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The Handbook vs. Mr. Meighen.

During one of his addresses in Eastern Canada Mr. Meighen stated that he was advocating the same policy as he did in 1921. "I stand now for a protective tariff as I did then," was his way of stating the case.

It is interesting, in connection with this idea, to look up the Conservative handbook, issued during the election of 1921 for the use of speakers and party workers. It tells of reductions made in the duty on agricultural implements, and boasts of it as one of the accomplishments of the ministry of which Mr. Meighen was a member in 1919. The Conservative handbook quotes them as follows:

A reduction from 27½ to 15 per cent on cultivators, harrows, horse-drawn, seed drills, manure spreaders, and weedeaters and complete parts thereof.

A reduction from 27½ to 17½ per cent on plows and complete parts thereof, windmills and complete parts thereof, portable engines and traction engines for farm purposes, horse powers and threshing machines, separators and appliances thereof.

A reduction from 32½ per cent to 20 per cent on hay loaders, potato diggers, fodder or feed cutters, grain crushers, fanning mills, hay tedders, farm, road or field rollers, posthole diggers, sneths and other agricultural implements, including farm wagons.

If what Mr. Meighen says about his being a high protectionist in 1925 as he was in 1921 is true, why should the Conservative handbook of 1921 enumerate as accomplishments of the party reductions in the tariff? Could it have been that while Mr. Meighen was appealing as the champion of protection for the manufacturers, that the workers thought it well to send out word into rural sections and the west that the party was not really a high protectionist after all, and in this way make an appeal for low tariff support?

Thoroughly Representative.

The very nature of the occupations of the men who have accepted Liberal nominations in Ontario for the general elections on October 29 is sufficient proof that the administration of the King government has been for the benefit of all, with special favors to no class. A stock argument used in recent years by Progressive and U. F. O. leaders was that the two old political parties were dominated by lawyers. It cannot be admitted that lawyers do not make good statesmen, for the history of Canada proves otherwise, but it is of great significance that in the free selection of candidates the Liberals of Ontario have chosen men from a field of widely separated occupations. This is every class in the provincial life being given an opportunity for representation by the Liberal party.

Included among the Liberals already nominated in Ontario are prominent manufacturers, farmers and livestock breeders and business, professional and labor men. The standing of these men in their own professions, business, and in the industrial world cannot be disputed, and their enthusiastic support of the Liberal policies proves the fallacy of the Conservative argument that the King government is injuring certain sections of the Canadian people. Actions in this case speak louder than Conservative words. It has always been the purpose of the Liberals of Canada, and it was the greatest life work of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, to keep Canadians of all classes and all parts in harmonious unity. That men from so many different walks of life can support a common Liberal policy demonstrates that Liberalism has not failed now in one of its traditional purposes.

From the ranks of the manufacturers in Ontario the Liberals have amongst others as candidates: Hon. Vincent Massey, head of the biggest agricultural implement industry in the British Empire; James Malcolm, head of a furniture industry with factories in two Canadian towns and one city; W. T. Goodson, head of a large manufacturing plant in Saratoga, and a farmer as well; Robert W. Gladstone, general manager of the Canada Ingot Iron Company at Guelph.

Agriculture has provided a splendid quota of candidates to the Liberal party. Among them are: James Innes, South Oxford, one of the best-known breeders of Holstein and Jersey cattle in Canada; Duncan Campbell of Halton, a Shorthorn cattle breeder of international repute; Thomas McMillan of South Huron, William Elliott of South Waterloo and George Sewell of Norfolk, farmers, whose reputations for high-class agriculture have spread far beyond the bounds of their native counties.

Prominent men from the business and financial world who are Liberal candidates are: Edward Blake Winter, of Windsor; W. D. Euler, of Kitchener; Thomas Marshall, of Haldimand, and Major F. C. Sanderson, of South Perth. From the professions an able representation has come forth, including Dr. Sinclair of Woodstock, Dr. Rutherford of Kent, and Dr. C. C. Ross of East Middlesex. The only representatives of law in this district are J. C. Elliott in West Middlesex, a man who has attained a high place in his profession and a clean, honest reputation in politics, and Tom Brown of Stratford, a young man with a good municipal record.

