

Province To Benefit By Federal Road Grant

Liberal Propaganda Against Highway Grant Exploded By Hon. R. B. Bennett In His Great Speech At Charlottetown Saturday Night. Conservative Leader Deals Trenchantly With New Zealand Butter Issue.

The following report of the memorable speech delivered by Hon. R. B. Bennett, the Conservative leader, on July 5th, at the Strand Theatre, Charlottetown, is continued from yesterday's Guardian:

The policies of a Government consist of legislation and trade treaties or bargains. Tariff legislation, commercial legislation, trade treaties and conventions—they all affect the life and destinies of the country. Let me put this to you: What has the King Government done with regard to aid-

- (a) Agriculture?
- (b) Industry?
- (c) The general life of the country as reflected by trade treaties and conventions?

The Basic Industry

Those are fair questions. By them any Government should be prepared to have its record studied and considered. Agriculture is the basic industry of Canada. It still is, because by using intelligent effort on the soil, in live stock and dairy production, in the growing of fruits and vegetables, men can in a season or two or three convert into new wealth the raw products of our country. And new wealth thus produced is the great consideration that we have in view. So agriculture still remains the basic industry. What has the King Government done for agriculture? I want you to listen to me only for a few moments on that score tonight.

to stimulate and encourage it in every way possible by making grants to the Provinces in proportion to their population, to enable the provinces to command the most scientific methods of agriculture and bring them to the attention of the people. This is an age of science, an age of organization, an age of advancement. The changes are all about us. How can the farmer keep in touch with this increasing scientific knowledge and use it to the best advantage? We made the grants to the Provinces to stimulate this process. Mr. King found those grants in force when he took office. He discontinued them. He does not believe in giving money for agriculture. Well, ladies and gentlemen, if we are returned on the 28th of this month, as apparently the Canadian people desire we should be, we are going to renew the grant to agriculture. (Applause). I am not going to spend any time endeavoring to convince you whether we are going to do it or not; because we are going to do it. And if we don't do it, I want the supporters whom you elect from this Province to vote against us.

ROAD GRANTS

But agriculture cannot thrive that way alone. You must have good roads. You must be able to reach your markets. And in the Provinces alone you know you can only collect revenues by direct taxation. I suppose most of you think you are taxed enough? But the Dominion Government collects money by every form of taxation, Customs, Excise, income tax, etc. I think they collected something over \$20,000,000 from cigarettes and tobacco. We said we propose to give grants of money to enable Provinces to build better roads.

I do not know what money was expended here under the Federal Highways plan instituted by the former Conservative administration, but I was informed in Summerside that forty per cent of the cost of Water Street, in that town, was made up from the grant received to this Province; and doubtless you are aware of the extent to which Queen's County also has benefited. But Mr. King says, "No more." He did not believe in giving revenue in that way, and he discontinued those grants.

Highway Benefits

There are some people now trying to excuse Mr. King's action by talking about a Canadian transcontinental highway which they say it is our purpose to build. That is just begging the question. We proposed a Canadian highway for three reasons: 1st. To enable more efficient and effective roads to be provided. 2nd. To relieve the Provinces of the expenditure for trunk lines and thereby enable them to build better side-line roads. 3rd. Here is where the national side of it comes in: Because of the tourist trade. Do you know what the tourist trade in Canada was last year on automobiles alone? \$208,000,000. The revenues of this Province last year, I would suppose, was about one million dollars. Just think of that. And you can only get tourist traffic if you have good roads.

When I looked at this Island today and saw the opportunities for the development of tourist traffic I realized that there are greater obligations than ever for me to see that the Provinces had grants in aid of good roads. (Applause). The same thing is true in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and Western Canada. That, too, is what the farmers must have. They must have transportation by highway, by railway, and by sea-way.

Narrow Gauge Handicap

..Railway? How is the farmer going to compete in the world markets if he has to have two gauges in one Province. (Applause). Tell me how any country can do it? I confess to you that I fail to understand how any people can survive as agriculturists if they have to transport their goods partly by standard gauge and partly by narrow gauge. Remember, agriculture in this Province has to compete with agriculture in other countries where they have only one gauge of railway, where they have two chances to succeed as against one here. That is the railway side of it.

Terminals? This is an Island. How are you going to get your tourists in and move your produce out? When you came into Confederation you were promised continuous communication with the mainland. I recall one of the first actions of the Borden administration, made in consequence of a promise of Sir Robert Borden

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to supply that service was to give an order to build a car ferry; and though the War was on the boat was finished, as you know, in 1915. (Applause). Why? Because a promise had been given to do it. Now you have been demanding another boat after nine years. I think the order for the boat has been given. I SHOULD HOPE THAT THE CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT WILL BE ABLE TO HAND IT OVER TO YOU IN 1931. (Applause).

Subsidy Increases

I recall Sir Robert Borden, after the election of 1911, saying: "We have got to do something more for Prince Edward Island. They cannot survive unless their subsidy grant is larger." So it was increased by \$100,000. Then Mr. J. D. Stewart came to Ottawa and said: "We can't get along in Prince Edward Island unless we get some taxes on Government property." And I am glad to say he made a better bargain than the other men did for he got \$40,000 a year. (Applause).

