

## King Promises Action On Maritime Inquiry Report

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refuge with respect to this transaction behind the fact that the contract was made by the Canadian National Railways. That, however, was not a justification for the government granting permission for the awarding of the contract at this time. Appropriations for the Canadian National Railways were made by Parliament just as were appropriations for all other public purposes. The appropriations for the contract for the Vancouver Hotel had not been made in the estimates submitted to Parliament nor had the awarding of the contract had the approval of Parliament in any form. It was something more than a coincidence that when Mr. Meighen formed his previous Cabinet and brought Dr. Toole of Victoria into it as a member, a contract of over \$5,000,000 was awarded for a graving dock at Victoria. Now that Mr. Stevens, of Vancouver, had been taken into the government a contract of over \$5,000,000 of which the government had approved had just been awarded in that city.

### EXTRA SIGNIFICANCE

Of additional significance was the fact that each of these contracts was awarded without any advertisements and competition, and that no tenders had been called for and that both have been awarded during the period of an election, he declared.

Hon. Mr. King said when Sir Wilfrid appealed to the country in 1911, tenders had been called for the building of ships of the Canadian Naval Service both on the Atlantic and on the Pacific Coast. The contracts were ready to be awarded when the dissolution of Parliament was being discussed. Sir Wilfrid Laurier took the view, however, that to award a contract for a large amount of money on the eve of or during the period of a general election was an indefensible course of procedure and that to award contracts of large amounts at such a time was to justify the suspicion in the public mind that one way or another they were connected with the campaign itself, the Liberal chief said.

### HOTEL IN VANCOUVER

Mr. King added that he wished to make it clear that he had nothing to say about the need for a hotel in the city of Vancouver or the propriety of a contract for that purpose being awarded at the right time and surrounded by the right precautions. He, in no way, wished to reflect upon or criticize the Canadian National Railway management as a party to the transaction, as the railways had not proceeded in the matter until duly authorized for the purpose by the parliament administration. What he was taking strong exception to was the present government's presumption to award contracts directly or indirectly or to oblige the country to any course of expenditure seeing that the government itself was one which Parliament had declared to be illegal and which, as matters now stand, is without authority to carry on either at the instance of Parliament or the people.

### REFERS TO VISITS HERE

In his opening remarks, Hon. Dr. Foster said that it was fitting the Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, Prime Minister, and Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, co-minister, should visit Saint John, the largest centre in New Brunswick. "You extended a hearty welcome to

Mr. Meighen," the chairman said, "and I am sure that your reception of Hon. Mr. King will be no less enthusiastic." "In one of the evening papers," the chairman continued, "I noticed, as a headline, 'What will the Rt. Hon. Mackenzie King say tonight?' Some time ago, the same newspaper asked, 'What will Mr. Meighen say tonight?' It should have read, 'What will Mr. Doucet say tonight?' In my opinion, I think Mr. Meighen and the Conservative party would give a great deal to undo what Mr. Doucet said at that meeting."

### RYAN SPEAKS

The chairman then introduced William M. Ryan, candidate for Saint John-Albert, to the audience. Mr. Ryan was greeted with applause and thanked the audience for the reception they tendered him. He said he was proud to be associated with R. T. Hayes on the same ticket.

"If ever a party made an honest attempt to fulfill its pledges," Mr. Ryan said, "the King government did so. The most remarkable budget to be introduced into the House of Commons was presented by the finance minister, Hon. J. A. Robb. The removal of and reductions in some of our taxes were effected and to the extent of \$85,000,000."

### MARITIME CAMPAIGN

The speaker said that a year ago The Telegraph-Journal and Times-Star made a most commendable campaign in the interests of Maritime Rights. A Maritime delegation, between 400 and 500 strong, went to Ottawa and the King government promised them consideration. Mr. Ryan continued, "This consideration was shown in Hon. Mr. Robb's budget which stipulated that, beginning January, 1927, the British preference would apply only to those goods coming through Canadian ports."

