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THE FARMERS' POLICY

At a meeting of farmers from all over the province, held in Charlottetown on March 3, 1925, a certain declaration of policy was agreed upon. The gathering was a large one; it was made up of Liberals and Conservatives including professional politicians of both sides.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted. No objection was taken to it by Liberal or Conservative, lay or professional. It may therefore be regarded as the calm, cool, considered opinion of the farmers then assembled and fully representative of the farmers of the province. Here is the resolution:

Whereas the Prince Edward Island Egg and Poultry Association in annual session this third day of March, 1925 view with much concern the serious situation created in the Egg and Poultry industry by the dumping of foreign eggs.

And whereas this industry which is of so much importance to the agricultural and commercial life of this province, is bound to suffer irreparable injury and loss, if prompt steps are not taken to safeguard it for the future.

Be it resolved that the federal government be hereby petitioned to impose an import tax of eight cents per dozen on all eggs coming into Canada from foreign countries.

This was the considered opinion of the farmers of this province on March 3rd last. We believe it is their opinion today.

This was the policy announced by the Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen in Charlottetown last Friday night and he pledged himself and his party to crystallize it into legislation as soon as he and his party came into power.

Mr. Mackenzie King's policy, forced upon him by the Progressives and defended in the course of his two speeches in Charlottetown last Saturday night, was the exact opposite of this. He promised to further reduce the import duty on all foodstuffs. His policy clearly and unmistakably expressed is to let foreign eggs, foreign meats, and foreign goods be dumped into Canada.

The considered opinion of the farmers of this province is that Mr. Mackenzie King's policy has created "a serious situation" that, if Mr. Mackenzie King's policy is continued, "the agricultural and commercial life of the province is bound to suffer irreparable injury and loss."

The considered opinion of the farmers of this province is that Mr. Mackenzie King's policy is wrong and Mr. Meighen's policy is right.

Can the farmers of this province who voted for the above resolution, during the calm between two elections, conscientiously vote against it at the coming election?

Can any farmer of sane reasoning and common sense conscientiously vote for a party whose expressed policy is not only to prohibit but to encourage the dumping into Canada of foreign foodstuffs, eggs, poultry, meats, grain, and everything that the Canadian farmer grows?

Farmers, think this over. Remember that the dumping of foreign foodstuffs into Canada looked like in the calm of March 3rd, when there was no politics in the air. It is the same policy, capable of continuing the same "serious situation" threatening the same "irreparable injury and loss," now, in the midst of the political campaign as on that calm night of March 3rd.

And the remedy promised by Mr. Meighen is the remedy the farmers asked for on March 3rd.

PREMIER KING'S FALLACIES

We give below an extract from an article contributed to the Montreal Gazette by Mr. H. K. S. Hemming of Montreal. Mr. Hemming spent several weeks in Charlottetown this summer, accompanied by Mrs. Hemming who is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Palmer.

"The astounding part of Mr. King's attitude is that he continually tells us that the application of his Free Trade policy has brought prosperity to Canada. He has made this mis-statement so frequently that it is quite possible that by now he really believes it to be true. There are many ways of judging of the prosperity of a country, such as by comparative bank clearings, car loadings, employment, rise or fall of wages, etc., but none of them is so accurate as the record of commercial failures and these certainly tell their own tale. The following figures give the aggregate number of failures and liabilities of the bankrupt firms for the four years preceding and during Mr. King's term of office:

Table with 3 columns: Years, No., Liabilities. Data for 1917-1920, 1921-1924.

Dividing these figures by four we find that the average number of failures per year for the first period was 701 as against 2,967 in the second period and that the liabilities were \$18,873,625 as against \$70,437,732.

Of the above failures a large proportion were among the manufacturers, which are much more numerous than trading failures because of the greater number of employees thrown out of work.

If it were but possible to measure the anguish and the tribulation that have resulted from these bankruptcies and to have the electors of the country realize that to a large extent they are the immediate outcome of the changes in the tariff and the instability of the Government's fiscal policy, there would be few indeed who would record their votes for Mr. King and his followers.

To an unpractical, theoretical mind like that of Mr. King, a man devoid of business experience, there may be some mysterious method of explaining away these figures, but that he should be able to utter another him in his cabinet and in Parliament men of ordinary common sense is something beyond explanation.

Sir Lomer Gouin's reply to his friends of Outremont shows what he thinks of all this nonsense and chicanery. What a long suffering country is Canada.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Remember the country when pledging your support to a candidate.

This is one of the big Exhibition days. The cattle show is said to be the best ever held here. And there are other attractions also.

There is a widespread and still growing opinion in this province that Mr. Mackenzie King is a master bluffer.

It is a mistake to say the Liberals have no policy. They have. It may be summed up for easy carriage as follows: "Get there anyway, stay there anyway and as long as you can."

