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HON. W. T. WHITE LOOKS TO GROWTH OF PUBLIC OWNERSHIP

New Minister of Finance, Warmly Welcomed in Leeds Constituency, Announces That He Has Abandoned All Private Interests and is Free to Serve Public—Defends Right to Enter Conservative Party.

STRONG ADVOCATE OF GOOD ROADS

LANDSOWNE, Nov. 2.—(Special.)—“With regard to the great principle of public ownership, I am not only not opposed to it, but its earnest supporter, and I look forward to a development on its part commensurate with the growth and progress of Canada.”

In these straightforward words Hon. W. T. White, finance minister of Canada, speaking before a crowded meeting of his constituents of Leeds, at Landsowne, this evening, called his colors to the mast on one of the greatest questions with which the future prosperity of the country is bound up.

And this candid, straightforwardness, coupled with an unaffected modesty wherever he spoke of himself, and a spirit of buoyant optimism, were the distinguishing features of Mr. White's address.

Anxiety to serve the people untrammelled by the shackles of any influence which might seem to take him from the path of public duty by the press of private interest, was shown in the honest statement that when he became finance minister he had severed every connection with financial institutions.

Not a Spelman.
“And as long as I am finance minister, they shall continue to be severed,” Mr. White declared, amid applause.

Equally frank was Mr. White in dealing with his position in the Conservative party and the ministry. “I entered by the door,” he said. He did not come in after the victory was won.

The fight against reciprocity, he said, had been a great educational conflict on an impersonal issue, and very little bitterness was seen in the result. Stability of tariff, but not a capitalized tariff, was Mr. White's frequent diagnosis of the fiscal needs of the country.

This, he said, would be the aim of the Borden administration.

Aid to the improvement of the public highways he insisted on as of the utmost importance.

While modestly marked all reference to himself, Mr. White paid an eloquent tribute to his political chieftain. The mantle of Sir John A. Macdonald has fallen on worthy shoulders in those of Robert Laird Borden, he said amid enthusiasm and applause.

Mr. White was given an attentive hearing and both on rising and re-suming his seat he was greeted with tumultuous and prolonged applause. The people of Leeds evidently think him the right man in the right place.

Appreciation of Honor.
Mr. White said:
“I stand before you a much honored man to-night. I have been honored, greatly beyond my deserts, by the invitation of the Liberal-Conservative party of this historic County of Leeds to become their candidate for the vacancy created in your representation in the house of commons thru the resignation of your much-respected and wholly worthy member, Mr. George Taylor, who has had the distinguished honor of representing you for over a quarter of a century, with much credit to himself, his constituency and the great party in which he has held such an important and conspicuous a place.”

“It is a great honor for a man to be chosen as standard-bearer for his party in his home city or in his native county. It is a double honor to be chosen in a constituency to

Where Hon. W. T. White Stands.

Hon. W. T. White, in his address at Landsowne last night, said:
“I entered the Liberal-Conservative party by the door. That door was opened by Sir John A. Macdonald. When he named the party the Liberal-Conservative party, he intended that Liberals should enter.
“I believe I shall be able to meet the requirements of office not without credit to the people of Canada.
“Many exceptionally able men whose claims were superior to mine cheerfully acquiesced in the choice of their leader.
“I have discontinued my entire financial connection, and am free as any man in Canada to serve you.
“With regard to public ownership, I am not only not opposed to it, but its earnest supporter, and I look forward to a development on its part commensurate with the growth and progress of Canada.
“Assurance of stability of tariff is required to give confidence to our manufacturers, our commercial men and farmers.
“It will be the duty of the government to take such measures as may be necessary to remedy any inequitable or unjust advantages enjoyed by trusts and combines.
“I am strongly in favor of any measure that will give the farmers the boon of good roads.
“The farming output can be greatly increased by getting the right kind of immigrants.
“The interests and needs of the west must be continuously borne in mind.”

CONSPIRACY TO CORNER WHEAT

Washington's Big Stick Now Directed Towards La Salle Street—Warehouse Receipts May Be Seized.

CHICAGO, Nov. 2.—Any man or set of men who buy so much grain that the price is held up or out of reach of buyers, may be considered as acting in restraint of trade. That is the basis on which, in the opinion of President J. D. Merrill of the Chicago Board of Trade, Washington agents are working in the investigation of an alleged corner in wheat, centred at Chicago, and extending from Duluth and Minneapolis to the seaboard.

A tho' d'ing that no investigation of the Chicago Board of Trade itself is under way, to the best of his knowledge, President Merrill to-night said, somewhat facetiously: “I do know that the federal agents who were in La Salle-street Tuesday, went to the northwestern markets yesterday. This makes it look as if the department of justice at Washington considered there was some understanding between big wheat owners here and at other centres. So far as the board of trade as an organization is concerned, all is serene.”

