

Achievement!

The Amazing Record of Canadian Progress Under Liberal Rule

CANADIAN TRADE

A nation is judged by the volume of its trade. Great nations are great trading nations—there are no exceptions to this rule.

In the fiscal year ending March 31, 1922—the last year in which Tory policies prevailed in Canada—our exports were valued at

\$753,927,009

Our imports of manufactured goods for that year exceeded our export of manufactured goods by

\$264,736,191

In the fiscal year ending March 31, 1926, the total value of our exports was

\$1,328,537,137

Our exports of manufactured goods under Liberal rule exceeded our imports of manufactured goods (for the first time in our national history) by

\$15,567,234

In no other period of Canadian history—barring the war years—has there been so great an increase in the total volume of exports.

No other country in the world of equal population has surpassed or even approached the trade record of Canada during this period.

THE DEBT

Our national debt stood at \$2,391,468,685 on March 31, 1926. It is a tremendous debt—due partly to the war—but by no means a debt beyond the capacity of this country to pay. The Liberals were elected in November, 1921. Keep this date in your mind to avoid confusion. They had nothing to do with the fiscal year ending March 31, 1922—that belongs to the Tory party. The Liberals are responsible for the year ending March 31, 1923.

Now look at the figures of the debt:—

DEBT INCREASES

Conservative rule

1920—\$674,337,591 (partly due to war) 1921—\$92,010,360

Liberal rule

1922—\$81,267,817

1923—\$31,641,067

DEBT DECREASES

Liberal rule

1924—\$35,993,594 1925—\$345,589

1926—\$25,969,000

In the last three years of Liberal rule the debt was reduced \$62,308,183. Leaving out the year 1920, for part of the expenses that year were due to the war, and taking only the years 1921 and 1922 the Tories in these two years increased the debt \$173,267,177. The U. S. began reducing its national debt in 1919—Great Britain in 1921—Canada did not begin debt reduction until the Liberals came into power and had time to make plans for putting the country on a sound financial basis.

Facts, not guesses, must be the basis of your political judgments.

TAXATION

The Liberal Government had reduced the taxation of the people of Canada.

No more sweeping reductions of taxation were ever made in a Canadian budget than those introduced by Mr. Robb this year.

They are not mythical savings—they are actual—the country can feel them, other reductions have been made by the Liberals from time to time.

The main features of the Liberal financial reforms since they came into office may be enumerated as follows:—

- (1) Reduction of the duty on agricultural implements.
- (2) Reduction of the duty on automobiles.
- (3) Abolition of the tax on receipts.
- (4) Lowering of the income tax.
- (5) Return to penny postage.
- (6) Extension of the British Preference.

This year's reduction in taxation alone was estimated by the Minister of Finance as amounting to \$25,000,000.

These are accomplishments of which any party might well be proud—they are changes which have brought about a vast improvement in business in Canada.

THE RAILWAYS

The greatest problem before the people of Canada when the Liberals came in was the railway problem.

Three railway systems in this country, the Canadian northern, the Grand Trunk and the Grand Trunk Pacific were bankrupt. What has been the achievement in the last few years?

In 1920 there was an operating deficit of \$34,000,000—In 1925 there was an operating surplus of \$32,000,000. Between the deficit of 1920, and the surplus in 1925 there is a difference of \$66,000,000 or an improvement of \$11,000,000 a year. NO RAILWAY ON THE CONTINENT HAS EVER MADE A GREATER RECORD.

The figures for the first six months of this year are even more encouraging.

The net operating earnings for the first six months of this year, from January to June inclusive, total \$14,856,660 compared with \$3,742,346 during the corresponding period last year, an increase in net earnings of \$11,114,314. Note that this represents an increase double the average increase made in the past six years. The Liberal policy is bearing fruit.

The problem of 1921 has been solved—it has been solved by the Liberal Government. That is the greatest achievement ever made by a Government in all Canadian history. It is the greatest record of success in government ownership the world has ever witnessed.

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North York Board of Health

The regular monthly meeting of the board of health for North York Township was held in the township hall Sept. 3rd, Mr. R. F. Hicks presiding. Dr. C. Hill M. O. H. reported only two cases of contagious diseases, one of scarlet fever, and one of typhoid fever. The water samples sent to the Provincial Board of Health were reported that the Municipal water supply is above standard. Miss V. MacDonald reported that she had made 183 home visits during the past two months.

In some of the Public Schools electric stoves have been installed and hot lunches will be served to the children during the winter months. Arrangements were also made by the nurse to have the dairy deliver milk to the schools at recess.

On Wednesday Oct. 20, dental day will be held throughout the Province, and Dr. Hill will have published a dental number of the health bulletin. In the evening a community night will be held in the township hall, Willowdale, where dental pictures will be shown.

Sanitary inspector Roy Risebrough reported all dairies inspected and satisfactory. Producers' stables were also inspected. One dairy outside North York township, was reported as shipping milk which had not been inspected into the township. This matter will be taken up with the board of health of York Township and an effort made to have the dairy inspected.

Blessed are all those who co-operate with the editor in his efforts in behalf of the community, for their town shall be known far and wide as a good place to live.

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