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STILL UNEXPLAINED

Only another week before election and the Liberal candidates have not yet taken the electors into their confidence on the one subject which interests the farmers of this province, namely the importation free of duty of American agricultural products, as provided for in their famous 1919 platform.

They have talked with fiery eloquence on the advantages of the American markets to Canadian farmers, have discussed with vehemence and apparent earnestness the necessity of extending our trade and opening other markets; they have pictured the American market as an Eldorado of which they and they alone hold the key yet they have never told their hearers that the American market is closed against us by the will of the American people because the American people are well able to supply it themselves.

They have paraded before the electors with such reservations as suited their purpose, but they have never discussed or tried to discuss the effect on our Canadian markets of permitting American farm products to enter Canada free of duty; have never mentioned the effects already experienced by our farmers of meeting American pork and American eggs in our markets, notwithstanding the fact that these came in under a duty.

Prince Edward Island farmers have met American pork in Halifax and Sydney and because of it have lost two cents per pound on their Prince Edward Island pork; they have met American eggs in the Charlottetown market and in consequence have experienced a drop in the price of eggs from 64 cents to 38 cents.

The Liberal platform will admit these and other American products into Canada free of duty. What would be the effect?

When cornered on this point \$263,485; 1920 cattle, \$10,965,147; they tell us the Great Liberal Party has always been a friend of the farmer and that they will look after his interests, as Mr. MacKenzie King when cornered assures us that Canadian industries will not be hurt by the Liberal party.

Who authorized Mr. McKenzie King to say that the Liberal platform on the tariff will not be carried out? Who authorized our Liberal candidates to say that if the Liberal party is returned to power our markets will not be flooded with American agricultural products?

This point should be made very clear to our farmers before election day. The 1919 platform is the policy to which the party is pledged. It has not been rescinded and cannot be except by the Liberals of Canada in convention A separate interpretation in each province will not satisfy the electors.

If the Liberal candidates cannot make a clear-cut statement on this, the most vitally important question before the electors, they are unworthy of the people's confidence and the people, in daily increasing numbers, are coming to that conclusion.

industries there are 700,000 men and women earning their living and providing food, clothing and education for nearly three millions of dependents. In our own province we have held meetings for industrial development; men have almost wept on each other's shoulders because of the want of industries in our midst and yet during an election campaign like the present when the lives of such industries are imperilled by political faddists and we-ern wheat speculators, men go up and down the country declaiming against all these as profiteers and "big interests. What hope have we of getting industries started under such conditions? What hope is there for any country when its political leaders lead themselves to such an unreasonable and illogical propaganda.

EFFECT OF FORDNEY TARIFF.

An interesting table has recently been compiled by the External Trade Branch of the Dominion Bureau of statistics showing the effect of the Fordney tariff on Canadian exports to the United States. Figures are given showing the exports during five months of 1920, before the tariff was put on, and five months, June to October, 1921 under the Fordney tariff.

During the five months, June to October, 1920 we exported sugar to the value of \$8,899,633; this year, \$984; in 1920, molasses \$37,443; this year \$27,648; in 1920 wrapped tobacco \$26,714; this year \$329; 1920, butter and substitutes \$2,157,507; this year \$413,965; 1920 cheese and substitutes, \$103,802; in this year \$200,204; 1920, beans \$18,576; this year \$24,1920 corn, or maize \$3,442; this year \$2,164; 1920 meats of all kinds \$4,018,642; this year \$1,695,218; 1920 potatoes \$1,344,749; this year, \$263,485; 1920 cattle, \$10,965,147; this year \$1,505,386; 1920 sheep and lambs, \$1,051,186; this year \$342,357; 1920, wheat and flour, \$27,792,630; this year \$5,582,464; 1920 wool \$341,251; this year \$11,136.

The above are a few of the items affected by the Fordney tariff. During the war and at some other periods in their history it suited the American pocket to admit some of our products free of duty; we reciprocated with them and just as soon as we had established a trade with them on a reciprocal basis they suddenly and without warning put up a prohibitive tariff wall and, in effect, told us they wanted no more of our products.

WHY?

A gentleman formerly a strong Liberal asks why it was that the Hon. J. J. Johnston, went over to Pictou County to the assistance of the hard driven E. M. McDonald, instead of expounding his convincing eloquence amongst his own constituents in the Cardigan district on behalf of the equally needy J. J. Hughes?

THE "BIG INTERESTS."

We don't know unless it be the old reason that "a prophet hath no honour in his own country." It is very generally believed that in the case of the present local Liberal prophets the truth of the above old declaration is being so abundantly verified that at the urgent request of the federal Liberal candidates they are absencing themselves from all public political gatherings. They are permitted to appear publicly in our sister provinces when it is found necessary to blow off the steam generated in the heat of the campaign at home.

Current Comment

The plaintive cry for help for Mr. J. J. Hughes has come to the Patriot office from King's County and it's dying appeal to their once Liberal supporters to come to the rescue is really pitiable to read or listen to. It is rumored that Mr. Hughes is now fighting against his own past record, not in the hope of election, BUT TO SAVE HIS DEPOSIT, and in all sensible reasoning this is not to be wondered at. That a man like Mr. Melsaac who in his three short years procured more for his constituency and had more results to his credit than any other representative could show in a ten year period, would be turned down, and one as useless as Mr. Hughes proved himself to be, should be elected, would be to reflect upon the intelligence and good sense of the people of King's County.

