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THAT NEGATIVE POLICY

In our last issue we discussed at some length the case against the Government as made up by the Montreal Gazette and we think proved to the satisfaction of our readers that these so-called charges were nothing more than misrepresentation of facts.

We now propose more briefly to answer the balance of the Gazette's charges against the Government which, however, being more general in their terms, are not so easily given a specific refutation by the aid of facts and figures indisputable

"The Government" never "com-pounded cases of customs fraud "which had been brought into the "courts, and this against the pro- "tests of straightforward importers "and merchants." In the only case to which this statement could possibly refer, the presiding Judge declared the amount paid by the importers a proper amount to be collected.

"The Government" never "ap- "pointed unqualified men, and "men who had been condemned "by the courts as political corrup- "tionists to important places of "trust and emolument." The Ga- zette does not dare to publish the names of the appointees whom it alleges were "condemned by the "courts as political corruptionists." The Gazette's slanders are point- less when it has not courage suf- ficient to specify the individuals it desires, from political malice, to defame.

"The Government" never "spent "tens of thousands of dollars in "paying partisan commissions for "going about the country looking "through the public service for "employees who had voted against "its party candidates." The Gov- ernment having a higher principle than the tory motto "to the vic- tors belong the spoils," desired to purge the public service of men who were "politicians" and not "civil servants." We in New Brunswick know that the I. C. R., the Penitentiary and every other government department were at election times simply huge politi- cal machines, and this statement of the Gazette's shows the un-

blushing effrontery of the routed Tories. If the Conservative party were in power to-day the old slav- ery would be still existent and no civil servant would possess the sacred right of a free ballot. The "shingle" machine on the I. C. R. has stopped its operation and it will be to the disgrace of a free and courageous electorate if it is ever permitted to start its nefari- ous corruption and tyranny.

"The Government" never "marked every year by a job, al- "most every department by a scan- "dal, and every batch of estimates "with the proof of extravagance." The jobs and scandals of the Ga- zette are like the nightmares of a distorted imagination. No doubt the party which gloried in the McGreevy and Langevin scandals and which blushed not when openly taunted by Senator Adams with the "Harris Land Job" can- not understand that the govern- ment of Canada can be conducted honestly. Ordinary folks would scarcely like to have the inmates of a penitentiary made the judges of public morality, for a diseased brain sees crime where an honest man could conceive none possible. To say the Government has been guilty of fraud is as easy as to as- sert the moon is made of green cheese, yet neither assertion is convincing proof of the fact. The crimes of the Conservative party are not established by mere asser- tion but by the positive proof which drove Sir Hector Langevin from public life and placed Mc- Greevy in the penitentiary. Now the very partners and abettors of these adjudged criminals have the assurance to try to cover up their old sins by empty assertions of the guilt of their opponents and by raising a hue and cry against the government to divert the public attention from their own past crimes and misdemeanors. If the Conservative leaders can only demoralize public opinion into be- lieving all politicians to be dis- honest and dishonorable, that would be a step in the direction they are aiming at, for then the "nest of traitors" might as well rule as any other set of dishon- orable public men. But happily for Canada public life has not yet been debased to their standards, and the past four years has done much to prove that a set of men can be politicians in this country and still maintain the highest standards of honor.

"The Government" never "raised a million more by taxation "than its members had declared "the people could bear, and spent "ten millions more a year than "they had pledged themselves to "show was sufficient for the needs "of the country." The reduction of the iniquitous National Policy tariff has on the contrary saved the country at least \$3,000,000 a year. As to the expenditure it has been millions beneath the income, and that it was justifiable is suffi- ciently proved by the fact that out of the whole of last year's estimates only \$33,000 was objected to by the Opposition in Parliament. Moreover the expenditure has been honestly spent which was some- thing new in the experience of Canada. The public services have one and all been more economi- cally conducted and with a re- duced expenditure (comparing ser- vice with service) have given won- derfully increased facilities to the public.

