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OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO EVERY ELECTOR OF P. E. I.

A Few Good and Valid Reasons why every Liberal-Conservative and Independent Liberal Should Vote for the Government Candidates on September 16th.

Because the Mathieson Government within three months after coming to power obtained an increase of subsidy of \$100,000 a year for all time.

Because the Mathieson Government obtained an Agricultural Grant of \$26,000, with an assurance that it will be increased to \$31,000 a year.

Because it changed Liberal deficits into Conservative surpluses.

Because it is the first Government in twenty-four years that succeeded in making revenue and expenditure meet and was able to show a surplus.

Because instead of sinking the province \$45,000 a year deeper in debt, as the Liberals had been doing for twenty years, it reduced the debt by an average of \$30,000 a year since coming into power.

Because in the last three years it paid \$89,000 of the legacy of \$1,027,000 debt which the Liberals left behind them, together with an empty Treasury.

Because it reduced the interest on the debt by \$3,250 since coming to power.

Because in order to reduce the debt and gradually pay off the \$900,000 Mortgage fastened on the Province by the Liberals it is highly important that the claims should be pressed to satisfactory settlement at Ottawa.

Because through the neglect and incapacity of successive Liberal Governments to press our claims at Ottawa during the fifteen years the two Governments were in line and the culpable bungling of the subsidy claim in 1907 in conjunction with Sir Wilfred Laurier blocked the way and barred the doors against Liberal Delegations and left no hopes for any settlement of our claims under Provincial or Federal Liberal Governments.

Because Sir Robert Borden opened the doors of Parliament to the Mathieson Delegation and listened in a friendly and sympathetic spirit to their able presentation of the Island's claims and granted an increase of Subsidy of \$100,000 per year as a payment on our claims in earnest that all claims of the Island would meet with a fair, full and satisfactory settlement.

Because through the efforts of our Dominion Representatives and the co-operation of the Mathieson Government they have obtained a magnificent Car Ferry Service, the boon that has ever come to the Province whereby continuous communication between the Island and the mainland is assured. The three short hauls and excessive freight rates, which were such a serious handicap to shippers, business men and farmers, abolished and which will tend to cheapen goods and greatly increase prices of farm products.

Because the construction of the Car Ferry Works and the standardizing of our railway is estimated to cost 10,000,000, the greater part of which will be distributed in wages and the purchase of various supplies, so that labourers, mechanics, tradesmen, business men and all classes of our people will be reached and benefited.

Because last year it expended \$31,000 more on education than the Liberals did in 1911.

Because it has re-enacted the law granting supplements to teachers, which was abolished by the Liberals.

Because since coming into power it has given teachers the following increase of salaries:

1st class male teachers	\$82
1st class female teachers	124
2nd class male teachers	77
2nd class female teachers	79
3rd class male teachers	59
3rd class female teachers	60

Because it established the Summer School for teachers and pays the expenses of teachers attending the course.

Because it has appointed five additional school inspectors, so that every school in the province may be visited at least four times in the year, thus interesting parents more in education, giving teachers and pupils more assistance and encouragement in their work, obtaining better results and raising the standard of their schools throughout the province.

Because they established a School Supply Depot, where parents and pupils may obtain all school books and school requirements at cost, thus saving parents many dollars yearly in the purchase of school supplies.

Because it has been, and will continue to be, the policy of the Government to give teachers all the material assistance possible to still further improve their conditions, and to raise the schools of the province to the highest possible standard of efficiency.

Because the Liberal manifesto does not promise to do anything for teachers, and if the Liberals are returned they may again sweep away the supplements and bonuses, as they did when in power.

Because they have established a road system under which the people's taxes are expended on the roads in the district in which they are collected, instead of being sent to the Department of Public Works, to be distributed and expended on favourite roads and favourite workers as was the case under Liberal rule.

Because all tax payers, whether Conservative or Liberal, are given an equal opportunity to pay their taxes by road work.

Because this system of road-making gives fair play to all and has produced the best roads ever known in the province and put an end to the squandering of the farmers' taxes on the highways.

Because of unfair and undeserved fault finding of the road masters by the Patriot and Liberal candidates it would seem that if the Liberals be elected they intend to repeal the present Road Act and go back to the old system of favoritism and jobbery on the roads which kept them in power for so many years.

