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Bennett Policies Have Proven Disastrous To Farmers of Canada

Canadian farmers recently have been told by Bennett government supporters in Ontario that the Empire Trade Agreements have been of tremendous advantage to them.

This statement ought to be examined with care. The best way to do this is to turn to the official figures and take the estimated gross value of agricultural production in the Dominion of Canada and the Province of Ontario from 1930 to 1933 inclusive.

Nothing could be more simple than to follow the toctics in this connection. Their idea is to mention certain items on which, for other reasons, prices have increased and forthwith to claim the credit of these price changes for the Empire Agreements.

Here is the value of agricultural production in Canada and Ontario from 1930 to 1933:

Year	Canadian Farm Production	Ontario Farm Production
1930	\$1,235,000,000	\$417,000,000
1931	836,000,000	293,000,000
1932	767,000,000	247,000,000
1933	762,000,000	264,000,000

If the Empire Trade Agreements have been of such advantage how does it come that each succeeding year there has been a decline in Canadian agricultural production, modified only by the fact that in Ontario in 1933 there was a slight increase due to the fact that our currency was then inflated and that the dollars you received for your products were only worth 60 cents measured in terms of gold? The figures of the Conservatives constitute fine stories if they are not analyzed; they are splendid if you do not care for the facts; they are ridiculous if you consider reality.

Let us examine the influences of the trade treaties upon our export of grain, a very important consideration for the Dominion of Canada as a whole, for the Western Provinces particularly, but also in another way for the Eastern Provinces because a prosperous West helps make the East prosperous and helps to improve conditions for the farmers of Ontario as well as for the cities and towns of Ontario.

The Empire Trade Agreements came into effect in November 1932. They cannot therefore be said to have affected the trade of the calendar year 1932. Let us give you now the exports of grain to the United Kingdom in 1932, before the treaties were in force and the exports in 1933, the first year of their operation. Remember when you look at these figures it is not a question of not having sufficient grain to ship; our elevators were full of it, 200,000,000 bushels of wheat alone being carried over from the preceding year; and yet our exports of grain to Great Britain despite the Agreements, fell off. Here are the figures:

Wheat	EXPORT TO UNITED KINGDOM	
	1932	1933
Bushels	140,200,000	120,737,000
Oats	8,455,000	4,237,000
Barley	5,416,000	1,840,000
Rye	1,253,000	276,000

The farmers of the Dominion of Canada are not interested particularly in where their agricultural exports go. What they want is a market. This applies also to the rest of the people of the Dominion of Canada.

Let us take then total exports of Canadian produce for the calendar years 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933. In the last two years recorded values are higher than they otherwise would be, simply because of the depreciation in the dollar. In 1932 our dollar in terms of gold was worth 80 cents, in 1933 it was worth 60 cents, prior to that over many years it was worth 100 cents in gold. As you decrease the size of the measure that you use in measuring trade the numbers will increase. Or, in other words, you can take more pints than gallons out of a barrel of water. The figures follow:

Calendar Years	Canadian Exports
1930	\$885,900,000
1931	605,300,000
1932	493,800,000
1933	531,700,000

But these you say are total exports. Why not tell us the export of agricultural produce? Here are the exports for all agricultural and vegetable

products and also for animals and animal products.

EXPORTS OF FARM PRODUCTS

Year	Vegetable Pro.	Animal Pro.
1930	\$316,200,000	\$91,000,000
1931	209,700,000	70,900,000
1932	204,000,000	55,580,000
1933	198,000,000	67,150,000

Let us come now to the general situation and see what has happened. You will recall the election of 1930. Mr. Bennett told every farmer in the Province of Ontario who would listen to his voice that the condition of agriculture was serious, that he intended to improve it. To use his own words, he said: "This I will do or perish in the attempt."

The index number of the price of farm products stood at 80 when Mr. Bennett came into power. It now stands at 57. In other words, you now receive \$57 for farm products for which you received \$80 in 1930.

This is a decline of 23 points, or putting it on a percentage basis a decline of approximately 30%.

The price of manufactured products during the same period has dropped from 85 to 72, or 13 points, again on a percentage basis approximately 15%.