"The Government" never "de- "veloped 'the machine' as a factor "in electoral fraud and raised "ballot stealing, cheating at the "polls and corruption to the level "of a science." Well has Sir Richard Cartwright remarked that "a tory lad with a tin whistle "could make more noise than a "whole orchestra of Liberals." Why, George E. Foster in Kings,

the late George F. Baird in Queens-Sunbury and H. A. Powell in Westmoreland could teach the Ontario people how to work elec- tion games. Such a holy-minded horror over West Elgin election frauds! Why, in Kings County when the pure-minded George E. Foster ran there the Tories stole the ballot boxes holus bolus. Mr. Robert Birmingham, the tory or- ganizer for the past 15 years in Ontario, says the electoral frauds committed by his party would, if revealed, bring Sir Charles Tupper and his fellow conspirators into public disgrace. Wait until the judicial commission gets Robert on the stand and we will hear a story of fraud in elections which will prove the Liberals innocent novices at the game. We don't claim that the Liberal party is free from dishonest men, but we do claim that its leaders in all sec- tions have been above dishonest election practices and have dis- couraged such practices in every section of Canada

"The Government" never "es- "tablished the system of giving "contracts without tender to po- "litical friends who sublet the "work at a profit to themselves "and a loss to the country, to men "capable of doing it." Oh no! No such precedent had to be es- tablished in 1896 for the simple reason that it was the rule in all the years from 1878 to 1896. No one who knows anything of gov- ernment work will dispute our statement or the further one we make that since 1896 the Govern- ment has honestly, and ofttimes against party interest, striven to keep in force the principle of con- tract by the lowest tender. The public accounts prove our state- ment beyond contradiction.

"The Government" never "forced two qualified commanders "of the militia to throw up their "positions in disgust at the ideals "and methods of its administra- "tion of the country's armed "forces." The Government very properly refused to permit General Hutton to subvert the principles of responsible Government in Can- ada, just because he happened to have ideas which were better suited for the time of Charles I than for a free government of a free people. We do not doubt General Hutton is a brave soldier, but we are certain he is neither a wise nor discreet commander for the militia forces of Canada. Both Con- servatives and Liberals will bear the government out in their demand for the recall of General Hutton and it is certain no future general commanding the militia of Can- ada can fail to come to grief if he follows in Hutton's footsteps and tries to usurp authority which be- longs only to responsible ministers of the Crown who are answerable in person to the people of Canada.

Having discussed what the Gov- ernment did not do, let us for a moment see what it really has done in four short years.

1. It has increased the trade of Canada from \$239,000,000 in 1896 to over \$340,000,000, an increase of over \$100,000,000 in 4 years as against a total increase of trade in 18 years of Conservative rule of \$66,000,000.

2. It has reduced the tariff tax- ation of the people over \$3,000,000 per year by a sensible revenue tariff.

3. It has changed annual de- ficits into annual surpluses. Last year the surplus was \$5,000,000, this year it will be over \$12,000,000.

4. It has extended the I. C. R. to Montreal, changed the road from a branch line into an impor- tant through line, changed annual deficits into surpluses of \$62,000 and \$140,000 for the past two years; increased the pay of every

man on the road and given a ser- vice better than any in Canada.

5. It has reduced the postage rate from 3 cents to 2 for domes- tic and American mails and estab- lished an Imperial penny postage. It has given enormously increased postal facilities in every section of Canada at a greatly reduced cost.

6. It has given an Imperial preference of 1/3 less duty on all im- ports into Canada from Great Brit- ain and other portions of the Em- pire.

7. It has abolished the iniqui- tous Dominion Franchise Act and given a free ballot to the Cana- dian people.

8. It has by perfecting cold storage and establishing steamship facilities enabled the Canadian farmer to ship his farm and dairy products at a profitable price into the British markets. We can now live, if necessary, without the American market.

9. It has established the prin- ciple of promotion by merit in the civil service and abolished in large part the spoils system.

10. It has protected the rights of labour by legislation and by its firm bearing towards gigantic cor- porations has proven that the gov- ernment of Canada is no longer for sale to the highest bidder.

11. It supplied money and men to aid our mother land in her struggle—a thing never before done by any government in Can- ada.

12. It has increased emigration into Canada and has by honest and efficient administration kept our own people within our borders.

13. It has made the Canadian people more prosperous and con- tented, increased their patriotism and developed their faith in the future of Canada; made the name of Canada respected at home and abroad and strengthened the bonds of the Empire to which we are proud to form a no unimport- ant part. In a word the govern- ment has worked where its pre- decessors only talked and the re- sult of 4 years of hard work is seen in every department of the government and in the business confidence of our people in a sen- sible business administration.

POINTERS.

"The past year has been the most prosperous in the history of our country."—Mr. B. E. Walker, general manager of the Bank of Commerce.

People may well open their eyes when they read the statement of President Cox of the Bank of Commerce that "Our deposits have now reached the handsome sum of \$29,680,000, an increase of over \$10,000,000 during the last three years."

