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## New Brunswick Sound Financially

### Maine Farmers Too Getting Low Prices For Their Potatoes

Ten Cents a Barrel Paid at Fort Fairfield, on June 12.

The Opposition party in New Brunswick would have the farmers and people generally believe that the Tilley Government is responsible for the low price being paid the farmer for potatoes. An Associated Press despatch from Fort Fairfield, Maine, under date of June 13, says: "Potatoes in this community, a part of the Maine Potato Empire, yesterday sold as low as ten cents a barrel—less than the cost of storage—with many producers seeking to unload their surplus at starch factories, which have been paying 15 cents a barrel. Long lines of trucks, sometimes as many as 32 at a time, awaited their turn to unload at starch plants. Fifteen trucks and teams held their place in line overnight at one factory. One local farmer was reported to have made a gift of 2,000 barrels of potatoes to a Fairfield shipper."

The Tilley Government is no more responsible for the low prices of potatoes in New Brunswick, than they are for the low prices in Maine. New Brunswick farmers know that. They know and the people generally know that this price situation, the unemployment and the general depressed condition of business is a world-wide ailment. But there is no government in any place that has done more to meet these conditions and help farmers get better prices for their produce, the wage earner to get more for his labor and take care of the unemployed than Premier Tilley and his Government. The record of this province compared with the others confirms this fact.

If the Opposition thought it could deceive the people and get their votes they would be telling us that the Tilley Government was responsible for the recent earthquake in India. The record of Premier Tilley and his Government assures the people of this province that Tilley is the logical choice for the head of the Government to conduct the affairs of this province.

### FAMOUS EGG-BEATER IS REALLY AN EGG-BOILER

The experts of the Opposition party have made another mistake. They would have the voters think that they do not know the difference between an egg-beater and an egg-boiler. They have been telling the people that an egg-beater installed in the Provincial Hospital cost \$95, when as a matter of fact it was an egg-boiler that was installed in the hospital. It is a device for cooking eggs in large quantities as is necessary in an institution housing 900 persons. It is a piece of steam-heated plumbing, similar to that used in hotels and other places where large quantities of eggs must be cooked. Visitors to the Provincial Hospital are invited to inspect this modern piece of equipment.

### SAFEGUARD NEW BRUNSWICK

The financial disaster, which has struck Ontario since that province changed to a Liberal Government under Premier Hepburn the low offer made for the bonds of Nova Scotia since it came under Liberal rule, are outstanding reasons why New Brunswick should hold on to the present Tilley Administration. Nova Scotia offered bonds for sale but the prices tendered were so low that the MacDonald Government refused to accept them. Ontario last week offered its bonds for sale and could not find anyone to make even one bid for them.

On the other hand, the bonds of the Province of New Brunswick, when offered by the Tilley Government only a few weeks ago, brought prices higher than any during the last thirty years.

Mr. Tilley and his Government and all the people of this Province should be proud of this fine record. This is only one of the big reasons why the Government candidates should be elected on June 27, but there are many other reasons, which those who desire good government know and which will assure Government candidates of adequate support of the electors.

Ample evidence of how Liberal rule has brought disaster to Ontario and other Provinces is seen every day.

SAFEGUARD NEW BRUNSWICK BY RETURNING THE TILLEY ADMINISTRATION.

### Good Roads Are Essential To A Progressive People

New Brunswick Will Be Helped Back to Prosperity Through the Road Policy of the Tilley Government.

No province in Canada has better secondary roads than those in New Brunswick. Anyone who has done any extensive travelling in other provinces will confirm this. The main highways are being improved and made permanent by constructing on them hard surfaces that are dustless and that will stand up under traffic conditions. The hard surfaced roads being constructed in New Brunswick compare favorably with those of Quebec, Ontario and the United States. These are roads that stay put and do not heave with the frost or run away with the heat.

The hard-surface roads now under construction start the program of the Tilley Government for permanent highways. The Opposition is trying to make the people believe that too much is being paid for these roads. Every person knows that they cannot get more than they pay for, that one dollar will not buy a \$10 article. The value of an article must be judged by the service it renders, and the province is getting real value for the money expended on the hard-surfacing.

The Opposition does not tell the people that through the representations of the Tilley Government, the hard-surfacing of the trans-Canada section of highway is costing the province only half the contract price and that the Federal Government is paying the other half. The Opposition does not tell the people that the hard-surfaces put down last season wintered well and that those sections are in fine shape.

