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### THE GOVERNMENT FALSE TO ITS PRINCIPLES

Corruption in Quebec—Richardson, of Lisgar, Thrown Down.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

OTTAWA, March 25.—A five hour speech on the address was delivered by N. F. Davin.

He charged the Government with being false to its pledges.

"Where," he asked "is the Liberal party today? Its leaders are in power, but the party is in opposition,—for its principles have been betrayed. Wanting sincerity and wanting insight they have touched nothing that they have not deformed."

Rufus Pope said that he saw signs of a general election in the threat of the gerrymander bill. He warned the Government that the Conservatives would not leave the House of Commons until they could go to the polls on even terms. The acts of the Government would be closely observed and investigated if it took all summer. Canada, he declared, is at present suffering from a rule of corruption such as has never before been known.

The powers of the Liberal party had been used in Quebec to crush out prohibition. More than forty thousand votes had been cast in Quebec against prohibition after the polls had been closed.

Mr. Richardson, M. P. for Lisgar, has been thrown down by the Liberals. They did not invite him to the caucus of the westerners and substituted Bostock as the western liberal whip. This, it is said, has been done at Sifton's dictation, his animosity against Richardson being very strong.

McCoy Gets Decision.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

SAN FRANCISCO, March 25.—McCoy got a decision over Choyoski in a 25 round fight last night.

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### TARIFF TINKEERING.

Liberal Promises in Opposition not Kept.

Hon. George E. Foster in the course of his speech on the address said:

"The next thing, he says they did was to reform the tariff and to reform it to the great satisfaction of the people of this country, a great majority at least. But is he explicit enough when he thought the only duty he had consistent with his promises was to reform the tariff in the way in which he has done it. Of late it has been customary for some of the Ministers and some of the party press to take the hold ground that the Government have carried out in its entirety their whole pledge to the people with reference to the tariff and fiscal policy. Mr. Sifton and Mr. Mulock have taken that ground in speeches which they have made very lately. They have declared openly to the people that the Government have performed everything which they led the electors of the country before 1896 to believe that they would perform."

PUBLIC FAITH BETRAYED.

Sir, this is a question which cannot be left just in that condition. It is a matter which involves the good faith of public men. It is a matter which involves truth and honesty in high places. It is a matter which involves the demoralization of the ennobling of the public life of Canada, and I lay it to the charge of my right hon. friend and the gentlemen who sit with him, that they have been guilty in this respect of setting into operation in this country a malignant influence from the very highest points of politics which is eating down into the honest and straightforward principle in all ranks of society. With what holy horror he would draw his skirts away from a man who would be so base and dishonest as to take a couple of dollars for his vote. My hon. friend to believe him, even though he associated with the Mercers and with the Pacauds, would draw away in holy horror from a man who would be so abandoned politically as to take a two dollar bill out of his pocket and offer it to a poor man for his vote. But he sits in his high position and holds his head aloft and looks as innocent as a cherub when he has, as prime minister now, and as the leader formerly of a party that went from one end of this country to the other saying: "Gentlemen, the Government of the present day bases its tariff policy upon the principle of protection which is a robbery and a fraud. Put them out and put us in, and we will base our tariff upon a policy which has every vestige of protection taken out of it."—And when the honest electorate of this country took him at his word and elected him and his fellow members and they became a Government, they utterly repudiated that policy and snapped their fingers in the face of the honest electors who believed them then, but who will not believe them afterwards.

Sir, the crime of corruption by the dollar bill is a venial and unmentionable thing in comparison with the crime of corruption of public men who will make such pledges as that, and will utterly flout and scorn them after getting into office. My hon. friend poses as a man who would not. What did he say? What he said was he would to God that he might never get power by means such as he referred to in the case of members on that side of the House. He has posed in that light of purity for a great many years. What lower depth of degradation can a public man sink to than to make his solemn and honorable promises to the people at large in their confidence and get their votes and then ensnare his fingers in their face and refuse to carry out those pledges? Would to God, he said, that he might never have power if he had to get it by dishonorable means. He sits there to-day and his followers sit with him, because they got votes, got money, got influence in a dishonorable way and used it to their own profit and their own advantage.

MR. SIFTON ANSWERED.

