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A Creditable Record

The Liberal party in Canada asks for renewal of the confidence of the people on its record. It has served the people well in that it has reduced the public debt and in this year alone relieved the taxpayer to the extent of about \$25,000,000. It has reduced the income tax, removing it altogether from the smaller income and materially-reducing it in other cases. "When before," asks Mr. King, "did taxpayers in Canada have returned to them in the form of a Government cheque a portion of the taxes they had paid into the public treasury?" The Robb budget reduced the taxation on automobiles, motor trucks and motor cycles and thus brought down the prices without working injury to a single industrial establishment. It reduced the sales tax and excise taxes. It abolished the tax on receipts; it restored penny postage.

Under the MacKenzie King administration trade has grown to \$1,315,000,000. An adverse balance of trade of \$29.000,000 under the Meighen-Drayton regime has given place to a favorable balance of nearly \$400,000,000. An adverse balance of trade with the United States has been reduced from \$295,000,000 to \$123,000,000. An operating deficit on the Canadian National railways has given place to an operating surplus of \$32,000,000. Good times have returned and on this point former Premier King in speaking recently said." We need not promise prosperity—everyone knows that prosperity has returned and that with a continuation of Liberal politice, prosperity has come to stay.

"You were told by our Conserative opponents at the last general elections that Canada was being ruined under Liberal administration, that our industries were going to the wall and our people in increasing numbers were going to the United States, that only an all around increase in the protective tariff could save the situation. Every representation of the kind has been proven false. Look where you will, be it the returns of our railways, the ceposits in our banks, the increase in the numbers and amounts of insurance policies and building permits, the increase of employment, the increase in imigration, the rapidly growing statistics of industry and trade—on every side are evidences of the increased prosperity which has come to Canada during one year of office.'

As to the constitutional issue all that need be said is that MacKenzie King and his colleagues are upholding our treasured British institutions while Mr. Meighen and his Board of Strategy have invented new forms of govern-

ment to suit their own convenience. Undoubtedly abuses were found in the customs department. They existed before the King government took office and they were agravated by rum running due to determined efforts to evade the prohibition law in the United States. It was immensely profitable to smuggle liquor from Canada to the United States and bring back cargoes of silks, cigarettes etc. The MacKenzie King government took steps to investigate the abuse and stopped the smuggling and the new minister Mr. Bovin worked hard and conscientiously to improve the administration. Mistakes were made because of new conditions which were not met by the old laws and regulations. Of course we all recognize that new and vigirous measures must be taken to cope with the organized lawlesness and such is the intention and aim of the Liberal party if returned to power.

Those who believe that enjoyment in life is the shortest road to everlasting torment should find little hope for the salvation of the people of this generation. In fact, it is not infrequently rumored about that Canada is even now pasing through the several stages of the decline and fall.

Surely no country, not even ancient Greece and the Romans, were ever more abundantly provided with the pleasures of life and relieved of more of life's miseries and discomforts than Canada. During the summer, thousands of men and women in Canada will participate in numerous sports and recreations, the highways will be congested with motorists pleasure bent, the vacation resorts will be heavily patronized and the baseball parks and race tracks and pleasure parks will draw their usual crowds.

But why should this love of pleasure be cause for anything but satisfaction? To avail himself of all this play, the individual must work the harder and faster, for it costs real dollars and many of them to play in this big playground. Those who work must play.

It would indeed be interesting to have the results of a close survey of the general living conditions of our people fifteen years ago and those of to-day as regards the actual cost. We fancy that the vast majority would be amazed at the expenditures that would be found that were by no means common then. In almost every line of life we are spending a great deal more money than was the case before the war. Automobiles were scarce then and movie shows were cheap, where they had been opened. Wages were considerably lower and people lived much more simply. Many things that were regarded as a luzury are to-day thought to be necesities, and in countless little ways people are parting from loose change that in former days they used to keep.

Recently we were talking to the head of a large wholesale business, he said that his concern was doing more business than before the war. They had a larger turnover but salaries and wages were higher. He claimed that if people were willing to live as they did before the war, business would be flourishing and people would be making money. The old adage, "Look after the pennies and the pounds will look after themselves," has quite lost its attractiveness, and people are spending in automobile repairs, gasoline, movies, hotels and stores a great deal more than they can afford to spend. It is unproductive and wasteful expenditures that hold back financial prosperity. Young people have little idea of the value of money and the majority of them have far too much to spend for their own good. Economy, thrift, industry, are good words that need to be rediscovered. We suffer not so much from the high cost of living as from the cost of too high living.