Good roads are essential to progress and that is the aim of the Tilley Government. Good roads will bring more tourist business. Good roads will help the people of this province to learn more of its great natural assets. Good roads will assist the farmers in getting their produce to market. Good roads will assist the fishermen in handling their products to better advantage. Good roads will help the lumbermen to harvest the crops of the forests. Good roads will make the people better known to one another, for by travel is the mind broadened.

The Tilley Government is progressing. (Continued on Page 24, Col. 3)

## Red Rose Tea

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### Provincial Secretary Answers Utterances Of The Opposition

Hon. A. J. Leger Gives Clear and Definite Statement on Debt and How Money Was Spent.

Hon. A. J. Leger in a statement to the people of New Brunswick clearly shows the financial situation of this province. He answers the utterances of the Opposition speakers and sets forth a true picture of how money has been spent. His address is as follows: Ladies and Gentlemen:—

Some of our opponents, in their radio addresses, have dealt with the finances of the province. Their utterances do show, that either they do not understand the Consolidated Balance Sheet, contained in the Public Accounts at page A42 and page A43 of the Comptroller-General's Report, for the year ending the 31st day of October, 1934, certified correct by the firm of P. S. Ross and Sons, Provincial Auditors, or else, they are deliberately trying to mislead the public.

For their benefit, if they are not beyond reconciliation, we will once more state the figures.

In 1917, when the late Liberal Administration took the reins of power, the net debt stood at \$15,808,855. Eight years afterwards, the same, now boisterous Opposition, had increased the net debt to \$32,197,029; or, a net increase in eight years of \$16,388,174.

The net debt, now, as certified by the firm of P. S. Ross and Sons, and not the irresponsible sayings of some ambitious and disappointed politicians, stands at the sum of \$48,411,380.

Our opponents, of course, place it at a much higher figure; but their divers assertions are so absurd and inconsistent, that one would stultify himself in trying to follow them. In fact, we have not heard any two of them who do agree on the same figures. But, of course, if they harmonized their flutes, they could not utter the discordant and shrieking notes which suit their purposes just now.

But, ladies and gentlemen, the Opposition, or the remnants of the Opposition were once in power and when turned out by your votes, they left a story which is not yet forgotten.

They also left a floating debt by way of overdraft of \$1,841,470.24; they left unattended and unfunded their deficits of the year 1924 of \$587,859.04, including deficit of Valley Railway. They left the deficit of 1925, amounting to the sum of \$812,094.61, or a total deficit during the last two years of the Liberal Administration of \$1,399,953.

And these are the gentlemen who now say that if given a chance, they will balance the budget. They never could when they were in power before; for, in eight years of their administration, they had deficits totalling \$3,249,550 and never a surplus.

During the last year of their administration, these grit political penitents increased the net debt by \$3,022,591.56 or three times as much as we had last year—our net increase being \$997,986.70.

But, this is not all. The now potential wizards of finance had pledged the automobile license fees for a year and a half in advance, so that the revenues were not available to us for the year 1926. They now claim that they can do better! Would you believe them? Have they since shown signs of improvement? Their wild unqualified utterances on the hustings do not give much inspiration to that regard. If other proofs of incompetency of administration were required, the Lancaster Highway Construction of \$105,000 and the Germain Island expenditure of \$40,000 would furnish vivid examples.

If passing from the financial to the economic side of the late Liberal Administration, it would be found that the province in 1925, when we came in office, was dying of inanition; the agriculture had practically no direction; the fishing industry was dormant; the mineral possibilities were not explored; the saw-mills were closing; other industries were starving; investors in industrial concerns were turning away from the province; the settlers were leaving; the highways were inadequate to the demands of the people; the bridges were poor and in immediate need of repairs; the tourists were not coming to the province and the provincial institutions were in want of expansion.

The coal industry of the province was not only stagnant, but, it had not even the Government of New Brunswick for a customer. If, to this, is added the constant increase of provincial taxation from the years 1917 to 1925; the want of confidence in the policies of the then Government; the Musouash fiasco later settled by a Royal Commission; the Grand Falls muddle; the inadequate protection from forest fire hazard; the bootleggers in charge of the province, you, ladies and gentlemen, have a slight picture of the legacy left to us by the late Liberal Administration.

Do you want these conditions restored in the province? Those who were there, then, and responsible for that state of things are now knocking at your door. You only have to give them admission, and if they do not show more sagacity than they did, when they were in power, during the years 1917 to 1925, with their newly added planks, they will surely bring on direct taxation or chaos, in finances, before you.

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