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MR. MACKAY'S PRONOUNCEMENT

The following statement of his posi-
tion and the duty of the Liberal party
in Ontario was issued by Hon. A. G.
MacKay immediately after his nomina-
tion as leader of the Opposition:

"We must consecrate ourselves to
the ideals of Liberalism, what it
means, what it stands for.

"One who accepts the Liberal lead-
ership in Ontario puts on splendid
shoes. But they are big ones to fill.
The Liberal party has a history, and
it is no mean aim to seek to measure
up to something of the standard of
the Mowats, the Hardys and the
Rosses.

"I am fully in accord with the
policy established by Mr. Graham
and shall seek to further develop it,
not looking behind, but before. There
is opportunity for a live and earnest
opposition to do good work. Mr.
Whitney and his colleagues are leav-
ing some very vulnerable spots. The
administration of the liquor licenses
system must be improved and re-
moved from the arena of partisan-
ship; the education department is a
failure and should be reorganized
and improved; and the sports sys-
tem should be permanently abol-
ished.

"Put me down as unequivocally in
favor of civil service reform. It must
come. It will be the salvation of the
whole internal economy of our de-
partmental system. It will place
politics—as we know them—on a
higher plane.

"There may be difficult and em-
barrassing circumstances to be met
with in inaugurating it, but it is the
business of men who essay to devote
themselves to the public interests to
meet them and to triumph over them."

Mr. MacKay has indicated some
advantageous fighting-ground for Pro-
vincial Liberals. Much depends upon
himself. He has the gifts of leader-
ship, and can rally the forces of Lib-
eralism, and inspire the party with his
old enthusiasm, if he devotes himself
single-mindedly to the task which his
associates have asked him to under-
take. He has remarkable intellectual
vigor and a genius for public business.

The Toronto News, which is friendly
to the Whitney Government, says that
he was the most useful member of the
Legislature during the last session. In
his own riding he is a popular hero,
and as he becomes better known
throughout the province he will prob-
ably inspire the mass of Liberals with
the admiration and affection which his
fellow-townsmen feel for him. His
future is in his own hands, and there
is no public man who has more flat-
tering prospects.

THE C. P. R. IN THE WEST.

Evidence that the Canadian Pacific
Railway has been endeavoring to do
its share towards improving the trans-
portation facilities of the west is fur-
nished in the recently-issued annual
report, which shows that during the
year ended June 30 last the immense
sum of \$5,347,305.98 was expended on
betterments between Port Arthur and
Laguna. For the three preceding years,
the amounts expended for the same
purpose between the same points were:
1904, \$4,114,443.65; 1905, \$5,440,361.66;
and 1906, \$4,341,923.29. These figures
refer only to such improvements as
double-tracking, the building of
bridges, sidings and stations, and there
is further to be added the sum of
\$426,500 expended on branch line im-
provements. It will thus be seen that
to the west last year the company de-
voted 63 per cent of the total expendi-
ture of \$9,518,979 on the entire sys-
tem, the mileage included in this area
being 51 per cent of the completed
mileage.

There has likewise been a material
improvement of the rolling stock
equipment of the road during the past
year, the company's hauling power
having been increased ten per cent by
the addition of 187 locomotives and
6,250 freight cars. This certainly shows
some effort on the company's part to
meet the growing needs of the rapidly-
increasing population.

Also of importance to the west is the
portion of the report dealing with the
transactions of the company's land de-
partments, which show enormous
growth. In 1901 the receipts from this
source amounted to but \$667,128.11.
With the exception of 1904, when there
was a slight falling-off, there have
been increases each year since; in 1906
the cash receipts from land sales
reached \$5,168,501.63, and in 1907
they totaled the enormous sum of \$8,-
\$16,335.45.

The mileage in the west was in-
creased during the year by about 120
miles, and according to official figures
the extent of the two western divisions
is: Central division, 3,438 miles;
western division, 1,364 miles, or a to-
tal of 4,802 miles. Meanwhile double-
tracking operations have been in pro-
gress, and it is expected 200 miles of
the road between Winnipeg and the lake
ports thus equipped will be ready for
use this fall.