Last but not least, prominent Labor men are supporting the Liberal government. In Western Ontario strong Labor men are supporting the Liberal candidates. In the great industrial riding of South Waterloo the Labor men have endorsed the candidate, William Elliott, who is running as a Liberal-Progressive-Labor candi-

date. In Elgin the Liberal candidate, G. H. Sloggett, is a well-known Labor man and is receiving the support of hundreds of union men in his contest.

"There Were Giants In Them Days."

How is it that the old game of pitching horseshoes has come back with such strength? On all sides there are reports of matches; clubs are organized in London and elsewhere with good memberships. The man who can throw ringers is once more in the limelight and the sporting goods stores display cards advertising specially-made shoes as well as printed rules of the game.

Pitching horseshoes and quoits is the same in principle, but just now the quoit is rusting under the back porch. How is it? Can it be that the men of today are not as mighty as those who used to fling with great precision a full fourteen-pound quoit for the full distance of fifty-four feet?

James Bell, the city treasurer of London, is somewhat of an authority on quoits, and it is a matter of record that he has taken the finest of pitchers into camp. He recalls the time when "Mat" Brown, an engineer on the Grand Trunk, used to meet all comers with a fourteen-pound quoit. Contestants of lesser brawn could pepper away with their eight-pounders, but the engineer could match and beat them readily, tossing easily a quoit almost double in weight. Another famous old quoter was "Dan" Dodd, who used to keep a grocery store on Dundas street, and he never thought a quoit worth the name that was under twelve pounds. Mr. Bell recalls another engineer, "Stimie" Mason, who had the distinction of driving the train bearing the Prince of Wales on his tour in 1871. He was also of the school that handled a fourteen-pound quoit with ease, and was inclined to look askance at anything less in weight.

The city treasurer recalls the day when the late Neil Cooper called him over to his auction rooms to see if he would make a bid on a pair of quoits. Mr. Bell thinks the eight-pound about right, so when he inspected the set at the auction rooms he found they were of the fourteen-pound vintage and no deal was made, not even a price suggested.

Why can't the men of today throw these old missiles like they did a few years ago? Are we getting soft or what? The same symptom appears in the dwindling of the old Caledonian games. Not long ago at a field day near here there were no contestants for tossing the "56," and the "56" is a solid block of iron with a ring in the top, the whole weighing that number of pounds. Another event of the same day was tossing the "caber," which calls for taking a timber about the size of a small telephone pole, holding it perpendicular, with the hands locked at the bottom, and then giving it a great enough heave to somersault it. Not a man at the games could do it, yet it was one of the favorite feats of the late J. D. McCall of Parkhill, who with Ronald and Charlie Currie went to the Caledonian sports at Chicago world's fair and came back with all the trophies.

We are served today with far more advice about diet and vitamins than these old giants ever dreamed of, and we have learned how to slay many microbes since the days when men pitched fourteen-pound quoits with ease, set up records for the "56" and upended cabers without any signs of physical exhaustion. Pitching horseshoes is a fine outdoor sport, it gives plenty of scope for scientific play, but it does not furnish the answer to what has come over our men that they no longer do the mighty feats that were so common a generation ago.

The Passing of Lloyd Harris.

Brantford has lost an outstanding citizen in the passing of Lloyd Harris, and the province and dominion can mourn with that city, for it is their loss as well. Mr. Harris, according to reports, was to have accepted the Conservative nomination for Brantford. Had he been spared the light would have been clean and vigorous, for Lloyd Harris would have carried it on in the same square manner that he approached every other issue he was called upon to meet.

When he went with the Canadian sales forces to Washington, or when he represented the Massey-Harris Company abroad, he impressed upon his undertaking that he was above all else a born salesman, and he had qualities that would have made him an ideal minister of trade and commerce.

In his political life he differed with the Liberals on reciprocity, and lent his efforts to a revolt against such a movement, but in so doing he came out into the open to stage his battle, and did so with such frankness that he retained the respect of those with whom he differed.

Note and Comment.

Our idea of a real he-man is the chap who has last winter's ashes out of his cellar now.

It is a good idea this stamping the name of the fruit grower on the basket. By their fruits ye shall know them.