Control Sixty Per Cent.
Rumors were current this evening that a former stenographer of the weighmaster's office of the board had given evidence to the government. According to reports, 60 per cent. of the country's wheat supply is controlled by an illegal combination of speculators, and 17,000,000 bushels of the total holdings of the clique are in Chicago grain elevators.

Threats at warehouse receipts for millions of bushels in store here might be seized as evidence in a conspiracy trial had a para-lytic effect on the market to-day. In the last few minutes of trading the market broke nearly two cents from top figures, and closed in a whirl of excited selling with in a cent of the lowest point of the day, 56 3/8 cents for December.

A statement was made to-night that the Armour Grain Co. perfected a deal by which millions of bushels were transferred to a group of millers in interest, the millers, it was said, being all wed to remove the grain from the Armour warehouse as when convenient. One theory is that the government proceeded to remove the grain from the warehouse transfer.

NOT YET, BUT SATURDAY
Liberal Policy is Still in the Making—Leader Working on It.

Leader Rowell's manifesto is not ready at Nor is it known just when it will be ready.

The sub-committee of five, headed by Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, concluded their labors yesterday morning and had the various planks cut out, smoothed and polished for Mr. Rowell's scrutiny and acceptance.

He worked well on into the night looking over the policy prepared for him and settling for himself its desirability.

BOTH PARTIES GLAD TO HONOR W. H. HEARST

New Minister of Mines, Banqueted at the Soo, Promises Broad Policy For North.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Nov. 2.—(Special.)—The banquet here to-night in honor of W. H. Hearst, the new minister of lands, forests and mines for Ontario was attended by 400 citizens and visitors, representing all portions of the riding and eastern portions of the province. Among visitors present were A. C. Boyce, M.L.A.; W. R. Smyth, M.P.; Albert Grigg, M.P.; Hon. W. J. Hanna, and others.

Judge Fred Stone touched on the fact that altho the outposts of the political parties in the coming battle were almost in touch, all had gathered to do honor to Mr. Hearst, showing a spirit of Canadian citizenship.

He introduced Hon. Mr. Hearst, who thanked the citizens for their expression of esteem and respect. Nowhere else could a public man obtain a similar testimonial from friends and political opponents alike. He mentioned F. H. Clergue as having laid the foundation of the Soo's greatness.

Opening Up North.
He hoped a wise Providence would direct him as to the best manner to open up the country upon a policy wider than ever before. He was glad to see Mr. Englehart present, believing no other man had New Ontario nearer at heart. He spoke of the transportation policy and said it would soon be to bring Ontario's resources down to the Soo over the line of the Algoma Central, which would soon connect with transcontinental lines and tap Hudson Bay.

The parliament of Ontario was proposed by Albert Grigg, M.L.A., who paid a glowing tribute to Mr. Hearst. The toast was responded to by W. R. Smyth, M.P.

