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FARMERS ARE COMING INTO
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Old Time Politicians at Ottawa Confounded by the Big Overturn in Ontario—The Issues Which Ruled in Ontario were Almost Entirely Federal—It is Up to the Farmers Now to Form a Government.

Ottawa, Oct. 25.—The result of the polling in Ontario has assumed a good deal more than Provincial significance. It was watched at Ottawa with the keenest interest, and all political prophets have been completely confounded. At a private dinner held last week at which several members of the Dominion Cabinet were present, some small pools were made on the result and the man who made about the worst guessing in the lot was one who is usually considered the keenest judge of political events in Canada. The man who came nearest to the actual result was a Western member not usually credited with any abnormal prescience in such matters. He apparently realized fully what every one is now ready to admit: that the day of the farmer is coming in politics, and he will have the opportunity of putting in practice some of those theories he has been advocating.

The issues which seem to have ruled in Ontario were almost entirely Federal; and most prominent of all was the one of conscription, indicating that when the Federal elections are held this issue will again bulk large in Ontario. The farmers feel that they were deceived and un-

fairly treated on that issue, and they are out for revenge on some one. The fact that Hearst was the first figure in the road accounts for what they did to him, and indicates what will probably happen when they have the chance to express themselves at a Federal election.

Try Out Their Programme

The general feeling among politicians here is that it will not be a bad thing to have some of the agrarian theories tried out in the Provincial arena. It looks as though it would be up to the farmers in the Ontario House to form a government. They are numerically the largest party; and unless they shrink from the issue and form a combination in support of one of the two old line parties, they must assume the responsibility themselves. While they have a well defined platform on Federal issues, which is, if anything, even more radical than the platform of the Western farmers there has been no indication that they have prepared or thought of a Provincial platform. There is not so far as is known any one man of outstanding ability among them; and the experiment they make make to form a Government and carry on the affairs of the Province will certainly be watched with interest.

No Tears For Beck

There does not seem to be much regret over the defeat of Sir Adam Beck. He is reported as having said that, if defeated he would permanently retire from politics. In room 16, the Government headquarters in the House, there seemed to be general satisfaction over his defeat. He has not been particularly loved in Government circles, having tried more than once to assume his characteristic attitude of Czarism in his dealings with the Government.

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The farmers of this country believe that this influence has been exerted on "the good old rule, the simple plan, that they should take who have the power and they should keep who can." The strength of those who keep seems to be waning; and those who would take are about to have their day.

That, I believe without glossing over the situation or palliating the faults or weaknesses of either party, is about the position of affairs in Canada today. Where the sympathy of the common people, who are neither farmers nor business men, lies is easily judged. Primarily, they are thinking of their own welfare; and it seems probable that the majority of them believe it would lie with the farmers, who also are usually classed with the common people.

Many things may happen in the near future. One is, for example, that the farmers and labor party of Ontario may unite and choose Sir Adam Beck as their leader. Disgusted though he may be at present, he is well known to be avid for power; and if the Premiership of Ontario were offered him he would be hardly likely to refuse it. Unless he, or some other man of outstanding ability and political acumen can be found to lead the rising party in Ontario it seems inevitable that they will make a mess of things, and probably give a killing blow to the farmers movement all over Canada.

Tariff Must Be Lowered

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deal more than what its critics would call mere economic madness about this movement. The farmers are eradicable from other causes. He feels that he has been ignored or treated contemptuously. He has frequently made advances in the past at a time when his ideals were much less radical than they now are. If he had been met in the spirit of compromise at that time the movement would never have gained the strength it now shows; he might have been educated along less radical lines, and things would be better for all concerned.

Whichever party undertakes to govern the affairs of this country in the near future has an immensely difficult task on its hands. We are loaded up with a fabulous debt, and some public undertakings which are big with possibilities for the increase of that debt. It would seem to be the worst possible time for swapping policies and trying out new theories. If the farmers should get in the saddle, the enormous nature of their responsibilities might frighten and sober them, but at present they possess an absolute confidence in themselves which argues otherwise.

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