The report as a whole cannot but be

regarded as satisfactory. Of course,
the C. P. R. is having the same ex-
perience in one particular as all other
great roads, and that is that the cost
of operation increases more rapidly
than do profits. Thus in ten years,
without any general increase in rates,
the gross earnings have grown by 200
per cent; while the net earnings have
increased by only 150 per cent. In
1897 the working expenses were 57.16
per cent of the gross earnings, and
the net earnings 42.84 per cent. In
the past year the operating expenses
amounted to 64.96, leaving the 35.04
per cent as net earnings. Even this,
however, leaves sufficient margin to
pay interest on bonds and a substan-
tial dividend on stock.

WOMEN IN PARLIAMENT.

The first session of the Finnish
Parliament in which women have held
seats has closed, and a writer in the
Outlook says that that body does not
appear to have been very deeply af-
fected by the presence of the fair sex.
According to this authority the women
displayed less initiative and
spoke less frequently than the men,
but it cannot be said that the latter
fact is to their discredit. It was al-
so found that they "failed to raise
the average ability of Parliament, and
none of them made any mark as a
party leader." As has been the case
with new party representatives who
have found seats the Parliament and
Legislatures of this country, the Fin-
nish women members of Parliament
have divided among the regular
parties in the House just like the
men, and have displayed a party loy-
alty equal to that of the sterner sex.

For instance, nine of the nineteen
voted with the Social Democrats, six
with the Old Finns, two with the
Young Finns, one with the Swedes
and one with the Agrarians. Even
Baroness Gripenberg, the writer says,
had but little to say regarding that
movement which for many years she
has led with distinguished ability, but
preferred to speak of the aims and
work of the old Finnish party which
she supports in Parliament and in
which she is clearly more interested
than in the issue of woman suffrage.

As was to have been expected, the
women took an exceptionally acute in-
terest in social reform, and it is here
that their good influence will no doubt
be most felt. Especial support has
been given by them to the temper-
ance cause, all but one of the nine-
teen being total abstainers.

It was not to be expected that the
women would at once forge to the
front in debate and the initiation of
legislation—few men of talent do that.
It may require many sessions be-
fore the real value of the innovation
is fairly tested. Meantime, the pre-
diction is confidently made, judging
from what has been accomplished at
the polls and in Parliament, that the
participation of women in political
work will prove a national blessing.

Natural gas has been discovered on
the Free Press property. This ex-
plains some things in that journal.

The Liberal party in Ontario may
be taking the rest cure, but there'll
be no rest for the Government when
A. G. MacKay gets his war paint on.

The London News says that Prem-
ier Deakin has killed tariff reform in
Great Britain by his pique preference.
In that case it may be a blessing
in disguise.

An inquiry into the sources of the
Conservative campaign fund in 1904
might reveal the secret of David Rus-
sell's famous parlor car trip through
the Maritime Provinces.

The Toronto World advises Liberals
and Conservatives in London to stay
out of the fight and allow William
Gray to take the seat as the nominee
of the labor party. The laborites will
appreciate the joke as keenly as the
Liberals. "Will you walk into my par-
lor?"

We are now told that there is a
great chasm between Aylesworth and
Fitzpatrick. According to the Tory
press Fitzpatrick was a great step-
down from Mills, and Mills was a
fearful descent from Mowat. A Lib-
eral politician never knows what a
great man he is until he gets out of
office.

INFORMATION FOR THE YOUNG.

[Chicago Record-Herald.]
"Pa, what's the difference between an
investment and a speculation?"
"When you win it's an investment. When
you lose it's a speculation."

NOT A BIGAMIST.

[Sketchy Bits.]
Begger—Please, sir, will you kindly as-
sist a poor old man who has three wives
to support?
Pedestrian—What! Do you mean to say
you are a bigamist?
"Oh, no, sir. Two of them are wives of
my sons-in-law."

A HARD SUM.

[Montreal Herald.]
The average price per mile of transporta-
tion on the C. P. R. last year was 1.75
cents. How nice it will be to have that
reduced to 1 cent a mile!

THE BISHOP OF LONDON.

