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TWO YEARS OF INERTIA

Two years have passed since the Tory party defeated reciprocity by their infamous coalition with the Nationalists. In these two years the Borden government has done absolutely nothing to relieve the incessant demands from both east and west for wider markets and reduced cost of living. True, Hon. Mr. Foster has spent most of that time fruitlessly travelling over the world in a mock heroic effort to widen trade where there is little opportunity for it, while scorning to encourage trade where it would naturally go. So far as easing the burdens of Canadian producers and consumers is concerned, the Borden government has registered an absolute blank.

During the same period the United States has secured a new government which has introduced a complete fiscal revolution. Mr. Woodrow Wilson, on assuming the presidency, strictly enforced the Liberal doctrine that pre-election promises must be fulfilled, and he was backed by his followers in both congress and the senate. During a single special session the American tariff has been reduced by 28 per cent. This reduction is much greater than it really appears since the free and very low tariff lists have been so arranged as to reduce the burden of taxation upon food and the ordinary necessities of life, so that it insures especially to the benefit of the working classes. Cattle, sheep, swine, coal, fish, leather, boots and shoes, harness, agricultural implements, cream, milk, eggs, bacon and all kinds of fresh and smoked meats from being taxed above 25 per cent., have suddenly become absolutely free.

NEED WIDER MARKETS

Speaking at Woodstock last October during his triumphant tour of Ontario, Sir Wilfrid Laurier said he had come to discuss, apart from the excitement of a general election, the question of wider markets for Canadian products, particularly for the west. The future prosperity of the Dominion, he urged, demanded that the problem be dealt with.

"We submitted a solution," said Sir Wilfrid. "We have been defeated and must bow to the verdict of our fellow-countrymen. But the problem will not down. It still confronts us all—it confronts our country. It is the duty of the government to solve it by policy and not by temporary expedient. If the government cannot do this, then it must make way for other and more courageous men who will deal with the problem."

Again at St. John's, Quebec, on October 6th last, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, speaking to his French-Canadian compatriots, declared that the Liberal policy was still to secure the wider markets that were so badly needed by the producers and consumers of this country.

Sir Wilfrid's policy is not one of emergency. It is the steady policy of Liberalism. In his tariff, as in his naval policy, there is consistent progress commensurate with the growth of the country. He is no dreamer of hysterical emergencies. Lightning and thunder and storms have no part in his political faith.

HIGHWAYS BILL AGAIN

The Highways Aid Bill, according to government announcements, is to be re-introduced in its original form next session, "although it has been twice killed by the senate."

The senate has twice amended this bill so as to make it a bill for the aid of good highways instead of a bill for the aid of bad politicians. Twice the Borden government has strangled the bill rather than accept any such amendment.

At last session of parliament, the Liberals moved that the sum of \$1,500,000 as provided under this bill which the government had killed, should be voted as an ordinary subsidy and divided according to population amongst the provinces, to be spent by the provincial governments in aid of good roads. Premier Bor-

den, outraged at the idea of all his money going beyond his control, led the indignant Conservative party to defeat this motion. The only reason why this year the provinces have no Dominion aid to improve their highways is that the Borden government has refused the Liberal opposition's efforts to give it to them.

The announcement is made that Hon. W. S. Fielding will return to Journalism by assuming the managing editorship of the Montreal Daily Telegraph. Hon. Mr. Fielding entered the office of the Halifax Chronicle when a mere youth and soon worked his way up to the Editorial chair. Under his able direction the Chronicle became a power to Liberalism in the sister province. He retired from journalism in 1884 to become Premier and Provincial Secretary of Nova Scotia, and continued to hold office until 1896, when he joined the Laurier Cabinet as Minister of Finance. He held the latter office for the long period of fifteen years, during which his name was written large on the pages of Canadian history. The Montreal Telegraph is to be congratulated upon securing the services of such a brilliant journalist to direct its editorial policy.

Coun. J. W. S. Black, a brother of Mr. F. B. Black, M. P. P., was defeated in the Tory parish of Sackville on Tuesday, when he sought reelection to the Westmorland Municipal Council. Straws often indicate which way the wind is blowing.

St. Andrew's Beacon.—Dutch potatoes enter the United States free. Potatoes from Canada pay ten per cent. ad valorem. Yet we are told that Canadian farmers lost nothing by defeating reciprocity.

The result of the Municipal elections in various counties of the province go to show that the humbugging Flemming government is doing good work as a vote getter for the Liberals.

MORE MONEY IS NEEDED

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the importance of establishing industries through the province and keeping the young blood of the country at home.

A resolution submitted by Councillor Sloot recommending that the government advance jury fees from \$1 to \$2 was passed after some debating. A resolution asking that the government make provisions for the breaking of winter roads was also passed. A resolution favoring that railway companies be liable to taxation on the same basis as the property of other corporations was passed. A further resolution that the government be urged to publish reports of the meeting in one of the regular annual provincial reports. A valuable paper on Provincial Unions of Municipalities and What They Have Done for Canada, by W. D. Lighthall K.C., Montreal, was read by Ald. W. J. Osborne of Fredericton.

WORLD'S NEWS
IN SHORT METRE

New York, Oct. 16.—Amalgamated Copper directors meet today to act on dividend.

Decision of Railroad Arbitration Board not expected before November 1st.

Albany City 4½ per cent bonds sell at an average of 101.28 per cent.

Howard Elliott, Edward B. Winslow and Hugh J. Chisholm elected new directors of Maine Central.

Mop to order 100 all-steel cars. Appeal in New Haven bond issue unlikely.

Illinois Central stock-holders to vote November on 120,000,000 bonds.

W. A. Averhill Hartman elected to board to fill vacancy.

British underwriters agree to postpone all new issuances of securities until investment conditions improve.

Volume of current business in Southern Pig Iron not so great in latter part of September but sufficient to maintain price level.

August imports decreased 17,000,000 while exports increased 20,000,000 over same month year ago.

Envoys of foreign powers in City of Mexico decide to recommend that their governments send warships to Mexico as protection for legations should conditions require.

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MISSING ST. JOHN MEN

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which they successfully combatted.

Many times their tiny craft was driven shoreward before the furious storm, and doubtless they were ready to welcome the last desperate struggle through breakers and surf, after the agony of drifting higher and thither; but just as they prepared for the attempt, a shift of the wind brought back the greater danger of a long drawn fight against hunger and exposure—but always they hoped and fought and planned, and courage won the battle with the elements.

AT THE GEM.

Another great show at the Gem, including an American western drama, "The Golden Heart," also a Reliance drama, "Rung Plays Cupid," featuring the popular child actress, Runa Hodges. Also a Majestic drama and a Thanhouse comedy.

MAKING EXCELLENT PROGRESS.

The Burr's Corner Band, which came into existence only a few months ago, is making excellent progress under the instruction of James White of this city. The band is composed of fifteen pieces and will be increased later.

SHOULD REMOVE THEM.

Motor boat owners and others complain of numerous partly sunken logs in the river above the city. These snags are a menace to the navigation of the small crafts and there is no good reason why they should be allowed to remain in the river. The Log Driving Company should have them removed.

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