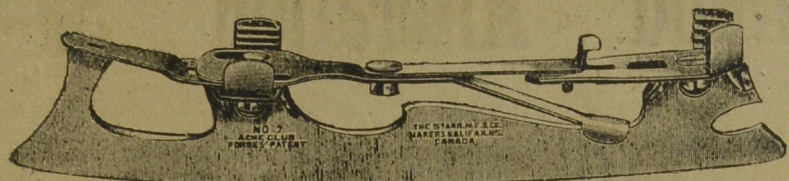


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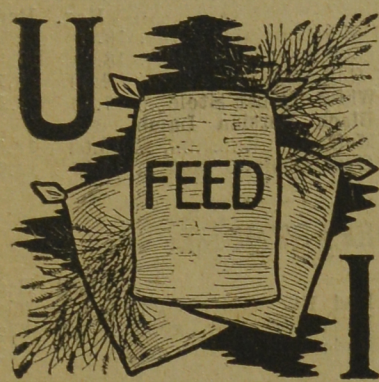
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OTTAWA LETTER

Fourth Decisive Liberal Victory, Nicolet's Big Govt. Majority

Appeal to People Provokes Verdict Strongly in Favor of the Government of Sir Wilfred Laurier—Great Liberal Gains—Laurier Built up Canada

made known her Resources

Ottawa, Jan. 4: Once more the, While the presence in the constitu-
electors have had the opportunity of en-
pronouncing for or against the Gov-
ment, and the verdict has been tribu-
most unmistakably in favor of the
Liberal administration.

This latest indication of public
pinion was given by Nicolet, in the
election of Dr. Turcotte over his
Conservative opponent by a majority
of 500. Only a short time ago Mr.
C. B. Devlin won the seat from a
Conservative by 390 votes, and when
Mr. Devlin resigned the seat, to en-
ter the Quebec government, the Con-
servatives were given another oppor-
tunity to appeal to the people, with
the result as given above.

TORIES FEAR FACTS.

The Conservatives appear to be af-
raid of the facts. One seldom finds
them discussing ordinary matters of
government upon which an administra-

tion should be judged, therefore it
may be well to put some matters be-
fore the people of more than ordi-
nary interest.

During the past ten years the Lib-
eral government has spent \$127,000,-
000 on capital account. That is to
say upon public improvements over
and above ordinary current annual ex-
penditure of government. About \$90,
000,000 have been spent on the great
problem of transportation. Every
dollar of this \$127,000,000 with the
exception of a paltry \$5,000,000 was
provided out of the annual surpluses.
In other words, during the past
eleven years there has been only this
trivial addition to the public debt,
although \$127,000,000 have been in-
vested in public works, in the same
period, and now forms a valuable na-
tional asset.

WHERE THE MONEY WENT.

In a new and growing country, ex-
penditures increase in proportion to
growth, and it becomes necessary to
facilitate national development. Among
the many channels in which the gov-
ernment has diverted money in the
public interest, the following are the
more important ones. Rural road
construction, opening up and survey-
ing new lands, improvements in the
channels of communication, so as to
carry our products to market as
cheaply as possible, increased and im-
proved canals, properly equipped har-
bors, to handle the enormous traffic
growing up in the country, these are
some of the objects requiring heavy
expenditure which ensures to the ben-
efit of the Dominion at large, and
this has been accomplished practical-
ly without adding anything to the
burdens of the people.

COMPARE PARTY RECORDS.

Examine the state of affairs during
the ten years preceding the change
from a Conservative to a Liberal gov-
ernment. The Conservatives during
that time spent a large sum of mon-
ey on improvements. How did they
manage this? In the eleven years to
1896, they spent no less a sum than
\$80,000,000 on capital account, but
this \$80,000,000 they borrowed no
less than \$82,000,000 which was added
to the debt of the country, and the
people have had to provide about \$2,-
00,000 a year interest ever since.

GRAFTERS GOT IT.

This was in the days when the
grafters and hangers-on of the ad-
ministration looted the public chest
at will. Men whose sole right to
consideration lay in the fact that they
were willing to give back part of the
stolen money for corrupt purposes
during election times, flourished and
grew rich at the expense of the peo-
ple. It was in the days when the
political hester waxed rich at the
expense of the people—when contracts
went to the highest bidder if he pos-
sessed the qualifications of being a
Tory willing to divide the spoils to
maintain in office the men, who made
possible these nefarious practices.

The money came easy, it went
easy, there were no surpluses in
those old Tory days, but plenty of
money in the treasury, money bor-
rowed at good interest rates, and the
people of Canada paid the bills.

THE REAL FACTS.

When one understands the full par-
ticulars of alleged scandals, it is as-
tonishing what a difference it makes.
Much has been said about the land
deals of the government. Take the
Saskatchewan Valley Land Company
as an instance. The Regina and Long
Lake Railway company had refused
to accept these lands, so Mr. Sifton
made arrangements with Americans
who came from the dry States of the
Union, where they were familiar with
the cultivation of dry lands. These
people looked over the land and of-
fered to pay \$250,000 for 250,000
acres of this land. Mr. Sifton made a
condition that they should put in at
least twenty settlers into every
township, on the homesteads, and
should sell eight homesteads of 160
acres each of their own land to set-
tlers before they could get a patent
for any of their land.