The Hon. E. M. MacDonald, Minister of Militia and Defence, has been obliged to leave his old time constituency of Pictou and seek election in Antigonish. Now they call him the Minister of Self Defence.

If conditions in Canada for the past four years were as good as now falls to get a majority no Premier King pictured them, what advice to dissolve Parliament. A party leader who says he will not submit to the will of the people unless they give him a majority, proves that he is unfit to lead any

Notes By The Way

With a great flourish of trumpets the Liberal Press announced that Vincent Massey, President of the Massey Harris Company, had become a member of the King Government. The Massey Harris Company is a big concern, with a capital of \$8,000,000 and is largely engaged in the manufacture of agricultural machines and implements—one of the largest of the big "interests," which certain Liberal journals find it convenient at certain times to denounce. To the strong partisans of both parties "big interests" may be a term of reproach or of commendation according to which political party the head of the said "interest" may favor with his support.

Hon. Mr. Massey is no new convert to the Liberal cause. The Government will gain no kudos from taking him in, as it might had not been already in its counsels. It is more than hinted that he was consulted beforehand in regard to the changes already made in the tariff and sales tax made by Mr. Fleming and Mr. Robb, which were quite satisfactory to his company. Hereafter in the further changes that are to be made, of which we were told the Robb tariff was "only an instalment," it will be no small advantage to Mr. Massey to be inside the Council as an adviser. The Massey Harris interests will not suffer while he is there.

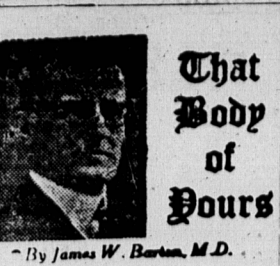
Hon. Mr. Murdoch was no doubt pleased to have early information of the inevitable failure of the Home Bank in time to withdraw his deposit. Inside knowledge in advance of all his rivals in manufacturing as to coming changes in the tariff and sales tax might easily be worth more to Mr. Massey and his company than would a ministerial salary and he gets this advance knowledge without the necessity of performing any ministerial or departmental duties. He gets along with that financial advantage a vast amount of free advertising for his company, and also the title of Honorable for himself. Hilarity Mr. Massey!

It is doubtful whether the King Government will gain a hundred votes by this transaction, while they stand to lose thousands. It is even confidently claimed by Conservatives in North York that it may contribute effectively toward the defeat of the Prime Minister in that riding. Stranger things than that have happened. Mr. King was elected for North Waterloo in 1908 and defeated there at the next election in 1911. North York, where he has been elected once may prove a second Waterloo for him this time. In 1921 he had the advantage of a three-cornered contest in which a Progressive absorbed nearly 3,000 votes. This time a straight Conservative-Liberal contest is promised.

Hon. Ernest Lapointe was first advertised to accompany Premier King on his Maritime tour. The reason he did not come is now apparent. The Opposition are making the contest so hot in Quebec that it was not safe for him to leave. Strong men are coming in to champion the Conservative cause. Sir George Perley, a former representative of Argenteuil, and later High Commissioner to England, is coming back to his former county, and at the first report of his coming Hon. Charles Stewart, now Minister of the Interior, at once abandoned the field. Hon. Mr. Ballantyne, late Conservative Minister of Marine, will contest one of the Montreal divisions attracted by very hopeful prospects.

Sir Lomer Gouin has emphatically turned down successive pressing invitations, to offer himself as a Liberal candidate. Hon. E. L. Patenaude, now a member of the Quebec Legislative Assembly, and Minister of Inland Revenue in the Borden Government, is resigning his seat in the Assembly to re-enter the federal arena. He is a man of distinguished ability, popularity and influence. Everything points to a strong Conservative representation from Quebec in the next Parliament. From the Atlantic Ocean to the head of the Lakes, in five of the nine provinces the King Government will lose seats by the score just where they got all their votes four years ago.

A general election costs two million dollars. Premier King says if he does not get a majority this time he will have a second election. Whenever did a leader go to the country with such a silly threat? It is silly because it shows that he is looking forward to his own defeat; doubly silly because if he does not get a majority no Premier King pictured them, what advice to dissolve Parliament. A party leader who says he will not submit to the will of the people unless they give him a majority, proves that he is unfit to lead any



By James W. Barton, M.D.

That Body of Yours

PRIDE HUMILITY The last fifty years the science of medicine has witnessed more achievements of a miraculous character than the five preceding centuries.

These are the words of the retiring president of the American Medical Association. In surgery amputations the death rate was 65% in 1861, and today it is less than 5%. Tuberculosis has been reduced one half in the last fifteen years. Typhoid fever killed 8,000 British soldiers in the Boer war, and only 100 were killed in the war itself.

