

A SPLENDID SPEECH BY CANADA'S FINANCE MINISTER, MR. FIELDING

Review of Liberal Government's Record Contrasted With That of Conservatives. HARD FACTS DRIVEN HOME. Startling Figures Presented to Give Idea of What Really Has Been Done.

The address of Hon. W. S. Fielding at Massey Hall, in Toronto, was one of the most convincing campaign utterances that have been heard in Toronto in many a day. He began by dispersing the Opposition illusion that the Conservatives would gain a victory.

Conservatives Laid No Charge. Mr. Fielding was far from saying that a charge of fraud was necessarily to be considered petty, but with a expenditure of one hundred million dollars, it was necessary to have an array of people, differing of course, in capability, to do the work.

Adequate Protection. The leader of the Opposition had asked for adequate protection. Mr. Fielding did not know what that meant, he was sure Mr. Borden didn't.

POINTS FROM MR. FIELDING'S SPEECH.

"Remember this vitally important fact, that down to this moment no charge of corruption has been laid against any member of the Laurier Administration." "There may be a certain amount of patronage, but I do not subscribe to the doctrine that 'to the victors belong the spoils'."

Surplus and Deficits. Average yearly Conservative deficit, \$4,000,000. Average yearly Liberal surplus, \$2,500,000. "A strong, wholesome, sound commercial policy," said Mr. Fielding, "was the basis of the sound policy of finance."

Decrease. The Conservative rate of taxation had been continued, the people of Canada would have paid \$4,000,000 more than they did pay. With these figures the Hon. Mr. Fielding disposed of the public debt charge.



THE CONQUERING OF WESTERN CANADA—NO. 7.—THE ATTACK.

What the Fielding Tariff Has Done for Toronto

Figures Showing What the Actual Growth Has Been in Industry and Population—A Few Years Under a Business Administration Has Done Rich Fruit.

Table with columns for Year, No. of establishments, Employees, Capital invested, Salaries and wages, and Value of products. Data for 1900 and 1905.



HON. W. S. FIELDING, Canada's Minister of Finance.

Mr. E. B. Osler. He did not want to say that Mr. Osler was a boodler or a thief, but Mr. Borden said that this was a magnificent opportunity for his friend, Mr. Osler, and his peep show.

Mr. Fielding's speech, one of the greatest political speeches ever heard in the world, which I will now show to the world, which I will now show to the world.

What the Name of Laurier Stands For

Material Progress, Canadian Unity, and a Sane Imperialism.

What the name of Laurier stands for is clearly and briefly stated in the following extracts from speeches delivered by the Premier during the present campaign:

UNITY OF LOCAL AND IMPERIAL PATRIOTISM.

Our policy is Imperial unity based on local autonomy. As part of that policy we have relieved the motherland of the necessity of expenditure for the maintenance of garrisons at Halifax and Esquimaux.

THE PROPER TEST OF ECONOMY.

What is, after all, the criterion by which to ascertain whether, in private or in public life, there has been extravagant expenditure? There is one easy criterion. If a man has a certain income and spends within that income he cannot be called extravagant.

WHAT THE PREFERENCE HAS ACCOMPLISHED.

The British preference has done three things: First of all it has given, especially to the farmer, a substantial measure of relief from taxation.

NOT AFRAID TO FACE DIFFICULTIES.

The Liberals are not afraid to meet difficulties and to solve them whenever they occur. In the last twelve years we have had difficulties more than once.

THE TARIFF HAS BEEN REFORMED.

Our policy was a tariff based upon revenue, and when we came into office we put these principles into effect.



THE MAN AND HIS WORK. "If my eyes close upon a Canada more united than I found it, I shall die in peace."—Sir Wilfrid Laurier at Strathroy.

HIS GREATEST WORK.

It is now twenty years since I assumed the leadership of the Liberal party, or to put it more exactly, it is now twenty years since I assumed the leadership of the Liberal party.

STAGNATION THEN; PROGRESS NOW.

What was the condition of Canada when the present Government assumed office? Trade was stagnant, manufacturing especially was stagnant.

WHERE ARE THE CHARGES?

We are charged with having been corrupt. What are the charges? When have they been made? In the session of eight months a charge was made against the Government.

THE LAND FOR THE SETTLER.

There has not been given away by the Liberal Government one acre of land which was fit for settlement.

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