In this election the country and its prosperity, AND NOT PRIVATE INTERESTS, is the subject for the people's decision, and their interests in securing the best markets for their products, and work for our Canadian workmen is to them of vastly greater importance than "Fish Drier" or other projects to bring grieve or profits to private mills.

Mr. Melsaac's time, both in parliament, and during the recess was devoted to the services of his constituency, AND NEVER TO HIS OWN SELFISH INTERESTS, and with such a proud record can we wonder that the electors are showing their appreciation?

It is to stem this tide of popular favor for Mr. Melsaac that the Patriot devotes a whole double column editorial arguing with all the subtle ingenuity it can command, more particularly against the U. F. O., and Grain Growers whose candidate Mr. Mullins, is making the worst inroads into their already depleted ranks. Reproducing a letter from one of Mr. Hughes' King's County supporters not unlikely one of the Bell Government Tax Collectors afraid of losing his job, pleading for the Liberals to "hold together" with the closing wall that if they do not "THEY WILL REGRET IT WHEN IT IS TOO LATE" the Patriot is aroused to the real danger.

The Liberal organ says:—"Now HERE IS SOMETHING THAT OUR LIBERAL FRIENDS IN KING'S COUNTY SHOULD SERIOUSLY PONDER OVER." Yes, we agree with the Patriot that it is something to "seriously ponder over," but it is a little too late. The proper time to "ponder" was in the day of their opportunity, when Mr. Hughes had a seat in the House and his own party was in power, when instead of seeing how far he could benefit himself, he should have been exerting himself as he should have done, in the benefitting of the constituency that sent him there.

In its efforts to provide a balm for these sore prospects of Mr. Hughes, the Patriot rebashes its old insults to the Returned Soldiers, whom it represents were moulded like putty and twisted at will by the "manipulation" of their unprincipled (?) officers, when by their votes they PUT THE CLOSURE UPON MR. HUGHES IN HIS UNPATRIOTIC CAMPAIGN OF 1917. And it appeals to its Liberal friends in "King's not to forget this fact."

But it seems to overlook the fact that those soldiers are now in their homes in the county, that they still have votes, and the fact that they are again going to record them for Mr. James Melsaac is what is making the Liberal bed so thorny and uncomfortable as a political resting place. Is it any wonder then that this heart-broken Bell government Liberal from King's county should write to the Patriot saying: "I THINK IT ABOUT TIME FOR YOU TO GIVE THE LIBERALS

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WE REALLY HAVEN'T TIME

Blossoms and blossoms, And we'd weave for them a rhyme And revel in their sweetness, But we really haven't time.

World that rings with music, Like silvery bells in chime, And we'd listen, Oh, we'd listen, But we really haven't time.

The same old cry forever In every age and clime, The world is rushing onward, And we really haven't time!

Atlanta Constitution

The Public Forum

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by its correspondents.

Problems For J. Walter Jones

Sir:—If by chance the Progressive Party is returned to power on 6th of Dec., what will be the salary of Mr. Creer as Premier of Canada, also that of his Cabinet Ministers and what about the many Deputy Ministers in the various departments at Ottawa? If as stated, Mr. Creer already receives \$15,000.00 (some claim \$35,000.00) a year as President of a Western Wheat Company, besides he draws a salary as member of parliament, which adds quite a few thousand dollars more to his income, and surely as Premier of Canada would he not be entitled to a much larger salary—one would certainly say so if Mr. Creer was permitted to have his own way.

If he pays his clerks and secretaries of the Western Grain Co. a salary of \$10,000.00 each, surely the Deputy Ministers at Ottawa holding more important positions would be entitled to much larger salaries than they are receiving at present time. Would a salary of \$15,000.00 be considered too high for each Deputy Minister? We hesitate to say what his Cabinet Ministers would receive. Mr. Jones says he has worked under the Washington Government as well as our own Government at Ottawa and is quite familiar with the work in the different departments so that he ought to be in a position to tell us how much the Government officials would be looking for should Mr. Creer become Prime Minister of Canada.

We'll venture to say Mr. Jones did not receive from either the Washington or Canadian Government one-twentieth part of the salary received by any of Mr. Creer's clerks and secretaries in the offices of the Wheat Growers Company.

I am the owner of a small farm and taxed heavily by the Bell Government and am anxious to hear this information before election day as should Mr. Creer be successful at the polls on Dec 6th, it might then be too late to dispose of the balance of what I now have left. Surely our people are not going to be deceived by this brand of Western politicians headed by Mr. Creer to control affairs at Ottawa as in such case our future would become unbearable. Their one cry seems to be "give us free implements and free trade with the Yankees" and we don't care who is going to provide the revenues necessary to pay our public debts and annual expenses of carrying on the government of this country. I am Sir, etc.

FARMER, North Wilshire, Nov 22, 1921.

Prohibition Commission

Sir,—Why is it that the appointment of the Prohibition Commission is held over till after the election? Rumor has it that there are two more severe shocks in store for the temperance people of the province. One is that a Commission is in prospect that will not be in sympathy with temperance, and the other is that the conscientious and careful vendor, Mr. R. P. Madigan, is to be laid aside to give place to some one who will be less scrupulous in distributing the stuff. It is for these reasons that the Commission appointments are held over, as announced by the Patriot—till after the election. I am Sir, etc.

OF KING'S COUNTY A WAKING UP.

But therein is not the difficulty. The Liberals of that county are not by any means asleep and they need no awakening. It is that they are too wide awake and with their clear vision have seen the fallacies of the Mackenzie King compact, and are voting for the Melgren government and Mr. Melsaac.

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A Thought for Today BY HYNDMAN'S THINKER

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