THE HOME MARKET

But you have got to have something else. You have got to have markets. Tell me what Mr. King has been doing to get you markets for the last eight or nine years? And, men and women, there is only one market that you have a right to. That is your home market; and the home market means the Canadian market,—not somebody else's market. You have a right to the Canadian market. HAVE YOU GOT IT? Do you know that these Maritime Provinces do not produce sufficient agriculturally to feed their own people? They have to go abroad to buy meat and vegetables at times, and dairy products as well. Why? Because the King Government does not know how to make treaties, so they made one with Australia which provided that Australia would give us a better chance in their markets for fish and wood pulp and paper and automobiles and a few things like that, and we would buy their raisins at a higher price than anybody else paid for them, and we would buy their butter at a cent a pound duty. But Australia has a law by which they put a bounty on the export of butter; so as soon as Australian butter came in we put the dumping clause into effect and shut it out altogether. The Australians said that was not fair dealing because we knew before the treaty was made that they had a bounty on their export of butter. Nevertheless we shut them out. But in September, 1925, the Prime Minister, speaking at Woodstock, Ontario, and a little later in Western Canada, said it was all nonsense to argue that that treaty could hurt the Canadian dairy industry. Why, he said, Australia is too far away. "And if it should so happen," he said, "I will take steps to stop it, because you can cancel the treaty in three or four months." That was in 1925; and this is 1930. It is something like the promised Prince Edward Island subsidy settlement, isn't it? Look at what happened! He extended that treaty to New Zealand by Order-in-Council. Now an Order-in-Council is just like a by-law in your City Council except that it is signed by the Government instead of your Mayor. No discussion; just signed. And on that date this country was selling millions of pounds of butter to all the world. We had markets abroad and people were buying Canadian butter in increasing quantities. But in 1929, four years later, the Canadian people were not making enough butter to meet their own wants, and we bought last year 40,000,000 pounds of butter from New Zealand to supply our own requirements,—the direct result of that improvident New Zealand bargain.

A Canadian Creed

Do I believe in bargains within the Empire? Of course I do. Do I believe in jug-handled bargains? Of course I don't. Do I believe in bargains that are mutually advantageous to Canada and New Zealand? Of course I do. Do I believe in a bargain that destroys the Canadian dairy industry, that gives preference to New Zealand farmers at the expense of the dairy

farmers of this country? OF COURSE I DON'T. (Loud applause).

EITHER THE GOVERNMENT DID NOT KNOW WHAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN—AND IT SHOULD HAVE—OR IT DIDN'T CARE. THERE IS NO HALF-WAY HOUSE ABOUT IT. (Applause).

What do you have Government for? You expect them to make bargains better than you can yourself, or you wouldn't have them there. THEIR BUSINESS IS TO KNOW. THEIR BUSINESS IS TO SEE. THEIR BUSINESS IS TO UNDERSTAND. You cannot do that; you haven't the time or the information at hand. You trust them to do it. Now what happened in this case? The Conservative party in the House of Commons pointed out what would happen. Donald Sutherland, of North Oxford County, pointed it out. It has happened just as we predicted. Last year we bought 40,000,000 pounds from New Zealand. This year we have 140,000 fewer milch cows than we had two years ago. This year we have fewer live-stock. This year we are buying more butter, more meat, more mutton, more lambs. WHY? BECAUSE WE GAVE THE CANADIAN MARKET TO SOMEBODY ELSE AND TOOK IT AWAY FROM OUR OWN PEOPLE. (Applause).

Prosperity, Says Mr. King!

The Prime Minister of this country told a meeting in Moncton the other night that the real reason the Canadian people were buying New Zealand butter was because they were so prosperous. Canadian butter didn't suit their fastidious tastes, so they had to have New Zealand butter; they were so prosperous. (Laughter). I leave it to you, whether you ever heard anything in your life quite as ridiculous as that.

If Good, Why Cancel It!

And then, having proved all that to his own satisfaction, he wound up by telling them what I am about to tell you, that in Parliament this year the Conservatives moved to terminate that Order in Council at once. The Government moved an amendment to delay it until they could make another treaty, and on the first of May the Finance Minister brought in his Budget and provided that the New Zealand treaty was to be cancelled on the 12th of October.

What does he mean? Does he mean that it is good when he says it is one of the best treaties in the world? Or does he mean that that is why when he cancelled it? HE CAN'T HAVE IT BOTH WAYS. (Applause). I will ask the new Minister of Fisheries to explain that to him. (Increased applause).

IF IT WAS A BAD BARGAIN THEN THEY WERE RIGHT IN CANCELLING IT AND THEY SHOULD HAVE CANCELLED IT LONG AGO. IF IT WAS A GOOD TREATY, THEN WHY DID THEY YIELD TO THE PRESSURE OF OUR ARGUMENTS? (Loud applause).

Well, you see, there is an election in the offing. They want to try to excuse their past by saying it was a good treaty; and they want to try and divert the attention of the Canadian people from the punishment to which they are entitled, and so they say it is bad and they are cancelling it. (Applause).

And what is happening in the meantime? THE COUNTRY IS BEING FILLED WITH THIS NEW ZEALAND BUTTER, ENOUGH IN COLD STORAGE TO KEEP THIS COUNTRY SUPPLIED UNTIL 1931. That is Mr. Mackenzie King's idea of a good trade bargain.

HOW LONG WOULD YOU KEEP A MAN LIKE THAT IN YOUR BUSINESS, MR. MERCHANT? HOW LONG? JUST LONG ENOUGH TO WRITE HIS PAY-CHEQUE AND SAY "GOOD-DAY!" (Applause). (To Be Continued)

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