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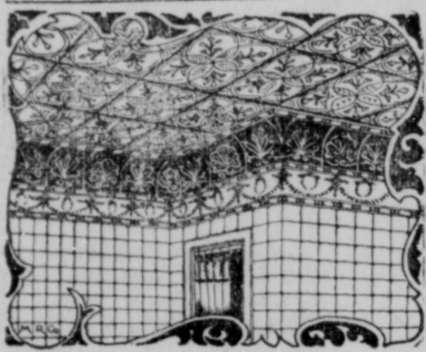


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## METHODIST MINISTER REVIEWS THE RECORD

REV. D. V. LUCAS EXPRESSES HIS OPINION OF LIBERAL LEADERS.

He Charges them With Insincerity and Superlative Hypocrisy.

Rev. D. V. Lucas has written the following letter to the Toronto Mail and Empire:

Sir,—I was present in the House at Ottawa in the early winter of 1878, when Sir John McDonald arose at midnight, and announced the policy of his party, known from thence until now as "The National Policy." He spoke very nearly two hours, setting forth in general, and to a considerable extent in detail, the principles of the proposed policy. His closing words were: "With these principles and this policy, Mr. Speaker, the Liberal Conservative party proposes to stand or fall." A few months later his party was returned to power with a majority which astonished Sir John quite as much as it did Mr. McKenzie.

On the assembling of Parliament, after Sir John was restored to power, the details of the policy announced began at once to assume the form of law, till every part and every principle and every promise made to the people was by the parliament adopted and woven up with the life and progress and stability of our country. Here was political honesty, party integrity, and consistency which went to make Canadian politics respected and trusted. The adoption of and adherence to the principles of that policy gave an impetus to our struggling industries, and a resurrected life to such of them as died out under the former regime, as well as the birth of new industries, such as had never been seen in Canada. I was at that time a resident of the city of Montreal. Many persons had left Canada, seeking employment, many were in the city without employment, some were working half time, and business generally was at a standstill. In less than one year after the return of Sir John to the head of the Government, the Hudson Cotton Factory was doubled in size, and a year later was doubled again. New cotton factories were erected. The Redpaths, forced out of the country by the stupid policy of the preceding Government, rekindled their fires and set scores of men at work again refining sugar and so on, all over the country. Strange to say, while protection went up, prices went down. Granulated sugar, for which I was obliged to pay ten cents under the revenue tariff, fell to seven cents, and later, to less than that. Cottons, flannels, and almost all the necessities of life were reduced in price twenty, twenty-five, and even fifty per cent.

While Mr. McKenzie (an honest free trader, though mistaken as to Canada's needs) was still in power, it is a matter of record that Sir John and Sir Charles Tupper went to Sir Richard Cartwright, then Finance Minister, and tried to induce him to either put a protective duty on refined sugar, or allow raw sugar to come in free, so as to save the Redpaths and any other refineries from closing down. They were both well aware that if the Mackenzie Government accepted the policy they proposed, either as a whole, or even in part, it would for years prevent their own return to power; but as Sir John said, and Sir Charles concurred, they were willing to sacrifice their political hopes and ambitions for the sake of saving the industries, and the country itself, from financial ruin.

Here was patriotism. Here was a pushing of country and the welfare of the people before party. These leaders of the Conservative party told Sir Richard that if he would accept this proposal, for the sake of the leading industries in Canada they would give to Government their support in carrying the measure through the House. Following this honest, pure patriotism, as I have shown, were the sincere and honest declaration and enactment and application of those principles which Sir John and those about him felt were the best that could be done for the welfare of the country.

How is it to-day? Does not the Government of to-day occupy a position that is absolutely false—a position wholly at variance with all they made very emphatic when in Opposition? Some one may say: "Well, is not the country prospering? Are not times good? So what's the odds who is in power?" Big odds, my brother. I will look at the present prosperity of the country a little later. For the present I want to say there is something besides financial prosperity to be taken into account; something upon which all real prosperity, financial or otherwise, depends, and that is national honesty, national integrity, national moral self-respect. If the gentlemen who now at Ottawa hold the keys of office had that keen relish for consistency and moral honesty which should control the chief men of a Christian nation, they would hasten to his Excellency, and say: "Your Excellency, we find we cannot tenact and enforce the principles we honestly enunciated before taking office. We must govern as honest men, or we decline to govern at all, not merely out of respect to the will and sentiment of a free people, but because we respect ourselves, and regard moral and political integrity a sacred thing." Those great national disasters which befel the Jewish people began just here; a falling of integrity and love of

truth. Lies and inconsistencies in political matters are like those pestiferous worms which gnaw the timber, and though insignificant at first, finally sink the most gallant ship. "Hear the word of the Lord, ye scornful men that rule this people. Ye have said, 'We have made for our refuge and under falsehood have we hid ourselves.' Such is the word of patriotic Isaiah to the rulers of that day.

