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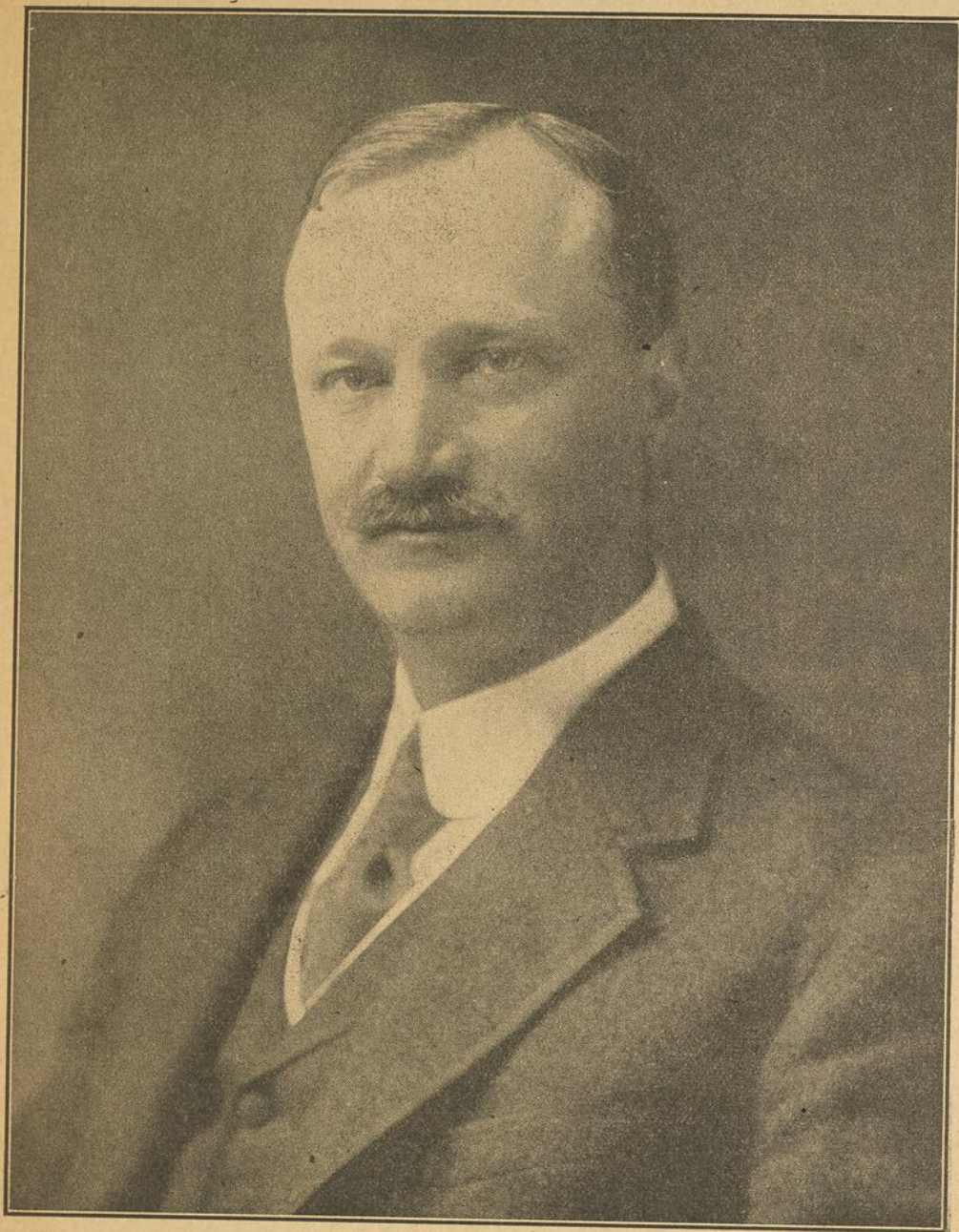


*The Quebec farmer has to fight
against four Governments: three
of them foreign and THAT OF
CANADA . . .*

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**THE TREATMENT INFLICTED
ON FARMERS BY
MR. KING AND THE "SOLID BLOCK"**

Farmers of the Province of Quebec

In electing a "block" of 65 deputies to support the King Government, Quebec alone furnished three-fifths of the Liberal deputation; that is to say, three-fifths of the party at present in power.

Quebec, as a consequence, would expect to be treated with some respect — our province does not expect favours, merely does it wish that its rights and interests be not ignored.

Quebec is an agricultural province, and its farmers have the right to expect to be treated on the same basis as those in other parts of the country.