[Ottawa Journal.]
The Bishop of London in London in the
west the other day saved an old lady's pet
dog from death beneath the feet of the
crowd at the railway station. Don't know
whether the bishop secretly accepts the
theory that some dogs are as good as some
people. It is more probable that his act
was prompted by that kindness of heart

which seems to have shaped his splendid
career as a humanist. The old lady was
in trouble about her pup. That was enough
for the bishop. He saved the pup, put the
old lady on her train and sent her on
her way rejoicing. The moral is that un-
selfishness is a trait worth cultivating.

THE OTHER WOMAN'S OPINION

[Chicago Record-Herald.]
"How well she preserves her youth."
"Yes. The stuff she puts on her face
must be weatherproof."

HAPPY ADAM.

[Chicago Record-Herald.]
Adam never drove a horse
That balked upon a railroad track;
And, furthermore, Eve never wore
A waist that buttoned down the back.

NO USE.

[Exchange.]
Husband—You should be more economi-
cal, my dear, and save something for a
rainy day.
Wife—What's the use? I can't go shop-
ping and spend it on a rainy day.

A PAYING SPEC.

[Indian Head Prairie Witness.]
A Quebec man lost a \$5 bill, advertised
it and a stranger brought him a five.
Later on he found the lost bill in another
pocket. This may not be good morals, but
it shows the effect of advertising.

SEPTEMBER.

[Archibald Lampman.]
Now hath the summer reached her golden
close,
And, lost amid her cornfields, bright of
soul,

Scarcely perceives from her divine repose
How near, how swift, the inevitable goal;
Still, still she smiles, through from her
careless feet
The bounty and the fruitful strength are
gone,
And through the soft long wandering
days goes
The silent serene decadence, sad and sweet.

The kingbird and the pensive thrush are
fled,
Children of light, too fearful of the
gloom;
The sun falls low, the secret word is said,
The moldering woods grow silent as the
tomb;

Even the fields have lost their sovereign
grace,
The cornflower and the marguerite; and
no more
Across the river's shadow-haunted floor
The paths of skimming swallows interlace.

Already in the outland wilderness
The forests echo with unvoiced din;
In clamorous gangs the gathering wood-
men press
Northward, and the stern winter's toll
begins.
Around the long, low shanties, whose
rough lines
Break the sealed dreams of many an
unhappy land.

Already in the frost-clear morn awakes
The crash and thrum of the falling pine.
Where the tilled earth, with all its fields
set free,
Naked and yellow from the harvest lies,
By many a loft and busy granary,
The hum and tumult of the threshers rise;
There the tanned farmers labor without
slack.

Still twilight deepens round the spouting
mill,
Feeding the loomed sheaves, or with
fierce will
Pitching waist-deep upon the dusty stack.

Still a brief while, ere the old year quite
pass,
Our wandering steps and wistful eyes
shall greet
The leaf, the water, the beloved grass;
Still from these haunts and this acous-
tomed seat
I see the wood-wrapt city, swept with light,
The blue, long-shadowed distance, and,
between,
The dotted farm lands, with their parcel-
ed green,
The dark pine forest and the watchful
height.

I see the broad, rough meadow stretched
away
Into the crystal sunshine, wastes of sod,
Acres of withered vernal, purple-gray,
Branches of aster, groves of goldenrod,
And yonder, toward the sunlit summit,
The crown

With shadowy boulders, crowned and
swathed with weed,
Stand ranks of silken thistles, blown to
seed,
Long silver fleeces shining like the moon.

In far-off russet cornfields, where the dry
Gray shocks stand peaked and withering,
half concealed
In the rough earth, the orange pumpkins
lie,
Full-ribbed; and in the windless pasture-
field
The sleek red horses o'er the sun-warmed
ground

Stand pensively about in the compan-
ies,
While all around them from the motion-
less trees
The long clean shadows sleep without a
sound.

Under cool elm trees floats the distant
stream,
Moveless as air; and o'er the vast warm
earth
The fathomless daylight seems to stand
and dream,
A liquid cool elixir—all its girth
Bound with faint haze, a frail transpar-
ency.

Whose lucid purple barely veils and fills
The utmost valleys and the thin lake
hills,
Nor mars one whit their perfect clarity.

