

# PRESS COMMENT ON THE POLICY OF UNION GOVERNMENT

**Saskatoon Paper Thinks That Western Ministers Will See to It That the Tariff is Not Boosted---The Winnipeg Free Press is Well Pleased---Proposal to Eliminate Patronage Evil Meets With Favor**

Saskatoon, Oct. 20. — In an editorial review of the Union Government policy the Saskatoon Phoenix (Liberal) points out that the statement is notable for its silence on the vexed question of army control. The government may have assumed that efficiency would be the sole test for appointment and promotion, but an assurance of this kind would have been in order. Silence on the subject of prohibition might indicate wisdom in letting the question alone, but a declaration making Provincial prohibition effective to the point of giving the provinces power to prohibit both importations and sale would be obedient to the will of the people. Silence on the tariff probably means no change in the tariff. The presence in the cabinet of three strong western Liberals

is assurance that the tariff won't be increased.

It is satisfactory to the people of the western provinces to note that the government will aim at a truer understanding between the east and west.

## Liberals Influenced.

Victoria, Oct. 21.—The Times (Liberal) today says:

The Union Government's announcement of policy cannot be criticised on the ground of scantiness, nor can those Liberals who oppose the new administration see in it any justification of their charge that the stalwarts of their party who became ministers abandon their principles. Apart from the tariff issue, which for obvious reasons has no place in the platform, the announcement promises the country

a policy in the preparation of which is intended to do, but the announcement the cabinet played an important part. A Better Era.

The Victoria Colonist (Conservative) says: On the whole the memorandum describing the policy of the Union Government gives high promise, and not a single proposal to which any exception can be taken. It is impossible thus far to go into details of what it is intended to do, but the announcement is indicative of a new and better era of political life coming into being.

## Hopes for Prohibition.

Saskatoon, Oct. 21.—The Star (Independent) editorially expresses "complete satisfaction with the Government's policy as outlined by Premier Borden" but hopes "the matter of complete prohibition of the waste of foodstuffs in manufacturing intoxicating liquors will not be overlooked."

## A Radical Program.

Winnipeg, Oct. 21.—The Free Press (Liberal), in its leading editorial, commenting on Sir Robert Borden's manifesto, says:

"The artificiality of the political distinctions that have been keeping Canadians apart is revealed by the announcement by the Prime Minister of the policy of the new Union Government. Here is a radical program embodying reforms desired by the Canadian people upon which the representatives of the two parties find themselves able to agree the moment they get together in a frank interchange of views around the council table. No program ever submitted to the Canadian people by a party as the basis of an appeal for votes has meant so much in the promise of better things for the community."

## No Small Satisfaction.

Regina, Oct. 21.—The Morning Leader (Liberal) says:

"After consultation with his colleagues in the new Union Government and on the eve of holding important meetings in Winnipeg and Regina, to be addressed by the Manitoba and Saskatchewan ministers in the Government, Premier Borden issued a statement defining in general terms the policy of the new administration insofar as there has been opportu-

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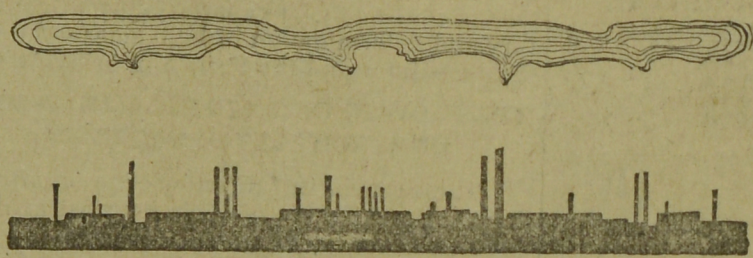


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ity as yet to consider and formulate it. The statement, therefore, naturally deals more with principles than with details of policy, and must be accepted merely as a preliminary and very general outline of the policy of the Union Government, necessarily incomplete and subject to important additions. Taken as a first assurance of the policy of the Union Government, Premier Borden's statement is gratifying and will be received with no small measure of satisfaction in these western provinces of the Dominion.

## Hope for Dominion.

The Vancouver World (Independent) says: "The policy as outlined in Sir Robert Borden's statement is one big with hope for the Dominion. It sums up and seeks to satisfy most of the demands which the people of the Dominion have been making to their leaders since the early days of the war. Most grateful of all is the part of the statement of policy which provides for the abolition of patronage. The Augean stable at last is about to be cleaned out."

## Promises Sound Well.

Edmonton, Oct. 21.—The Bulletin (Ind. Liberal) says in part. "The policy of the new Government has been announced. It is a pious declaration of good-will in regard to many matters of public interest and

importance, but it does not differ in any essential particular from the like declaration made before the elections of 1911 on behalf of the Conservative party by the same man who has just made the announcement of policy on the part of the so-called Union Government. The promises made then sounded well as far as they went. So

do the promises made for the purpose of the election of 1917. But the promises of 1911 were forgotten as soon as the Borden Government attained power. The promises made for election purposes in 1917 have no right to be considered valid in view of what happened to those of 1911 at the same hands."

## KILTIES GOT A RIGID INSPECTION

Montreal, Oct. 23.—Not since the beginning of the war has a battalion been submitted to a more thorough inspection than that which took place this morning on Fletcher's Field, when Major General W. Wilson, G. O. C., of the 4th military district reviewed the 236th Battalion of MacLean Highlanders, preparatory to their departure in a concentration camp elsewhere.

General Wilson wished Lieut. Col. Guthrie, his officers and men Godspeed and expressed his sincerest wishes for their success.



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