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THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

For what does the Liberal party of Canada exist? What is its mission?

In view of the party's comparative inaction in Dominion politics during 1887, these questions seem to think that the Liberal party has fulfilled the object of its existence when it has wrested a provincial government from the hands of the Tories.

Others are content with a mild protest against the iniquities that flourish under Tory rule, not venturing to follow up their protest with resolute action. Others again are wholly lacking in earnestness because, as they see it, it is hopeless to attempt to present themselves as the results of the Quebec Conference may be of great public moment. The results of the deliberations of the International Commission at Washington will have a vast influence on Canada for good or evil. We hope for much for the country's welfare from Quebec; we fear for a disgraced surrender at Washington. What the result will be, we, the Liberal party, know it is past record, its present widespread but not sufficiently organized strength, and its prospects for the future, to be up and doing. As an independent journal THE HERALD would like to see the Liberal party: Let the call to arms be sounded from the Atlantic to the Pacific and let all who wish well for their country see that the work of thorough organization proceeds without delay. The Liberal party, once organized in proper form, under proper leadership, may yet be called upon to play a great part in the Government of the Dominion.

And what is the present political situation? And how is it to be changed?

The situation is this: that while the British North America Act was supposed to guarantee a constitution similar to that of Great Britain, the first principles of Responsible Government have been set aside and perverted and in cases overthrown, that the Ministry of the day have become omnipotent over Parliament, instead of being a free, untrammelled body of the people's representatives, has been degraded and enslaved. The constituencies, through the gerrymandering of boundaries and the Government revising barometer and the government turning the electoral lists and the partisan returns of government officials—have been deprived of their legitimate influence and, in cases, of the very members whom they have elected. Through corruption the most dreadful, compassed by bribes in the form of public works, railway subsidies, bribery funds, special legislation for the benefit of individuals and corporations, the government and their officials have practically destroyed the independence of scores of constituencies and administered a terrible blow to the freedom and purity and integrity of Parliament. Through such agencies as these an organized system, as bad as anything that ever existed in the most corrupt days of English history, has been set up for the express purpose of suppressing public sentiment and destroying representative institutions. The primary object of all this is to continue power in the hands of one man; to perpetuate the rule of one party, and to deprive one-half and more of the inhabitants of Canada of any share or say in the government of their country.

It has come about under this system that men have sat in Parliament and voted themselves and friends railway subsidies—voted money and profits to themselves and partner by means of protective duties—voted to crush out businesses and enterprises opposed to their own commercial ventures and those of a select few who were their political supporters, voted, for party purposes, to attack the rights of Provincial governments and to meet to embroil the Confederation in civil war—voted to increase the payments to provinces from time to time, in order to bolster up their party in elections pending—voted to put money in the purses of bootlickers, who in return expended money to secure the election of bootlickers—voted, in fact, for everything the Government requested, whether to advance the interests of speculators in iron properties by increasing the iron duties enormously, or to justify the Government in expending several millions a year without the authority of Parliament, or to reward by an increase of salary a Crown officer who had disgraced his position by the most unwarrantable violation of law for partisan purposes. In fact, under this system, a majority of supposed representatives of the people have become mere *automata*, moved by the will of one man, forgetful of the rights and promises to the electors, looking not to the electors but to a corrupt and unscrupulous head of a government for their rewards. With the forms of liberty existing, liberty itself does not exist for the Tory party of Canada. With representative institutions undermined by bribery and corruption in every form, the people are left to the mercy of politicians who look upon the Parliament and Government of the country as merely machines for providing offices, patronage, subsidies and other mercenary advantages for themselves, their friends and supporters.

Is this a situation that should be accepted without something more than mild protest by the Liberal party of the Dominion? Is there anything in it to warrant the effort to reform the country? We think not; the very reverse is the truth. But if the general deplorable condition of the country will not move more Liberals to earnest effort, then let them reflect upon the means that have been adopted by the Tory organization to destroy the Liberal party, to crush it out of existence, to rob Liberal members of their elections, to deprive Liberal constituencies, to buy up Liberal electors, to bribe Tory members, to defame Liberal candidates, to corrupt the people, to have anything to compare with the frauds and corruption of the past five years in Canada been known? Liberal constituencies were first attacked through the gerrymandering in Ontario, and a disgraced Premier could openly boast that he had "hired the electors." Then the whole Dominion was handed over to the revising barometers. Then the returning officer came into prominence as the one to elect Tory candidates with a minority of votes in Liberal constituencies. Concurrent with all this were the enormous corruption funds expended in Ontario, Quebec

and Nova Scotia—amounting to probably a million. Then there was the army of contractors operating in every Liberal district and "inducement" numbers all over the country. On these and other agencies for destroying the Liberal party, with whom a majority of the people of Canada were and are in sympathy, we need not dwell; they are open, notorious and scandalous to the last degree. No party possessing the slightest amount of spirit or self-respect look such desperate means employed to compass its destruction. No party not weakened to the verge of dissolution could do otherwise than oppose to this "organized corruption" a most vigorous and uncompromising resistance. It must fight it to the death. It cannot wait to be attacked; it must be the attacking party. It must advance to the assault again and again. If it fails to overthrow the monstrous corruption which is sailing it in every quarter, it must expect to be utterly overwhelmed.