Thus without grief the golden days go by,
So soft we scarcely notice how they
wend,
And like a smile half happy, or a sigh,
The summer passes to her quiet end;
And soon, too soon, around the cumbered
eaves,
Shy frosts shall take the creepers by
surprise,

And through the wind-touched reddening
woods shall rise
October, with the rain of ruined leaves.

BRITISH FAST TRAINS.

[Manchester Guardian.]
The quickest run in England is the
Northeastern's, from Darlington to York,
44½ miles, at a speed of 61.7 miles per
hour, but this can scarcely be ranked
above the Great Western's, from Pad-
dington to Bristol, via Bath, 118½ miles, at
a speed of 59.2 miles per hour. The longest
run is the Great Western's, from Pad-
dington to Plymouth, 225½ miles, at a
speed of 54.8 miles per hour, though the Mid-
land has one nearly as good from Leeds
to St. Pancras, 196½ miles, at 53.3 miles
per hour.

OUR UNSEEN SUN.

[Pall Mall Magazine.]
No one has ever seen the sun. This is
not an epigrammatic pleasantry, but the
cheerless, scientific truth. A series of con-
centric shells envelopes a nucleus of which
we know absolutely nothing, except that
it must be almost infinitely hotter than
the fiercest furnace, and that it must
amount to more than nine-tenths of the
total solar mass. That nucleus is the
real sun, for ever hidden from us.

HAMILTON'S FILTERED WATER.

[Galt Reporter.]
In these days of bad water, why blame
Hamilton aldermen for taking to whisky?

OUTSIDE ADVICE.

[Hamilton Herald.]
The party leaders in London couldn't do
better than agree to allow the Labor
candidates for Parliament to be elected by
acclamation. What is the use of putting
up a big fight for the constituency at
this time? The general election will be
held a few months hence.

THE TRUE CRISIS.

[Toronto Globe.]
According to Mr. Borden, the shocking
wickedness of the Laurier Government at
Ottawa is sufficient to call down upon the
Dominion the doomed cities of the
plains. The four righteous men he
puts forward to avert the judgment and
save the Dominion are Mr. Foster, Mr.
Fowler, Rufus Pope and Mr. Bennett.

ONE OF MR. FOSTER'S QUALIFI-
CATIONS.

[Brockville Recorder.]
Hon. George E. Foster excels in asking
questions of the chap who is not present
to talk back.

THE PURITY FUND.

[Toronto Star.]
And if Leader Borden did have a war
chest of half a million in 1904, what's the
odds? He may have spent it to purify
elections. Honi soit qui mal y pense.

PERSUASION.

[Chicago Record-Herald.]
"I can't marry you," she said. "You are
old enough to be my father."
"Don't hesitate on that account. Ten
years from now nobody will suspect it."

NO SIDE.

[Toronto Star.]
No side, says Bishop Ingram. Which
does much to disabuse carping minds of
the impression that bishops are made up
of equal parts of pride, gaiters and
Roman collar.

WHITNEY AND LAURIE.

[Brockville Recorder.]
Mr. Whitney turned down every legisla-
tive follower of his from New Ontario and
selected Mr. Cochrane as minister of lands
and mines. Further, Mr. Cochrane had
never been a member of any House, and
consequently was totally without parlia-
mentary experience of any kind. Further,
a New Ontario representative, the member
for Nipissing, resigned to make a place for
the new minister. The Tory papers have
lauded and are still lauding Mr. Mr.
Cochrane as an efficient minister, and
Premier Whitney on the floor of the Legis-
lature delivered a stirring eulogy on the
minister of lands and mines. Every time
the Tory papers knock Sir Wilfrid on this
point they are hitting Premier Whitney a
trifle harder.

A PITIFUL CASE.

