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To the Electors of South-East Grey

While we wait for the Liberal candidate to make up his mind, let us discuss some of the great gains in our Conservative opponent's press letter of last week. "Habitual fault finding means failure whether in private business or in our national life." I will accept him as an authority on that. The Conservatives ought to know. It is their strong point.

"Our Constitution has made no provision for the third party." Quite true, nor for the other two either. The Constitution has nothing to do with the parties, nor with the form of Government except for the Dominion it shall be federal, and it outlines the subjects to be dealt with.

He says, "If we are to grow as a nation, then we must build up an interprovincial trade that will take the place of the United States market which has been taken away." He might have truthfully added "taken away," because in 1911 we listened to his Party and because this year United States followed further the policy of the Protectionist. Mr. Guthrie, speaking officially for the Conservative Party in the House of Commons in 1929 said, as reported in Hansard, page 796, "In many respects the United States market is the very best market in which to sell many of our farm products." What a pity they were so long in finding it out! But now trade between provinces is to absorb the 614 million dollars worth of Canadian goods bought by the United States in the last fiscal year. How interesting! Will not the Ontario farmer welcome B. C. eggs in the spring, New Brunswick potatoes in the fall, and B. C. apples in the winter? But even then what is to be done with the surplus?

Three avenues of trade are open to us. Trade with Great Britain, with the Empire and with the world. Let us remember trade means an exchange of goods that if we refuse to buy we cannot continue to sell. For a number of years Great Britain was buying approximately 450 million dollars worth of Canadian goods, while at the same time Canada was buying less than 200 million dollars. In 1929 Great Britain bought only 291 million dollars worth. It is clear that if we are to retain the British market we must buy British goods. But Mr. Bennett is opposed to British preference. His speech in the House of Commons delivered May 6th and his speeches in the country since that time are clearly antagonistic to British preference. The Leader and the Candidate, apparently, have not the same policy. Since the press letter stated, "We must develop trade within the Empire on grounds favourable to ourselves and other outlying dominions and take the first step in the upbuilding of the Great British Empire which should and can be able to live within itself." The point is trade has been too favourable to ourselves to induce Great Britain and other parts of the Empire to continue to buy Canadian goods. We must buy from British countries if we wish to continue to sell to them. The Mother country, Australia, New Zealand, British India, Newfoundland and South Africa buy more from us than we buy from them. The first step in British preference was taken in 1897. It was then opposed by the Conservative party and it still is.

Though the budget brought down an imposing list of articles coming under the preference very many of them are practically useless since such articles do not find favour with the Canadian trade. The removal of the 50 per cent. clause would do much to promote trade with Great Britain. By it only goods containing raw materials 50% of which was produced in the British Empire are admitted to Canada under the preference. It is a handicap to British trade.

We hear a good deal about protection for the farmer. The farmer can only be protected on products of which Canada has not an exportable surplus. On almost every farm commodity the world price sets the price a home and protection is impossible.

The record of the 20 United Farmer and Labour members on the floor of the House of Commons in the last Parliament was excellent and will bear the closest scrutiny. No other group worked as vigorously and as constantly for legislation in the interests of the working people. I am proud to have been associated with this group of pioneers.

"Where are they now?" In the ridings telling the people the truth and after the 28th they will be back in the Commons, quite probable as the balance of power.

AGNES C. MACHPALL.

Townsend Lake

We have had plenty of rain lately. The farmers will be wishing for some dry weather before they start haying.

We will have good roads around the Lake now. Ernie Baines and John Vasey have their men busy these days.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Beatty and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Ritchie took in the boat races in Owen Sound on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Griffith and children visited one evening last week with Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Livingston.

Mr. Jim Goodwill visited with friends at Holford on Sunday.

Mr. Lorne Livingston and family visited with friends at Berkeley on Sunday.

Mrs. C. Livingston and children are visiting friends at Dornoch and Durham this week.

Our school is closed for the summer vacation. Miss Price has gone to her home at Kilsyth. We understand she has taken a school near Owen Sound for next term.

Mr. J. Baines is on an extended visit with friends near Owen Sound. Mr. Reuben Paylor visited Sunday

Strathavon

Haying operations are in full swing.

Mr. W. Welch and son John of Owen Sound were visitors at the home of Mr. Arthur Torrie.

Mrs. R. Lee has returned to her home in Newdale, Manitoa.