Says the Toronto Globe: "The latest dodge is the outcry about electoral corruption. The Tories want the Canadian people to ac- cept the party which gerrymand- ered the constituencies, which made corrupt bargains with con- tracters to supply money to gain elections, which undertook to coerce Manitoba to gain the sup- port of Quebec, and which most unscrupulously used all the re- sources of office to keep itself in power, is the party to purify the political atmosphere, and whose return to power is essential to the salvation of the country. Our Canadian people are not credulous enough to swallow this."

The clear and moderate state- ment of Intercolonial Ry. affairs made by the Hon. A. G. Blair in Parliament and the wonderful progress of the peoples road shewn by facts and figures must be a source of congratulation to all sections of our people. A surplus of \$140,000 is shewn in spite of the

fact that \$175,000 more was paid in increased wages and salaries and several hundreds of thousands of dollars additional spent on the maintenance of the road bed and rolling stock. The I. C. R. has ceased to be a burden to Canada.

The "protose" investigation has not only clearly proven the falsity of the charge made by Mr. Monk, M. P., against the Minister of Militia but it has proven the de- ception used by the tory manufac- turer who wished to unload his emergency food on the govern- ment. Instead of 60 per cent of proteids in his food as claimed by him, an analysis showed not more than 15 per cent and the manufacturer himself admitted that no previous analysis had ever been made. He "was hoist by his own petard" in very truth.

There are many interesting statements in Sam Hughes' last letter, but this about General Hutton is perhaps the most sig- nificant. "He fails to show that he boasted of his position in this, and declared that he had a distinguished Imperial officer in Canada at his back and that the Minister or the Government dare not move or at- tempt to thwart him, or they would be dismissed or given a chance to vacate the treasury benches, and that he darkly hint- ed that such intimation had been given the Government. He further fails to state in his brief that he boasted that he had upset one Government—New South Wales and would another in Canada if the Minister did not yield to him." In the words of the prophet, it was time for a change.—Montreal Herald.

KEEP A GOOD GOVERNMENT.

Are you richer than you were under the National Policy?

Are you getting better wages?

Have you more constant employment?

Has your business improved?

Have you had to enlarge your premises?

Is your farm worth more, your house worth more, your account at the bank in better shape?

Have you reduced the mortgage?

Have you a better home market?

Have you better access to foreign mar- kets?

Do your sons remain at home or go to the Canadian west instead of to the United States?

Have the relations of Canada with the empire improved?

Has there been enhancement of Can- ada's prestige with foreign nations?

Is there more comfort on the farms, more growth in the towns, more prosper- ity in the cities?

Would it be well through mere consid- erations of party loyalty to disturb these satisfactory conditions, turn out a progres- sive business Government and put into their places men who have no distinct policy, who are manifestly still disunited, and who would probably give us another period of capricious, unstable and unsat- isfactory government?—Toronto Globe

QUESTIONS FOR FARMERS.

Is it not true that during the last three years the old National Policy would have taken out of the pockets of the people six million dollars more than have been taken out by the Fielding tariff?

Is it not true that Mr. Fisher secured better quarantine regulations between Canada and the United States, and that while only \$50,000 worth of cattle were exported to that country during four and a half years while the quarantine was in operation, the trade has mounted to \$3,000,000 since the regulations were im- proved?

Is it not true that cold-storage facilities

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have been greatly improved, and that the value of our butter exports has increased from \$1,000,000 in 1896 to \$4,000,000 in 1899?

Is it not true that the export trade in poultry, eggs, fruit and other natural prod- ucts has increased nearly three fold, and that from year to year there promises to be increasing progress and development?

Is it not true that the export trade in cheese has increased 25 per cent., in pork, bacon and hams 82 per cent., and in but- ter, as stated, over 300 per cent.?

Is it not true that creameries have been established in the Northwest, tuberculosis in cattle investigated and remedies sug- gested, the San Jose scale stamped out by prompt and effective measures, a live stock commissioner appointed at the Central Experimental Farm, the work of the experimental farms generally developed and energized, and our relations with the British market vastly improved, as wit- ness the orders from the Imperial authori- ties for horses, hay and other war supplies?

Is it not true that you grew poorer under the National Policy, that under the Fielding tariff your farm has increased in value, that those of you who had mort- gages have reduced the indebtedness, that you are better able to meet store accounts and put up new buildings, that Mr. Fisher is the only practical farmer who has filled the office of Minister of Agriculture at Ottawa, that in the administration of his department he has shown enterprise, cour- age and judgment, that no Oppositionist seems to have equal fitness for the po- sition, that all things considered the Gov- ernment has done well for agriculture, and that there would be no certainty of gain, and grave risk of loss, by a change of Government at Ottawa and untimely interference with the wise and progressive policy of the department as now adminis- tered.—Toronto Globe.

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