It belongs to the Liberal party of Canada—the whole of Canada—to look to its organization. Important events are about to present themselves. The results of the Quebec Conference may be of great public moment. The results of the deliberations of the International Commission at Washington will have a vast influence on Canada for good or evil. We hope for much for the country's welfare from Quebec; we fear for a disgraced surrender at Washington. What the result will be, we, the Liberal party, know it is past record, its present widespread but not sufficiently organized strength, and its prospects for the future, to be up and doing. As an independent journal THE HERALD would like to see the Liberal party: Let the call to arms be sounded from the Atlantic to the Pacific and let all who wish well for their country see that the work of thorough organization proceeds without delay. The Liberal party, once organized in proper form, under proper leadership, may yet be called upon to play a great part in the Government of the Dominion.

A CHANGE WANTED.

The Ministerial organs adopt a foolish course in calling the advocates of free trade with the United States "Annexationists." The Tories have been the only ones to openly declare for annexation, and however much they may deceive Englishmen of the United Kingdom, no one in Canada believes that what they call their "loyalty" is any deeper than their pockets. In other words, they are one thing; out of office they are something very different. As a matter of fact, free trade with the United States has not an annexation tendency, but the reverse. The United States and Canada desire, naturally enough, to have unrestricted trade with one another, and it may be that many think it would be better to secure this even by a union than to continue without it, but neither the States nor Canada are anxious for a political union. If there is unrest in the Dominion apart from the interests of trade, it is caused by the wholesale demoralization of the country by Sir John Macdonald. He has adopted as his motto, "Corruption be thou my God," and he sacrifices everything to this idol. In no other period of its history has Canada been governed by such open and shameless corruption as that by which Sir John retains office. Votes are openly bought, constituencies are bribed, provinces are invited to make demands on the public treasury, and to return members to support Sir John Macdonald. The country has before it at this moment the spectacle of two Cabinet Ministers unseated by bribery with a strong probability of the same punishment about to fall on the Premier, and with the knowledge that at least two other Cabinet Ministers must have suffered the same fate had not their opponents unwise agreed to forego their rights. Can any other nation show anything so disgraceful? The country is beginning to feel that danger to the continuance of Confederation arises from the continuance of Sir John Macdonald's power. He has grown bold and reckless in his ways. Nothing is sacred to him, and men are beginning to think that any change would be for the better. Experience both in England and the United States as well as in Canada has shown that it is not good for men to remain too long in power. They come to regard it as their right, and they are not scrupulous in their use of it. Had Sir John Macdonald been defeated at the last elections, had new blood been infused into the government of the country, who can doubt that it would have been of untold advantage to the community? England has largely benefited by the fact that each of the two parties remains as a rule but a few years in power; the United States were sinking into a political slough when new life was given them by the election of a Democratic President, and Canada in the same way is losing that vim, that elasticity of a new country, and that public honesty for which she was noted, solely by reason of the fact that she has allowed Sir John Macdonald to remain too long her adviser and autocrat. A change is essential to renewed life and vigor.

Even did Sir John possess many qualities which he does not, the country would be benefited by a change. This is well recognized and acted upon in England. Lord John Russell, one of the most distinguished Liberal statesmen of modern times, was twice or thrice overturned even in his prime, and by the time he reached Sir John's age he had retired to the House of Lords. So with many others. Even Lord Palmerston, the most popular minister of the century, who owed his many years of office to that inswerving patriotism that broke no dictation from any other government, which was maintained in the support of both Tories and Whigs, was required to leave office on several occasions, and both his party and his country were benefited by his going. The sturdy nature of English freedom will not allow any man, however much he may have been petted, to assume a dictatorial power, or to insist that his views are to be the law of the land, or to set at defiance those rules of conduct that the people of England believe should govern all public men. Sir John, of course, defies everything. He has bought every purchasable man that he requires, and he has cast to the winds all restraint and all respect for the people he governs. More over he has passed the age when the mind of a successful politician occupies itself with other considerations than that

of retaining power. Men at his time of life cannot see that the world moves rapidly, and a country under the control of such a man necessarily stagnates. And when to the desire to retain power is added the determination to adopt any means however unworthy and improper to secure that end, the condition of the country becomes serious, men's minds become unsettled, and danger is created.