During the great war there were only 158 deaths in Typhoid in the 400,000 men enlisted in the United States Army. He spoke also of Yellow Fever and that in 1793 in Philadelphia alone 10,000 people died. Yellow Fever is now practically unknown.

The serum for lockjaw proved its efficiency during the war. The wonderful powers of the juices in the ductless glands are now being used to prevent the growth of giants, of dwarfs, and very fat people. The discovery of insulin which banishes the horror of diabetes is another recent discovery. The value of vitamins in preventing the starvation or nutrition ailments is now a matter of every day knowledge.

The terrible typhus fever which wiped out shiploads of seamen, and hundreds of soldiers in barracks, is now known to be due to the bite of a little insect—the louse. Bubonic plague is transmitted by fleas, and that terrible ailment that caused so much so-called "laziness" in the south is known to be due to the bite of a small insect.

All these accomplishments are naturally gratifying to the profession, and yet as your family physician thinks of some of the scourges yet to be removed his pride is mingled with humility. Cancer, pneumonia, some of the heart infections are still beyond the ability of the profession to combat, and yet there is the natural feeling that with a very few years all the known ailments will have been conquered by our research men.

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

September 23, 1925

THE RESURRECTION:—Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. John 11: 25, 26.

PRAYER:—Lord, we thank thee that we live, because thou livest.

SANCTUARY

There is a sanctuary in my mind. Close-sealed in quietude, and undisturbed. By life's demands which keep me tense and keen To do my work and stand the daily stress, And bind my eyes and hold my heart asleep, Lest I should be diverted, and some bit Of my mole's work be scanted—for the sum Of efforts of blind workers toward the light Must somehow be required to round God's plan.

But when night comes, and I have done with toil, It opens to the key of whispering leaves. And perfumes flood it from the garden flowers, And it is lighted by the quiet stars; And I find peace, and glimpse infinity! —Blanche A. Sawyer

party. That he is unfit is the judgment of the ablest minds in the Liberal party today—witness the attitude of the Toronto Globe, Sir Lomer Gouin and many other high Liberal authorities.

The King Government could not have stood through a single session without the Progressive prop, elected in opposition, as all Progressives were. The prop has grown weaker since 1921. The King Government has lost the confidence and respect of even the three provinces of Quebec, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island where alone it ever had any strength. How long can weakness support weakness, both tottering to a fall? What hope is there for Prince Edward Island, for the Maritimes, or for Canada if the present unholy combination should remain in power? There is none. It must be defeated and removed and a new Government based on a solid foundation established in its place.

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THAT JOKER AGAIN

Sir,—The Publicity Joker for Messrs. Sinclair and Jenkins has another sample of political humor in Tuesday's Guardian. This time he declares, "The Fiscal Policy of the King Government is Designed to Develop and Expand British Markets, West Indies Markets, American Markets and World Markets."

Quite true: "It is Designed to Develop and Expand" every Market but our own Canadian Markets, and especially the American. We in Canada are left in the cold in this King Expanding Business.

I am Sir, etc., BLIGHTED TRADE.

THE EDITOR'S WIFE

Sir,—I am the wife of a newspaper man, built on the stay-at-home, all-alone plan. He is a fellow whose work is his life, making yours truly a newspaper wife. Dinner is ready, he's seldom on hand. Got an assignment—a story to land. Children in bed. I just almost forgotten his looks. Riches could never entice him away. There in his newspaper work he will stay. Some of his neighbors believe he is dead—never gets home till they've all gone to bed. Others think he is a traveling man. Neighboring functions don't fit in his plan. He doesn't care what they think about him. He's in the game while they're just on the rim. I am the wife of a newspaper man. Many a woman is in the same van. Hardships, it means but this much may sound strange, I wouldn't want him to falter and change. He has a calling in which he's wrapped up.—Keeps his interest, full in his cup. Please keep your pity—it's under my ban. I am the wife of a newspaper man. I am, Sir, etc., ANON.

GOVERNMENT IN TURKEY FIXES PRICE OF HATS.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 22.—Following closely in the wake of President Mustafa Kemal's campaign against the ancient fez and kalpak and in favor of modern headgear, the hat profiteer has appeared in Turkey. Battering upon the demand created by the President's orders, that the hat must be worn by Government officials, the hat dealers, were so avaricious that the Prefect of Constantinople, Emin Bey, set a limit to their

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in any undertaking. You care a great deal for love, although you will never complain if you do not receive as much as you would like. You are slow in making friends. Your birthstone is the sapphire, which means deep love. Your flower is the morning glory. Your lucky color is brown.

Evening bandeaux have become more popular than ever now that a certain added freedom in the way they are worn has been granted. The newest examples are of silver cloth bordered with pearls and are worn almost over one eye. With them goes a scarf of chiffon and tulle edged with metal which is tied around the throat in a great bow which meets the bandeaux at the left ear.

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