Mr. A. Morgan of Parry Sound is home for his holidays.

Mrs. Rennie of Walters Falls is spending a few days with her daughter Mrs. G. Ramaga.

The public school went to Harrison Park in Owen Sound on Friday for their picnic.

Mr. Arthur Torrie, accompanied by Mrs. Wm. Morgan and Clayton motored to Inglewood on Saturday to bring Miss Lela Morgan home for the holidays.

Mr. H. Breadner of Goring was a caller in this vicinity.

News and Information for the Busy Farmer

Ontario Department of Agriculture

Top Many Accidents

With the advent of haying time farmers should pay particular attention to the avoidance of accidents which have occurred all too frequently in past seasons. The life of more than one child has been taken by the sickle-bar because the driver of the team was not watching the field ahead of him. Workmen by the score have been injured by not taking the proper care when working around the machinery, and the accidents caused by carelessness with pitchforks must reach an appalling total. Every farmer should be first impressed with dangers himself and then warn his men to exercise the utmost care.

Specialize in Turnips

Wellington farmers have just completed the sowing of 9,000 acres of turnips which is about one-eighth of the total acreage for the province. Two-thirds of these turnips will be sold for table purposes in United States cities. Many turnip fields received very special cultivation this year. Some of the fields were summer fallowed last July and August and ridged up in September, manured this spring, thoroughly worked down, then plowed again, harrowed, rolled, fertilized and ridged and rolled again until many of the fields look like market gardens. Some start to scuff their turnips before the seed is up in order to encourage rapid growth of the plants and easier hoeing. Constant cultivation produces a crisp, sweet product of high quality, free of woodiness and very tasty.

Culture of Roses

In the 1930 edition, "American Rose Annual" 150 distinct varieties of roses were reported, among these being the report of testing at the Ontario Agricultural College of seventy-one of these varieties. The college this year intends to double, or perhaps triple the number of varieties under test in the College gardens during the next three or four years. The important new introductions will be tested by the Horticultural Department there and reported on before they are offered for sale to the public. Of the 1800 rose bushes growing in the college gardens, not one was winter killed during the past winter.

Ontario Gardeners' Competitions

The Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association holds two competitions yearly, one for field crops and the other for a Garden Competition to encourage well-kept premises. In the field crop competition various classes of vegetable are to be grown such as cabbage, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, etc. For both competitions to be held there must not be less than ten entries from each district. The province is divided as follows: 1. Brockville, Cayville, Kingston, Lindsay, Northumberland, Ottawa, Peterborough, Prince Edward, Red-nersville, Whitby. 2. Ancaster, Brantford, Beamsville, Burlington, Dunnville, Niagara, St. Catharines, Vineland and Welland. 3. Agincourt, Barrie, Belle River, Chatham, Harrow, Kingville, London, North York, Sarnia, Scarborough, Seaford, Tecumseh, Toronto, Toronto township. These competitions are open only to members of the Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association.

Pull Weeds Now

Much value can be added to all field crops and particularly those crops grown for seed purposes by the pulling of weeds when the ground is soft just now after the recent rains. Many farmers and especially those living in the well-known weed clover districts in Central, Eastern and Western Ontario, are finding that this rousing of the fields is not as difficult as supposed. The weeds stand up very prominently and one slight pull will easily remove them.

"The fields seem to have more weeds than they really have," states a York County observer, "as many of them usually have from three or four branches, but all come together with a single pull. Owners of fields intended for seed should bear in mind that it is almost impossible to separate many of our worst weeds, such as sweet clover, curled dock and catch fly from the commercial seed crops, and on this account they are strongly advised to go over their fields now." It is pointed out that the widespread reputation of Peel County as an alfalfa producer is largely due to the fact that for years they have made a regular practice of rousing their fields of weeds.

Cleanliness Needed

If Ontario livestock breeders are to maintain the lucrative market which obtains to-day it is not sufficient that they have plenty of good animals to sell. In order to keep outside buyers interested, the surroundings in which the cattle are kept should be attractive. One breeder who has had remarkable success in selling livestock, recently observed that next to the condition and quality of the animals for

sale, the neatness and cleanliness around the barn were the most important factors in predisposing a man to buy. They indicate the farmer's pride in his business and give the impression of prosperity. When a buyer finds a breeder enthusiastic over his breed and proud of the success which his herd is bringing him, it is not difficult to sell the cattle which are before him.