Two rejected suitors committed suicide on the same day, giving the lie direct to all this talk about gallantry being dead.

One drawback, a motorist points out, is that since balloon tires came in style it's often necessary to run over the same person twice.

Persons wishing to fly from New York to Chicago can do so at the rate of fifty cents per pound. By this rule the fat man is pound to pay.

Men's overcoats are to have many new shades this fall and winter, a fine bit of news for the man who has a dash of faded green on the neck and shoulder of his raincoat.

The world's not as crazy as some people imagine. Here's a school board in Virginia that got right up and fired a teacher who went into one of those beach beauty contests.

Father and Son

Ned tells his son he ran a race and gathered up a kitchen clock, whereas I know in all his days he never run a half a block.

Ned Whiskers talks into his son, a husky lad of ten is he, and Ned when he gets home at night will take the lad upon his knee, and then he tells him of the feats that he performed when he was young, 'tis then that Ned forsakes the truth and wiggles off a fevered tongue.

"When I was fifteen years of age I used to race upon the track, as fit as fiddle strings I'd be just waitin' for the pistol crack."

"Way it was not a trick at all for me to run a ten-mile race, and finish fresh, two miles ahead, they simply couldn't stand my pace. It come to this, though, later on, they'd ask before the race begun, if I was there the other chaps would quit right then and wouldn't run."

"I got that clock that's sittin' there, right there upon the pantry shelf, for stayin' from the races once so Steven Bones could win himself."

Well I've knowed Ned for fifty years, and knowed him too when he was young, that's why I'm shocked to hear the guff that dribbles from his oldy tongue. When Ned was young he couldn't race, his knees would always click and lock, I never knew him in his life to run a half a village block.

Of course I never tell his son, 'twould be a shameful thing to do, to brush away the pink and gold and paint him in a sombre hue. That story of the clock was wrong, it bordered somewhat on a crime, his boss he sent that up to see if Ned could get to work on time.

But I'm not buttin' in on Ned, nor pointing out his flaw or fault, nor urging how his son should take his records with a grain of salt. —ARK.

25 Years Ago Today

(From The Advertiser of Sept. 29, 1900)

The County club concluded a most prosperous season last night when the members partook of a tempting supper provided by the stewards, Mrs. Bowman. It was the first affair of its kind, but it was of such a happy nature that it will be repeated next year. Only members of the club were present, the party including Honorary President Sir John Carling, President Police Magistrate Frank Love, and the second vice-president, Samuel Munro. Patriotic addresses were given by Sir John, President Love and the other officers. The party returned to London at 11:30 by special car.

The train on the Grand Trunk known as the International Limited is one of the fastest trains in America. Last Monday it made the distance from Woodstock to London, 29 miles, in 27 minutes. Harry Overend, Toronto, was driver; John Tolhurst, London, fireman, and D. Murray, London, conductor.

A fire broke out last night in the stable at the rear of Robert Hill's residence on Brydges street. Before they could get to work on the blaze the firemen had to lay 1,000 feet of hose, but they succeeded in saving a portion of the structure. Five horses, a cider mill and other articles were destroyed. The loss will be about \$1,000.

M. McGugan, M.P., was re-nominated yesterday by the Liberals of South Middlesex at a convention held in Delaware. Hon. David Mills delivered the chief speech. John McDougall presided.

The students of the medical school have threatened to go on strike unless the former caretaker, Mr. Fred Cannon, is reinstated. He resigned because they would not increase his salary, which was \$20 a month.

To the Editor

The Right Kind of Lads.

Londoners Voice Appreciation of the Way in Which Boys Did a Good Turn.

Editor of The Advertiser:—Sir,—Saturday noon, two lads, aged about nine years, came to the door and asked if they might cut our grass. They were perfect strangers, coming from beyond the C. P. R. to about a half-mile south, and provided with their own mowers. They started in, and in less than ten minutes had a good-sized lawn finished, and done well. When offered what they had bargained for, they repeatedly refused to take anything, saying, "You are old and possibly can't afford it, and we have earned enough from those who can pay."

Now, these lads will develop into noble, active young men, of whom London may be proud. May our Heavenly Father bless and keep them, and lead them in the right path, is the sincere wish of a grateful citizen. M. A. P.

