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BY THE SKIN OF ITS TEETH

The Liberal government after a number of death-bed amendments, saved its life by the skin of its teeth in the vote on the amendment to the Budget, proposed by Sir Henry Drayton.

There was considerable anxiety in Liberal circles over this vote. It was felt that if the Progressives should vote as their views on the tariff would impel them to, along with the Conservatives, it would mean a defeated government.

for failure to implement its pre-election policy and while all honest Liberals and all Conservatives realized that the cause was well merited there was no general desire to bring about a dissolution and a general election.

The remaining work of the session will no doubt be rushed through as the main purpose of this session was to ascertain whether the government could wobble through it alive.

PLAYING AT WORK

Notwithstanding many strenuous moments in the House of Commons and many anxieties regarding the possible fate of the respective parties there are occasional relaxations and some of the humorous inclined members manage to inject some real entertainment in to the proceedings.

Mr. J. D. Chaplin, representing the County of Lincoln, Ontario gave the weary members a pleasant hour a few days ago when he waltzed lightly over some incidents in recent political history.

The previous speaker was the Honourable D. D. MacKenzie the Solicitor General whose "lamp in the window and latch-string out side the door" is well remembered.

Mr. Chaplin remarked that this was not the first time the Honourable gentleman had "placed the lamp in the window." To this an honourable member added, amid laughter, "and the latch string on the outside of the door." Mr. Chaplin continued, "yes. While he was trimming the lamp, a voice came to me in an undertone, 'while the lamp holds out to burn, the greatest sinner may return.'"

Honourable gentlemen, Mr. Chaplin said, complained that the Conservatives should be good sports and take their defeat uncomplainingly. "Why do they not take their own medicine?" he asked. "Why do they always complain about the action of the people in rejecting their 1911 reciprocity

treaty?" Mr. Chaplin then proceeded to give some real history about the reciprocity treaty. "I represent a border county," he said. "The people in my constituency ought to know something of the benefit of reciprocity. What happened in 1911? When the reciprocity pact was put forward, twelve hundred farmers from the counties of Lincoln and Welland visited Ottawa and protested against that pact; they were told they were too late. Well they went home and those in the county of Lincoln elected a Conservative by the largest majority that had ever been in that county," and he continued, "the member for Welland, although a supporter of the then government voted against reciprocity and when he went home the people were so well pleased that they re-elected him by acclamation."

Mr. Chaplin next proceeded to comb the leader of the Progressives, Hon. Mr. Crerar. The latter had made the statement that \$453,000.00 of the total export for last year, amounting to \$740,000.000 came from the farms of Canada.

To this Mr. Chaplin replied, "Yet, I find in the total as given by the Hon. member for Marquette, (Mr. Crerar), the not insignificant item of \$29,000,000 for fish. This is the first time I ever heard that fish came from the farms of Canada. Another item that comes within the figures given by the Hon. member for Marquette for padding purposes only is \$14,978,000 for furs that came from as far north as the Arctic Circle and never saw an arm. They came to Montreal, Quebec, Edmonton and Winnipeg and that is the nearest they ever came to the farms of Canada."

In the figures quoted by Mr. Crerar as farm export products there were included canned fruit, boots and shoes, harness, etc. "The truth of the matter," said Mr. Chaplin, "is that 80 per cent. of the farm products of Canada are consumed at home. Therefore I ask honourable members if it is the intention to do something to destroy the home market which the farmers of this country enjoy?" The speech, which the above extracts give only a glimpse of, is one of the ablest given in the House during the present session and shattered very effectively the "free trade and near free trade" arguments of the Progressive leader and other Liberals.

HOW THEY VOTED

We note by the Hanzard report of the proceedings of the House of Commons that our Prince Edward Island members occasionally show up on one side or the other of the question at issue—or outside. On May 16 the following motion was discussed and voted on: "That in the opinion of this House it is desirable that in the best interests of the dairy industry and of the public generally the manufacture and importation of oleomargarine should be discontinued in Canada after September first, next."

We note that Mr. A. E. MacLean, Prince County, voted in favor of the resolution; Hon. J. E. Sinclair voted against it and Messrs. J. J. Hughes and D. A. MacKinnon "had nowhere to go but out;" they were not present when the vote was taken.

