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BETTER CONDITIONS AND HAPPINESS FOR FARM AND HOME IS LIBERAL AIM PREMIER TELLS ELECTORS OF KENT

Privileged Few Are Forgotten
As Federal Legislation
Is Framed.

3,000 HEAR SPEECH

Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie
King Gets Rousing Re-
ception at Rondeau.

MURDOCK ON LABOR

Speaks On Unemployment—
Graham Optimistic Over
C. N. R. Future.

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By Staff Reporter.

Chatham, Aug. 19. — "In undertaking the government of this country we have thought of the home and its needs, not thinking of special favors to a few who are specially privileged, but thinking of the needs of the great masses of the men and women on the farms and in the homes of the country," so spoke Premier W. L. Mackenzie King before 3,000 people at Rondeau Park, where a great picnic was held under the auspices of the Kent Liberal Association.

"We so sought to shape our finances in the face of great problems that we would be able to reduce our public debt, get rid of the deficit on our railways, encourage immigration to our country, and be able to reduce the cost of living to the great body of the people by reducing taxation, and once again make

King Plans Senate Curb

Dealing with the question of the Senate during a speech at Rondeau Park yesterday, Premier Mackenzie King declared that as the machinery of government became more and more democratic there was possibly a special reason for maintaining a second chamber, but in regard to certain measures that the people as a whole were anxious to see enacted it was essential, when the House of Commons had expressed its approval in no unmistakable manner, that some means should be found of preventing the Senate from blocking the will of the people. "We intend," he said, "to see that the second chamber is not made an instrument for defeating the will of the Commons."

"The government would proceed with all due caution in an effort to secure supremacy of the people's will. Any step taken by the government would be with due regard to what the fathers of confederation had in mind when they established the Senate as one of the bodies to be concerned in legislation. But I do believe the people will expect a Liberal government to see that the machinery of government is so arranged as to make possible that the will of the people will prevail in those great measures which are of such great concern to the people as a whole."

the people of our country happy, prosperous and contented, proud to be under the British flag, proud of the country to which they belong, proud of the freedom which they have enjoyed, and proud because they are being governed in accordance with principles that are sane and sound and in accordance with their own free will," continued Rt. Hon. Mr. King.

Splendid Reception

Cheers from three thousand throats greeted these words which came at the close of his address. The premier had a magnificent reception, and he was frequently applauded as he defended the government's policies and confidently appealed for its return to power when its term of office expired.

There was no heckling and only one question was asked. This was put by an elderly voter, who asked whether in view of the fact that the

government had dismissed a number of civil servants on the ground of economy, the members of parliament had cut off their extra sessional indemnity of \$1,500 with the same object in view.

In reply the premier explained that the only civil servants who had been let out were those for whose services there was no further need. As to the indemnity, he told his questioner that if he were a member of parliament he would doubtless find that to fulfill all his obligations the indemnity fixed by the previous administration was not too large. As far as Mr. King was personally concerned he would not mind if the indemnity was cut down. But what he did feel was that in that case only men of wealth and means would run for parliament, and the men who ought to be there because they saw the needs of the people at large could not afford to give their time, and therefore the masses would find themselves without representation.

Aims at General Good.

The premier's speech was much along the same lines as that delivered at Markham on Saturday. His administration, he pointed out, had re-

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