What has happened under the administration of the "solid block"?

THE FREIGHT TARIFF

While the farmer of the Prairie Provinces (Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta), has enjoyed favourable freight rates for the shipment of his grain — the rates established in 1897 — the Quebec cultivator is at the present time obliged to pay the railroads for the transportation of his produce twice as much as he did in 1914. Eleven years ago, the Quebec farmer would have paid \$1.00 per head to ship cattle; now he has to disburse \$2.00. In 1914, shipping a pig or a lamb meant an expenditure of 25c, now it costs 50c. A crate of eggs today means 30c out of his pocket; in 1914, he got by with fifteen cents. Without a doubt, it is the trader of animals or the butter or cheese maker who suffers from the raise in the freight tariff; but he is obliged to reduce his purchasing price to the scale offered.

The rates so favourable to the western grain had been abolished in 1917, with a view to treating all Canada alike. Mr. King, anxious to obtain the goodwill of the West, re-established them in 1923. With the present Government, we have two weights, two measures; one certainly unjust for Quebec, which province has furnished three-fifths of the King adherents; the other, all in favour of the three

Prairie Provinces, which altogether have only elected three liberal supporters and literally treated the Government with a whip hand.

THE KING GOVERNMENT HAS ALLIED ITSELF WITH THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND FARMER TO RUIN CANADIAN FARMERS

It is a crying injustice, but one which would have no effect in discouraging the Quebec farmer, who during the past three centuries has become an inveterate son of the soil, were it not for the fact that he has to fight against the utterly unfair competition of the American farmer, in his own territory, the Canadian towns, thanks to the criminal indifference of the King Government.

And this ruinous competition from American farmers has been going on for the last four years, with the knowledge and consent, and the voluntary and deliberate participation of the King Government.

The King Government allied itself with the American competitor in the fight the latter launched against our Quebec farmers, in Canadian territory.

In what way?

Simply this. For the last three years, the American market has been absolutely closed to the Canadian farm-producer by a high, protective tariff. On that score we have no complaint; the American Government has protected its agriculturists; it continues to do so, wherein it is wise.

Result:—

In 1921, Canadian exports of agricultural products
amounted to \$146,539,883.

In 1924, this amount had dropped alarmingly to \$ 51,337,733.

Thus the protection accorded to the American
farmers by their Government has cost our
farmers the sum of \$ 95,202,150.

But if it has been proved a wise plan for the American Government to protect the American market for its American farmers, the same protection in Canada for Canadian farmers should also be justified. What is good for the United States should be equally good for us.

What has the King Government done?

Far from following the patriotic example set by the American Government, it has opened wide the doors of our market to the American farmers and market-gardeners who choose to come to Canada and steal our customers through disastrous competition.

Result: In 1924, the United States sold to Canada agricultural products and cattle to the value of \$113,737,789.

Is it therefore surprising that the Canadian farmer cannot live decently on his own land, in his own country, but is forced, after a more or less extended fight, to abandon the benefits accumulated by his ancestors over a century or more, and emigrate in his turn to the other side of the border, to a country where all workers — farmres as well as industrial toilers — are efficiently and adequately protected?

Is it surprising that one parish alone was depopulated in two years of 120 families?

What is the trouble?

The trouble is a Canadian tariff so low that the products of American soil are enabled to enter Canada practically duty-free, while our own good products are banned from the American market by a high tariff.

Here is the proof!

Farmers of Quebec, read carefully the following table and compare what you pay to send your products to the American market

with what the Americans expend to come into **your native land** and maintain a ruinous competition:

NAME OF PRODUCT	Duty paid on our products to enter the United States.	Duty paid by Americans to bring their products to Canada.
Potatoes	50c per 100 lbs.	35c per 100 lbs.
Eggs	8c per dozen	3c per dozen
Butter	8c per pound	4c per pound
Cheese	5c per pound	3c per pound
Cattle	40%	25%
Hay	\$4.00 per ton	\$2.00 per ton.
Wheat-flour	\$2.04 per barrel	50c per barrel
Wheat	42c per bushel	12c per bushel
Indian corn	15c per bushel	Free
Various fruits	35%	25%
Woollen goods ...	100%	27½%
Woollen clothing ..	75%	27½%
Woollen hosiery ...	75%	25%
Hats	33 1/3 %	22½%
Blankets, Woollen	75%	22½%

IS THIS CLEAR ENOUGH? IS THIS CONCLUSIVE?

THE AUSTRALIAN TREATY

Mr. King does not, however, stop at that!

