government has not enforced it this year? No attempt has been made to carry out the provisions of the direct taxation.

Among the legislation cited there is conspicuously absent a secondary education act similar to that of this province. The reason for this no doubt, is that Solicitor Beck advised the government that such legislation would be ultra vires of the province.

These are facts, but the Alberta hot air organ does not make any explanation. No, they are too busy pounding the air to make their readers believe that Mr. Borden's western campaign is going to be a failure. A great artist, that editor.

For a Lower Tariff

While the tariff, is to some extent out of politics, the question of duty on agricultural implements and threshers is important at all times to the farmers of the west.

The government has been doing a lot of talking about their moderate tariff which they claim has helped the farmer so much, but they nevertheless voted down the amendment offered by western Conservatives during the last session when it was proposed to place a ten cent duty on agricultural implements. Notwithstanding that the government took the ground that the opposition appeared insincere in the attitude they had taken, the western farmers will accept the amendment of the western Conservative members in good faith, and the farmers will advise that the members stand their ground on this issue.

This is one of the years when the farmer will feel the burden of taxation, as he is between two fires, the indirect tax of the federal government and the direct tax of the local administration.

We fail to see to what extent the reciprocity treaty which Messrs. Brodeur and Fielding have spent the summer arranging with France, will benefit the farmers of these provinces. If we are going to make reciprocal arrangements with any foreign country let us do so with the people to the south of us. Both in blood and trade relations we should be closer to the United States than to France. We owe a great deal to the Republic to the south of us as she is furnishing us with money and men to develop our country.

There is a movement in the States for reciprocity with Canada and the west is watching the growth of this reform with a great deal of interest. To say the least we should meet our cousins half way and we believe that

this is the feeling of the western provinces generally.

It will be noticed in Mr. Borden's policy with regard to the fiscal question that he lays considerable stress on the interests of the consumer. There is no doubt that the new Conservative party has broken away from the old protective principles sufficiently to give the farmers a more moderate tariff than they have at present.

With regard to the tariff movement on the other side of the line, Mr. Miles, chairman of the tariff committee, says in a recent letter to the editor of this paper:

"The cause of tariff revision has been greatly advanced by the recent endorsement in his speech at Columbus, by Secretary Taft, standing for the administration, of the position taken by the National Association of Implement and Vehicle Manufacturers and the National Association of Manufacturers.

Secretary Taft says that in view of the findings of the latter association and such other information as comes to him there is a case for investigation into the existing tariff by congress for the purpose of determining how much revision is needed. If the result of the investigation justifies the report of the National Association of Manufacturers, then the revision of the excessive schedules should be substantial and the motives of the organization and maintenance of unlawful trusts to monopolize the manufacturing and sale of articles in such schedules will be taken away.

"In other words he suggests the establishment at once of a tariff commission, or committee, which is the very bone and marrow of our contention.

"This suggestion of Secretary Taft is precisely in line with that of President Roosevelt in his message to congress in 1902, in which he clearly and fully describes the sort of commission and need of its establishment in the following words:

"A commission of business experts can be appointed whose duty it should be to recommend action by the congress after a deliberate and scientific examination of the various schedules as they are affected by the changed and changing conditions; the unburied and unbiased report of this committee will show what changes should be made in the various schedules and how far these changes could go without changing the great prosperity which this country is now enjoying or upsetting its fixed economic policy."

"That the tariff will be revised at latest immediately after the next presidential election is conceded by all. It would be utterly impossible to rightly revise without many previous months of careful and expert investigation. There must be established early in the coming winter an expert tariff commission as we described which shall be semi-judicial in character. It must not be like so-called previous commissions, who called not for positive proofs, but for general statements only. It must be of such character and ability as to cause it to rank with the only great commissions of the last ten years: the Anthracite Coal commission and the Interstate Commerce commission. Under no circumstances may the friends of revision, or others, be permitted to give us a hasty revision, full of graft and mal-calculation as heretofore. We may confidently expect the establishment of the right sort of a commission. The self-inter-

est of a few, great as it is, cannot be expected to prevail against a proposition so fair and necessary."

Our Coal Lands

The Dominion government has been warned repeatedly regarding the wholesale sacrifice of our coal lands in the west. Parliamentary returns show that from January 1, 1906 to March 4, 1907 the government disposed of 80,000 acres of coal lands.

There was a fuel famine in the western provinces last winter, but it was not caused through a small number of mines being in operation, but the lack of shipping facilities and the labor situation for the twelve months previous.

