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MR. SOMERVILLE TO THE ELECTORS

Liberal Candidate in London Issues Manifesto

EXPLAINS HIS PLATFORM

Urges Women Voters to Study Issues of the Day

Mr. C. R. Somerville is issuing the following letter to the electors of London, outlining his stand on the issues of the day. He will amplify his attitude on the various questions touched upon in the letter, during the course of his public speeches during the campaign.

To the men and women electors of London: I have been chosen by the Liberals of London as their candidate in the present federal election. That unsolicited honor and that great responsibility I have accepted. I shall give my time and energies to the best of my ability to the trust imposed upon me. If elected as your representative in Parliament I shall do my best to fulfill my faithfully and as honestly as in me lies, the obligations of that stewardship.

I believe it my duty to lay before you as frankly and as fully as I can my stand on the main issues of the election, and my reasons for asking your support. On the personal side I need say little. My record in public, business and private life is, I believe, fairly well known to the citizens of London. Concerning what I did, I do not care to say more than the facts. I am content to be judged by the facts. Of war work and war sacrifice I say nothing. No Canadian can deny his patriotism or his loyalty.

In regard to the political issues of the day, I would note in the first place that I approach them from the standpoint of a Liberal, and a life-long Canadian. I believe in the fundamental doctrine of Liberalism—government of the people by the people and for the people. I believe that that condition has not prevailed in Canada since the defeat of the Liberal party under Sir Wilfrid Laurier in 1911. The Meighen Government was not elected by the people and did not represent the people. The guiding principle of the past two years at any rate has been place-holding and place-filling, and not the real interests of Canada. The election of a new Parliament was long overdue.

For the new Parliament, the most important requirement is business efficiency and economy. Business common sense under the trying conditions of world-wide economic change and post-war readjustment is needed more than ever before. If we are to reduce as all the suffering burden of taxation from which we now suffer, there must be retrenchment in expenditure, the strictest economy and the absolute eradication of graft of every kind, whether it be tariff graft or office-holding graft or any other of the party patronage kind which have cursed political life in this country.

Next to this I would rank in importance the proper care of our returned men. I think I know something of the wounds of war. Our gratitude to the men who fought and suffered in the Great War cannot be expressed too fully or too tangibly. I shall earnestly advocate and support every practicable measure looking to the re-employment of the men who suffered in Canada's interests. So far as I am concerned, that partially or totally disabled soldiers and their dependents should receive pensions or allowances amply sufficient to enable them to maintain a liberal standard of living, and that more effective employment agencies should be created. Also the divergent efforts of the various governmental organizations now in existence should be co-ordinated in a central authority.

In respect to the relations of labor and capital I support wholeheartedly the Liberal policy as outlined in the resolution passed by the National Liberal convention of August, 1919. Contrary to Mr. Meighen, I do not regard the tariff issue as the vital issue before the country, in so far as any rate as the Liberal attitude is concerned. So far as I am concerned, so far as the Liberal party is concerned, there is no issue of protection versus free trade. The leader of the Government declares that a revision of the tariff is necessary, and the tenor of his addresses and of the Conservative campaign literature implies that this revision shall be upwards. I agree with Mr. Meighen that a revision of the tariff is necessary. The real issue is as to the character and extent of that revision.

There was a revision of the tariff in 1907, marking the dawn of a new era of Canadian prosperity under Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. W. B. Hocking. The principles which underlay that revision should obtain with Hon. Mackenzie King and Hon. Mr. Fielding, if they are entrusted with the revision of the tariff in the new Parliament.

The same results which accrued from the same and thorough tariff revision of 1907, the same stimulus to business stability and expansion, the same just balance between the selfish high protection on the one hand and the impractical free-trade policy of the other, can, I am confident, be again secured by applying the same business common sense under the same Mr. Fielding. My policy, and I believe the policy of the Liberal party, is and will be, first to investigate thoroughly the revenue requirements of the nation and the existing national and international economic situation. Then, with all the facts honestly and clearly faced, shape a new tariff, having due regard to the three underlying principles. First, the safe-guarding of all Canadian industries against unfair foreign competition; second, the safe-guarding of Canadian labor against cheap foreign labor; and third, the safe-guarding of the right of the great majority of the masses, to a reduction in the cost of the necessities of life and to protection against profiteering monopolies and combines.

In the promotion of Canadian industry I would place a large reliance upon the encouragement of technical education and to secure more economic and scientific processes of manufacture; in this respect I would endeavor to have carried on to fulfillment the work so ably begun by our ex-member, Mr. Cronyn, looking to the establishment of a Central Research Bureau at Ottawa, with enlarged opportunities for Canadian manufacturers to adapt the latest discoveries of science to the development of Canadian resources.