Believing it possible to always hold Quebec at his mercy by stirring up prejudice, he has administered a death stroke to two agricultural industries, on which our farmers ought to count most — that of the dairyman and that of the cattle-breeder.

And this is not even to the profit of another part of Canada, but to the benefit of Australia!

During the last session, a law was passed (Bill Number 238) by which the Australian Trade Treaty was approved.

Not a Deputy from Quebec, not one of the solid block of the sixty-four (Sir Lomer Gouin has resigned from the block) **opposed the law.**

Do you know the purport of this Treaty, Farmers of Quebec?

It means that the **Canadian Tariff** on products of the soil has been **entirely lifted** in most cases, and greatly lowered on the rest, while the **Australian tariff** on the same classes of articles **has remained intact**; that is to say, so high that the **Australian market** is as closed to you, **Quebec farmers**, as it was before.

Just notice below a few of the favours our King Government has accorded Australia, at **your expense and without your receiving anything in exchange**:

Australian BUTTER previously had to pay to enter	
Canada	04c per lb.
It now has to pay only	01c per lb.
Australian CHEESE previously paid	
Today it pays NOTHING	00c per lb.
EGGS from Australia used to pay	
They now have to pay NOTHING	00c per dozen
Australian MEATS before the law was passed paid	
The only duty levied now is	1/2c per lb.
Duty on Australian LARD previously was	
It now is	1/2c per lb.
Australian HONEY , until the law was passed, paid	
Since the passing of the law it pays	01 1/2c per lb.
DRIED APPLES and OTHER DRIED FRUITS	
paid	25% of value
Duty now reduced 50% permits their entry	
paying only	12 1/2% of value

Canned **VEGETABLES, TOMATOES, INDIAN CORN, AND OTHERS**, previously paid a duty.

They are now admitted into Canada **FREE**.

All this since **October 1st, 1925**, owing to the law voted on June 28th, last.

And do you recognize what this represents, farmers of Quebec?

Here is what your Australian rivals exported in 1924:

Butter	65,440,852 pounds	
Cheese	3,787,711 pounds	
Frozen Lamb	32,563,065 pounds)) 39,805,349 pounds
Frozen Mutton ..	7,242,284 pounds)	

Could you not yourselves furnish the Canadian consumer with all the mutton, lamb and butter that he needs?

Easily, no doubt, but the King Government — the “solid block” Government — has given preference to the Australian producers!

Then, too, vegetables? Tomatoes and other vegetables, comprising canned corn, and fresh onions, are admitted into Canada free, and, in fact, are invited to **YOUR COUNTRY** to offer **YOU** ruinous competition.

Dairying is, perhaps, the only profitable industry left to the Quebec farmer.

Why have the Government and the solid block sacrificed it to strangers?

What do we receive in exchange? What do you get, Mr. Farmer?

NOTHING, ABSOLUTELY NOTHING!

Those who profit by the Australian Treaty are the automobile manufacturers of America who have opened up assembling plants in Canada; as are also the newsprint manufacturers, who are profiting by the opportunity to deplete our Canadian forests.

BUT FOR YOU, — NOTHING !

CANADIAN AND AUSTRALIAN TARIFFS **(Since the Treaty) COMPARED**

Notice particularly how Australia treats the Canadian farmer and how the Australian farmer is treated by Canada, always keeping in mind the Treaty which was approved by each and everyone of the Liberal deputies of Quebec on June 28th, 1925.

COMPARE THIS !

NAME OF PRODUCT	What your products pay to enter Australia	What Australian products pay to get into Canada
Fresh or smoked meats ..	5c per pound	½c per pound
Preserved meats	5c per pound	15%
Onions	\$1.50 per cwt.	Nothing
Preserved fruits, in pint container (or for each box, or pound	\$1.00 per dozen 8½c per pound ½c per pound
Fruit juices, imported for preserving or jam making	25%	Nothing
Preserved vegetables	30%	Nothing
Fresh vegetables	50c per cwt.	Nothing
Beeswax	2c per pound	Nothing
Honey	4c per pound	1c per pound
Butter	6c per pound	1c per pound
Cheese	6c per pound	Nothing
Eggs	18c per dozen	Nothing
Dried apples and peaches	8c per pound	18% (Approx. 1½c per lb.)
Lard	4c per pound	Nothing
Suet	\$1.00 per cwt.	10%

And to think that all members from the rural districts of Quebec voted for this "en bloc," as a solid block"!

This is the present that the King Government offers you on the eve of the elections. It is the thanks of the solid block!

After having placed you at the mercy of your formidable United States rivals, they have raised against you a new form of competition, to take your place, in your own markets.