[Ottawa Citizen.]
A pitiful case has been discovered in
London of a woman in the last stages of
consumption, who has been left all alone
in a house by her family and friends to
die. Her husband makes her an allow-
ance sufficient for her necessities, and she
has the house all to herself, but no one
goes near her through fear of contract-
ing the disease. Occasionally a kind
neighbor comes in some delicacy, but day
after day, and night after night, she
waits for death in solitude. The attention
of the board of health has been called to
the case, but nothing can be done, as
there is no place to send her. None of the
hospitals will accept consumptive patients
in the last stages of the disease, and the
city has made no provision for a consump-
tive hospital. It is to be feared that there
are many cases all over the country in a
similar plight. The people have been edu-
cated up to the point that they are almost
as keenly apprehensive of infection in
cases of consumption as in smallpox or
diphtheria. On the other hand, municipali-
ties and health boards have not been edu-
cated up to the point of providing for
sufferers from this infectious disease in
the way that they take care of smallpox
or diphtheria patients. It has come to
pass that these poor, often unfortun-
ate in the last stages of consumption live
the life of a parish.

M'LEISH--LOOMIS

Very Pretty Wedding of a Popular
Couple at Mt. Pleasant Farm.

A quiet but exceedingly pretty wed-
ding took place at high noon Wednes-
day, Sept. 11, at Mount Pleasant Farm,
the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Loomis,
Sylvan, when their eldest daughter,
Cora M., was united in marriage to
Dr. D. M. McLeish, by Rev. A. Gra-
ham, B.A., of Parkhill.

To the strains of the "Bridal Chorus"
(Lohengrin), played by Miss E. Har-
vey, the bride entered the parlor on
the arm of her father and took her
place under an arch of evergreens and
dahlias.

The bride looked sweet in a dainty
gown of organdie, trimmed with val-
enciennes lace and insertion. She wore
the customary veil and orange blos-
soms, and carried a shower bouquet
of white asters, maidenhair fern and
smilax. She was attended by Miss
Louise Barrett, who wore cream veil,
trimmed with silk and insertion, and
carried asters and maidenhair ferns.

Miss Hazel Barrett, the little flower
girl, looked very pretty in white or-
gandie, and carried the ring in a
beautiful basket of flowers.

The groom was supported by Mr.
Edwin Loomis, brother of the bride.

The ceremony and congratulations
being over the guests, about 40 in
number, repaired to the prettily de-
corated dining-room, where a sumptu-
ous repast awaited them.

Immediately after the wedding
breakfast the happy couple left, amid
showers of rice, confetti and good
wishes, for Toronto, Niagara and
other eastern points.

The bride's going-away gown was of
green ladies' cloth, with hat to match.
The groom's gifts to the brides-
maid and organist were gold brooches,
to the flower girl a pearl ring, and to
the groomsmen a gold tie pin.

Upon their return Dr. and Mrs. Mc-
Leish will reside in Parkhill on Hast-
ington street. Mrs. McLeish was the re-
cipient of many beautiful and useful
gifts.

In the cities of Northern Mexico
where American commodities are in
use the native oila often is replaced
by the tin cans of the Standard Oil
Company. The carriers, by attaching
two or more cans to their yoke, car-
ried the double quantity possible in the
old receptacles.

CHAPMAN'S

"The Best at the Price, No Matter What the Price."

Tuesday's Economy Store News

The emphatic money-saving in these bargain specials will force the trend
of Tuesday's buying to this store. We take but little space to tell tomorrow's
bargain news—merely name a few of the items and the prices, and every prudent
shopper will reap the benefit.

Don't forget Linen Seconds Sale
starting Wednesday morning—read
tomorrow's announcement for full
particulars.

Good News in Mill Ends of
Factory Cotton

Just received from mill, 1,500 yards mill ends
Factory Cotton, in lengths 2 to 20 yards; worth in
the regular way 7½c, 8½c and 10c yard. These
ought to be eagerly bought tomorrow at 6½c a
yard, considering the values in factory cotton at
the present time. Come early for first choice, per
yard 6½c

Corsets--Underwear

Tan Corsets, good selling sizes, worth 65c, on
sale Tuesday 39c
Ladies' Ribbed Vests, with long sleeves at .25c
Children's Hygiene Health Waists, made of un-
bleached jean, ages 4 to 10 years, worth 35c, for 21c

J. H. Chapman & Co., 126, 128, 128½ Dundas St

TATTOOING CRAZE
AFFECTS ROYALTY

Princess Has Arch'or Pricked, on
Her Arm--Some New Designs
Affected.