For every dollar of farm products you sold in 1930 when Mr. Bennett was telling you that you ought to change the government and have a Tory government, you now, three years later, receive approximately 70 cents. But the 70 cents you receive will not buy as much as would the same sum in 1930 for the simple reason that while the price of some commodities has gone down, including manufactured products, your taxes and fixed charges have gone up, and the ever increasing pressure of provincial, federal and municipal taxation is putting you in a worse and worse position, day after day, week after week and month after month.

Now what is the basic fact back of all this? What is the cause of the alteration of the farmer's position between this date and the date of the election in 1920? It can be put in a few sentences.

Mr. Bennett raised the tariff and raised it tremendously, he raised it more than it was ever raised before in the history of the Dominion of Canada. We now have the highest tariff we ever had.

Tariffs restrict imports. Imports are payments which we receive for exports.

When we restrict imports we refuse to accept payments for our exports.

Or put in another way, our governments refuse to permit us to accept as large a sum in payment for our exports as we otherwise would receive.

Way Back in the Liberal Files

FIFTY YEARS AGO

From Our Issue of Sept. 4th, 1884 Several of our lacrosse players went out to Patterson on Thursday evening last, to have a practice game with the boys there, previous to their (Patterson's) match with the Markham team on Saturday.

Monday last being the 1st of Sept. the schools re-opened for another term. Quite a large number put in an appearance at both the Public and High Schools. The Village appears to be much more cheerful when teachers and pupils are to be seen on the streets.

Mr. Joseph Hall has opened out in Brown's old stand, his large and varied assortment of groceries, flour and feed, boots and shoes, etc., and has taken the right method of letting the public know it by engaging a column in the Liberal.

The Fergus Lacrosse Club intend visiting Richmond Hill on Friday, Sept. 12th, and will make an attempt to secure the much coveted gold medal. This match will no doubt draw a large crowd of people, as it will likely be the last championship match of the season played here.

Patterson vs. Markham The above teams crossed sticks on the Markham fair grounds on Saturday last. The match was evenly contested, Markham club securing the 2nd, 3rd and 5th games, and Patterson the 1st and 4th. The match last-

ed three hours. Each club has won a match from the other, and it now remains to be seen who will get the rubber.

W. Atkinson of the Concrete, is greatly improving and enlarging his already handsome and commodious store by extending the building out as far as the sidewalk, and putting in a beautiful front of plated glass. Mr. John Harris is superintending the work, which, of itself, is a guarantee that when completed an elegant appearance will be the result.

Last Friday evening, the first twelve of the Young Canadian lacrosse team were banquetted at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Proctor. The Band, and a large number of friends were also invited. The Band played several choice selections of music on the lawn, after which all were invited inside, where a pleasing supper was prepared. After tea, toasts were proposed and responded to. The evening was then spent in music.

Pursuant to adjournment the Council met on Wednesday evening, Sept. 3rd. In the absence of the Reeve, Mr. Crosby was called to the chair. Other members present, Messrs. Moodie, Hopper and Law. A list of members of the Fire Brigade was presented to the Council to be certified by the fire and water committee as being regular firemen. The names were accordingly certified to. A petition was read, which was signed by Mr. J. M. Lawrence and 47 other property holders, asking the Council to pass a By-law to enable the Village to purchase a lot of land from Dr. Langstaff, on the North side of Centre St. for a Public Park. The Council expressed a willingness to grant the request of the above petition, but thought it would be more advisable to call a public meeting of the ratepayers of the Village with a view to obtaining their consent to apply a portion of the distribution fund for the purchase of land for said park, and a resolution was passed to that effect. It was then moved by Mr. Law, seconded by Mr. Moodie, that a public meeting be called in accordance with the above resolution. Council then adjourned.

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OAK RIDGES

An event of unusual interest will take place at St. John's Church, Oak Ridges, on Sunday morning next, when a new window depicting Christ the Good Shepherd will be unveiled and dedicated to the Glory of God and the memory of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Kerswill who were among the valued first members of the Church. Mr. Dan Kerswill, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Kerswill, will unveil the window, and the Rector, Rev. W. F. Wrixon, will dedicate it. All members and friends of the Church are cordially invited to be present at the service, which will be at 11 a.m., Day-light Saving Time.

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