To the women voters, who are now called upon for the first time to exercise their franchise in federal affairs, I would say:

Study the issues for yourselves and make up your own minds as to vote. I welcome your advent into politics. It will make for greater political honesty, economy in public expenditure and a better national stability. Men have been the spendthrifts of the nation; they are responsible for the present burden of debt and taxation. The housewife, in the last analysis, pays the taxes. You are vitally interested in the tariff and in stopping waste, graft and extravagance. Rensou,

the issues out for yourself and vote as your reason and conscience dictate. If you do that I have no fear for good government in Canada. I pledge myself, if elected, to give my best effort and my best judgment to the solution of national problems, dealing independently with the facts as they arise under the new developments and new conditions facing this critical time of stress and strain. I appeal for support not as a partisan, but as a Canadian believing in the best of our country and sincerely desirous of doing honestly and courageously all that I can do for the public weal.

Yours faithfully,
C. R. SOMERVILLE.

W. J. Snelgrove DIED LAST NIGHT

Principal of Lorne Avenue School Succumbs After Long Illness

A PROMINENT CITIZEN

William J. Snelgrove, principal of Lorne Avenue School and one of London's outstanding educators, died at his home, 350 Glebe street, early last evening. Deceased had been in ill health for the past five months, but his condition was not thought to be serious until late Mr. Snelgrove's death came as a shock to his family and hosts of friends.

The late Mr. Snelgrove was born near Mount Brydges 53 years ago. He was educated in the rural schools around here. He graduated from the Collegiate in 1897 and attended the Normal school here, receiving his first-class certificate in December of the same year.

After graduating from the Normal school he taught in the rural schools and later came to the city, securing a position on the staff of the old King Street School. He held this post for five years and was then appointed principal of Lorne Avenue School, which he held until his death, a period of 18 years.

He was one of London's outstanding educators and took an active part in the passage of the teachers' superannuation Act. Mr. Snelgrove attended the convention at Toronto, and it was through his untiring efforts that the act was passed.

Deceased was a member of the London Rowing Club and a bowler of unusual ability. On several occasions he competed in tournaments in Western Ontario and carried off several trophies. He also competed in the Dominion Bowling Association tournaments in Toronto, bowling against some of the best in Canada. He also ranked high as a curler.

Mr. Snelgrove for many years was superintendent of King Street Church Sunday school and took an active part in not only the Sunday school but in various branches of church work. He was an elder in the church.

E. E. Gibbs, principal of Chesley Avenue School, speaking of the late Mr. Snelgrove, said: "I have known Mr. Snelgrove for the past 25 years and never have I met a man more straightforward, thoughtful and kind. As a teacher there is none better and his place at Lorne Avenue School will be hard to fill."

Besides his widow he is survived by his mother, four daughters, Mabel, Agnes and Bena, at home, and Winnifred, nurse in training at Toronto General Hospital, and one son, Cecil.



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CHOOSE NOMINEE FROM AMONG NINE

Labor Nominating Convention Adjourns Until Tuesday Night

MEETING LAST EVENING

Doubtful If All Suggested Will Be Balloted Upon

The nomination of a Labor candidate to contest London in the coming federal election was not concluded by the London branch of the Dominion Labor party last night. Nine names were accepted by the meeting for consideration and these will be balloted on next Tuesday night at an adjourned session. A. Mould, John J. Colbert, G. F. McKay, Max Lerner, H. B. Ashplant, Prof. Louis A. Wood, Dan Menzies, J. McGuire and R. Hessel are the nine from which a candidate will be selected next Tuesday night. The name of Rev. W. J. McIntosh was also mentioned last night, but owing to the fact that he is not connected with any Labor organization the meeting decided that he could not be the candidate. If it had not been for this, and he had been willing to accept the nomination, it is more than probable that he would have been chosen.

While there were nine named last

night it is considered doubtful if all these will allow their names to go before the meeting to be balloted on next Tuesday. It is known definitely that Mr. McKay will not stand, and it is believed that others will also withdraw before Tuesday. John Colbert is considered as the most probable choice as a candidate so far as could be learned. The organization of the local Labor party, as a branch of the Dominion party, was completed last night also. John Colbert was chosen president, and the other officers are as follows: Vice-president, Arthur Mould; treasurer, C. Depotie; secretary, W. H. Stewart; ward chairman, R. H. Hessel, ward 1; J. Secker, ward 2; G. Hall, ward 3; F. White, ward 4.

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tario branch of the Canadian Labor party, addressed the gathering at some length. Other addresses were given by several of the local Labor men.

The press was barred from the meeting by the consent of the delegates, and all information was given out afterwards. There was a large representation of the various Labor organizations in attendance. Some of the delegates who had forgotten or neglected to take their regular credentials with them were not allowed to take part in the proceedings.

F. HENDERSON HEADS WARDSVILLE BOARD

WARDSVILLE, Oct. 28.—At a meeting of the school board Frank Henderson was elected chairman in place of Mr. Thomas Paulds, who recently moved from the village. The regular monthly meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held at Mrs. J. Sloan's on Wednesday afternoon. Reports of the convention recently held in London were given by Mrs. Lindon, Mrs. Potter, Mrs. Hasser and Mrs. D. Elwood. The concert to be held on the 31st was postponed until November 18.

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