London, Sept. 22.—Whether the
advent of the "silly season" has any-
thing to do with it or not, a sudden
craze has attacked certain sections of
the smart set to have their skins
artistically decorated and duchesses
and countesses are showing a marked
partiality for large, fiery dragons and
speckled serpents.

A visit to the establishment of a
west end tattooist revealed in the wait-
ing room a Hungarian Baron, who is
about to make a hunting tour through
Central Africa, and two naval officers,
while the artist was busily engaged in
tattooing a young university graduate.

"The principal reason for the great
boom in tattooing," said the artist, "is
that the new designs are almost first
class and the art colors used are deli-
cate shades of blue, black, red, yellow,
green and brown. Many persons also
recognize the necessity of being tattooed
with some distinctive device so that if
some sudden accident befell them they
could be easily identified. Parents are
beginning to recognize this, and I have
tattooed more than five hundred
children recently.

"Women of title are very fond now of
having their signatures, coats of arms
and crests tattooed on their skins,
and the effect is very pretty. There
is also now a craze for dragons and
serpents, and I have just finished a
four and one-half foot dragon winding
its way round one of the limbs of a
well known actress."

"One of the strangest tasks I have
been engaged on lately was to tattoo
a will on a woman's back. It was a
copy of the document drawn up in the
usual way by a solicitor. It contained
nearly five hundred words, and I had
carefully to reproduce all the signa-
tures.

"Some of the most extraordinary
reasons for wishing to be tattooed are
given by some of my clients. An Irish
major comes to me for treatment
whenever he gets an attack of
rheumatism, and he assures me that
nothing does his complaint so much
good as tattooing. Then, again, a
man who is just past eighty years is
another constant visitor. He says
the operation makes him feel years
younger.

"Tattooing has an irresistible fasci-
nation for many medical men, and
more than one thousand well known
practitioners, many from Harley street
and the neighborhood, bear samples
of my handwork on their bodies.

"Among well known society women
who are tattooed I may mention a
royal princess who was ornamented
with an anchor while on a visit to a
naval port, but, of course, I am not at
liberty to give the names of my clients."

Another craze among society women
which is growing to quite extravagant
dimensions is the scented bath. Lead-
ing perfume makers are working over-
time just now in manufacturing new
perfumes for the autumn season. This
is the time of year at which new pre-
parations are put on the market, and
the secret of each particular firm is
most jealously guarded until the actual
day of sale arrives.

Nowadays society demands in
scents, as in everything else, a con-
stant change, and manufacturers are
agreed that the old fashioned and
simple perfumes, except, perhaps,
lavender water and eau de cologne, are
doomed. Among the popular perfumes
violet scents, which were until recently
all the rage, and going quite out of
fashion. The reason for this is that
the cheaper varieties are not made
from real violets at all and the odor
wears off very quickly from the hand-
kerchief or dress. The real essence

Striking Dress Goods Values
in the Following Specials:
Buy Them Tuesday and a
Good Saving Will Be
the Result

All-wool Tweeds, consisting of stripes, plaids
and checks, in green, blue and brown grounds. Ex-
tra heavy quality, suitable for skirts, coats and
suits; 44 inches wide; usual 60c and 65c values,
Tuesday 50c

Striped Wool Tweeds, 44 inches wide, heavy qual-
ity; splendid for school dresses; colors in brown,
green and blue grounds; usual 50c value; Tuesday,
per yard 40c

All-wool Venetians, 42 to 44 inches wide; dull
and satin finish, in navy, wine, cardinal, garnet
myrtle; suitable for children's dresses; Tuesday,
per yard 50c

Fine Broadcloth, 44 to 46 inches wide, guaranteed
London shrank, with the guarantee on each yard of
selvage; fine quality in all leading colors; usual 85c
value, at, per yard 75c

During All Weathers You Will
Find a Real Comfort in
TRISCUIT

Delicious as a toast, it contains all the nourishing qualities of whole
wheat, steam-cooked, shredded, baked, and compressed into a wafer.
Keeps the stomach sweet and the bowels