

OTTAWA LETTER

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of Insincerity.

BORDON'S SOLITARY PARTNER TOUR DRAGS WEARILY
ALONG

Man Who Made Accusation as to "Arctic" Stores and
Failed in his Proof Talks Purity to Westerners

BRILLIANT LIBERAL PROGRAM VERY ATTRACTIVE TO CANADIANS.

(Special correspondence to The Daily Herald.)

OTTAWA, Ont., October 21.—The Montreal Star advocates that public men should be seen often on the public platform, so that people may take cognizance of their personal appearance. The Star says: "The public will forgive a halting utterance far more readily than a face and a manner which suggest suspicion or adverse mediocrity."

APPLY THIS TO TORIES.

It is very noticeable that members of the Conservative party rarely appear before the people. In the House they declaim vehemently against the government; out of the House they disappear and are silent on the questions of the hour. The fact that statements made in the House are privileged may have something to do with this apparent disinclination to speak before the people face to face. It is one thing to make a grave accusation in the House, under conditions in which no penalty is incurred, and quite another thing to make a statement without the protection afforded by the chamber walls.

SLANDERS AND PRIVILEGE.

When one considers all the scandalous slanderous utterances of Conservative members during the past three sessions, and how silent the same gentlemen became the moment the House rose, the conclusion is reached that advantage is taken of the privileges of the House to vilify the government and attack the integrity of members of the Liberal party. This is not a courageous course, neither is it one calculated to gain the confidence of the people. At the time charges were made with respect to fitting up the "Arctic," one Conservative gentleman, carried away by his enthusiasm, and comfortable with respect to any punishment should his charges be found untrue, stated positively that he had made a calculation, and the "Arctic" would not contain all the stores said to have been put on board. Sir Wilfrid Laurier promptly accepted the challenge, gave the gentleman a committee of enquiry, upon which were a number of his friends, and invited the suspicious member to go ahead and prove his case. Did he do it? No, he failed, in fact the expert evidence showed that the vessel was not loaded to capacity.

BORDON'S PLATFORM PARTNER.

The Conservative member who made this charge, which he found himself quite unable to prove, accompanied Mr. Borden on his trip through the new provinces and spoke of this "Arctic" affair as a great scandal; but he did not inform the people that with respect to the charge brought he was compelled to admit his inability to prove it, and that it consequently fell to the ground.

WHERE ARE THE SLANDERS?

Where are the men who spent hours of time in the house, and thousands of the people's money, in advancing charges they were unable to prove? What has become of the courageous champions of the public interests who held the government up to continually charging gross extravagance? Where are the men who were so eager in the House to use words of contempt to Ministers of the Crown? Has any person heard of public meetings called at the instance of Conservative members ready and willing to meet all comers and substantiate before the electorate the charges made within the hearing of members of Parliament?

Conservatives are courageous only when protected by the rules of the House. They fear to meet their opponents in open contest.

ONE SOLITARY ADHERENT.

Mr. Borden could only find one man of his following to accompany him on his western trip. Upon two occasions he was joined by strangers, men of no weight and little to recommend them to the audience. Well may the Star say public men should be seen and heard often—and it remains for the Star to explain why its own political friends are afraid of the shibboleth of public opinion. If even a modicum of truth existed in the serious allegations made against the Liberal party and gov-

ernment, then with confidence the matters spoken of could have been presented to the people with everything in favor of the Conservative party.

NO FAITH IN THEMSELVES.

Nothing, however, has been done to follow up in a legitimate way the charges made in the House and one is forced to the conclusion that the cry of graft, malfeasance, and extravagance rests upon the same insecure foundation as did the "Arctic" charges, and is as unsubstantial as the "Blairmore" townsite affair.

Men who were earnest and sincere in their conviction that wrongdoing had been practiced would have sought every opportunity to present their case before the people on the other hand if the improbable statements made in the house were for political purposes only, then it would naturally follow that nothing more would be said after the House adjourned.

KNOWN BY THEIR WORKS.