People in the Northwest thought
the owners of the land crazy, but the
men set to work in a business-like
way. They ran excursions to show
land to American farmers and busi-
ness men. When these latter said
they were satisfied with it, all the
Tory papers of Winnipeg and the
Northwest abused Mr. Sifton be-
cause they said he had buccooed or
cheated these poor, confiding Ameri-
cans, and had used the credit of the
Dominion of Canada to do so. Now
the government is accused of having
thrown this land away to benefit cer-
tain of these Americans, at a ridicu-
lously low price. Why? Because
these men, having a knowledge of the
management of dry lands in their own
country, were able to come in and
utilize their experience, so that the
irrigation they were enabled within
two years after the sale to them to
raise magnificent crops.

Not only has this great develop-
ment taken place, but the homestead
lands throughout this 25,000 acres
have been increased in value, as have
also the lands of the railway to the
north and the south of it. The gov-
ernment got \$25,000 in the treasury,
a large population has been brought
in and resides peacefully and con-
tentedly on the lands which were pre-
viously supposed to be no better
than a desert. These are the simple
facts of the so-called deal, and the
government should regard the trans-
action as one of the best which has
ever occurred in the history of Cana-
dian land sales.

There has been probably more
slander uttered with regard to this
operation than any other for which
the Interior department is responsi-
ble, yet the sale resulted in a large
sum going into the coffers of the Do-
minion, and a large tract, heretofore
supposed to be nothing but a barren
desert, is made one of the garden
spot in Canada.

The people of Canada owe much to
the vigorous, progressive policy of
the Laurier government. The Con-
servatives are strangers to acts of
administration of this character, and
they are inclined to see something
venal in every aggressive act of their
opponents, something dishonest in
every success achieved. The govern-
ment of the day has paid far too

much attention to the slanderous at-
tacks of men of little influence in the
country, men very vulnerable if the
fierce light of criticism were directed
to them; and the people are begin-
ning to find this out, as may be
seen by the result of the recent elec-
tions.

Therefore it is seen that in ten
years, their last ten years in office
the Conservatives increased the pub-
lic debt by \$82,000,000. For ten
years \$6,200,000 a year was the av-
erage addition of the public debt, un-
der the Conservatives, and they ex-
pended \$80,000,000 in improvements.
For the same time the Liberals ex-
pended \$127,000,000 in public improve-
ments and only added \$5,000,000 to
the public debt. The Liberals have
been pursuing a policy which brings
about large revenues, and improved
conditions, without appreciably add-
ing to the burdens of the people.

FUTURE IS BRIGHT.

Thanks to the Liberal government
Canada is prosperous. The tide of
immigration has set our way-trade
advances with a steady and healthy
growth, the building of a new
Transcontinental Railway will circulate
millions of money in the country,
and when completed will add to the
prosperity of the farmers of the
west, and relieve the congested con-
dition of traffic.

Today Canada stands at the very
highest point she has ever attained,
commercially, financially and politi-
cally. The burden of taxation has
been reduced, and the revenue has in-
creased three times what it was the
last year of Conservative rule.

Under Conservative rule the coun-
try was brought into contempt. It
was described as "the home of
"hoodlers," a place "in comparison
with which Tammany would smell
sweet"—and the long association of
the Conservative party, with every
form of political crime, hoodling and
grafting, impels its members to this
day to ignore the great questions of
administration and wallow in dirty
rumors and fictitious charges of
wrong doing.

Time and again has Sir Wilfrid
Laurier invited the opposition to for-
mulate specific charges and he would
grant a committee of inquiry but
only in one instance did the opposi-
tion take advantage of this. It was
in the case of the "Arctic" when the
Premier succeeded in pinning his op-
ponents down to a specific charge.
What was the result? The Conserva-
tives utterly failed to prove the
charge made, which drew from the
Premier the expression of opinion
that in future he should be less in-
clined to attach importance to what
they said.

NOTHING TO COMPLAIN ABOUT.

There is nothing to find fault with
our commerce and trade are increasing
by leaps and bounds, our financial in-
stitutions and industrial enterprises
all over the country are on a sound
basis, doing their work faithfully and
well and meeting the demands of the
people of the country adequately and
to the general satisfaction of all con-
cerned. While in 1896 the manufactur-
ing industries of Canada were in a
stagnant condition—many of them
closing or actually having closed
their doors—at the present time
there are not only an increased num-
ber of manufacturing and industrial
establishments compared to what we
had in 1896, but many of them have
been greatly extended, and, while run-
ning full time cannot meet the de-
mand for their product.

Letary thoughtful man follow the
speeches delivered by Conservatives
and not one word is found contrary
to, or combatting the facts set out
here. It is true that a platform is
resented which nobody wants and
few understand, and the administra-
tion is charged with offences, but the
Government as agovernment is not
attacked, its policy cannot be ques-
tioned and none of the facts per-
taining to good government are even
alluded to. This is significant and of
course is duly observed by the elec-
tors.

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Aug. 25—Beat Hosmer and Lee at
Fulton, N. Y.

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with seventeen starters, and at Fall
swamped by the swell of a steamer.
River, with fifteen rowing, was
He gave exhibitions all over the Uni-
ted States and won, in all, twenty-
three races, including four or five
doubles.

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where he was to row "Long" Stev-
enson, but the latter refused to row
in the rough water. Exhibitions were
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