

# Local Leaders At Depot on Arrival

## SUN SHINES AS FORMER PREMIER AND PARTY JOIN PARADE TO ARMORY FOR BIG MASS MEETING

WHEN Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, former Canadian premier, rose to speak at the armory late this afternoon, he was greeted by a tremendous ovation from several thousand people who crowded into the big auditorium to hear the Conservative chieftain's message. The applause was so continuous that it was several minutes before the Opposition leader could begin his address.

The ex-premier was the picture of good health—a keen, clear-eyed exponent of the ideals and principles of the Conservative party. He seemed to be in perfect fighting trim.

Before the mass meeting commenced, Mr. Meighen received a rousing welcome at the Canadian Pacific depot as he stepped down from his private car when the flyer pulled in from the east at 2. Prominent Conservatives, and visitors from all parts of the county and the southwestern peninsula, were on hand to greet him, and the tumultuous reception showered upon him was typical of the way the border greets its political leaders.

### OFFICIALS PRESENT

While there was no official reception committee appointed to greet Mr. Meighen, many officials of various local Conservative Associations were noticed on the station platform. The group included Walker Whiteside, president of the Windsor Conservative Association; Dr. Raymond D. Morand and A. E. Geddes, president of the North and South Essex Conservative Associations; E. J. Mullins, and Mrs. C. J. Stodgell, president of the Windsor Women's Conservative Association.

The first stop made by the parade from the station was at the Prince Edward Hotel, where another large crowd of followers, who had not gone to the station, had gathered to greet their leader, and to escort him to the armory.

Here also was the band of the 18th Battalion, Essex Fusiliers, which proceeded to the head of the procession and led it to the big drill hall where the mass meeting was held.

Mr. Meighen's address at the armory was the last of nine. He was preceded by Frank J. Mitchell, mayor of Windsor, who, as chief executive of the city, extended a civic welcome, and by Frank W. Wilson, M.L.A., Adolphus Armstrong, M.L.A.; Hon. Dr. J. R. Manion, Hon. Hugh Guthrie, solicitor general in the Meighen government; Hon. James Lyons, minister of mines and forests in Ontario, and Hon. Rodolphe Monty. The former premier was introduced to the audience by Dr. R. D. Morand, acting as chairman of the meeting.

### REVIEWS EVENTS

Political events and happenings of the past few months were reviewed fully in the course of Mr. Meighen's address, which was listened to with rapt interest, in view of expectations that he would have a message of real import to deliver to the border and its people. Part of his address was in French.

"On to Ottawa," and "Essex County Welcomes Our Leader," were inscribed on banners which framed the platform on which the speakers sat.

### BANQUET TONIGHT

Mr. Meighen will also be the chief speaker—as well as the guest of honor—at a banquet to be held in the Prince Edward Hotel tonight, and at which more than 500 guests are expected. Most of the afternoon speakers will again be heard, together with others. The affair will be in charge of Samuel E. Dinsmore, president of the Essex County Conservative Club, under the auspices of which the ex-premier's visit to the border is taking place.

Windsor was thronged today with members of the Legislature and Federal House from parts of Western Ontario, drawn here for the former premier's visit. The number included: J. Frank White, M.P., London; J. L. Stansell, M.P., East Elgin; Hugh McKillop, M.P., West Elgin; R. V. LeSueur, M.P., Lambton; Hon. Finlay MacdIarmid, M.L.A., West Elgin; W. C. Chambers, M.L.A., South Oxford; and Donald Sutherland, M.P., South Oxford.

Chief Thompson detailed a special detachment of officers today to handle the crowds greeting Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen on his arrival in Windsor.

A large squad of men were on hand to keep the crowds in order at the Windsor Armory, and were lined about the walls during the meeting.

## Optimism Is Expressed By Mr. Meighen

"I COME to the Border Cities," said Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, on his arrival here today, "at a time when prospects seem exceedingly bright for the Conservative party."

Mr. Meighen added that he was very happy to visit the Border Cities once more. The North Essex by-election provided the reason for his last visit and the Conservative leader had a strenuous program on that occasion, delivering a great many addresses.

"The progress of this community has been indeed wonderful," Mr. Meighen told The Star. "It is really without a parallel in our history and it gives solid and convincing ground for the optimism with which Canadians must face the future."

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