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FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 1900.

UNSKILFUL OPPOSITION.

There seems a plentiful lack of both skill and strategy in the methods of the federal Opposition. Imitating the mistakes rather than the wiser movements of our generals in South Africa they confine themselves to frontal attacks upon superior numbers in entrenched positions. Now it is apparent that one of the strongest positions in the line of ministerial defence is their patriotic and affectionate regard for the Mother Country. This has not been shown merely in well-worded professions, although in graceful expression of heartfelt loyalty Premier Laurier has never been excelled, and his French blood and lineage give an added charm to his fealty in these days when the Empire is assailed. The bulwarks of the ministerial position as seen by loyal Britons in Canada, in Britain and throughout the Empire, seem to be found in the preferential tariff and the sending of two thousand men to South Africa to fight the battles of their Queen and country.

Be it observed that both these measures are new departures, altogether without precedent in the political history of Canada. The Conservative party which held power so long, and was led by men of approved loyalty, did not go so far, did nothing in fact along either of the lines on which the Laurier Government has taken the initiative with so much promptness and resolution, and which has been so generally approved. In place of these facts that have challenged the admiration of the Empire and the attention of the world, we have the Opposition leaders and lieutenants assailing the Ministry for alleged want of loyalty to the Mother Country and the British flag. This is what we call a frontal attack upon the very strongest positions in the ministerial line of defence. Nothing short of repulse more or less disastrous can attend an attack made in that quarter.

Another line of attack, equally unskilful, but made against a less defensible part of the Government lines, is found in the charge that the party in power have retained in large measure the tariff policy of their predecessors. Here it may be admitted that the ministerial defence, if made in the light of some pre-election pledges, cannot be very strong. The charge must be mainly admitted true, qualified by the reduction secured in the preferential clause, and otherwise excused by the large fixed annual charges upon the treasury which must be met. But in this part of the political battlefield if the defence is not overpoweringly strong the attack is obviously weak. It is not open to the Opposition to impeach the wisdom or soundness of their own policy, or to discredit the government for having retained what the Opposition declares to be good.

The Government of the day have carried forward certain important measures, besides settling the troublesome Manitoba School question. They have, for instance, pushed rapidly forward the scheme of deepening the St. Lawrence canals, bringing it practically to completion; they have extended the Intercolonial Railway to Montreal; they have given the country two cent letter postage, and helped to bring about a two cent letter rate between Canada and other portions of the Empire; they have opened up and organized the Yukon District and have well under way the new railway line to connect the immense mineral wealth of the Kootenay with the outside world. These are certainly important and progressive measures, and whatever criticism may have been made as to details and methods, these measures, in the large, stand approved by the country. While thus pursuing a broad and bold policy within the Dominion and toward the Mother Country the Government have certainly spent money with a freer hand than their pre-election professions led us to expect, but there have been revenues of unexpected volume to draw upon, trade has enormously expanded, manufactures have been busy and the country generally has prospered as it seldom prospered before.

Against the general public policy of the administration the Opposition have presented a front of criticism, which is within the line of their public duty, but have too much confined their energies to a policy of negation. Their greatest fault is the want of a clear-cut policy of their own, to place before the country and outline the policy and measures of the Administration. Such a policy seems to be wholly wanting. A bold original measure of an enlightened and progressive character might accomplish wonders if now presented to the country, but nothing of the sort has been originated in the Opposition ranks since the downfall of 1896. In the party warfare of the past four years we have had on the part of the

Opposition a series of attacks, most frequently but not always made upon the strongest redoubts of the ministerial line, and on the other hand there has been a timid reliance upon the shelter of the Senate. It ought to be obvious to any astute mind that just so long as the Senate continues to reject the measures passed by the people's representatives in the Commons, just so long will the Senate prove but a tottering wall, rather than a strong defence to any party in refuge behind it, and appealing for the people's favor.

The general election is approaching and may be near at hand and the Opposition, if they hope to succeed against a Government which has many conditions in its favor, ought to have something definite to present to the electorate, something originated by themselves and which gives promise of advantage to the country. We trust the suggestion will be accepted in the spirit of friendliness which prompts it. It remains to be seen whether the Opposition leaders are equal to the great opportunity which presents itself. By one political master-stroke, Sir John Macdonald made victory in 1878 succeed the disaster of 1873. It was a positive, clear-cut policy which succeeded then, and nothing less than a well-defined and original policy for the Opposition can be reasonably hoped to bring them success in the coming contest.

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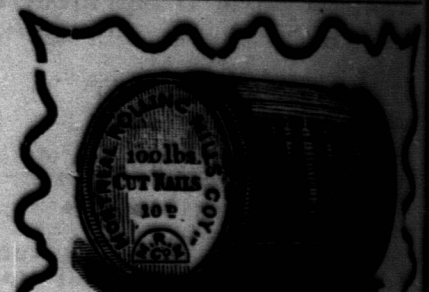
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