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PARTIES POSITION ON RAILROAD POLICY

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acquiesce in the return of the Grand Trunk railway to the former owners, and the ultimate disposal to American railway interests; as well as the looting of the Canadian National Railways to the point where transfer to private corporation control would be welcomed by the taxpayers."

Premier Meighen replied: "Your telegram 25th alleges alliance between Sir Lomer Gouin and Quebec Liberals, the Canadian Pacific, Bank of Montreal and Wall Street interests for certain purposes, including change in present plan of operating National Railways by business board.

There is ample evidence that first two parties referred to, Sir Lomer Gouin and leading Quebec Liberals, are determined on transfer of or disintegration of present National Railway system. Proposals of Lord Shaughnessy on same subject have been expressed in memorandum now made public. Beyond that I do not know views others referred to.

"Whether downfall of Hon. Mackenzie King as leader is sought on behalf of Sir Lomer Gouin, backed by a Quebec bloc, is for them to say.

"Personally I have been loyally and splendidly supported by all parliamentary followers and candidates for parliament in our behalf, and judging from every indication am being now supported by the great mass of the people. The policies stated in your message to be subject of attack after election, are policies established and put in effect by the present government, I have defended them through many sessions against every assault. By these policies I stand and no combination or manoeuvre will turn me from my course."

"I know nothing about the alliance to which you refer beyond the reports which I have seen in the newspapers," declared Hon. T. A. Crerar, leader of the National Progressive party, in a telegram forwarded to C. G. MacNeil, Dominion secretary of the Great War Veterans' Association, Ottawa, in reply to a request for information regarding a probable coalition after December 6th, of which Mr. MacNeil said there were rumors, and the "looting of the Canadian National Railways."

The telegram continues: "Furthermore, so far as the Progressives are concerned, no understanding of any sort with any other organization or interest has been suggested or undertaken. The representatives of the Progressives are standing for certain well defined principles including continuation of ownership and control of our railways by the people. Those representatives have been chosen in free conventions and all those who may be elected will go to Ottawa supporting these principles, free from the dictates of any party machine and able to act in the best interests of the whole country."

Mr. Mackenzie King from Peterboro sent the following wire: "Replying to your communication received by wire today, permit me to say that I have the utmost confidence in the loyalty of all the Liberal candidates of the province of Quebec to the Liberal party and toward myself as its leader.

"The persistent circulation of such rumors as those contained in your telegram owes its origin, I believe, to a very natural desire on the part of certain members of the National Liberal and Conservative party to have formed, after December 6th, any kind of a coalition which would afford to members of that party a continued participation in the control of government, and to create in the interval, for party political ends, as much as may be possible in the way of distrust and dissension.

"It is, I think, unnecessary for me to add that a coalition for

any such purposes as those mentioned in your wire would meet not only with my entire disapproval, but also with my most active opposition, and in this I do not hesitate to speak for the Liberal party as well as for myself.

(Signed) W. J. Mackenzie King

Addressing a meeting of women electors of the St. Antoine division of Montreal, in which he is running as a Liberal candidate, Hon. Walter Mitchell, former provincial treasurer, on Saturday Hon. Walter Mitchell, former provincial treasurer, on Saturday from Ottawa sent out by C. G. MacNeil, Dominion secretary-treasurer of the Great War Veterans' Association to various political leaders and to the presidents of the Bank of Montreal and of the Canadian Pacific Railway, alleging that he and Sir Lomer Gouin, together with the presidents of the bank and railway referred to above, were conspiring against Premier Meighen.

He added that such "conspiracies" had "their birth in the imagination of some diseased brain."

Sir Lomer Gouin sent the following telegram to Mr. MacNeil: "Your telegram received late last night. There is no truth or foundation whatsoever in story mentioned by you, the whole of which I most emphatically deny.

(Signed) "Lomer Gouin."

COAL FACTS WANTED: OWNERS EVADE LIGHT
Chicago.—The coal industry is sick and refuses to let the doctor make an examination, said John Brophy in an address before the public ownership league.

The speaker is president of coal miners' district No. 2 (central Pennsylvania). He is also chairman of the nationalization research committee of the United Mine Workers of America, which has declared for the nationalization of mines.

The address was a challenge to coal owners. The speaker charged these business men with profiteering and quoted their own figures to prove it. He charged them with waste and inefficiency, and quoted government officials and coal owners to prove it.

He charged them with producing coal for the stock market and not for use, and presented statements by stock brokers to prove it.

Despite this array of facts the speaker said that the miners do not ask for a verdict from the public until every source of information is available.

"When the miners ask that all the facts be put at your disposal, the operators start a publicity campaign against facts through paid advertisements in the newspapers.

"What facts are needed? First, facts are needed on costs and profits. The federal trade commission started to collect this data. In 1920 congress asked the commission to investigate and report the cost of mining coal, and \$150,000 was appropriated for the job. The national coal association asked for an injunction stopping the investigation. The injunction was granted because mining coal was not interstate commerce.

"We miners stand for nationalization of the coal industry, and as a first step we ask the co-operation of the American people in securing a centralized, continuous and compulsory fact-finding agency. In demanding this I am talking as an American citizen. It is in the in-

terest of the great class of American coal consumers that as a representative of the United Mine Workers of America I ask you to urge congress to pass immediate legislation for a fact-finding agency."

VANCOUVER TO ESTABLISH CAMP.

Unmarried unemployed men in Vancouver will be provided for this winter by the establishment of a military camp at Hastings Park. The camp will be equipped with military supplies and is prepared to give board and lodging to men at \$5.60 a week. Two days' work at 40 cents an hour or \$6.40 a week, will be guaranteed each man with free baths and laundry. The men will have the rest of the week in which to look for work. They will be required to register in and out of the camp, and will be under discipline, enforced by officials of the Police Department.

The preparation of a nine-hole municipal golf course and general work in the city parks will provide employment, the cost of which will be borne, one-third each by the city, the Provincial Government and the Federal Government.

ONE MILLION A MONTH.

Indianapolis.—Receipts of the International Typographical Union for the month September 20 to October 20 totalled \$1,047,526.61. Of this vast amount \$683,057.47 was for the 44-hour week assessment, \$54,345.80 for the ordinary fund, and \$50,718.42 for the old-age assessment.

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