

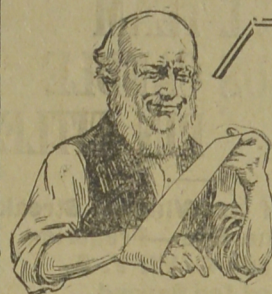
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was open to a charge of insincerity in his attitude toward the United Farmers.

Real Issues Ignored

There had been several byelections. One had been in Colchester. One had been in East Elgin in which the had taken part. Had the public issues been discussed. No. The subjects discussed had been the Grain Growers Company and the salaries paid its officials. This was simply an attempt to distract at-

tention from the record of his government.

No body or organization was clear of critics. Organized labor was criticized but he could say that there was nobody more loyal to the interests of Canada than organized labor. (Applause).

In Ontario a year ago last October there had been an upheaval which had placed in power a government composed of Farmers and Labor men. Had any great change occurred. He had

been told by business men in Toronto that Ontario had the best government in twenty years.

Tariff Issue

He wished to discuss certain issues of the day. The tariff was one. For forty years protection had been the principle adhered to. That meant that by legislation enactment it was made difficult for goods to be brought into the country. That gave special advantage to those manufacturing goods within the country. Two arguments were advanced. One was that manufacturing would make the country independent of others and created and built up a home market. A second was that it would make the country self-contained. It was significant that those who advocated protection would not carry it to its logical conclusion. Goods must pay for goods. That was a fact of international trade. If no goods were taken in none would be sent out. Hindering of trade hampered the expansion of a country. Protection might here and there establish an industry and give employment to some people, but the problem must be regarded from a national viewpoint. The government claimed to act on the principle of adequate protection. What was that? Some industries needed no protection at all. Others through poor management were calling for more and more protection. Take moulded rubber goods as an example. He saw a prospectus issued some years ago by a rubber company in Ontario which referred to a protective tariff of 35 to 42½ per cent and which said that the quality of output was equal to that of the United States with a production cost as low. He believed that. The Canadian Manufacturer when he set about it could equal any in the world in product. He believed in buying the best available and that was a reason he bought and wore the Hartt shoe made in Fredericton. (Applause).

Would that company with ability to produce as cheaply as in the United States and thirty five per cent tariff protection take advantage of its protection in putting up its prices or not?

The Dominion Textile Company did not need protection of 32 to 45 per cent. Every man, woman and child using textile contributed to its profits. He was favorable to business but

it was an unsound way to build up business which would sow the seeds of revolution in this country. The time had come for revision downwards.

Tariff for Revenue

Tariff for revenue was urged, but tariff for protection was not consistent with tariff for revenue. The latter was entirely different. He knew the Prime Minister had claimed and would claim if he came to Fredericton that he stood for a protective tariff which would raise enough revenue for the purposes of the country. Up to ten years ago it was thought that the tariff was the only method of raising revenue. Within the past few years by means of Income Tax, Business Tax and other means Canada had raised a revenue far in excess of what the tariff had raised.

If during the past forty years Canada had adopted a different line in regard to tariff the population would have been greater. Perhaps there would not have been so many factories in the cities but natural resources would have been greatly developed. Forests, mines, farms and fisheries were the chief natural resources. They are the things which create the wealth of a country. The discussion attending the settling of war disputes showed the value of natural resources. Agriculture was Canada's greatest natural resource. Four-fifths of the tonnage carried on the Canadian National Railways was from the forest, the mine and the fisheries. New Brunswick's chief item of export was lumber. Another was potatoes. In 1918 the Canadian government took advantage of the standing offer of the United States and removed the duty. Value of exports of potatoes to the United States increased from \$27,000 to \$1,800,000 in 1920 and \$8,500,000 in the year ending March 31, 1921.

The prosperity of the business men depended on the prosperity of the farming community. Develop the natural resources. Was it a wise thing to impose a duty on fertilizer and hamper agriculture?

He believed that agricultural implements and machinery used in connection with saw mills and mining should be placed on the free list. Was it fair to handicap the farmer by adding to the cost of everything he needed in connection with his work? It was not the policy of his party to sweep away the tariff in a single night, but it was their purpose to lend every encouragement to those industries that depended on the natural resources of the country and by so doing that they would be building up a secure foundation.

Britain's War Work

He went on to say that Great Britain had changed her fiscal policy in 1846, and as a result of that change the foreign trade of the country was six times greater in the last half of the century than it was during the first half. That little island from which the majority of Canadians had sprung had carried an enormous burden during the late war. The United States, a high tariff country had entered the war in 1917, but who carried her troops across the seas? It was done by British ships. Great Britain not only financed her own part of the war but she loaned eight billion dollars to her allies. The budget brought down by the Chancellor of the Exchequer this week showed that Great Britain the country, which it was said had been ruined by free trade, had not only paid its way during the year, but had wiped out over one billion dollars of debt. In Canada it was doubtful if the government would raise within \$200,000,000 of the amount that would be spent during the coming year.

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