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KING SAYS OCT. 14 IS DAY AUTOCRACY WILL BE DOOMED

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Wingham, Ont., Aug. 15.—"Just as October 14 marks the election date, so it marks the end of the worst government this country has ever suffered under, the worst, the most autocratic administration Canada has ever known." Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King assured a sweltering but enthusiastic audience of 2,000 people here yesterday afternoon.

Announcement of the election date came dramatically at the close of an address in which Mr. King attacked encroachment on the rights of parliament by the Bennett ministry. It had, he said, filched from the elected representatives of the people control over the public purse and

had delegated to itself the legislative functions of parliament. It had taken the right of parliament to review and supervise the country's huge investment in national railways and had turned control over credit and currency into the hands of a privately owned central bank.

Finally it had displayed an utter disregard for the wish and will of the people in refusing to bring on an election in spite of the strongest evidence that the people wanted a chance to oust Mr. Bennett for more than two years.

Sees End Near

"Even Mr. Bennett cannot continue much longer to usurp office," said Mr. King. At this moment The Star gave Mr. King the news that the date had been set as October 14 and he gave it to his audience.

"There'll be slow music for Bennett that night," one of the rail-birds ventured. "The shock of what's going to happen to him is going to be awful," said another, and as Mr. King referred to the ministry as the worst in Canadian history, pandemonium of assent swept through a perspiration-soaked crowd.

The metal structure of the arena caught the attention of a broiling sun and before the meeting was half an hour old coats were largely abandoned, collars wilted and everything capable of use as a fan came into play. Even Mr. King, who stands heat well, looked like the victim of a Turkish bath when he finished his address.

Trade, currency and credit control, railways, titles were dealt with after Mr. King had paid tribute to R. J. Deachman, Liberal candidate in North Huron.

One by one and over the whole life of the Bennett government parliamentary control of these important affairs had been removed from the house of commons, he asserted. Control of public expenditure by parliament and the making of laws by all the representatives of the people was all that stood between communism and fascism, he said, yet the Bennett government had expended nearly \$300,000,000 on relief and in loans and guarantees without having the money voted by the house.

Has Power of Hitler

It had taken the legislative function into the hands of the executive which was into the hands of Mr. Bennett. "Has Mussolini more power? Has Hitler more power?" he demanded.

In the case of the marketing act an attempt was being made to vest law-making authority in appointed boards. "I am not opposed to marketing regulations," Mr. King insisted, "but I am opposed to any plan under which parliament is deprived of the right to pass on the regulations." He warned that the act passed by Mr. Bennett might be "a wolf in sheep's clothing that may devour you as well as your markets." He did not believe the powers vested in local boards would stand the test of the courts, and pointed out that manufacturers who used any of the raw products coming under control of the act were also to be permitted to create monopolies.

In a passing reference to the return of titles to Canada at Mr. Bennett's insistence, Mr. King referred to them as another touch of Bennett's feudalism, "which we neither need or want in Canada at this time."