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How persistently the government tries to divert public attention from the evidences of maladministration that have been accumulating against them during the past few years. Their defence continues in the old lines of raising other issues entirely irrelevant to the line of attack. They can find no justification for their deeds, but still seek to avert honest warfare by picking flaws in the work of their opponents and thanking heaven they are not as other men are. Here is an example of the low despicable means the government and its press are prepared to resort to to deceive the people in the hope of drawing attention from their own misdeeds. The Citizen, the government organ here, in discussing the duty on agricultural implements, says:—"There was scarcely a member of the opposition who did not plead for 'fair play' for the implement manufacturer when the government proposed the reduction of duty." What was the motive of the government organ in publishing that paragraph? Nothing more nor less than to convey the impression that the Liberal party in parliament had championed the cause of the implement manufacturer by opposing a reduction of duty and the consequent lowering of his protection. Can you make anything else out of it? What are the facts? Sir Richard Cartwright and other Liberal members urged the government last session to lower the duty on the raw material the agricultural implement manufacturer used in his factory that he might be in a position to manufacture more cheaply and consequently be able to supply to the farmer his implements at less cost. The Citizen is not the only government organ that has endeavored to distort these facts into making the Liberal party the champions of the manufacturer and of protection. It shows the dishonest means the Conservative party will resort to, the unfair way they will wage in the hope of drawing public attention from their own sins. If nothing more it furnishes evidence of the weakness of their own case, and a desperate case it must be when we find their whole defence being made up of such deceitful arguments. If they would practice the same economy in the administration of our public affairs that they do in economizing the truth, we would, indeed, be a prosperous country.

For giving expression to views held by myself in my letters I have frequently been attacked when in some detail they might differ from those held by a few individual members of the Liberal party. Freedom of thought and freedom of speech is one of the prominent planks in the Liberal platform. It is not so with their opponents. They are not allowed to think for themselves, but must accept what the "Star Chamber" sees fit to lay before them. They are taught to believe "the king can do no wrong." Their policy is directed by the monopolist and manufacturer; the Liberal policy by the general welfare of the country; the people who pay the taxes. Is it not so? Manufacturer, Money and Monopoly stand in gilt letters on the banner of the Tory party, for they are the three elements to which they owe their lease of power. My object is to arouse public feeling against this sort of government. My methods may be original or they may be a reflection of those already advanced, but be what they may if I can only be instrumental in assisting to awaken those people who have been satisfied to drift along, to the easy victims they have been for a dishonest government to operate upon, then I have accomplished my purpose. Anyway, I challenge contradiction of any statement I may make in the course of my letters, or figures I may use in support of my argument. So much for apology. Let us talk of the duties before you.

SENATE REFORM.

One of the planks in the Liberal platform is "Senate Reform." What we have first to consider is whether the Senate is a necessary piece of our legislative machinery. If it could be made to take the position it was originally intended it should take in our parliamentary work, its mission, as a check on legislation, would be a most important and useful one. That can never be while the composition of the Upper House stands as it does at the present, for in the Senate we find but six Liberals out of a total number of seventy-nine. If we believe the Senate is necessary to secure honest legislation, then we must look about for means by which the evils of the present system may be removed. The only way is to make that body elective. Now here is a subject for the electors, the people who foot the bills, to study out. Let the rank and file co-operate with the leaders and solve the question. There are as good men out of parliament as there are in it. There are men among our farmers in the rural districts who, while possibly they have not shared the same advantages of education as some of the men they send to parliament to represent them, have been endowed by the Almighty with

far more practical common sense than those they send to Ottawa. You would realize this fact had you sat in the press gallery as I have for the past fifteen years. To return to the Senate. If we accept the idea that the Senate must be elective, what surer means could be devised of securing a fair division than by grouping the counties together, say three counties into a senatorial district, and allow the municipal councils of those three counties to join together in the election of a Senator to represent the district. In the first place you would be vesting the municipal councils with a responsibility and power that would certainly arouse a greater interest in our Federal Government. Again, knowing that there was something in the municipal council beyond the distribution of road money and administration of local affairs, would you not get the best men in your municipal councils from which schools your parliamentary representatives might graduate. This phase of the question seems reasonable; evolve it in your minds. There are single counties in the Dominion having three representatives in the Senate, while there are groups of five or six counties that have never been represented in the Upper House. If the people are to be represented in the Senate the system of appointment must be abolished and the elective system adopted. It is the government and not the people that are now represented in the Upper Chamber. Assist the Liberal leaders in reforming it. Ottawa, Sept. 1st, 1894.

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Evening—Grounds illuminated and all special features going up to 10 o'clock. The great land and naval spectacle, the Siege of Algiers, and display of fireworks.

TUESDAY—Germania Day—Every department open till 10 p. m. All horses and cattle will be in the rings and judging in progress. International dog show, poultry, natural history, and fish hatchery exhibit, flowers and fruit displays. Special features in the horse ring, including running races for farmers' horses, open flat handicap, hurdle races, pony races, &c. Dog races, chariot races, umbrella races. Balloon ascensions, Japanese day fireworks, and entertainment by specialty company in front of grand stand. Also all the other features, the living picture, Cooper's painting, Vienna Ladies' Court Orchestra, phantom car, minstrel company and other novelties.

Evening—Illumination of grounds and buildings. All the special features and the Siege of Algiers, with display of fireworks.

WEDNESDAY—Farmers' Day—All live stock in the ring during the day, and every department of exhibition open till 10 p. m. Judging of thoroughbred and carriage horses, hunters and saddle horses. Judging of Ayrshires, Jerseys, Guernseys and Holstein cattle. Exhibition of roadster and carriage horses. Farmers trotting race. Match between the trotting dogs Doc and Victor. Hurdle jumping contests and high jumping by Welsh ponies. Exhibit and speeding of light horses on the track. Races by the Kemp Combination with their dozen thoroughbred horses. Balloon ascensions, wrestling lion and leopards, boxing kangaroo, and other features.

Evening—Illumination of grounds and buildings. Band concerts, and the Siege of Algiers.

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EVENING—Special performances in front of grand stand, and the great land and naval spectacle, the Siege of Algiers.

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EVENING—Illumination of the grounds and buildings, and the Siege of Algiers, with display of fireworks.

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