SWEET CLOVER AS MANURE

During recent years many farmers have been growing sweet clover in rotation with potatoes. A full crop of sweet clover ploughed under may be considered worth as much as 25 to 30 tons of barley manure. Where farmers have plenty of manure available it may not be desirable to grow sweet clover for the purpose of plowing it down but where the manure supply is limited it has been profitable to follow the above plan of action. The most essential precautions to be observed in growing sweet clover are to make sure that the soil is not acid, that it is well enough drained to prevent leaching and that the seed is inoculated.

Current Crop Report

According to reports received from practically every county, crops in Ontario are looking exceptionally well and promise to give heavier yields than have been enjoyed for some time. Over most of the province hay will give a larger yield than last year. Fall wheat is headed out and barley and oats are heading out in the southern part of the province. Cutting of alfalfa and sweet clover has been fairly general during the past ten days and haying is now in full swing throughout the province. Dairy production is at its peak but farmers are dissatisfied with the prices being paid for milk products for the manufacture of butter, cheese and condensed milk. An abundance of rain brought along the pastures which are in fine condition in most sections. Picking of strawberries and cherries is now general in the fruit-growing districts.

Our Ottawa Letter

Prospects for the success of the Conservative party at the polls never looked brighter than they do now, according to competent observers, who believe that the appeal made to the voters of the West by Hon. R. B. Bennett has done a tremendous amount of good.

Wherever the Conservative leader showed himself on his Western trip he was received with a great deal of enthusiasm; an enthusiasm which not only was personal because Hon. R. B. Bennett has long been a Westerner himself, but was largely caused by the fact that he brought a message of hope to the new west which has developed in the post war years.

Protection is no longer a bugbear in the West. Cities there are big coming industrial. Farmers are interested in providing employment for those sons and daughters who will not stay on the land. The value of protection has been brought home to them by the blunders of the Mackenzie King government in the New Zealand butter preference which has resulted in losses amounting to millions of dollars to the budding western dairy industry. A British preference scheme such as outlined by Hon. R. B. Bennett, involving a British preference for Canadian wheat is much more to the farmer's liking than the one-sided proposals of Mackenzie King.

Something of this feeling was shown in Saskatchewan last year when the Liberal provincial government was swept out of power. Something of it was shown in the provincial election in Alberta last week when three Conservative members were elected for Edmonton, Progressive, Liberals and Labor getting only one seat apiece.

There are changes coming about in the West.

Conservatives faith in victory has also been upheld in New Brunswick through the return of the Barter government with an overwhelming majority, in spite of the fact that the Federal party threw its full weight into the campaign.

Voters of New Brunswick remembered that the Duncan report has been only partially implemented so far and that the Liberal government has been most regretfully dilatory in dealing with the just grievances of the maritimes.

These are many factors working against Mackenzie King, and not the least of these is the natural resentment caused by his disregard of the unemployment problem which even yet exists in Canada.

Again and again it has been made manifest that the Canadian worker is hotly resentful of the Minister's vicious parliamentarism as shown in his infamous "not a five cent piece for an unemployed in Conservative provinces" speech.

In his public speeches since the election campaign started Mackenzie King has insisted that Canada is prosperous. He has once or twice admitted that there might be a "slight" depression, but he has waved it away as something very temporary and not worthy of his notice.

His stand is in marked contrast to that of Hon. R. B. Bennett who has recognized federal responsibility in dealing with unemployment problems and at Winnipeg promised that a special session of parliament shall be held to deal with this subject immediately after the Conservatives have been elected to power.

The workman of Canada, whose family was close to starvation during the past winter and spring while Mackenzie King ignored his appeals for aid and assured him that employment figures for Canada were higher than ever, will remember this when he goes to the polls.

County and District

The Meaford Board of Trade has offered a trophy in a fishing competition for tourists.

Mr. Thos. F. Reid, a pioneer settler and one of the oldest citizens of Orangeville, died at his home there on June 10th.

Mr. A. W. Buschlen of Arthur was recently re-elected president of the Wellington County Druggists Association at a meeting held in Harrison.

While standing on a chair in her home at Fiesherston, Mrs. (Dr.) W. D. Bryce fell and injured her leg. She was immediately taken to Owen Sound.

Mr. Bob Storey has been elected president of the newly formed Collingwood athletic club, which has been formed to further amateur athletics.