Advice is cheap, and the Conservative press seems generous with it. The electors of Canada, however, would be better satisfied to have found the men who so glibly exercised their privileges in the House have the courage to come before the electorate and repeat their statements under conditions which would have made them amenable to the laws of the land. Is it possible that the reason why they failed to do so may be found in the words of the Star, viz., that they have "a face and a manner which suggests suspicion or advertises mediocrity."

EMINENCE INVITES ATTACK.

Exalted station, intellectual superiority and erudition invariably bring upon the head of their possessor the maledictions of those less favored in these respects. This explains why the Conservative press continually tries to associate the Hon. Mr. Aylesworth with political incidents of a more or less unsavory character. The latest canard is that Mr. Aylesworth attempted to bribe the electors of East Northumberland to support the Government in exchange for a promise to build a new wharf. No man who knows Mr. Aylesworth would place the slightest credence in the story, but unfortunately there are always to be found some who rely upon rumor and the views of others, rather than reason the matter out for themselves. It need only be said that the building of public works is not in the department of the Minister of Justice, he never interferes with other departments, being fully occupied with his own, neither did he ever offer advantages to Northumberland in exchange for their support to a Liberal member.

The Minister of Justice would approach the question of the coming bye-elections as any other Canadian, and he would naturally say that a government with the proud record of the Laurier Government can with confidence make an appeal to the people. If public works are required in Northumberland, they will be built as a matter of course, but neither Mr. Aylesworth or any other member of the government will enter into a deal of bargain and sale, public works for votes.

TORIES IMITATE, CANNOT ORIGINATE.

The Conservatives have become conspicuous by their utter failure to originate anything in the interests of Canada. They have, however, made up for this lack of constructive ability by claiming as their own every good thing brought forward by the Liberals. The latest example is the claim put forward by Mr. Foster that the Conservatives made treaties direct without the intervention of the Imperial authorities. This ridiculous statement was made by Mr.

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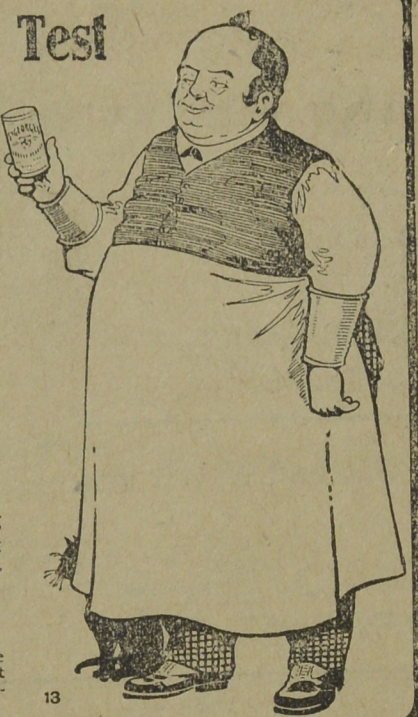
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Foster when he heard that the dignity of Canada had been recognized and upheld by Messrs. Fielding and Borden in recent negotiations during which these gentlemen had concluded a commercial treaty with France.

THEY LACKED THE ABILITY.

The Conservative party while in power never exercised sufficient intelligence, and did not possess the requisite courage to go ahead and take the initiative in a matter of this kind. The claim Mr. Foster makes in this regard is built upon a foundation no more substantial than the one upon which he based his defense of the right to use the Foresters' trust funds—by first putting them in the hands of a company incorporated for the very purpose of evading the law. Mr. Foster's claim in this regard will receive the same consideration at the hands of the people of Canada as it did with regard to the wrong use of trust funds.

BORDEN'S FRUITLESS TASK.

Mr. Borden continues his laborious tour through the new provinces. He works the changes on the speech delivered at Vancouver and nothing new is given to the people to consider. Judging from accounts of the meetings there is little enthusiasm, for the cause, but some curiosity to see the man. The Conservative press has dropped what little interest it manifested at first in the tour, and it rarely publishes but a line every few days.

TRIBUTE TO MR. FIELDING.

The magnificent reception given to Hon. Mr. Fielding in Halifax, on the occasion of his completing twenty-five years of public life, furnished proof of the estimation in which the gifted finance minister is held in his native province. Sir Wilfrid paid a high tribute to the excellences of his colleague, and humorously said that Nova Scotia had not disgraced herself by sending even one Tory to Ottawa.

