

SUBJECT

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*The Mail & Empire April 21/30***WEST YORK SCORES
GOVERNMENT ATTITUDE****Premier King's Five-cent
Piece Declaration Stirs
Annual Meeting.****OFFICERS ELECTED**

Any government should be big enough to give relief to distressed people regardless of party, J. Earl Lawson, M.P.P. for West York, declared at the annual meeting of the South York Provincial Conservative Association in Rawlinson School on Saturday afternoon.

Scoring the Federal Government's attitude towards unemployment insurance, Mr. Lawson stated that Premier King's refusal to give a five-cent piece to any Conservative government "indicated that the bread line and the wives and families behind it, could not be seen."

"Any government should be big enough to assist regardless of party," he said, the audience applauding.

Among the planks of the platform on which the Conservative party will go before the people in the next Federal election will be, in part, a policy of not importing two dollars' worth of goods from any country to which Canada is exporting but one dollar's worth, Mr. Lawson declared.

"And there will be no pandering to any class or group who would sever ties between the component parts of the Empire," he said. "Furthermore the Conservative party will not permit any foreign power to obtain economic control of this country."

As for returned soldiers' pensions, Mr. Lawson contended that if a man had been accepted as physically fit on enlistment and now had a disability, the disability should be considered as having been contracted in the army.

The probability of enlargement of the provincial government's program of social legislation was intimated by Leopold McAulay, M.P. for South York. Funds were available for this purpose in the treasury, he said.

He, too, scored the King Government's treatment of unemployment insurance.

"It did not hesitate to saddle the province with a substantial amount of the old age pensions, but it would not grant a nickel to any Tory provincial government for unemployment relief," he said.

The annual election of officers, conducted by J. R. MacNichol, resulted in W. K. Shannon being returned as president by acclamation. Other officers re-elected by acclamation were: Ralph Russell, first vice-president; Mrs. William Jarvis, second vice-president; Joe Turner, third vice-president, and K. V. Stratton, secretary. G. Batchelor was returned as treasurer for another year, and W. T. Roberts and Keith Russell were elected auditors.

Mrs. F. Roberts and Mrs. W. Ball, sr., were chosen as woman representatives pending a constitutional amendment admitting more ladies to the executive.

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