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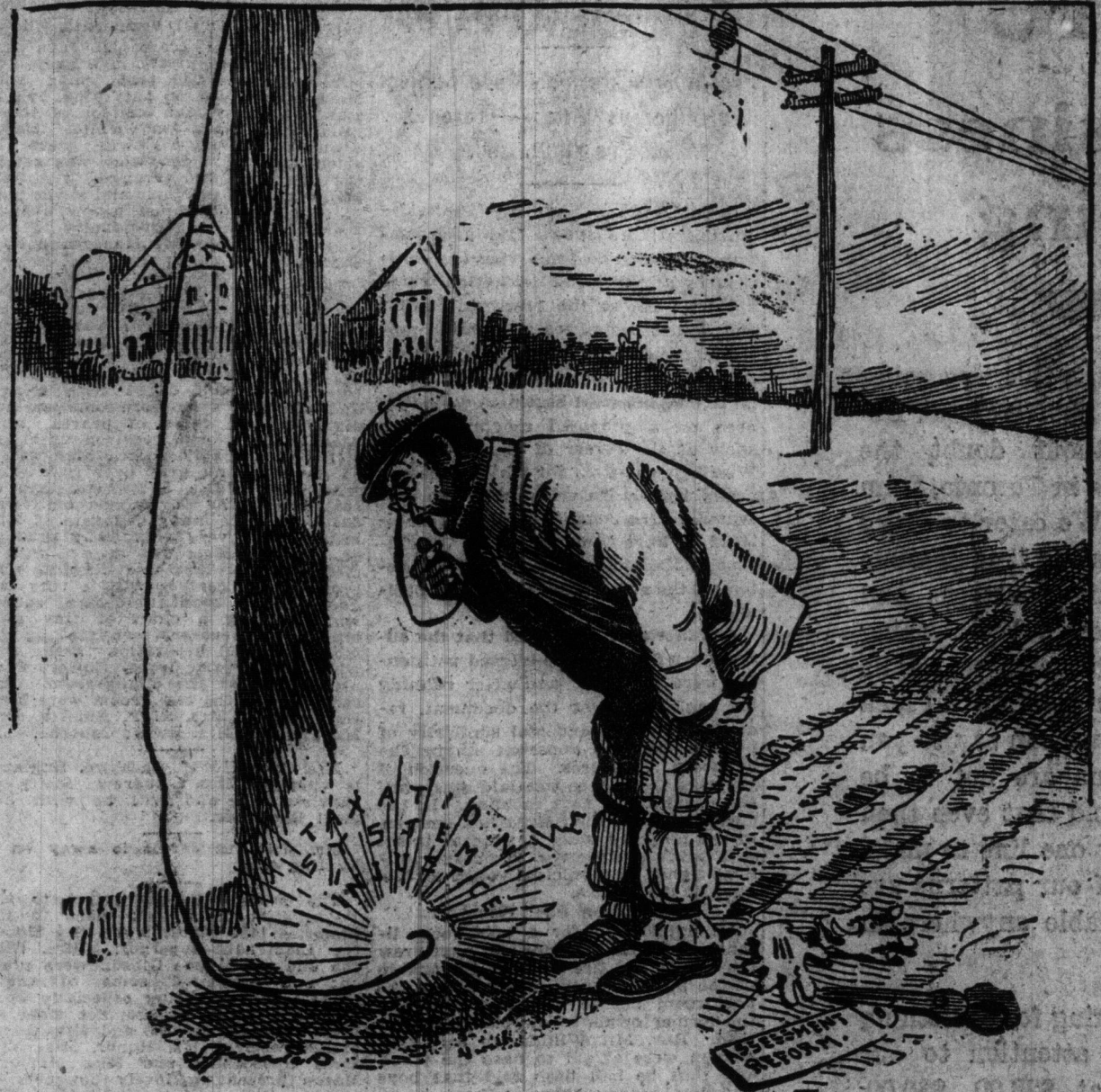
WINTER FAIR ON DEC. 11.
On account of the coming election it was thought that the dates of the provincial winter fair at Guelph, which commences on Dec. 11, would have to be changed. However, it has been decided that the election will not be any interference to the fair, and hence no change in dates is necessitated.

FOUR CHILDREN DROWNED.
WINNIPEG, Nov. 2.—Four deaths by drowning in Netley Creek, near St. Louis, about thirty-five miles from this city, in the direction of Lake Winnipeg, occurred at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon. The victims are Melvin McNair, age 14; two cousins named Eddie Kirkness and Emma Sette, and Veronica Berthold, aged 8. The oldest of the victims owed a sleigh and a team of dogs, and at noon recess invited the children of the school to go for a ride on the ice of the creek, which in places is about an inch thick. All refused but the three that were drowned with him.

PORCUPINE BULLETIN.
PORCUPINE, Nov. 2.—(Special.)—Winter weather set in last night and all lake traffic is closed. There are indications of a heavy snowstorm. Temperature 15 above zero.

WOOD IN WEST MIDDLESEX.
The Conservatives of West Middlesex yesterday in convention nominated Dr. W. H. Wood of Mt. Brydges as their choice for the provincial election.

A VERY LIVE WIRE



LINEMAN WHITNEY: It's up to me.

COMMISSION TO DEAL WITH TARIFF

Premier Borden Definitely Indicates at Halifax Banquet That Permanent Body Will Be Appointed—Promises to Make Good Pre-Election Pledges to Aid Farmers.

HALIFAX, Nov. 2.—(Special.)—The banquet in honor of R. L. Borden in this city to-night, given by the Conservatives of Halifax, and of the Province of Nova Scotia, was the biggest function of the kind ever seen here.

Reception of Heartiest.
The company at the tables numbered 800 and constituted the greatest demonstration of the kind in point of numbers and enthusiasm that has ever been seen in Eastern Canada, if not anywhere in the Dominion.

The chair was occupied by J. W. Regan, ex-president of the Nova Scotia Conservative Association. On the chairman's right sat Hon. Mr. Borden and on his left Hon. George E. Foster. There were only three toasts: “The King,” “Hon. Mr. Borden,” and “Members of Mr. Borden's Cabinet.”

A. B. Crosby proposed the toast to the ministers and there were vigorous responses which drew forth renewed cheering.

Any expectation that Hon. Mr. Borden would outline, save in general terms, the policy then in government will pursue, was rather disappointed. He too a definite attitude, however, in favor of a permanent tariff commission, and declared for encouragement to agriculture by means of improvements to roads and also for chilled meat facilities. He took pains to emphasize the need of improved transportation facilities to bind east and west together.