We err here: It is not **ONE** competition they have raised against you, but **TWO**, and these since the 26th of September last.

On this date, as a matter of fact, an Order-in-Council was passed, by virtue of which the privileges accorded Australia, detrimental to your interests, were extended to a second country — New Zealand.

New Zealand is a new rival, another competitor against you, even more formidable than the United States or Australia. Just to give you a clear idea of what we mean, we give below the figures on what, among other products, were exported from New Zealand during the year 1924:

Butter	126,945,500 pounds
Cheese	159,448,600 pounds
Lamb and Mutton	247,737,000 pounds

Add this to the butter, cheese, lamb and mutton which Australia can dispose of to your cost, and you will have the formidable figures of 193,000,000 pounds of butter, 163,000,000 pounds of cheese and 288,000,000 pounds of lamb and mutton. These products can be thrown on the Canadian market by New Zealand and Australia, while you, Farmers of Quebec, could not sell a thing to either of these countries, **no matter what happens**. All this effective since the 1st of October.

And to think that this is the deed of a Government which makes a pretense of protecting the laboring classes and encouraging agriculture, the latter the most important industry in this country! This, the deed of the solid block; the deed of the **SIXTY-FOUR** would-be Liberal deputies elected to protect in particular the interests of Quebec and the farmers of this province.

They have ignored you; they have scorned you; they have betrayed you.

THE OPINION OF CANADIAN FARMERS

Here is what the "Bulletin des Agriculteurs," the official organ of the **Catholic Union of Farmers of Quebec** (L'Union Catholique des Cultivateurs de Quebec), says in its issue of October 1st, 1925, under the title:

“WHERE WERE OUR RURAL DEPUTIES?”

“While the Australian Treaty opened wide our markets for a number of Australian farm-products to compete against our own, it allowed the Australian tariff to remain so high as to prohibit the entry of Canadian products into Australia.

“Where, then, were our rural deputies while this Treaty was being discussed and studied during the last session? the farmers of Quebec and Ontario are asking. The present electoral campaign offers an opportunity to ask them personally and openly. This would be also an opportune time for the farmers to demand an explanation from their deputies as to the reasons why they ALL voted in favour of the Government budget, in this way turning down a greater measure of protection for Canadian agricultural products.

“In fact, where were our rural deputies?

“They made to our farmers all sorts of declarations of fidelity and sincerity, but where were they when they should have been in Parliament defending the interests of the agricultural class, A CLASS SACRIFICED BY THE OPPORTUNISM, INCOMPETENCE AND INSINCERITY OF THE KING GOVERNMENT!

“Honorable Arthur Cardin, Richelieu Member, where were you?

“Where could they have been, this famous solid block?”

Sheep-raising is dying out in Quebec! The wool industry in Quebec is fast vanishing!

Is it surprising that this situation exists today, when one considers the mutton and lamb that is imported from Australia and New Zealand to this country is paying nothing to enter here? When raw wool imported from England is extraordinarily favoured over our Canadian product?

Let everyone of you farmers count the sheep on your farm to-day, then compare that number as against the sheep your father and grand-father owned.

And shortly, when the Australian Treaty begins to take effect, compare the price you will obtain for your lamb as against the price you were getting one or two years ago.

The sheep of Quebec are no longer on your farms; they have been in Parliament during the past four years, and call themselves the "solid block" — so-called Liberals.

Are you going to send them back to power and permit them to bleed you, as though you were sheep, in order that strangers may profit?

THINK THIS OVER CAREFULLY BEFORE MARKING YOUR BALLOT!!!

You know now why our population is being depleted; why 403,000 CANADIANS have left Canada in three years; why one parish alone lost 120 families in two years.

THE REMEDY

The solution proposed by the Honorable Es. L. Patenaude, is the policy followed by all our great men; it is

"A National Policy of Protection, which will permit the farmer to work his farm profitably and sell his products on our own markets, without having to fight a ruinous foreign competition.

"A National policy of Protection, which will assure the conservation of Canadian capital in Canada, do away with industrial inactivity and worry, and give to the worker an adequate remuneration for his work.

"A National Policy of Protection, wisely and sanely controlled; a policy capable of stimulating production, of retaining and

bringing back our countrymen; a common-sense policy which comprehends that money paid out of Canada is lost forever, that money expended in Canada stays and increases incessantly; a humane policy which looks to the building up of prosperity for our own children, before strangers."

*(Speech given by the Honorable Es. L. Patenaude at
St. Laurent.)*

**CONSIDER THE FOREGOING CAREFULLY,
BEFORE MARKING YOUR BALLOT**