Mr. William Gray, yard foreman for the Durham Furniture Company was instantly killed when engaged in unloading a flat car of logs at the C.P.R. tracks.

Saugen Rahn-De-Voo is the name selected by Mr. Geo. B. Rahn of Hanover, for his new dancing pavilion situated about a mile west of that town on the Saugen river.

Mrs. Josephine Angeline Gabriel, a well known resident of Shelburne passed away on Monday, June 9th, at the residence of her son, William Spilker, after an illness of only a day.

Jack German of Grand Valley sustained serious injuries and narrowly escaped what might have proven to be fatal injuries one day recently when he attempted to jump on the running board of a moving truck.

In recognition of his faithful services of 40 years as treasurer of the township of Collingwood, Mr. Chas. Pyle was tendered a banquet in the community hall tea rooms in Clark-street last Monday. The occasion also marked his 79th birthday.

Chas. Hood, Provincial traffic officer for Highway No. 6, was struck by a car near Durham recently and sustained a badly broken leg, the fracture being about four inches above the knee. He was also cut about the leg, and otherwise badly shaken up.

Mr. Ira Merriam has been chosen by the Board as the new principal of Fiesherston Public School in place of Mr. R. G. Holland, who resigned a few weeks ago. Mr. Merriam has excellent qualifications for the position and has been teaching at Lion's Head for the past year.—Fiesherston Advance.

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THE CONSERVATIVE PLATFORM

The Conservative party under the leadership of Hon. R. B. Bennett have pledged themselves as follows, as reported in Mr. Bennett's speech at Winnipeg on June 9th:

We pledge ourselves to a policy of protection for Canadians in the development of our national resources, our agricultural and industrial life, and our consumers from exploitation.

We pledge ourselves to foster and develop our agriculture, and the live stock and dairy industries, now so sadly neglected.

We pledge ourselves to the stabilization of economic conditions, and to continuity of trade and freedom from the manipulation of home and foreign markets.

We pledge ourselves to the development of inter-provincial trade, and of a Canadian fuel policy and development of a foreign market.

We pledge ourselves to the improvement of the course scheme of Canadian transportation machinery, by the completion of the Hudson Bay route, and the reconstruction of such branches as may be necessary to render it most readily available to every part of a continent to the Pacific Slope by land, by air, and east and west by the development of the St. Lawrence Waterway, and to pledge ourselves to aid existing traffic channels and to increase port facilities on the Great Lakes, the Hudson Bay and the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, and to the establishment of a national highway system.

We pledge ourselves to foster and support a plan for greater empire trade based on mutual advantage.

We pledge ourselves to a national old age pension scheme.

We pledge ourselves to such compensating adjustment as will insure the benefit of the above policies to every part of Canada.

Could any platform be more specific than this? It is a platform that is of interest to every part of Canada; one that will solve to a great extent our present unemployment, and with the opening of foreign markets, and the protection of our Canadian farmers from unfair foreign competition will undoubtedly lead to the better prosperity of the Canadian farmer. The Conservative platform should prove of especial benefit to the farmers of South-East Grey, for with the protection of our industries the Canadian workmen will have steady employment, and with a regular weekly pay envelope at his command can buy and pay for the products of the farm as he may require them. Non-employment in our factories means decreased earning power for our artisans; this decreased earning power and the absence of the weekly pay envelope means hardships not only for our workmen but for the farmer as well.

A feature of Mr. Bennett's address is that he advocates the same policy in Halifax as in Vancouver. He makes no appeal to sectionalism. Rather the Conservative leader is calling upon the voters to vote for Canada, its future prosperity, and with it their ultimate happiness.

Mr. Bennett, and through him the Conservative party, recognizes that to prosper, a country must sell in the best available markets what it produces, and must produce more than its requirements, and that markets in which it sells must always be open. What does the West—what does all Canada—need today? Broader markets open to us all the year round and open year after year? Of what use is it for a man to produce if he cannot sell or sell now, if he may be prohibited to-morrow? What is the matter in the West with our wheat, our foodstuffs, our cattle and our dairy industry? Farmers work from daylight till dark and produce the best in Canada. Why are your sons leaving the farms? Why do they stand idle in the city streets? Not because they will not work if there were work to do.

The answer is that you cannot sell to advantage what you produce, and we will produce many times what we produce to-day, but you cannot and you will not, until you have the markets in which to sell profitably, sell to the best advantage.

Yours sincerely,
L. G. CAMPBELL.