In the budding manhood of to-day in Canada to decide, as the political condition at present is likely to teach them, that the only way to succeed in the arena of politics is by misrepresentation and duplicity, by casting sincerity and honest conviction to the winds and reaching the goal desired by means, no matter what? Are these the principles which are to underlie our national hopes and aspirations? If so, it is easy to predict what the future will be. What evidences have we that insincerity, duplicity, and in a word "untruthfulness," underlie the present political superstructure. Evidences galore. For the sake and safety of our land, I wish they were not; but they are, and every true patriot esteems truth and honesty as a safe foundation for the individual or the nation, every one not blinded by partisan prejudice, will set himself against what is untrue and insincere. He is his own friend, as well as the friend of his race, when he does so. He wrongs himself when he panders to these sins.

Have these gentlemen holding now the helm of state changed the general trade policy of the country? They know they have not. To affirm that they have is to insult the intelligence of the Canadian people. To affirm that they have is but to add falsehood to duplicity and deceit, for they themselves know that they have not changed the trade principles inaugurated and adopted by Sir John Macdonald and his party twenty-one years ago. Importers, farmers of the North-West, manufacturers, and a host of honest free-traders know they have not changed the general principles of the National Policy. But they said they would if they got into power; they solemnly avowed it; reiterated it; they said it with great vehemence. They forced poor old honest Alexander Mackenzie to give up the leadership of their party and to feel himself forsaken and with tears in his eyes to say as he stood on the floor of the House, "I have no friends," because he could not stem the Niagara of public opinion and bring about the free trade he so honestly believed in. Because he could not do what he lacked the power to do, or lacked the power to prepare the way for the doing of it, so strong was public opinion against it, they threw him overboard and let him perish politically, yet, when they have the power to do that which they condemned him for not doing, they do it not themselves. Were they sincere then? If they were, oh what a fall is here my countrymen? Where is their sincerity now? They are something more than hypocrites, they are Hypocrites. That is hypocrites raised to the superlative degree.

Because Edward Blake honestly thought that the principles of the National Policy were so deeply rooted in the minds of Canadians, and had accomplished so much good in Canada that it would be wrong and foolish even to attempt to overthrow them, the gentlemen now in power flung him out of the leadership of their party as men "slung stones out of the middle of a sling." Yet, when these gentlemen get into power they make not even one attempt to do that for which they kicked him into oblivion, only saying they had better not do it. Which leads me to remark in the second place, that a Hypocrite is a hypocrite, and more so.

The present First Minister was chosen as the leader of their party because he was a free trader out and out; because he would utterly demolish the accursed principle of protection as soon as he could lead his near followers to the treasury benches, and have free trade "as they have it in England." He roared against the principles of protection, Sir Richard roared, Sir What You-May-Call-Him roared, Sir What's-His-Name re-echoed it, till the whole land resounded with their roaring. It was a long roar, a strong roar, and a roar all together. It was terrible. But no sooner have these lions reached the jungle with their prey than their roaring is turned into that of "the sucking dove." They know that they have not changed the principles of the National Policy. They know more. They know they dare not, loving office as they do more than they love consistency. They know that if they dared even to attempt to change the general principles of their National Policy their political party superstructure would soon tumble in ruins about their ears, and they would have to go out and roar some more. "O, but they have readjusted the tariff." No more than it was readjusted as circumstances required, by the Conservatives themselves. They very much prefer to trample under their feet everything they held sacred when not in power. Were they honest and sincere then? How about it now, my brethren? Which leads me to remark thirdly, that a Hypocrite is a hypocrite raised to the fourth degree.

Political aspirants will come out very much better if they cultivate and practice the common laws of honesty. These men declared also, when in Opposition, that the national debt was becoming alarmingly big; that if they were in power they would reduce it. They got a lot of good honest people to vote for them because these dear people thought that these men meant what they were saying, their ways were so sunny. Have they reduced the national debt? Have they made an effort to do so? That very prominent member of the Government who does not hesitate to slander a small colony of humble honest people, and insult the largest Protestant Church in the Dominion, emphatically refusing to apologize when his attention is called to the wrong done; that prominent member of the Cabinet lacking those principles which

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