Because it spent \$51,000 a year on steel bridges and permanent works,

while the Liberals spent only \$11,000 a year.

Because it spent on permanent works \$40,000 a year more than the Liberals did.

Because in three years it spent \$153,000 on steel bridges and in permanent works and paid every dollar out of current revenue, while the Liberals in their twenty years only spent \$218,000 on permanent works, and had to borrow the money to pay it and charged it to capital account. Note the difference.

Because they built a splendid Agricultural Hall at Charlottetown and one at Summerside.

Because they established a Long and Short Course for the benefit of farmers and farmers' sons.

Because they have materially increased the grant to Sea Farms, Farmers' Institutes, Womens Institutes, established a course in Domestic Science and given all the assistance and encouragement in their power to these worthy institutions.

Because for the benefit of the farmers they have built and put in operation at St. Peter's Bay, a self-loading and self-discharging mussel mud scow, capable of carrying eight car loads and delivering one train load a day.

The St. Peter's Bay mud is acknowledged by all farmers to be the best quality of mud on the island, and its supply is practically inexhaustible and it is sold at cost to the farmers, so that farmers in every part of the province can have it delivered at cost at their nearest station.

Because the policy of the Government is to build and operate similar mud scows in other bays where this valuable fertilizer can be procured.

Because they have increased the grants to the Deaf and Dumb Institution and School for the Blind.

Because they have increased the grants to the Children's Aid Society and the Anti Tuberculosis Society.

Because they have given a grant of \$500 to each of the City Hospitals and a grant of \$400 to Prince County Hospital and \$100 each to the two Orphanages.

Because through the munificence of a prominent member of the Government and the co-operation of the Government a splendid up to date Sanatorium has been built and equipped where those afflicted with tuberculosis may be cared for and treated and that dread disease be checked from spreading all over the Province.

Because they have obtained a new cable between Cape Traverse and Tormentine and a similar one between Wood Islands and the mainland thus insuring uninterrupted cable service the year around.

Because they have secured cheaper telegraph rates, a message which formerly cost \$1.50 now costing only 30 cents.

Because they have granted \$15,000 to the Patriotic Fund to provide for the wives and families of the men who are now fighting in defence of home and country and have otherwise given every encouragement and support to the brave men and boys who have offered their lives in defence of the Empire.

Because with a total expenditure of \$21,000 last year the Hon. Mr. Richards, Leader of the Opposition, when challenged by Premier Mathieson to point out one single item in that large expenditure which he considered extravagant, uncalled for, or that he would wish to have changed, rose in his place in the House and frankly acknowledged that he could not do so.

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LIFTING THE MORTGAGE

When the Mathieson Government came into power it was faced with a million and seventy-two thousand dollar mortgage on the Island.

There was no prospect under the Liberals of reducing this mortgage; on the other hand the Island was accumulating a further liability of \$45,000 per annum.

Ruin! Stark, staring ruin faced us. No farmer could call his farm his own, for there was the lien of one million and seventy-two thousand dollars on every farm in the Island.

The Mathieson Government came into power and in three short years reduced the mortgage by \$90,000.

The prospects now are that in twenty years of Conservative rule, the whole of the indebtedness of the Province will be wiped out, and every farmer will be free and untrammelled by Government for public debt.

Who would go back to the Dreadful days of Liberal Maladministration with the mortgages, debt and financial ruin? No intelligent farmer would dream of it.

THE CAUSE AT STAKE

At present the world is in a state of war and turmoil such as the world has never known. The British Empire is in death grips with a foe as cruel and relentless as ever experienced in the annals of history.

The United Kingdom is calling to her children to come to her assistance.

The Dominion of Canada has responded in a manner which has given heart and strength, courage and renewed hope to the Motherland.

Prince Edward Island is doing her share in response to the appeal, and the Mathieson Government has pledged its assistance in behalf of the Province to the last man and the last cent.

Already we have done much; a great deal more remains to be done; and the Government is at present working in the utmost harmony with the Dominion Government and the Department of Militia and Defence in devising and carrying out schemes of assistance and defence.

What would be the result of a change of Government at such a juncture? Nothing less than deplorable.