They have fulfilled all their promises, said Mr. Sifton. They have not fulfilled their promises at all on the tariff question, and they will not deceive the people by getting up with brazen faces and declaring against the full light of the people's knowledge, that they have kept promises which they have not kept. What were the pledges made by them—the pledges of their conventions, the pledges of their leaders? I am going to give you some of them. But first let me have a word with my hon. friend, Mr. Sifton, who is nothing, if not subtle and somewhat ingenious. He has cogitated in the course of the interim between last session and this on the question of getting out of pledges, and in the end he hit upon a very ingenious method. He said to himself, in the silent watches of the night: Laurier is not my leader. He said those men who sit around him, their pledges count for nothing. Blake is my leader, and I go back to 1887 and 1891 and I find what Blake was going to do and I find that he was going to do just exactly what Blake was going to do. Therefore, we have fulfilled all our pledges. That is ingenious, but it is hardly arguable, and I do not think it will hold before the intelligence of the people.

LIBERAL PLEDGES IN OPPOSITION.

It must be forgotten that there were other leaders besides, and I shall take the

opportunity of reading the opinions of a few of them from the report of the Dominion Liberal convention, out of an authoritative publication. What was the opinion of Sir Oliver Mowat? He was brought in as the good man with Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere to seize on the other more wicked members of the Government and make a fairly reputable administration if they came into power. Sir Oliver Mowat said: "After the next general election, I hope it may thoroughly understood by the whole country that it was at the Liberal convention, held at Ottawa in June, 1893, that protection and bad government and consequent political unrest amongst our people received their deathblow." In the very heart of that great convention of Liberals, when the opinion of that convention was known and canvassed and when its pronouncements were decided upon, the Premier declared that this convention, when it resulted in ultimate success at the polls was to do what? strike a death blow at the principle and practice of protection. Well, what did the present Prime Minister at that convention? He declared this: Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, I submit to your judgement that the servile copy of the American system which has been brought amongst us by the leaders of the Conservative party is, like its prototype, a fraud and a robbery. I call upon you one and all to pronounce at once, altogether, your verdict and emphatic support to the proposition that we shall never rest until we have wiped away from amongst us the system of fraud and robbery under which Canadians suffer." On another page of that publication he followed that out. He said that he objected to the Government and to their policy. "They want to reform the tariff and still retain the position of protection. I submit to you that not a cent should be extracted from the pockets of the people, except every cent goes into the treasury of the people, and not into the pockets of anybody else. I submit to you that no duties should be levied for protection, but levied altogether and only for the purpose of filling the treasury to the limits required. I submit to you that every cent that is levied should be levied upon the luxuries of the people. I submit to you, therefore, that under the system which is maintained by the Government, they are levying tribute on the people, not for the legitimate expenses of the people, but for a private and privileged class, which should be condemned without qualification. Let it be well understood that from this moment we have a distinct issue with the party in power. Their idea is protection; ours is free trade. Their immediate object is protection; ours a tariff revenue only. Upon this issue we intend to appeal, and I ask you never to desist until we achieve victory, until we have freed the country from the incubus which has been weighing it down for fifteen long years."

I do not want to multiply instances of that kind of assertion. Stronger, infinitely stronger than that, were the statements made by the then leader of the Opposition on the different platforms of this country from one end to the other. No one who has heard him speak, no one who has read the proceedings of that convention, no one who has followed the discussions before 1896 had any other than the strongest and most firm idea that what he pledged himself to do in the way of tariff reform was to eliminate the principle of protection and base his tariff upon the exact opposite.

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### MILITIA MEDICAL CORPS

An Organization to be Formed.

SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER

OTTAWA, March 25.—It is contemplated to create an army medical department from the existing regimental medical men with a view to forming organizations which shall meet the case.

The following voluntary committee will be formed for Halifax:—Lieut. Col. Irving D. O. C.; President; Surgeon-Lieut. Col. Tobie; Surgeon Major, Donald A. Campbell, 63rd Halifax R. Rifles; Surgeon Major M. Curry, 66th P. Q. Fusiliers.

OTTAWA NOTES.

A House Adjournment—A Hansard Appointment.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

OTTAWA, March 25.—Vacancy in the Hansard staff has been filled by the appointment of George Simpson, the Ottawa correspondent of the Globe.

Laurier has given notice of motion that when the House adjourns next Thursday it will stand adjourned until the following Tuesday.

ANGLO RUSSIAN RELATIONS.

Satisfactory Agreement in China Assured.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

LONDON, March 25.—It is semi officially announced that Anglo Russian negotiations in regard to China have assumed practical shape and that on an early date a satisfactory agreement may be said to be assured.

A Gloucester Schooner Doubt.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

BOSTON, Mass., March 25.—The Gloucester schooner A. M. Brunham, which left home nine weeks ago on a handlining trip, has not yet been heard from. She carried a crew of twelve.

Minister Drops Dead.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

ST. JOHN, N. B., March 25.—Rev. Mr. Morgan, Baptist Minister of Oak Bay, Charlotte County, N. B., dropped dead yesterday.

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