

*The Address—Mr. Mackenzie King*

At Victoria on June 16th he said:

It is true we must have foreign markets, and as I said the other evening, we will blast a way to those markets on a world-wide basis with any exportable surpluses. We do not have to worry about that.

Then at Calgary, after promising markets to the western farmers, he said:

I told my audience in Winnipeg, and I tell you here and now, that condition I will not permit to continue in this country.

And again at Calgary, referring to access to the world's markets, he said:

These things we must do, Aye, these things I propose to do. That is the answer. These things, I propose to do.

Then at Vancouver on June 17, 1930, he said:

If Mr. Mackenzie King thinks I will not so build up our agricultural and industrial life that its strength will drive our products into the markets of the world, then he is wrong. For that I will do. If he thinks I will not establish new markets for these strive with all my heart to retain them, drive our products with all my power into new markets, into old markets, into reluctant markets, he is wrong. For that I will do.

That is settled—"For that I will do." Then here is one of the gems of the lot. Speaking at Vancouver on June 17, 1930, the present Prime Minister said:

So will I, when the government is mine, continue to blast a way through all our troubles and difficulties.

I think we will all admit that my right hon. friend is the government; that the government is his; but those last few words, "I will blast a way through all our troubles and difficulties" are causing him much of his present trouble.

That was the sort of promise he made to the farmers; but what did he say to labour? He guaranteed that there would be work for everyone. Listen to this, at Victoria, on June 16th. My right hon. friend said this was a new country and there was no excuse for unemployment. Then he said:

Is there any excuse for Canada to have hard times, if the government is discharging its duties as it should?

At Moncton on July 16th he said:

Mr. King promises consideration of the problem of unemployment. I promise to end unemployment. Which plan do you like best?

Again I ask: Is it any wonder that my right hon. friend is meeting with difficulties? Let us contrast the tone of my right hon. friend's remarks to-day; now that he is in office what does he say?

Mr. BELL (Hamilton): That was all in your speech last year. Have you nothing new?

[Mr. Mackenzie King.]

Some hon. MEMBERS: Oh, oh.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I have something new, and I am going to give it to my hon. friend at once. I expected to get a rise out of hon. gentlemen opposite by mentioning these things. Now let me give my hon. friend something new. Here is what the Prime Minister said in addressing the United Church Missionary Congress on October 1 of last year; here we get a new note:

How could present difficulties be overcome? Premier Bennett proceeded. Some people looked to governments and said they must do it; others looked to churches and said they must do it; "But men and women," he continued, "it will be one way only—by you and me, ourselves, and by no one else. It is what the individual will do that will determine the issue."

Continuing, the Prime Minister stated that the grace of God had saved England in the eighteenth century. That is a very different note; but he went a step further:

"And," he declared, "I am firmly convinced that nothing but the grace of God will save this world. You may talk about your economic theories, the application of the gold standard, the demonitization of silver, balances of trade, exports and imports, but one thing only will save Christianity and that is the grace of God. That is my conviction."

I am not taking any exception to that statement.

An hon. MEMBER: You had better not.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: Is my hon. friend afraid that the Prime Minister will get after me? What I am taking exception to is that when the Prime Minister was addressing the electorate, when he was seeking to get into power, he did not have something more to say about the grace of God and a little less to say about blasting his way into the markets of the world.

At Edmonton on August 25 last, addressing 1,200 Edmonton Conservatives at a reception, the Prime Minister said:

There will be work for all who desire it.

That is the same old story. A year and a half ago he said everyone would have work who wanted it; he repeated that statement at Edmonton a year later, but speaking in Ottawa as recently as December 13, 1931, in support of the Red Cross campaign, he said:

When men cannot find work to maintain themselves and their families, when expectant motherhood is denied proper care, when children are without food and clothing, and when the aged and disabled are penniless, our human instincts and sympathies must surely compel us to give them such help as may be within our power.

To adequately provide for these we have created a special national emergency fund main-