The Crisis have chosen as their leader the most notorious Little Canadian in the Province.

They have placed as their standard bearer a man who insulted the military authorities in the Province, and who openly avowed himself an opponent of military organisation.

They have selected as their chief representative a man who failed utterly to maintain the reputation of the Island for hospitality, and who declined to issue invitations to Government House to the Empire's Representatives on the Royal Dominion Commission who visited the Province at the outbreak of the war.

They have given the first place in their councils to a man who has taken no active part in any of the patriotic movements in the Island, and who refused, though given the opportunity, to address a recruiting meeting in his native town of Alberton since he retired from Government House.

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Progress in Education.

In the old bad days under the Liberal regime the Inspectors drew their monthly salaries and stayed at home, or at the best made one visit per annum. The Educational System of the Liberals was nothing less than vicious; it put a premium on incompetence, laziness and inefficiency. The teachers were starved and neglected, the schools impoverished and in some instances shut down. The school inspectors drew their salaries and cared not whether the schools were in existence or not. All that is now changed, and as the Superintendent of Education shows, frequent and thorough inspection and careful supervision of the work of the teachers and schools have contributed their share to the present hopeful educational outlook.

School teachers, school managers and parents would as soon revert to the dreadful times of maladministration in scholastic affairs as they would accept The Patriot as an authority on anything appertaining to the Administration of the Province.

Never in the history of Prince Edward Island has education been in a better condition or the prospects brighter. Another four years of Conservative administration will see education improve by leaps and bounds, for the Government has an educational policy—which the Liberals have not.

In his annual report the Superintendent of Education says: "The year covered by this Report has been marked by steady and substantial progress. The enrolment, which in 1889 had reached its maximum of 23,045, declined almost steadily till, in 1912, it stood at 17,078. Since then the movement has been continually upward. In 1913 the enrolment was 17,555, an increase of 477 over that of the preceding year. This year it is 18,069 or 514 more than that of last year, a gain of 991 in two years. The average daily attendance reached its maximum of 13,412 in 1896 and its minimum of 10,511 in 1911. Since then there has been a steady improvement. In 1912 it was 10,916, an increase of 405 over that of the preceding year. In 1913 it was 10,916 an increase of 405 over that of the preceding year. In 1914 it was 11,003, a further increase of 87. This year it is 11,173 which is 170 better than that of the preceding year, a total gain of 662 in the three years. From statistics already in the Education Office, it is safe to say that the school year ending June 30th, 1915, will show a still more marked improvement in these respects. This steady increase in enrolment and attendance, after a long period of continuous decline, is most encouraging and shows clearly that deterioration has been checked and definite progress has been begun.

"This progress shows itself not only in increased enrolment and larger daily attendance, but chiefly in the keen sense of duty, the greater skill and the more enthusiastic spirit of the teachers, in the higher quality of instruction and in a rapidly growing public interest in the work of the schools.

"In the School Report of 1911, the then Superintendent of Education, Dr. Anderson, after referring to the hopelessness of his task, the falling off of the number of pupils enrolled, and the considerable decrease in the average daily attendance, is constrained to add:—

"There is, I am sorry to say, already observable a weakness in the morale of the teachers, a looseness in their regard for obligations, a carelessness in their attitude towards accuracy, and a limppness of fibre in the performance of their school duties."

And further on he says:—

Another and very serious result of the present educational condition is the scarcity of qualified teachers which has to a greater degree than formerly rendered it necessary to grant permits, to temporary teachers—to me a very distasteful and objectionable course if the standard of qualification is to be maintained."

The striking words quoted above, though doubtless true of the time in which they were written, could not be used to characterize the conditions that exist today. Now the educational outlook is extremely hopeful; the enrolment and the attendance are both increasing; the teachers, with very few exceptions, are working faithfully and are showing a constantly increasing skill and a very keen desire to excel; the granting of permits to temporary teachers has completely ceased. The greater consideration shown to teachers during the past few years, the very substantial increases made in their salaries, the better training which they now receive, the frequent and thorough inspection and careful supervision of schools now made possible by the appointment of a sufficient number of competent inspectors and the cheque in the course of studies, which seeks to place the emphasis, in school work, on the training of boys and girls for life in their own communities, have all contributed their share to the present hopeful educational outlook."

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