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## THE ISSUE IS DEFINED

"The tariff exists for the people and not the people for the tariff."

That was the declaration of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in summing up the tariff policy of the Liberal party after two weeks' debate in the Commons on the main issue now before the Canadian people. Amplifying that declaration and putting in concrete form the first step of fiscal emancipation from the toll of combines and monopolies, was the Liberal resolution providing for free wheat, free wheat products, free agricultural implements and tariff revision with a view to reducing the high cost of living and relieving both consumers and producers from unnecessary and unprofitable customs taxation, while at the same time doing injustice to no existing industry.

The Liberal resolution, proposed by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, was voted down by the government majority. Although reactionary Toryism, at the behest of self-seeking and sectional interests, voted down the resolution the issue is still to be decided by the Canadian people. The lines of cleavage on the most important issue of the day have been defined.

Sir Wilfrid, in summing up the issue between the classes as opposed to the masses of the Canadian people embraced in the Liberal resolution a general statement of fiscal policy true to the fundamental principles of Liberalism, broad-based on sound economics and in accord with the world movement toward freedom of trade, equality of opportunity in buying and selling both for consumers and producers alike and the removal of the toll which combines and monopolies, under the special privileges of Protection, take of the common people. As a first step, Liberalism proposes the wiping out of tariff restrictions and tariff taxation on wheat, on flour and on the instruments of agricultural production. That meets the primary requirements of the basic industry of agriculture as voiced by the demands of its representatives both from Western and Eastern Canada and as presented to the government in memorial after memorial. That is the starting point. If the agricultural industry is prosperous, the manufacturing industries, the railway companies and the other interests about which the government is so solicitous will also prosper. Agricultural development has languished because its rewards have gone to the combines and the monopolies which flourish under restricted competition, fostered by Protection. The cost of living has gone up because the consumer has been compelled to pay tribute to the canners' combine, the meat combine, the millers' combine and the host of other combines which furnish the millionaires of protectionist countries. The restriction of production and the enhancement in price of the fruits of production have caught Labor between the upper and the nether millstones. The cone has rested on its apex instead of on its base. That is the condition of affairs which Liberalism seeks to remedy. That, in broad outline, is the motive of the Liberal fiscal proposals. The lines of cleavage have been drawn. The issue is defined. Sound economics and the traditions of Liberalism the world over are behind the resolution moved by Sir Wilfrid. The economic conditions of Canada today demand action. As Mr. Bovin the youngest Liberal in the House, put the issue:

"The Canadian spirit is with us. We do not doubt the result. The manufacturer in Eastern Canada who prefers a large output and reasonably profits to temporary high profits and a restricted output; the farmer who wants a larger market for his wheat and cheaper agricultural implements with which to ply his calling more successfully; the railway men who are anxious to transport the thousands of incoming settlers to the

lands of the west; the laborer who seeks steady employment, a living wage, and something more than dried bananas and dessicated cocoanut—now in the free list—in his dinner-pail will all wend their way to the polls to decide the issue."

Will it be a tariff for revenue only, lower taxation and agricultural prosperity; or will it be more profits for the vested interests, a continued increase in the cost of living, a periodical recurrence of times of depression and unemployment, with urban congestion and pauperization and a concentration of wealth in the hands of a few, as has been the case in the United States and in every other country where high Protection has flourished? The decision will rest with the common people whose battle Liberalism seeks to fight.

Ottawa advices are to the effect that the Liberals in parliament will strenuously oppose the government's proposed gift of forty million dollars to the Canadian Northern Railway. The men who propose to make this gift are the same men who a few weeks ago expressed approval of the notorious Lynch-Staunton-Guthrie report, which declared that the eastern division of the Transcontinental Railway never should have been built.

Reports which emanate from Ottawa are to the effect that it is the impression in political circles there that there are no longer any Conservatives in the County of York—that they have all become McLeodites. Chief McLeod always was a good hand with the bellows.

An excellent article on the Dugal charges, published in The Mail a few days ago, was by mistake credited to a weekly paper when it should have been credited to The Moncton Transcript.

## MAILISMS

The big powers of Europe are bringing pressure to bear to avert a clash between the United States and Mexico.

Those who wish to see Mr. Matthew Tennant appointed police magistrate should get busy.

It looks as if MacKenzie & Mann were going to get that forty million dollars, with some slight restrictions.

The Nova Scotia captains who rescued the passengers of the S.S. Coquid have received gifts of plate from the owners of the ill-fated craft.

There does not appear to be any good reason now for sending to St. John for men to erect buildings in Fredericton.

There was nothing spectacular about the ice-run in the St. John River this year.

Christie's wood-working factory in St. John was burned to the ground last night, involving a loss of \$40,000.

The first bank logs of the season will reach Springhill next week.

## WORLD'S NEWS IN SHORT METRE

New York, April 28—Huerta has agreed to mediation.

U.S. Steel earnings and dividends after three o'clock.

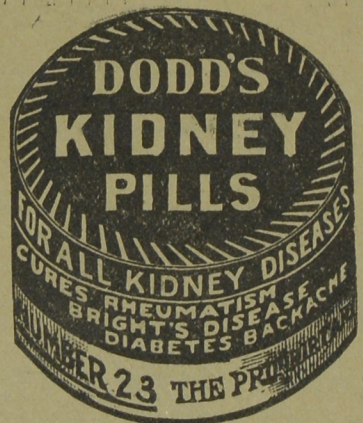
Representative Foster following futile conference with Rockefeller, says crisis has been reached in Colorado strike and federal troops will be necessary.

Vanderlip says nation has been suffering for some years from hysteria of criticism against big business.

San Francisco board elected three new directors to take the place of St. Louis Union Trust Company officials and W. K. Bixby.

London settlement concluded tomorrow.

Twelve industrials advanced .85. Twenty active roads advanced .41. Americans in London irregular.



## CIRCUIT COURT OPENS AT WOODSTOCK

(Special to The Mail) Woodstock, April 28—The Circuit Court convened today with Judge Crockett presiding. The King versus Parry Mason, arson was given to the grand jury but owing to non-arrival of certain depositions was put over for a day. There are several civil cases to be tried. Franklin versus the St. John and Quebec Railway Company, an action of trespass, will be taken up this afternoon. Hon. W. P. Jones for plaintiff, P. A. Guthrie, will defend Sheriff Tompkins was able to officiate for the first time since his long illness.

## DO CORNS LEAD TO CANCER

As yet this has not been proved, but interested parties will find nothing better for corns than Putnam's Corn Extractor, 25c. at all dealers.

## CHICK EVANTS TO PLAY IN ENGLAND

Boston, (Mass.), April 28—Chick Evans, former holder of the Western amateur golf championship, sailed for England on the Carmania today to play in the British amateur championship tournament at Sandwich next month. As Francis Ouimet and Jerome D. Travers are already in England the arrival of Evans will complete the ranks of the trio, the members of which are generally recognized as the three leading amateur golf players of the United States.

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## DETERMINED MOVE

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Applications for admission which cannot be met.

A very severe case of scarlet fever in which an adult is the patient exists in a boarding house on Regent Street. The patient must stay where he is because of lack of room at the Victoria Hospital. Another case which emphasizes the necessity for such an institution occurred recently when a young man arrived in the city suffering from chicken pox. He was unable to obtain admission to the Victoria Hospital and was finally taken in by a family the members of which had had the disease.

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