A Port Arthur company is now undertaking to exploit a portion of our coal area, they having received a concession from the Department of the Interior.

These western provinces will hold the government responsible for every acre of coal lands disposed of since the passage of the Autonomy Act, and the Dominion will have to remunerate them for the alienated timber and prairie, other than home-land, when the land settlement is amended by Mr. Borden, who has promised to restore to us our public domain on fair terms.

Fight For Its Life

Among the independent papers which have criticized certain phases of Mr. Borden's policy, the Toronto News has perhaps been the most pronounced. Commenting on the political situation since the recent cabinet appointments, the News says:

"There has been a long season of weakness and confusion, of gossiping and slandering, of halting and trimming. But there is clearly a growing interest in Mr. Borden's meetings and particularly in the constructive side of his program. It is doubtful if the opposition can succeed on the merits of their opponents. It is seldom that the masses of people are greatly moved by general recrimination and miscellaneous denunciation. Mr. Borden is wise, therefore, in proposing definite measures of reform, and it is manifest, as he proceeds, that the apathy and indifference towards public affairs which has prevailed for some years is passing, and it may be that a disturbance of old party relationships and a check to the ascendancy of purely commercial politics is imminent. With the Conservative party emerged, strengthened and organized, the government might have a hard fight for its life in the next general election."

Editorial Notes

The Free Lance of Westville, N.S., under the heading, "The Lure of the West," advises the young men not to leave for the wheat fields of the western prairies, and concludes by saying: "If one or two thousand Nova Scotia men go west to garner the grain, Nova Scotia will suffer; the majority of the men will not receive any good, but the west will, of course, prosper; but the question is, have we not already done enough for the west, and is it not time to attend to our own interests?" The only answer that is necessary to make to the Free Lance, is that any man who comes here from any other part of Canada and does not like the country can make enough money in one month to take him back home.

The Montreal Star in a leading editorial says with regard to the report of the inland revenue officials on the liquor of sale in the western provinces: "Contrary to common belief, the liquid refreshment offered the settler and citizen of the great Canadian west, can look a man in the face without blushing." That may be, but the men who look some of it in the face too long wear a blush that won't come off.

Regina people are asking the government for a recreation ground. While they are at it they should petition for the Kingdom of Heaven.—Moose Jaw News. We would never get it, for the jurisdiction of the present government does not extend beyond the cemetery.

Since Mr. Borden's announcement of policy on the lands question, the

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principle Liberal papers in the west have committed themselves against the restoration of the public domain to the new provinces. We therefore have those echoing organs nailed down on that plank of the new Conservative platform. Of course, after all, it is a question of bread and butter with those Liberal papers, which when a change of government comes to deprive them of their quarterly subsidy, will be left stranded.

Mr. Scott invited criticism of his letter on the cent an acre tax, and we presume he is satisfied with the response to his solicitation. The editorial comment of the Toronto News appears in this issue, and we commend it to the thinking farmer whose confidence the local government has betrayed in the matter of direct taxation.

The loss of that old hair trunk, which a member of the Leader staff suffered, while enroute to this country and for which the C.P.R. paid him handsomely should no longer be the basis of anti-C.P.R. editorials in the morning paper.

Piles get quick and certain relief from Dr. Shoop's Magic Ointment. Please note it is made alone for piles and its action is positive and certain. Itching, painful, protruding or blind piles disappear like magic by its use. Large nickel-capped glass jars 50 cents. Sold by the Regina Pharmacy Stores.

CHIEF JUSTICE WETMORE The new courts act will come into force on the 1st inst, when the bench of the North-West Territories will come under provincial status. Hon. A. L. Sifton will be chief justice in Alberta and Hon. E. L. Wetmore will be chief justice for Saskatchewan. There will be a new judge appointed in each province for the high court and eight district court judges. The promotion of Mr. Justice Wetmore is very popular for he is the heavyweight of the North-West bench. He will take up his residence in Regina, and will reside with his son, Allan, who is manager of the Imperial Bank.

Advertisement for CARBO-MAGNETIC RAZOR. Includes illustration of the razor and text: 'NO HONING NO GRINDING THE CARBO-MAGNETIC RAZOR. Just a little confidence in yourself and a CARBO-MAGNETIC RAZOR will solve the self shaving problem. Self Shaving should be a pleasure—it is with a CARBO-MAGNETIC. ALWAYS READY FOR USE. Selling Agents—Armstrong, Smyth & Dowswell and Peart Bros. Hardware Co.'

