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**ANOTHER GOOD ACT.**  
 The federal government has embarked in another great enterprise. It has assumed business relations with the Canadian Northern railway company of the most important character. It has agreed to guarantee the company's bonds, for the completed and uncompleted parts of the road between Port Arthur and Montreal, the idea being to use more the Inter-colonial railway in the shipping of freight, at a rate not to be higher than that of any road, by an All-Canadian route. The details of this arrangement have been given in the news columns. The government is doing big things. It is pledging the credit of Canada to the extent of some millions of dollars in order to promote the transportation facilities of the country, in order to give it the advantages of another transcontinental service. It will be amply secured. There is really no risk, and the most enterprising firm in this young nation will be invited to carry out and complete its plans. Against the proposition not a voice reasonably can be raised. The more of this kind of work the country can have the more rapidly will it develop and become the attraction of the world.

**APOLOGIES IN ORDER.**  
 There is one man who will not go to the North-West with Mr. Borden, one man who will not represent the loyal opposition on that junketing tour. Who is he? Col. Sam. Hughes. And why should he fear to face the farmers, and especially the members of the Grain Growers' Association? Heard contains the report of a speech which was made by him in the commons. It was afterwards copied into the papers of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, and very widely circulated.

In that speech he referred to the grain growers as a gang which was made up of the fellows we find hopping up in blacksmith statesmanship; they were "agit sympathizers and heelers," and "their wives were at home wearing long boots and cleaning out the cow stables and horse stables," while their husbands were spouting about, "I know the gang," he shouted, "and I do not believe that one of them is honest at heart." All of them he verily believed were in the pay of the liberal party, or of Jim Hill and his Yankee friends.

It does not matter to the colonel that the Grain Growers' Association is a non-political organization, that it contains as many conservatives as liberals, that its present head is a conservative, and that he and his associates must feel very keenly the insults of Col. Hughes. Mr. Borden may be asked about these serious reflections upon the farmers of the newer provinces and their wives, and it will be surprising if he does not see the wisdom of apologizing for them.

**LAYING FOR MR. BORDEN.**  
 The Mail announces that the Grain Growers of the North-West—of Manitoba, of Saskatchewan and Alberta—are preparing to give the leader of the opposition a warm reception, and it is his due. He has allowed himself to be misled by his supporters with regard to the petitions for reciprocity. Mr. Sharpe has informed him that the people of the North-West never thought of reciprocity until the premier put it into their heads during his trip last year. What does the record show?

In the liberal tour across the continent Mr. Scallion, the honorary president of the Grain Growers' Association, headed a deputation of 250 men, who asked for better trade terms. He said the change would be strongly opposed by the protected interests, but these interests had shaped the tariff policy of the government long enough. That was the first deliverance on the subject, and by a well-known conservative. The demand for reciprocity in natural products was repeated again and again. At Weyburn the farmers demanded recognition. "We ask no favours," they said. "We ask our rights. If we are slaves we ask our freedom. If refused that we must demand it. Our resources are not exhausted."  
 The opening of parliament saw in Ottawa the largest deputation that had ever been there. All its members were farmers, or advocates of their interests. They met, and prepared their demands. These were presented in parliament. And the leader in the great movement, which Mr. Borden favoured at the time and evel on because it seemed to embarrass the government, was, D. W. McQuig, the chairman of the Mani-

toha, Elevator Commission, appointed by the Roblin government, and one of the most active conservatives in the North-West. And these men are busy, the hundreds of them that are interested in reciprocity, in order to give Mr. Borden an object lesson on his proposed tour. The chances are he will return to Ottawa a sadder and a wiser man—sadder, because he has been misled, and wiser because he will see the folly of kicking against the pricks.

**THE IDOL HAS FALLEN.**  
 The visit of Premier McBride, to Ottawa, with some of the other distinguished politicians, en route to England, there to participate in the coronation festivities, has been disappointing. No one for a long time attracted so much attention. He had been heralded as the coming man, as the sure and certain successor of Mr. Borden, as the heir apparent, the one who at any time could rally the forces of conservatism successfully.

A good liberal paper has been advised by a correspondent, who accompanied Sir Wilfrid Laurier across the continent and witnessed his reception at the coast, that the premier of Canada had found his counterpart, if not rival, in Hon. Mr. McBride. And now he visits the capital, is hailed as a prince of the people, is surrounded everywhere he goes by an eager throng, is worshipped and feted by the members of his party. All went well with him until the banquet in honour of the visitors occurred. Then, it is said, in the parlance of the street, he "fell down." He had been toasted by Mr. Borden, who, under a strange inspiration, never spoke so well. He had been invited to display his patriotism, his devotion to the party, his willingness to make sacrifices in its behalf, by joining Mr. Borden and making battle for supremacy in the federal arena.

And he did not accept the proposition. His language was vague and unsatisfactory. He did not sustain anticipations and give out in clarion notes, the assurance that he was willing to do anything so long as the party might win. He was willing that his services, or the services of his colleagues, should be counted on in federal campaigning in British Columbia, or the western provinces. But that was all. The impression he left was that he would rather be premier of a province than director-general or chief of staff in the loyal opposition. It was a remarkable disillusionment and Mr. Borden must be thanked for it, and must find in it considerable satisfaction. He had boldly given a dinner in honour of the man who had been called by some men and papers to the place he occupied, and he may have expected this to be another sign of his going. Whereas the fact was declared that in the opposition the leader has no equal or superior. McBride, the idol, has fallen from his pedestal.

**EDITORIAL NOTES.**  
 Hon. Bob Rogers is annoyed because Sir Wilfrid Laurier is going to

the coronation and imperial conference. The reason is obvious. When Laurier is around Rogers does not shine, and he has a burning ambition to be somebody.

The heading of an article in the Globe, written by a woman, is, "Shall We Wear the Harem Skirt?" Yes, dear, if it is your desire. The things you are wearing nowadays, from head to heels, are frightful, but we can stand it if you can.

Diaz, of Mexico, surrenders at last. His has been a stormy reign. He began as a revolutionist, and he ends his reign in revolution. He had his day; and did not know when his usefulness was over. He is like many others in this regard.

Dr. Macdonald, of the Globe, who has been talking peace since his return from California, where he went in the interests of his health, is referred to by a contemporary as a "national figure." Col. Hughes will object to this unseemly exaltation of his old pupil.

McBride will not succeed Borden as leader of the opposition. The men have been sized up in Ottawa. The premier from British Columbia is a big man, physically, and a good dresser, but he is not the peer or the equal of the man who now leads the opposition. That much has been settled.

**DOLLARD'S DEATH.**  
 Montreal Monument Committee Prepares Plans for Ceremony.

Montreal, May 10.—The committee in charge of funds for the erection of a monument to Dollard des Ormeaux, the Long Sault hero, have decided to observe the anniversary of his death, on the 22nd of June, by a demonstration on Place d'Armes, each senator in the city is to send a delegation of twenty-five pupils. The guard on the Place d'Armes will be formed by the various cadet corps of the city. The committee has already raised ten thousand dollars, but twice that much is required to carry out the plans contemplated.

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