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L. Macauley and J. E. Lawson Decry King's "5-Cent Speech"

**Federal Member Tells
West York Conserva-
tives Party Will Not
Stand For Pandering to
Any Class or Group**

Leo Macauley, M.P. for South York, and J. Earl Lawson, M.P. for West York, at the annual convention of West York Conservatives in Rawlinson School Saturday afternoon took occasion to de-

cry Premier King's attitude toward Tory provinces as manifested in his recent "five-cent speech."

"Any government should be big enough to give relief to a distressed people regardless of party," declared Mr. Lawson. "Premier King's refusal to give a five-cent piece to any Conservative Government indicates that the bread line and the wives and families behind it could not be seen."

Mr. Macauley said: "It did not hesitate to saddle the province with a substantial number of old age pensions, but would not grant a nickel to any Tory provincial government for unemployment."

WILL OPPOSE IMPORTATION.

Speaking of the Conservative platform in the next Federal elections, Mr. Lawson stated that one of its main planks would be a policy combatting the importation of "two dollars worth of goods from any country to which Canada is exporting only a dollar's worth."

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

SHOULD GET BENEFIT OF DOUBT.

Touching on the proposed amendments to the Pension Act, the Federal member expressed the opinion that disabled returned men who had been regarded as physically fit upon enlistment should be given the benefit of any doubt to the extent that their ailments be conceded as caused by service.

Intimation of a broadening of the Provincial Government's program of social legislation were made by Mr. Macauley.

He also mentioned the increased consciousness of responsibility to the citizens of Ontario on the part of members of Parliament because of the large majority in the House. "We feel that it is necessary to keep in close touch with the people who are the life and root of the political tree."

J. R. MacNicol spoke on the force and power held by politicians in the Dominion, adding that the politicians and the citizens should be "one" and rule in unison.

WILL SUPPORT LAWSON.

Capt. W. W. Parry said he would lend his enthusiastic support to Mr. Lawson at next Saturday's convention of West York Federals at Weston. For this he was duly thanked by Mr. Lawson.

The annual election of officers resulted in returns by acclamation for W. K. Shannon, president; Ralph Russell, 1st vice-president; Mrs. William Jarvis, 2nd vice-president; Joseph Turner, 3rd vice-president; Kenneth V. Stratton, secretary; J. Bachelor, treasurer; A. H. Keith Russell and W. T. Roberts, auditors.

Mrs. F. Roberts and Mrs. W. Ball were selected as representatives on the executive until such time as a constitutional amendment can be made admitting more women.

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