Hon. Mr. Motherwell, Minister of Agriculture, spoke strongly in favor of the resolution. There were 90 members who did not vote among them Messrs D. A. MacKinnon and J. J. Hughes. Hon. J. E. Sinclair has been for some time President of the

Notes By The Way

There has not been in forty years past a more out and out protectionist speech delivered in the House of Commons than that made a few days ago by Sir Lomer Gouin. It leaves no room for doubt in the public mind. It proclaims that he is first, last and always a protectionist, and quite as much so as was Sir John MacDonald, Sir Charles Tupper or Sir Leonard Tilley, who were leaders in the movement to establish the National Policy in 1878-9.

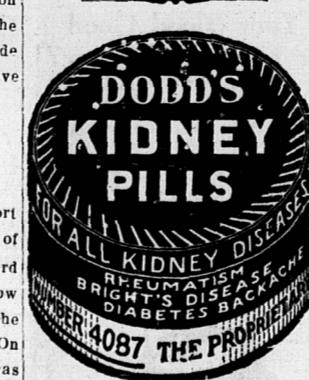
Take this one statement as a sample of his quality: "I think I know the good old province of Quebec as well as any Canadian, and I say, without hesitation that, what has contributed in a very large measure to make our province prosperous and our farmers satisfied with their lot is the fact that our manufacturers have supplied our farmers with a market, where they can sell their product and what I say for Quebec must be true, and it is true of every province of this Dominion where we have manufacturing establishments."

Sir Lomer Gouin is not a man who makes hasty or thoughtless speeches. No one questions his sincerity in regard to the attitude he has taken on the conviction he has expressed. If any one were disposed to do so, the very fact that his attitude and his speech were in direct opposition to the platform and the pre-election promises of the Liberal party affords the strongest proof of his sincerity. It is also obvious that Sir Lomer spoke as he did under a sense of his own weighty responsibility for the doctrine he was inculcating.

Sir Lomer has had long experience as a public man and an administrator during which he gained a high reputation in his province, and he entered the Dominion Parliament with a much larger personal following than any other leader of recent years. In the House of Commons, as at present constituted, and in the Liberal party, his is by far the most potent voice. Premier King and Hon. Mr. Fielding have not implemented the Liberal platform but have themselves become the implementers of Sir Lomer Gouin, and he has proclaimed protection as the only sound fiscal policy for Canada.

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Canadian Farm Products and prominent at Dairy Association meetings, yet he lent his vote and his support in favor of the importation and manufacture of Oleomargarine to compete with Canadian butter and to keep down the price. Whose interests was Mr. Sinclair serving? Where were McKinnon and Hughes when the agricultural interests of their constituents were in the balance?



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\$14,850 VERDICT FOR COLLISION INJURIES AT MONTREAL. A jury in the Superior Court, Montreal, May 17th, brought in a verdict giving \$14,850.00 to Dame Lily M. Boulicre for damages she sustained in an automobile collision. She claimed \$25,000, offering proof that as a result of the injuries she has been disabled for life. The defendant in the action was Pacifique Baillargeon, the owner of the other automobile.

Plaintiff was riding in an automobile belonging to Mrs. A. R. Martin at Pointe Claire on September 29th last when an automobile driven by the minor son of defendant collided with Mrs. Martin's car, and plaintiff was seriously injured. The issue turned on how far a father was to be held responsible for damages caused by his minor son. Counsel for plaintiff submitted that in this instance plaintiff was liable for the damage unless he could prove that the accident could not have been prevented. It was claimed the collision could have been prevented—that it was due, in fact, to the fault of the driver of the defendant's car.

The jury found that although the proof established that plaintiff's son was a good boy and a good worker, the father nevertheless was responsible for damages resulting from this accident, as he ought to have ascertained what company his boy was likely to keep. If he could not satisfy himself on this point, he ought not to allow a minor to take charge of the car. Damages were assessed at \$14,850.00. Motion for judgment in accordance with the jury's verdict was made by counsel for plaintiff. Mr. Justice Lane granted the motion and condemned defendant in the sum named, with costs.

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