Advertisement for Simpkins Bros. Hardware and Crockery. Text: 'Harvest and Threshing Time Will Soon be Here And You will Want More Dishes The cheapest and best way to get a plentiful supply is to buy a complete dinner set. This week we are offering one of our best lines in semi-porcelain. 100 Piece Sets for \$8.00 We are also giving great values in Cutlery. Imported Sheffield Knives and Forks from 90c half dozen pairs.' Includes 'Simpkins Bros.' logo and 'SCARTH ST., REGINA'.

Advertisement for QU'APPELLE FLOUR MILLS. Text: 'The Best Quality Prices Right The Moore Milling Co., Ltd. Office: ELEVENTH AVENUE (Between Rose and Broad Streets) Phone 253 P.O. Box 218' Includes illustration of a flour mill.

Advertisement for The Regina Pharmacy. Text: 'WHY BE MISERABLE? when there's a "Pain in Gilead" for you not many blocks from your home? For the common ailments—coughs, colds, sore throat, headache, constipation, piles, scalds, burns on face or body, we have harmless preparations at small prices for every sufferer. We guarantee their purity and efficiency.' Includes illustration of a person in pain and 'The Regina Pharmacy LIMITED SCARTH ST. BROAD ST.'

Advertisement for Wright Bros. Furniture. Text: 'EXPERIENCE is the best teacher. The best scholar is he who learns from the experience of others. Take the matter of artistic FURNITURE Don't you know that people who are real judges of our goods never trade anywhere else? And you know they are just as careful of a dollars as you are. They have learned where to get the best goods at really low prices. We are ready to teach you the same lesson at any time. WRIGHT BROS. WAREROOMS: SOUTH RAILWAY STREET HUMPHREY BROS. MAKE A SPECIALTY OF IMPROVED FARMS AND ALSO HAVE A LARGE LIST OF WILD LANDS TO DISPOSE OF NO CHARGES FOR SHOWING LAND. INFORMATION FREE CRAIK SASK. REGINA FLOUR MILL CO. McCormick Agency Just Arrived! A car lot of McCormick twine which we guarantee to be first class in every particular. Prices are right. We have always on hand the New McCormick 1907 Binder which was thoroughly tested last year and proved to be one of the lightest draft Binders built which, combined with its other many perfect qualities makes it a favorite with the farmers. A call will convince you and will be much appreciated. R. E. Mickleborough ROSE STREET'.

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HOW TO... (By F. W. Green)

At the Saskatchewan convention held Regina, the following passed:—

"Resolved that in this convention, the marketing the wheat of Canada can best be secured by the establishment of a government control of all elevators, and the establishment of government elevators, the wheated by a commission government, the rail and the three provinces' associations, to be borne by the grain.

In speaking to the convention, I advocated union government course, and after several elevators, and superior system, appoint or a board of control six members, two to the Dominion government by the grain growers Alberta, Saskatchewan, and the sixth railway manager to the railway commission.

It would have this place an inspector at each of the interior points, such as W. la Prairie, Brandon, would cause the rail specially constructed could be easily emptied the grain season a lot or trains would have each railway division initial receiving points emptied, and take either to the interior possible through to Port William. By terminating the short able the railways to supply of cars at the shipment and clean up all receipts every two It would also be a board of control to deal demurrage for cars and in loading grain offered and a trust fund 75 per cent the balance to be sale is completed; for grain for delivery ports and to sell to Under the system it sary for farmers sell to the board of control settlement to be made as may be thought able, or the board of buy it outright as it now, and profit by A charge of one cent be made on all grain sum, together with a ised from the sale of dockages to go to the "grain fund," on of which would be elevator system, and operating the same. This plan would one huge grain grower association for the handling of grain under control and ownership to come out of the all the profits to go the grain fund. It tension of the farmer to the wholesale application of government the government ass creamery business, industry.

The above is a fair as advanced at that lution was hurriedly at to place our idea vention in as short a sible, with the idea with approval, the would be to get M. erta to endorse it. Royal Grain Comm such representations government as wo give it affect. It lies will not endorse. ely that the Dom will. But if the pe say it will do the bill, we have suffi ment from the diffe the government to money and law chat be forthcoming. Of agree on something a change. I think that the plan put Manitoba Grain G likely be adopted, as not help either Sas erta. Neither do I plan put forward by ed by the three diffe would work out s seems like the post enough for Dominic all out-talk and re skill in the same po there in the thoug of R. C. Sanders that there is a car to solve. I say yes an elevator monopole plan is designed to shot. He says noth demurrage will do part of this plan— storage; we make it railways to prov than fine them heav Sanderson says I