ALL RED LINE ASSURED.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier took occasion to say at Halifax that the All-Red Line should, must and would be built, and when the Premier says this the line is as good as running. The same assurance was given with respect to the Grand Trunk Pacific and already portions of the line are built and the balance is being pushed on with all the energy the financiers can bring to bear.

BRILLIANT LIBERAL PLANKS.

What a program for a contented people. A new transcontinental railway rapidly approaching completion, the very best evidence of promises made to the people at the last election being kept promptly and faithfully.

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Encouragement to the Hudson Bay Railway to relieve the congested conditions of traffic in the West, and make the shipments of cattle for European markets possible without the great loss and expense now involved, also bringing the European grain market 1,000 miles nearer the West than it is at present.

The Liberals would sweep the country on a platform containing these planks, even if there were no others, but there are and many of them.

WHAT BETTER THAN THIS.

The work of the past eleven years speaks for itself. The financial management alone deserves especial commendation. During the past eleven years the Liberals have created surpluses amounting in the aggregate to ninety-four millions, and the public debt has only been increased by five millions. Mr. Foster, while he was finance minister, increased the public debt of Canada by sixty-two millions.

No sane people, having regard to their own interests, would take away the management of their affairs from a man who had produced a surplus of \$94,000,000 and hand them over to another who, while in charge, created a new debt of \$62,000,000. The electors of Canada are well advised of the advantages of having at the head of affairs a statesman such as Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and they have neither the desire nor the intention of turning the affairs of government over to men who may call themselves politicians, but who cannot claim any other or higher qualification.



AN EXQUISITE NEGLIGEE.

There is something about a dainty negligee that is quite irresistible to the woman who loves pretty things, as every refined woman does. Perhaps it is the pleasant consciousness that she cannot be other than charming in one of the little confections in silk and lace that seem to exhale indulgence and comfort. In the dainty dressing sack here sketched elegance and simplicity are seen in rare combinations. The reverse collar, rolling away from the throat in V-shaped outline, is especially becoming to the woman who can boast a shapely neck, while the arrangement of tucks attractively disposes of the fullness in front, back and sleeve, a perfect fit being assured at the shoulder by the little shoulder-yoke. Silk was selected for making the sack, lace and silk braid being used for trimming, but the sack could be made up very prettily in crepon, challis or cashmere, 4 1/2 yards 36 inches wide being needed for the medium size.

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RIVAL BRITAIN ON SEA.

Germany Jubilant Over Increase in Mercantile Marine.

German shipping and commercial circles are in a fever of delight at the extraordinary progress which their overseas shipping has been recently making. A few years more of such progress, they say, and the maritime supremacy of Britain will begin to be called in question.

Undoubtedly the figures which are being published, if not alarming, afford at any rate, food for serious reflection. Take, for example, the Suez Canal. In 1882 British shipping through the canal was over 4,000,000 tons; in 1906 it had risen to 8,500,000, or a trifle over 100 per cent. increase. In 1882 German shipping was 127,000 tons; in 1906, 2,225,000, an increase of about 1,700 per cent. In 1882 England owned 81 per cent. of all shipping passing through the canal; in 1906 the percentage had sunk to 63. In 1882 Germany owned only 2 1/2 per cent., but in 1906 this had risen to over 16 per cent.

Equal jubilation has been caused by figures recently published by the Norddeutscher Lloyd and the Hamburg-American Lines with regard to the enormous increase of their tonnage, which is now far in excess of that of any British rival and is rapidly increasing. Both lines are rapidly developing their trade with the Far East and in seas which until a few years ago were British preserves. Their lines to India, China, the Straits Settlements and Japan are some of their most flourishing ventures, and it now has been decided to put on steamers to trade with ports in the Persian Gulf, German captains not being above calling at any port no matter how insignificant.

Equally surprising are the figures with regard to shipbuilding. German yards have been fully employed, and during the last ten years the number of men employed in shipbuilding has increased fivefold.

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