

The Vital Issue

"What we have to decide is this—Are we going to continue the protective system of this country or are we not? That is the question and that is the whole question. And the great, big, necessary thing is that every voter in this country from the Yukon to Halifax knows that this is the question he or she is deciding when he or she votes in this great contest."

—ARTHUR MEIGHEN

THE vital issue in the coming election—in fact, the only issue—is the Tariff, and to every clear-thinking Canadian it should be readily apparent that a Protective Fiscal Policy is absolutely essential to stability, progress and development.

Every important country in the world upholds Protection as an essential economic principle. Even Great Britain—so long the stronghold of Free Trade—has now adopted laws that constitute Protection of the most effective kind. In fact, the present policy among most nations is towards raising their tariff walls, not lowering them. In the face of these facts it would be suicidal for Canada to do exactly the reverse and discard the fiscal system which has been responsible for its progress during the past forty-three years.

Free Trade would mean death to Canadian Industry. It would also result in the immediate closing down of Canadian plants of foreign firms, with consequent additional unemployment. There are to-day 650 American factories alone in Canada. Similar proposed ventures would be abandoned. New capital would refuse to come

to a Country lacking adequate protection and present industrial enterprise would be promptly strangled by foreign competition.

The preservation of the home market by a Reasonable Protective Tariff is vital to both city dweller and agrarian alike—now as never before. More capital is urgently needed for the development of Canada's enormous resources, which will result in a lessening of unemployment and an increased population. More work and more workers will produce an enlarged home market for products of both city and farm, and the exodus of Canadian men and women—and the dollars they earn—will be precluded.

The United States has slammed her trade door in the face of Canadian farmers by adopting the Fordney Bill, and the farmer is consequently now even more dependent upon the home market than in the past.

Yet Crerar asks you to destroy that home market by voting for Free Trade.

King's policy—if he has one—will result in the destruction of the Tariff.

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WINTERING OF PULLETS

If Possible Separate From All Hens and Cockerels.

Prepare Quarters Early and Transfer by November—Good Light and Ventilation Necessary—Winter Care of Pregnant Mares.

(Contributed by Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.)

Many times the failure of securing a satisfactory winter egg yield is due to neglect of the pullets early in the fall. The ordinary pullets begin laying at from six to seven months of age, and many farmers get a few pullet eggs in October and November, followed by little or no production in December or early January. This frequently is due to a change in roosting quarters or being overcrowded and underfed in the poultry house.

Place in Winter Quarters Early. To get the best results the pullets should be placed in winter quarters by November 1st. Before that time the henhouse should be thoroughly cleaned, the walls, ceiling, etc., brushed down, and all old cobwebs, etc., removed. Then give the house a good whitewashing, and if the floor is earth or sand at least four inches of it should be renewed.

Separate Pullets From Young Hens.

If at all possible, separate the pullets from the old hens and cockerels. In order to lay well, they should be fed all they will eat, particularly of ground grains and green foods, and should not be overcrowded. About twenty-five to thirty-five pullets is plenty for a pen twelve feet square; in fact in many cases twenty-five pullets in the pen will lay almost as many eggs as the thirty-five. Should you be fortunate in having too many pullets, get the earliest and best matured ones into the pen first. If you have to crowd or sell some, get rid of the small, weak ones and those that are slow to develop.

Have the Pen Well Lighted and Ventilated.

The pen should be light and well ventilated. Have all the ventilators or openings on one side of the house and close together. Do not have an opening in one end of the house and another in the other end. These cause drafts which are very apt to produce colds and sickness. It usually takes a pullet at least three weeks to get over a cold, and she seldom lays while she has a cold. Keep the house dry, and use plenty of dry straw in which the birds can scratch for the feed.

Give Laying Hens Plenty of Food.

Remember a laying hen needs plenty of food, grit, and shell material. Also there should be a variety to the food; that is green food such as clover, leaves, cabbage, or sprouted oats, or if none of these can be had some roots. She also needs some form of meat food—sour milk is the best, but beef scrap, or other meat offal, if untainted, will answer. Usually about one-third of the grain should be ground or even up to one-half. The whole grain makes exercise in hunting for it in the straw. Always remember the pen should be clean, dry, and sweet.—R. W. Graham, O. A. College, Guelph.

The Conservative Candidate in Haldimand

Caledonia Sachem—Mark Senn, the choice of the Convention, was born in the township of Oneida on the farm where he now lives, and is well known as a breeder of Shorthorn cattle. Some years ago, his father, Mr. John Senn, contested the county against the late Dr. Baxter and was elected, but had to give up the seat as he was an issuer of marriage licenses. "Mark," as he is known to those who know him, has been secretary-treasurer of the Oneida Farmers' Insurance Company for a number of years, and has always taken a great interest in the Caledonia Fair. He is a member of the Methodist church and takes keen interest in church and Sunday School work.

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