

THE OLD CHIEFTAIN'S MESSAGE.

Sir John Macdonald's Last Words to the People of Canada.

On the eve of the last election, feeling that a struggle was impending, wherein it was...

To the Electors of Canada: GENTLEMEN.—The momentous questions now engaging public attention...

The Policy Unchanged. As in 1878, in 1882 and again in 1887, so in 1891 do questions relating to the trade and commerce of the country...

Canada in 1878. When, in 1878, we were called upon to administer the affairs of the Dominion, Canada occupied a position in the eyes of the world...

The National Policy. You all know what followed. Almost, as if by magic, the whole face of the country underwent a change...

To that end we undertook that stupendous work, the Canadian Pacific railway, undertaken in the most prudent and cautious manner...

Building Up the Country. The Canadian Pacific railway now extends from ocean to ocean, opening up and developing the country at a marvellous rate...

Attitude of the Reform Party. During all this time what has been the attitude of the Reform party? Vacillating in their policy and inconstancy itself...

CANADIAN MANUFACTURERS HEARTILY ENDORSE THE NATIONAL POLICY.

The seventeenth regular annual meeting of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association was held at their offices in Toronto on Friday afternoon...

Work of the Last Meeting. In business arising out of the minutes, the secretary called attention to the fact that the resolutions passed at the last annual meeting regarding the opposition of the association to any change in the policy of the Dominion Government...

The Farmer is All Right. We are being told continually that our farmers are on the down-grade to absolute ruin, and that between the upper millstone of the National Policy and the lower millstone of the McKimley bill...

President's Address. President McNaught then delivered the following address: It is a pleasure as well as a duty to welcome so many of the members of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association to its seventeenth annual meeting...

The Charges Answered. The United States has practically told us, through the McKimley bill, that they propose to buy nothing from us that they can possibly supply with their own goods...

Object of the Association. In answer to the charge that we are simply a legalized band of robbers, we plead not only our right, but we claim that we are honestly and justly entitled to a higher level and doing our share towards increasing the general prosperity...

THE FRUIT TRADE.

Continued from Next Page. Like growths that used to come in in considerable quantities a few years ago. Pears were another very important fruit...

Under our present system a man may largely determine the amount of his contribution to the Dominion exchequer. The amount of his tax is always in direct proportion to his means...

Stand by British Connection. I have pointed out to you a few of the material objections to this scheme of Unrestricted Reciprocity, to which Mr. Laurier and Sir Richard Cartwright have committed themselves...

Broad Folds of the Union Jack. We enjoy the most ample liberty to govern ourselves as we please, and at the same time we are to be bound by the tariff...

It had to be classified under the head of domestic manufactures, and the tariff on such goods was 35 per cent. Our annual import and export trade with the United States averages in round numbers \$500,000,000...

The Home Market the Best Market. Canadian protectionists have always taken the ground that the best market for the farmer and the manufacturer in this country can be found in their own home market...

Prosperity Under the National Policy. How Canada has prospered under the National Policy of protection is a bad thing to compare with the following comparison between the years 1878 and 1890:

Table with 4 columns: Year, Miles of railway, Tons of ship tonnage, Letters and post cards carried, Deposits in chartered banks, Money on hand, Bank note circulation, Production of coal, Value exports of Canadian goods, Value exports of Canadian manufactures, Value exports of home manufactures.

Referring to a comparison of Canadian progress, similar to the one shown above, it is not worth the trouble of repeating. It is a fact that the progress of our railways and shippers of every kind...

Our Splendid Prospects. We harvested last year the largest and most valuable crop that we have ever had, and although its beneficial effects have not been as immediate as could have been desired...

Reference to the Old Chieftain. I cannot conclude this address without a few words in reference to the great loss Canada has sustained since our last annual meeting in the death of our late Premier, Sir John A. Macdonald...

Canada's Two Classes of Manufacturers. Anyone who has studied manufacturing in Canada must be aware that our factories are largely duplicates of American industries...

A Favorable Fallacy of Free Traders. A favorable fallacy of free traders is that the imports and exports in other words the foreign trade of any country must be taken as the measure of its prosperity...