 **The Laurier Era Introduction**

**Wilfrid Laurier**

* On July 29, 1910, Prime Minister Wilfrid Laurier bought a newspaper from a 15-year-old boy on the platform of a Saskatoon train station;
* Two spoke about the news;
* Then the newsboy said, “Well, Prime Minister, I can’t waste any more time on you. I must get back to work.”

**Canada’s Prime Minister**

* Wilfrid Laurier served as Canada’s Prime Minister for fifteen consecutive years;
* Led the country during a time of great social and economic change;
* What effects did his political policies have on our nation?

**Conclusion**

* Forty-seven years later, that same newsboy from Saskatoon became Prime Minister of Canada;
* His name was John Diefenbaker;
* How do you think this chance encounter might have influenced him?