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Our Ottawa Letter.

Here is a sample Tory argument. The Montreal Herald a few days ago stated that "a revenue tariff will produce revenue." Commenting on this fact the Citizen, the government organ at the Capital, says: "Now, let the smart Aleck who pronounced this weighty utterance make one more effort and explain how revenue is to be raised by a tariff which frees all the raw materials of manufacture and is at the same time devoid of every trace of protection." Will the Citizen answer whether it knows the difference between a revenue and a protective tariff? Under a revenue tariff of 17 1/2 per cent. the late Alexander Mackenzie was able to raise a revenue sufficient to meet all legitimate and warrantable expenditure. It is true that in balancing his accounts on one or two occasions he found a deficit in his treasury, that his expenditure had exceeded his revenue, but that was due to the liabilities and obligations incurred by his predecessors through their reckless administration of the affairs of the country, which he could not honestly repudiate, and which has been a characteristic feature of Tory Government ever since they returned to power in 1878.

Let us look at the facts as they are presented to us by the official returns furnished by the government and we may discover why the government and its organs denounce a revenue tariff as impracticable to meet the requirements of the exchequer. First look at the revenue collected through the customs tariff last year as compared with 1878. You may be surprised to learn that it increased just 64 per cent. When, in 1878, Mr. Mackenzie took out of your pockets through the customs house \$100, the Tory government last year extorted from you \$164. Possibly a revenue tariff would not supply the funds for such reckless and criminal extravagance.

While there is a limit to the purchasing power and to the actual requirements of a country, experience has taught that reduced duties increase importation and consequently receipts from customs duties. It is a deplorable condition of affairs, is it not, when a government, knowing that the people have no alternative than to import, pile the customs duties upon them that they may have a full treasury to draw against to meet their criminal and dishonest expenditures. The Citizen is quite right in saying that a revenue tariff would fail in this case. A revenue tariff meets the needs of legitimate expenditure, but it is the death warrant to corrupt and dishonest government. That is why the Tory organs tell you it is impracticable. A government that finds it necessary to increase the revenue taken out of the people through the customs house 64 per cent., while the country's population has only increased 21 per cent., has reason to fear that they would find it difficult to continue house-keeping in the same luxurious manner if they depended on a revenue tariff to keep them in funds.

A change from a protective or high tariff to a revenue tariff means, as I before stated, increased imports and consequently proportionately increased receipts from customs duties, but as there is a limit to importation when it had reached the point of actual needs and to the revenue to be derived from this source, and this is just what the Tories do not want. They have educated themselves up to lavish expenditure, and to have their supplies restricted would be like dropping from affluence to poverty. The Liberals contend that if the manufacturer without imposing such high duties on the farmers' implements, the mechanics' tools of trade and other articles of manufacture the poor man requires, as to force him to pay the exorbitant duties or pay the Canadian manufacturer whatever price he may demand.

When the Tory leaders and their organs tell you that the country could not now be run on a moderate tariff this fact must be borne in mind, that the Liberal leaders do not propose raising the amount of revenue it is now required to run a Tory government. Their policy is retrenchment, not extravagance.

We are often told that there is not that esprit de corps, that unity among the Liberal leaders that there is among the Conservatives, and there is much truth in the saying. Remove the opportunities for boodling from the Tories and you would have a different story. Just as the fly finds adhesion about the molasses jug, so do the Tories find it about the treasury chest, for with them it is legitimate spoil and they work to the one end. They are consolidated in their efforts; they are a happy and united family, and the taxpayers, with their hard-earned wages, are the dupes. If you knew that a gang of robbers had banded together to raid your farm, would you not take some steps to provide against the attack? and if you had your property stolen once would you not take some means to save what little they had left you against further incursions? Surely you must,

before this, have awakened to the fact that you have been the victims for years of a system of organized and wholesale robbery. You may laugh at the statement, but if you will take the trouble to review the political history at Ottawa for the past fifteen years you can only arrive at the one conclusion, that you have been swindled and robbed of your money right and left, and that you have encouraged the steal. They promised you in 1878 that if you returned them to power they would run the country for the same amount of money the Liberal government was spending. What has been the result? In customs taxes alone they have taken one hundred and ten millions more out of your pockets than they would have taken had they kept their promises. They have also added one hundred and five million dollars to your national debt. Could such a deplorable condition of affairs have gone on under honest government? Can you not see why they are opposed to a revenue tariff, a tariff that would only produce sufficient revenue for legitimate needs. How much of your hard-earned wages and savings has gone in the way of legitimate expenditure and how much towards keeping Tory politicians in affluence while they look on and smile at your credulity and generosity. Is it a wonder that adhesion and consolidation should be found more pronounced among the Tories than among the Liberals? There is a mutual benefit society, but your qualifications to membership are not found in the ritual of the Liberal party.

Ottawa, Sept. 29th, 1894.

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News Notes.

Mr. Parker Ketchum, the owner of the celebrated trotting dog "Doc," committed suicide on Saturday last at his home in Brighton.

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Village Council.

Pursuant to a call by the Reeve, the Village Council met in the Council Chamber on Friday, September 26th, 1894, at 8 p. m. Members present: the Reeve, Councillors Atkinson, Mortson, and Palmer.

The minutes of the 10th of September were read and approved.

The following accounts were submitted and read:

Levi Gaby, teaming tar, &c., work on streets, &c.....	\$74 05
Charles Mason, sundries for park buildings and nails, &c.....	21 68
W. R. Proctor, teaming and coal account.....	21 50
Alexander Moodie, nails, &c.....	3 28
Henry Rumble, account for sand..	16 90
Patterson & Brother, (Toronto) tar	4 50
John Dutcher, work on sidewalks..	15 00
Jos. Blanchard, work on sidewalks	3 50

Moved by Mr. Mortson, seconded by Mr. Atkinson, that the treasurer be and is hereby instructed to pay the above accounts.—Carried.

Mr. Atkinson asked leave to introduce a by-law, No. 147, for assessment purposes.

The by-law was read a first and second time.

The Council went into Committee of the Whole on the by-law, Mr. Atkinson in the chair. After discussing the by-law, and filling up the blanks, the committee rose to report thereon, the reeve in the chair.

The by-law, which was read a third time and passed, contains the following rates:

	RATE.
County Purposes, \$257.83, 1 59-100 mills	
Village " " 620.00, 3 875-1000 "	
High school " " 262.00, 1 620-1000 "	
Public " " 910.00, 5 6-10 "	

James Browzlee was appointed Collector.

The Council adjourned.
M. TEEFY, Clerk

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1st Day of December, 1894,

to send by post prepaid to Geo. Forester, Sen., Gormley, P. O., Ont., the executor of the said estate, a statement in writing of their names and addresses and the particulars of their claims duly verified, by affidavit, and the nature of all securities (if any) held by them. And notice is hereby further given that after the 1st day of December, 1894 the said executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice, and that the said executor will not be liable for the proceeds of the estate or any part thereof so distributed to any person of whose claim the said executor has no notice at the time of distribution of the said estate or any part thereof.
123 GEO. FORESTER, Executor

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