TO BE SOLD AGAIN.

The *Gazette*, which was the first to announce that the duties of the Fishery Commission would be limited to interpreting the Treaty of 1818, now says that it is nonsense to suppose that the commission will be bound to any such limitation! What an India-rubbery organ, to be sure! Having thus swallowed itself it proceeds to predict, it says—

Sir John Macdonald is a skilled diplomat, thoroughly understands the Canadian case, and may be trusted to insist upon the maintenance of our rights. Canadian people desire to put an end to the vexatious dispute, but they will not tolerate any settlement in the nature of a surrender. If the *Gazette's* view were referred to, a similar prediction, made previous to Sir John Macdonald's departure for Washington, would probably be found. The skilled diplomat who took part in the Washington surrender may be trusted to prove as simple to-day as he was then. At that time Canada was compelled to forego her claim against the Fenian raids; the skillful diplomat readily consented to the sacrifice. This time we shall probably be compelled to waive our claims for the destruction of Canadian sealing vessels in Behring Sea, the piracy which a valuable commercial enterprise has been broken up, Canadians robbed and imprisoned, and even sent to death. A London politician, at the head of an unscrupulous Government, may be content upon to do anything except to stand upright in the presence of those who have Imperial honors to bestow. The treatment which the Behring Sea case is receiving shows only too plainly that Canada is to be sold again; but who to him by whom this treachery will be consummated.

TOBACCO GLOBE.—"What chance has the Canadian case for a fair show when the Commission stands due to five, and that 'one' squinting at the peage?"

This *Chicago News* says that the way to get rid of the U. S. surplus is to sell it in Canada. Yes, just give the Ottawa borders one clear session at that surplus and it would vanish like a dream.

Three Ministers of the Crown are now on the bosom of the ocean, bearing a homeward course. They are Sir George Tupper, Hon. J. A. Chaplain and Hon. M. Bowell.—*Ontario*.

And two Ministers of the Crown have been launched on the bosom of the ocean, constituting one more having been unseated for bribery. Two other Ministers would have joined them but for the improper system of compromising contested election cases that prevails in this province.

NEWFOUNDLAND demands a representation on the commission which is to discuss the fishery question. This is a reasonable request. Newfoundland is not a portion of Canada, but her interests are very extensive, and are to her of more vital consequence than is that of Canada to its general welfare. Moreover the people of Newfoundland have reason for their suspicion that their interests are not safe in the hands of Sir John Macdonald, and are justly anxious that Mr. Chamberlain may regard the question almost entirely from a United Kingdom point of view rather than from a standpoint that will protect the proper interests of Newfoundland.

The Jockey Club have expelled the Marquis of Aylesbury from the club, and have warned him and his trainer, John Tyler, of Newmarket Heath and all other courses under their control. The offence that entailed this disgrace was the instructing the rider of "Everett" for the Harewood Plate to pull his horse. The jockey, young Martin, the leading light-weight jockey in England, finding that he was winning hesitated to obey these instructions and ran a dead heat. The Jockey Club dismissed the case against the jockey, but cautioned him as to his future conduct. This action on the part of the stewards of the Jockey Club will meet the approval both of racing men and the public generally. The turf is none too clean as it is and when men in the position of the Marquis of Aylesbury become sharper the sooner they are disposed of the better. It is a pity that there are no stewards of Society in England, or that those who regulate social affairs do not take the Marquis of Aylesbury in hand.

ALL the advocates of commercial union admit that their scheme would necessarily close up the business of "some" Canadian manufacturers, jobbers and the like. Prof. Smith's endeavor has constrained him to make this admission several times and we need not now dispute about the numbers or the sum of the "some." The point is, are those "some" to be compensated? It will not be contended that a Canadian manufacturer whose business is ruined, through no fault of his own, but by a change of the people for commercial union, is less entitled to consideration and compensation than would be a slaveholder or a liquor dealer under similar circumstances. The Imperial Government compensated the manufacturers of Ireland and of Scotland at the payment of the taxes imposed by the U. S. tariff. It is not to be expected that the U. S. Government will do less for the Canadian manufacturers in the pending cases, and also charged with the collection of the duties. After the above legal proceedings will be taken against the company. The Government has reneged the interest provided the capital be paid within the above limits.

BEAUBARNOIS JUNCTION RAILWAY. TENDERS are invited for the work of construction between Beaubarnois Junction, a distance of about fourteen miles. Plans and specifications can be seen, and tenders received by the Chief Engineer, Mr. J. M. Shaw, at his office, in the Commercial Bank, Montreal, on or before the 20th September, and tenders will be received on the printed forms, addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed, "Tender for Construction of Beaubarnois Junction Railway." The lowest and any tender not necessarily accepted.

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