London, Sept. 28.

Editorial Opinion

A TORONTO BRIDE FOR EDWARD P.

(From the Manitoba Free Press.)
A CHICAGO paper carries a front page article on the possibility of the Prince of Wales marrying a Canadian girl. The story is to the effect that the prince lost his heart to a Toronto maiden six years ago; that he has been devoted to her ever since; that this accounts for his numerous trips to Canada; that that is why he is coming again (perhaps) to Canada this fall; and that he is working hard at the job of removing the difficulties which lie between a maid "who is neither royal nor even of aristocratic blood" and the throne of England.

Now, let's hear from Toronto.

BALLOON JUMPING.

(From the Dearborn Independent.)
BALLOON jumping is the latest sport in Great Britain. A balloon about the size of a small haystack is attached to the wearer, who becomes so buoyant that very little exertion will send him many feet into the air. Over houses, trees, other obstacles. Care must be taken in jumping, for the merest touch of the foot sends the flier up twice his own height. The balloon folds up into a pack and is easily carried. It is an expensive sport, as helium is used in the bags. It is believed that helium will become cheaper as more advanced methods for rectifying it become known. Then balloon jumping will increase. These balloons are adjusted to the weight of the wearer and are attached to the chest by means of straps.

KEEPING THEM ON THE FARM.

(From the St. Marys Journal-Argus.)
THE New York Herald Tribune contends that "nothing holds the boy or girl on the farm like an interest in live stock." Hereabouts, on the contrary, parents are only able to hold their young folk on the farm by giving them an automobile in which to get away from it.

WEST HURON TEACHERS WILL MEET IN EXETER

Special to The Advertiser.
Exeter, Sept. 28.—The West Huron teachers' convention will be held in the basement of Main street United church on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 8 and 9. Dean Pakenham of the faculty of education, Toronto, will be the department representative.

NEW SARUM

New Sarum, Sept. 28.—The weekly meeting of the B. Y. P. U. was held at the church. The topic, "My Denomination and Its Organization," was ably discussed by Miss Lila Tisdale.

Norman Closes of Sparta was a recent guest of Harry Closes.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Griffin motored to London and were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Griffin.

Mrs. Fanny Stokes of St. Thomas is visiting Mrs. John Tomlin.

Miss Adeline Martin of Toronto, who has been the guest of Miss Lena Norton, has returned home.

The evening service of the Baptist church on Sunday was withdrawn, owing to the anniversary services at Orwell.

Miss Evelyn Orris of Aylmer is visiting her brother, William Orris.

Dr. Doan of Harriettville has been the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Doan.

Mrs. Carman Hoover of Aylmer is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Norton.

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Miss Clara Browne, who injured her knee very badly, is slowly improving. Rev. Henry Godfrey, pastor of the United church, was in London attending the church conference.

Miss Eileen Elliott, who has been spending the past few weeks with her sister, Mrs. A. Fleming of Rodney, has returned home.

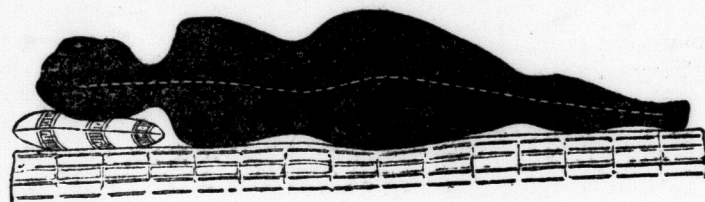
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bradt of Aylmer spent Thursday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Gilbert.

Mrs. Clara Thompson of Aylmer is visiting her mother, Mrs. Willard Powers.

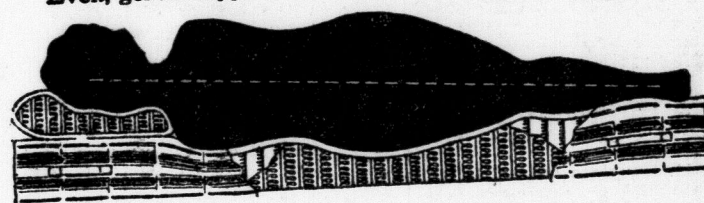
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