Mr. Borden's response to the toast in his honor was in part as follows: “Mr. Chairman and gentlemen,—I

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ANOTHER MOTOR VICTIM MAY DIE

Bruce Ridpath, Well-Known Athlete, Struck While Crossing Yonge St.—Run Down by Car Driven by C. A. Campbell, Who is Later Arrested.

BRUCE RIDPATH, Well-known hockey player, in hospital, seriously injured.

OTTAWA, Nov. 2.—(Special.)—It is leaking out now at Ottawa that the old Liberal cabinet, during the two weeks it clung to office after its defeat on Sept. 21, promoted an astounding number of civil servants thruout Canada.

Political favorites were given boosts in salary which would have never come in the ordinary course of promotions or thru merit. Most of these promotions were in the outside service. A new government is investigating some of the most glaring of the cases, and in many instances the officials will probably be reduced to their old salaries and forced to win their increase by merit.

FEDESTRIANS NOT ALERT
Highway Commission Thinks Walkers More to Blame Than Motorists.

BOSTON, Nov. 2.—Up to to-day 1337 accidents in which motor vehicles were concerned have been reported to the state highway commission in the last eleven months and in pursuance of its duty to investigate these cases the commission has found that where pedestrians were the victims the blame often rested upon them and not upon the drivers. In the last eleven months there have been nearly 100 deaths and about 1100 injuries caused by motor car accidents. In the previous twelve months there were 77 deaths and 963 injuries, so that with one month not counted of the present fiscal year of the highway commission there has been an increase of about 20 per cent. in deaths and 15 per cent. in accidents.

In that same period, however, there has been an increase of approximately 25 per cent. in the number of motor vehicles in use in the state.

Some Fine Attractions.
Louis Mann, Naughty Marietta, Ethel Barrymore, Frances Starr, John Drew and William Hawtrey all coming to the Princess Theatre between now and Xmas.

HYDRO AT BRAMPTON

Plant Installed Below Estimated Cost and Power Now On.

BRAMPTON, Nov. 2.—(Special.)—Hydro-electric power and lighting is now in use in Brampton. It was turned on to-day, the first to use it for lighting being John H. Butler, one of the first to promote the hydro-electric policy in Brampton. The first to use the power is the Packham Pressed Brick Co., who have contracted for 10 horse power.

The local superintendent, H. E. Timmerman, says that everything at the Brampton station was perfect, not a hitch of any kind occurring. In a few days power and light will be supplied to many parts of the municipality.

Arrangements have not yet been made to take over the Brampton electric company's plant, altho negotiations are in progress between the council and the company. It is generally felt that there is no business for two plants and that the council should acquire the property of the local company, thereby preventing competition. The work has been done here very much below the amount voted for the purpose by the people of Brampton.

THE FASHIONABLE DERBY.
The flat crown, wide brim English derby hat is the very fashionable block being worn by young men throughout the world.

The Dineen Company, who are sole Canadian agents for Henry Hecker, the great English maker, are showing an unusually fine line in these new derby hats.

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FOREIGNERS NOW IN DANGER OF LIVES

Outlook for Peace in China Clouded by Barbarities of Imperial Troops, and Situation in Hankow is Desperate—Exodus From Peking in Fear of Massacre.

PEKING, Nov. 2.—The massacre of natives at Hankow by imperialist troops, in defiance of which has reached both the peace board and the German legation, may prove a serious hindrance to the peace negotiations which Yuan Shih Kai has been endeavoring to inaugurate with the rebel leaders. The population of Hankow is estimated ordinarily at 500,000, but it is believed that every non-combatant who was able to escape proceeded into the country prior to the conflict. The Hankow area is so very narrow and the houses are closely packed. There are many wealthy Chinese merchants and manufacturers in gold and silver.

The exodus from Peking continues, the doors of many shops, as well as private houses being closed in anticipation of a massacre.

The diplomatic body will meet tomorrow to reconsider the question of allowing the Chinese troops to enter Tientsin, a council there having made serious objection.

An official despatch from Shikaitan, Shanai Province, says that a regiment of Shanai troops, which had been despatched to assist the imperialists, has mutinied. The mutineers killed their brigadier-general and then bombarded a Manchu city, massacring a thousand.

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AFTER LIC. HOURS

Big Entry List Assures Good Racing on Election Day.

The civic elections are two months off yet, there are a goodly number of men who consider they have good reasons to believe that certain changes in the council will be made and that they will fill certain seats. Four men say they are preparing to sit in the mayor's chair. Ex-Controller Harrison will run for that office if the outlook is good; Dr. Sheard has his eye on it; Controller Hocken is coveting it and the present mayor has not yet considered giving it up to anyone.

There is a good deal of talk about the next board of control. Controllers Church, Spence and Ward will defend their present seats and possibly Sweeney and McCarthy will either rise from the position of alderman to that of controller or else drop out. They intend to either make or break.

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