"Way Back in Liberal Files"

Thirty Years Ago

From Our Issue July 30, 1896

The Sherwood correspondent reported the farmers busy cutting oats and drawing in barley.

At a meeting of the King Township Council a By-law was prepared to prevent domestic animals from running at large in the village of Nobleton and also a By-law to distribute interest on surplus and Clergy reserve fund. James Cherry was appointed as representative of King be held in Toronto to divide the eighty-five feet. County of York into districts under the new county council act.

Mr. C. W. Malloy was engaged as principal of the Aurora High School The people of North York assembled in large numbers on Thursday in recognition of the honor conferred upon the riding by the selection of Wm. Mulock as a member of the Dominion Cabinet. The gathering which was largely attended was held at Hartman's Grove, Aurora.

Previous to last week the citizens of Richmond Hill might have imagin- night was worth two hours after it? ed the days of chivalry were past. Twenty minutes after you are called opments it may be they are only in of the night. their zenith. Early last week one of returned from his honeymoon with legged and one was knock-kneed. So bands, ranging from 8 to 45 years, order their legs spelled OXO. and skilled in the music of most bination having tasted of the sweets the use of these two fingers?" of good-natured generosity, and hearing that a marriage was taking place at the Manse on Thursday evening about 8 o'clock, speedily sounded the tocsin, and in a few minutes the clan were in readiness for the latest victim. They congregated in large numbers around the Manse gate and waited patiently to salute the happy | Some homemade bread, that good old couple as they ran the gauntlet, but what was their chagrin when, half an hour afterwards they learned that But Wifie answered, "Hubby dear, the minister after tying the knot securely, showed the blushing pair out the back way and on to Yonge Street by way of the driveway leading from the grave yard. The strangers immediately drove off from the hotel before their cruel serenaders knew that such a cruel joke had been perpe- native of Australia." trated upon them by the Presbyterian threes very quietly, and many expresions as the following were heard married wan of them!" as they pased by; "There is many a slip between the cup and the lip."

Twenty-five years ago.

From Our Issue of August 1, 1901 decision to acept the invitation to iced that it has a very fatal effect on officially open the Canadian National sardines. Exhibition

Aurora formed a new rifle association with the following officers: C. A. Petch, captain, Dr. Stephenson, Secretary, J. G. Leadbetter, Treasurer.

A large barn the, property of Matthew Williamson in Whitchurch near Vandorf was struch by lightening on Monday afternoon and burned to the ground.

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Twenty Years Ago

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A number of citizens in the district attended the barn raising of Horner Bros. on the second concession of Markham on Monday afternoon.

Mr. E. J. Cable bored for water last week at Richmond Hill Cream-Township to attend the meeting to ery and struck water at a depth of

> Rev. and Mrs. Brace and son removed this week from the parsonage at Newtonbrook and previous to their departure a social evening was held on the Parsonage lawn by the members of the congregation.

A LAUGH A DAY

Who said that an hour before mid-Judging, however, from recent devel- in the morning are worth all the rest

Once upon a time there were three our estimable citizens, who had just brothers. Two of them were bowhis bride, was serenaded by various that when they stood in the right

He: (holding up the first two finevery instrument from a fog-horn to gers of his right hand) "Did you a cow-bell. The leaders of the com- know that the Prince of Wales hasn't

She: "How terrible! From so much hand shaking on his Canadian tour I suppose?"

happen to belong to me." Said Mr. Newlywed one day,

"My dear I wish you'd bake kind

Like Mother used to make."

I shall be very glad To make bread like Mother did,

When you make dough like Dad." Irishwoman: (at the Zoo) "And phwat do you call that thing?"

Keeper: "That is a kangaroo, a Irishwoman: "Saints presarve us!

pastor. Then they left by twos and And wasn't my neice in Australia just writing home to say that she's

"Well I don't think that can be a very good tailor you go to," Said Mrs. Youngbride. I've had to sew this same button on your vest five times." Experts tell us that oil has a very Sir Wilfred Laurier announced his bad effect on fish life. We have notTHE YORK MARKET YONGE STREET

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