

LEADER OF OPPOSITION PRESENTS ALLEGED PLATFORM

No Constructive Policy Announced—Iteration of General
Political Principles—Some Impractical Ideas
Advanced—Conservatives Disappointed With
Their Leader's Effort

SATISFACTORY FISCAL POLICY

Foreign trade for April, May, June	\$214,156,015
and July	22,098,054
Increase	27,723,599
Total exports for July	11,174,051

(Special Correspondence to
The Daily Herald.)

OTTAWA, Ont., August 24.—The Conservative press has given very extensive circulation to the proposed political tour of Hon. R. L. Borden, leader of the Opposition, and there has been aroused to a certain amount of interest in the platform he would present for the consideration of the electors of Canada.

This arises primarily from the fact that for several sessions past public time has been wasted by the opposition in attempts to discredit the Laurier government. It was expected that the leader of the opposition would at least formulate a distinct policy, would suggest something attractive in place of that which he desires the people to surrender, advance something in justification of the methods of innuendo, the favorite weapons of the opposition, give some specific instance of the wholesale graft and corruption which have been charged against the government, enunciate a constructive policy. It may be also that a modicum of interest was aroused on the occasion of a public declaration of a man who seeks to be prime minister of Canada, to know what reasons would be submitted to the people, sufficiently weighty to cause them to withdraw their confidence from an administration which can boast a proud record of great deeds done for Canada, of which the prevailing prosperity and contentment are the visible signs.

Whatever the reasons which contribute to the interest in Mr. Borden's opening speech, it may safely be said that general disappointment and chagrin are the result.

The mountain has labored and brought forth a mouse. The leader of the Opposition has presented what by courtesy may be regarded as a "platform" but which is better described as an academic thesis on moribund parliamentary debates.

SPEECH VERY DISAPPOINTING.

From a political standpoint the speech was a distinct failure. Within measurable distance of an election—at a time when his party had not hesitated to make grave accusations of a general character against the administration, and members of the Liberal party—when the public mind was in a receptive condition—with the kudos of an enviable reputation in the city in which the speech was delivered—with the stimulus of an expectant party waiting the clarion call of its chief, Mr. Borden failed to reach the heights or sound the depths. The people are unconvinced that a change of government is desirable the Conservative

leader has no definite policy to party is disappointed that its announce.

THE ALLEGED PLATFORM.

In introducing what he called the Conservative platform Mr. Borden said there were three essential features of good government to wit, honest appropriation and expenditure of public moneys in the public interest, the appointment of public officials upon consideration of capacity and personal character and not of party service alone; elections unstained by the corrupting influences of bribery and fraud.

No man of good moral sense will find fault with these general statements. All will agree that there are three sound essentials of good government. One's memory, however, goes back to the days when Conservatives were in office and Sir Wilfrid Laurier was requesting the citizens of Toronto to throw the rascals out, and one of his reasons was, that a Conservative minister of the Crown, when charged in Parliament with having used \$25,000 voted for railway subsidy in securing his own election, had replied, "I had to do it because elections are expensive in my district, and if I had the opportunity I would do the same thing again."

In 1895 Sir Wilfrid made a similar plea to Mr. Borden's for clean public life—with this very important difference, Sir Wilfrid named the men who had been guilty of wrong practices, and he publicly charged them with their guilt. Mr. Borden in a general way says it is desirable that public life shall be free from corrupt influences. Sir Wilfrid, when leader of the opposition, went further than this—he made the direct charge against his political opponents and the result was that Sir Wilfrid ceased to be leader of the opposition, he was intrusted with the reins of government. Sir Wilfrid Laurier when occupying a position similar to that of Mr. Borden today, and when speaking under exactly the same conditions, made his charges direct, and supported them by evidence—Mr. Borden contented himself with the expression of opinion that certain things were undesirable, he made no charges, produced no evidence.

DEALS IN GENERALITIES.

Mr. Borden says the Conservatives want honest appropriation and expenditure of public money in the public interest. Very good, so do the Liberals and so do the people of Canada. In 1896 it was charged against the Conservative government that a piece of land was purchased at St. John, N. B. for \$200,000. The owners swore it was worth \$93,401 and the assessed value was \$60,000. Did the Conservatives spend

this money honestly in the public interest?

In the case of the Cross-wall wall contract the contractors were paid \$832,448 and the contract was awarded the highest tenderer—the loss to the country in this transaction was \$70,000, of which \$25,000 found its way into the Conservative campaign fund.

Does Mr. Borden think the Conservatives spent this money in the public interest, and would they not repeat the operation if given a chance.

Was the public money honestly expended in the Lewis graving dock case? McGreevy secured the contract from the Conservative government on the understanding that he was to receive all over \$50,000—the Conservative government was milked to the tune of \$189,000, of which \$22,000 promptly went into the corruption fund.

Can Mr. Borden, knowing this historic fact, ask the people to place the Conservatives in power when they were driven from power for doing the very things Mr. Borden condemns?

LIBERALS IMPROVED THE ELECTION LAWS.

Mr. Borden stands for more effective provisions to punish bribery and fraud at elections, he is opposed to accumulation of campaign funds for corrupt purposes, and would also prohibit contributions by corporations.

This reads well, but one is reminded that most of the amendments to the election act which tend to purity in elections have emanated from the Liberal government, and only the departure of the prime minister to Europe last session prevented the introduction of a bill dealing with the very question. If elections are purer than formerly and the franchise respected and guarded more, it is all owing to the enactments placed on the Statute Book by a Liberal government.

Mr. Borden is opposed to the accumulation of campaign funds. In the absence of any explanation, it would appear that he favors an immediate division of them. His objection to contributions by corporations and contractors must come home to some of his political friends who not only received such contributions, but brazenly solicited them, and the contractors were expected to be recouped from the public treasury.

CONSERVATIVE PARTY BEYOND HOPE.

The Conservative party has no inducements to offer the people, and no sufficient reason for asking a change of government. When the time arrives to record votes it will be found that the people of Canada are quite satisfied with the way public affairs have been conducted for the past eleven years, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier will continue to be Prime Minister of Canada.

CHILDREN UPSET BOAT IN LAKE.

Three of Mr. A. N. Green's Little Ones Drowned. Belleville, Ont., Aug. 26.—A sad drowning accident occurred on Thursday in a small lake two miles east of Gilmour station, when three children of Mr. A. N. Green of Madoc met a watery grave. The family were camping all summer, and it appears while Mrs. Green was out in the woods after berries the eldest boy went out on the lake in a canoe. Three little children were left alone, and they secured a boat and also went out on the lake. The eldest boy saw them and turned in their direction, when the little ones started the other way. In their haste and excitement one of the oars fell overboard. One of the children leaned over the side, when the boat upset, throwing all three into the water, and before assistance arrived all were drowned. They were: Willie Green, aged nine years; Burnett Green, aged seven years, and Helen Green, aged six years.

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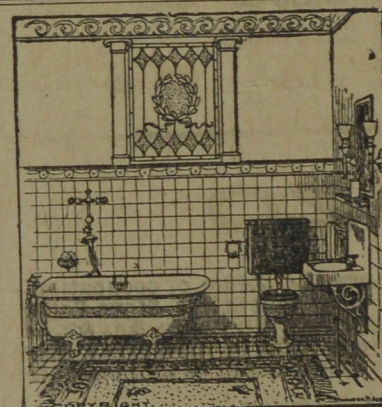
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