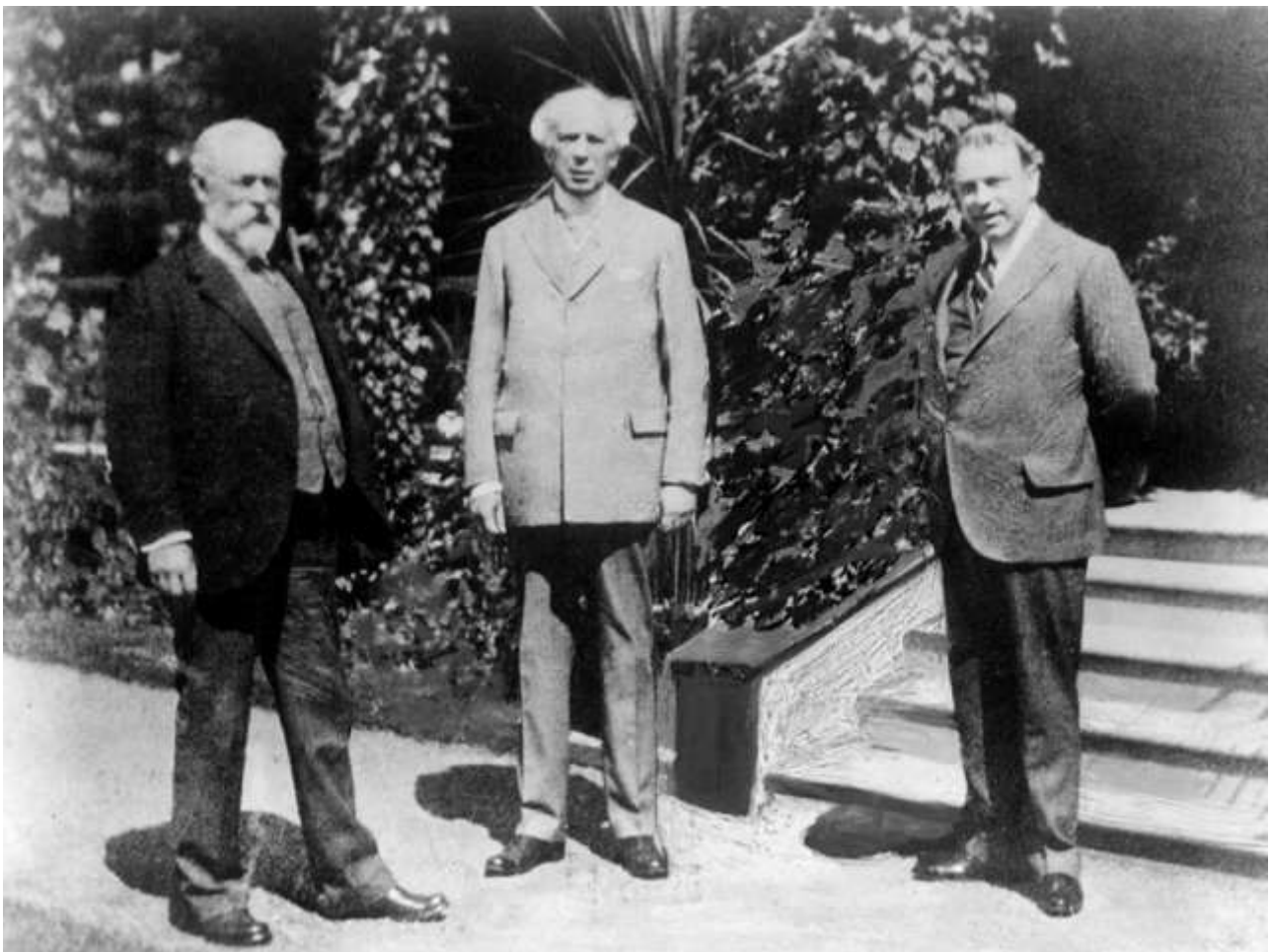


With Trudeau re-elected, there are long years ahead

If the government does not become serious about the attraction and retention of capital, and competitive tax rates, the climate in this country will certainly change, but not meteorologically

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The Hon. Sydney Fisher, left, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and William Lyon Mackenzie King are seen in a photo dated Aug. 12, 1915.

The complacent tenor of the government's successful re-election campaign was based on Canada's superior quality of life, the skill of its people, and the stability of its institutions. That is certainly the moderate left's view and the governing Liberals carried this message and it was, in

electoral terms, ratified. The somewhat-less-enthused Conservatives led in the popular vote, but the non-regional parties of the left, Liberals, New Democrats and Greens, while having lots of suggestions of how to be more “progressive” and go farther left, were unanimous in their view that more redistributive activity by the government – taking money from people who had earned it and redeploying it to the benefit (and electoral gratitude) of those who hadn’t – would make Canada even more paradisiacal than it already is.

Even the capable head of the Macdonald-Laurier Institute, an innovative think-tank and centre of debate, Brian Lee Crowley, [National Post.](#)