

LIBERALS PERFORMED THEIR PLEDGES

Prosperity is Direct Result of Practical Application of Liberal Policy--What Sir Wilfrid Promised the People He Scrupulously Carried Out

PUBLIC FINANCES WELL HANDLED.

Total revenue for April, May, June, July first quarter of the current fiscal year...\$32,291,888
Difference between ordinary revenue and ordinary expenditure for first quarter of fiscal year...\$19,100,223
Total current revenue for first four mos. of current fiscal year...\$20,451,915

(Special correspondence to The "Fredericton Herald.")

OTTAWA, Ontario, Aug. 19.—There is only one test which may safely be applied to the management of an enterprise, and it is with the conduct of a government, that is the test of results.

LIBERAL PROMISES.

The Liberal party, led by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, exposed the chicanery, denounced the policy and held up to the gaze of the people the inherent weakness of Conservative methods, which combined, had paralyzed the industries of the country and forfeited the confidence of the people.

More than this, the great Liberal leader, in clear cut sentences, enunciated the policy which he pledged himself to adopt if elected to power, and he foreshadowed what result might be expected to follow up on the practical application of the measures he intended to put in operation.

HOW THEY ARE KEPT.

The people took him at his word, they deprived the Conservatives of power, after eighteen years of mismanagement culminating in a disgraceful incident in which the Conservative Premier of the day alluded to his cabinet as a "nest of traitors." Eleven years have passed and gone, promises made by the Liberals have been faithfully redeemed, pledges given have been adhered to strictly, the policy outlined in 1895 has been in active operation all these years, and now the people have the results, and by the results the Liberal party and its distinguished head, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, are willing to be judged.

WHAT DOES HISTORY SAY?

The people of Canada know the history of the past eleven years. Following upon the business stagnation and hard time under Conservative government the people of Canada have experienced under Liberal administration an unparalleled commercial impetus and industrial prosperity. The manufacturing concerns, which it was prophesied would languish, have attained colossal proportions, imports have largely increased, best evidence of the purchasing power of the Dominion, exports never were greater, all the great revenue departments of the government are pouring into the treasury wealth to an extent never contemplated in the wildest dreams of the future by the most optimistic supporter of the government. Department of government heretofore source of expanse have become more than self-sustaining.

IMMENSE REVENUE RECEIPTS.

A glance at the general revenue for the first quarter of the current fiscal year ending July 30, 1907, will disclose a remarkable condition of affairs. The

total revenue for the past four months amounts to \$32,291,888; during the same period the total expenditure has been \$17,191,663 on consolidated fund account and \$4,561,641 on capital account.

For the first four months of the current fiscal year the surplus of ordinary revenue over ordinary expenditure is \$19,100,223 in four months.

It is reasonably possible that the opponents of the government can convince the people that a change is desirable? What have the Conservatives to offer which will prove more acceptable than the results outlined here? It should not be forgotten that these figures are not estimates, they are actual results, and the cash balance to the credit of the people is in the treasury of the Dominion.

For the first four weeks of the present fiscal year the customs revenue totals the top notch figure of \$20,451,915. The Liberals promised they would construct a tariff for revenue, and this is the gratifying result of their labors.

RECORDS CONTRASTED.

The Liberals have been able to carry on the construction of great public works not by following the example of the Conservatives, who added twenty-one millions to the public debt in their last seven years of office, but without adding a dollar to the public debt.

Since the Liberals assumed office, the ordinary revenue has exceeded ordinary expenditure by nearly \$90,000,000. During the last seven years of Conservative government, the excess of revenue over expenditure was about \$2,000,000. The Conservatives succeeded in piling up deficits amounting to \$5,694,759 during the last three years they were in office.

This is the explanation of general contentment and prosperity enjoyed by Canada from one end of the land to the other—good government, good policy, wise and careful administration, honest discharge of public duty, scrupulous dealing with the people in the performance of pledges, and the results are everywhere apparent in genuine expressions of satisfaction.

INCREASE IN EXPENDITURE.

It is true that the general expenditure has largely increased. No apology is offered for this, and none is necessary. The financial record of the Liberal Government is submitted for approval and it is worthy of approval and commendation. The government have kept pace with the progress of the country. The ratio of expense of government is less now, taking into consideration the extra receipts, than it was under the Conservatives. No fair comparison can be made with the expenditure of ten years ago without making allowance for the tremendous advancement the country has made. A nation's expenses increase with

the growth of a business, so do those of an individual; in the case of Canada, ample return has been received for every dollar expended.

Increased development, increased trade, increased developed territory, increasing public works, and increasing population involve increased national expenditure. As the business of a nation expands, its expenses are bound to increase in proportion. No man in possession of reasoning powers will say that increased expenditure is of itself conclusive evidence of incapacity or extravagance.

No attempt is made to deny that national expenditure has increased. The expenditures have been liberal but prudent, and have had much to do with the growth and progress made. All expenditures have been made in the public interest. The government has kept pace with the times and made due provision for the future. The Conservative method was to spend several millions more each year than the revenue furnished, and borrow the difference. The Liberals may spend more, but they have more demands upon them, and withal they arrange for a substantial surplus each year.

The Conservatives spent less than the Liberals, but they spent more than they had. The Liberals spend more than the Conservatives, but they at the same time lessened the rate of taxation and had many millions of a credit balance each year.

SOME TORY SCANDALS.

The Conservatives have nothing to offer the people but scandal. Suppose they give to the Canadian people a resume of a few Conservative scandals that have not been entirely forgotten.

There was the McGreevy-Langevin scandal, involving a loss to the country of \$700,000, a great part of which went into a corrupt Tory campaign fund.

The Curran Bridge scandal cost the country \$270,000, and the Tory fund profited to that amount.

The Esquimalt dock was given to high instead of low tenderers, and a profit of \$210,979 ensued, of which \$27,000 found its way to the treasurer of the Tory campaign fund.

The Tay canal, known as "Haggart's ditch," cost the country several thousand dollars, and was nothing but a sink-hole for the acquisition of election funds.

One might fill a column with transactions similar in character, and yet the Tories expect the people to take them back.

When Sir Mackenzie Bowell, being prime minister of Canada, declared that he had been living in a "nest of traitors," he was speaking of certain colleagues of his in the Conservative government of the day, some of whom are at this time members of the House, and would be among the leaders should the Conservatives be returned to power. One of them, Hon. George E. Foster, who was at the time alluded to above described by a Tory paper as "Judas Iscariot," is the same Foster whose name figures prominently in the report of the royal commission as dealing illegally with insurance funds to his personal profit. This man will lose his identity as the leader in the "nest of traitors" in his new role as a critic of the government, who was found to be guilty of the very things he charged against others.

The contemplated trip of Mr.



R. L. Borden, Conservative leader, to the Northwest, recalls a trip he made a few years ago, accompanied by several of his supporters, who, if they did not succeed in converting the electors of the Northwest, did succeed in acquiring for themselves a great many thousand acres of land through the good offices of leading officials of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company.

WHAT A SAD EXCHANGE.

When one considers these things the wonder is that men can be found with the assurance to expect that the people of Canada will exchange a Liberal government, which has done so well by the people, for a return to the old days under Tory rule, when grafting flourished, and the country struggled on with its increasing burdens of debt.

Will Canada have a repetition of the Canadian Pacific Railway scandal? Will Canada see a renewal of the frauds practised in the East Hastings election of 1878, of King's County, P. E. I., in 1882, of West Middlesex in 1883, in Queen's County, N. B.? Do Canadians desire such a saturnalia of crime as characterized the elections in Quebec in 1887? Think of the money spent in Quebec County by the Tories to elect one man, \$18,500; in Three Rivers, \$16,800; Quebec West, \$8,000, and all down the line a vast fund provided by contractors, who recouped themselves from the public treasury afterwards.

These are the men who, possessing nothing tangible to offer the people, undertake to accuse the Liberals of corruption.

MAILS CLOSING

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6 a.m.—For St. John, etc., St. Stephen and Charlotte Co., Carleton, Victoria and Madawaska Counties, and United States.

7.00 a.m.—Woodstock and Gibson Branch Stations, daily.

WAY MAILS—East Side St. John River.

7.00 a.m.—For Keswick Ridge, Southampton, etc., Mondays and Thursdays.

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7.00 a.m.—For Springhill, Kingsclear, Prince William, etc. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

6.30 a.m.—St. John River via Steamer.—For Oromocto, Sheffield, Gagetown, etc.

9.15 a.m.—St. John, etc., C. P. Railway stations, East, Nova Scotia and P. E. Island.

10 a.m.—For St. Mary's Ferry, Gibson and Marysville, WAY MAILS.

2 p.m.—For Nashwaak and St. Mary's Ferry, daily, Nasonworth, New Maryland, Hanwell, Lower St. Marys and Royal Road. Wednesdays and Saturdays.

4.15 p.m.—For Gibson, Marysville, Boiestown, Doaktown, Blackville, etc., Chatham, and I. C. Railway Stations, north and south.

4.45 p.m.—For St. Stephen, Woodstock, United States, Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa and North West West Provinces.

8.18 p.m.—For St. John, etc., Nova Scotia and P. E. Island.

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11.00 a.m.—From Nasonworth and New Maryland, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

12.00 noon.—From Montreal, Ottawa, Northwest Provinces, etc., and United States.

1.20 p.m.—From I. C. Railway Stations, North Shore and Quebec. Scotia and P. E. Island. St. John River via Steamer.

5 p.m.—From Oromocto, Sheffield, Gagetown, etc.

9.05 p.m.—From Woodstock and Gibson Branch Stations, daily.

WAY MAILS

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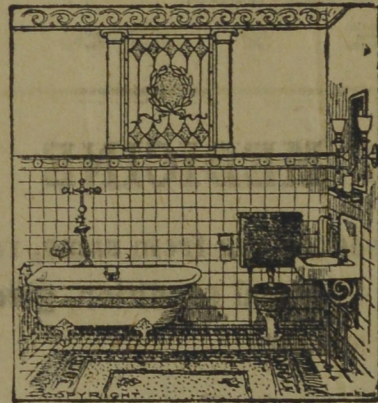
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