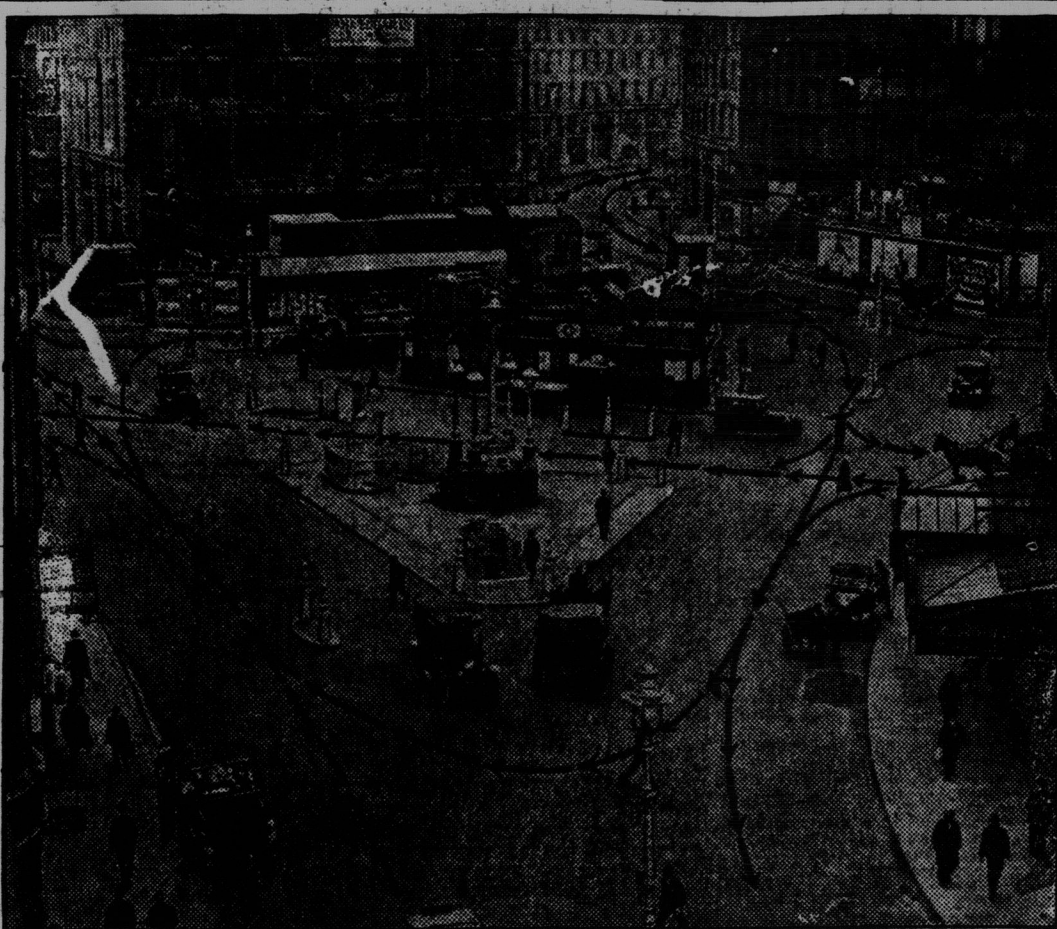
The candidate then spoke on the meeting at which Premier Meighen was the chief speaker, held in the Imperial theatre recently. "The Meighen meeting degenerated into the 'Doucet meeting,'" Mr. Ryan charged.

"At that meeting," Mr. Ryan continued, "Mr. Bell, Conservative candidate, spoke. He said that we needed equipment of our sea ports and an increase in Canada's trade. The Telegraph-Journal subsequently said that Mr. Bell made his remarks brief. He couldn't have made them shorter than his remarks made in the House of Commons."

"At that meeting Mr. Bell said," continued the speaker, "that the Maritime Provinces have been fed too long on promises and that what they needed was action and lots of it. The King government gave us action when they abolished the receipt tax and reduced the postage rates and other taxes. And yet, when the finance minister introduced his budget into the House Mr. Bell and Dr. MacLaren rose up in their seats and voted against it. Yes, we want action, but we also want your representatives to fight for your interests."

"Now there was another meeting at which Mr. Bell spoke," continued Mr. Ryan, "and this was the Conservative convention held here. Wouldn't you think that Mr. Bell and Dr. MacLaren would have given the audience some

## LONDON SOLVES TRAFFIC PROBLEM



Piccadilly Circus, one of the busiest corners in London, has traffic going only one way now. Arrow lines show how the vehicles are directed. Remember, the left side is the right side there.

LONDON, which has the most difficult traffic problem in the world, thinks it has almost solved it by applying what is known as the gyratory system at the various 'circuses,' making a number of streets which lead into these 'circuses' one way streets, reducing the number of buses which may run on the busy streets and tackling the problem of crossing taxis.

At one of the busiest places in the city, Piccadilly Circus, the gyratory system has been introduced. Under this, traffic in Piccadilly will be synchronized.

account of their stewardship? They couldn't do that because they hadn't done anything at Ottawa.

### PROMISE OF BELL

"At that meeting," Mr. Ryan declared, "Mr. Bell said, and he spoke for Dr. MacLaren also, that this constituency would not suffer at their hands if they were elected. Is that all we are going to get? A promise that at least the constituency will not suffer at their hands?" queried Mr. Ryan. "Mr. Hayes and myself will do our best to put Saint John on the map and in the place on the map she deserves," he declared.

"At that convention," the speaker continued, "Premier Baxter said that he would not attempt to review the political field of the day but that the Maritime Province people, if they had the spunk to read the newspapers, could help but return the Conservative party."

"Let me tell Premier Baxter," said Mr. Ryan, "that if the people of the Maritimes do read the newspapers and there is any sense of public decency in this constituency, they will not elect candidates who would give them the opportunity. 'If we elect Mr. Hayes and you, what will you do for us, you ask,' Mr. Ryan said to the audience. 'I'll answer that. For one thing, I think that nationalization of our harbor is a matter of vital importance for this constituency. It is a national asset. Furthermore, I believe that the government should repay

us every dollar we put into it and if I am elected I will work to that end. If elected, before the House meets I shall ask for a conference with the city solicitor, the commissioners, the Board of Trade, harbor officials and others in order that we may hit upon some plan that I may take to Ottawa with me and work for."

meeting was never held," Mr. Hayes continued.

Mr. Hayes said that, among other meetings held here, was a convention of the Maritime Rights Commission.

"And this commission was authorized by the government of which the Hon. Mr. King was the leader," Mr. Hayes added.

Premier Baxter and Angus McLean both appeared before the Maritime Rights Commission," Mr. Hayes continued. "Baxter wanted reciprocity for wood and McLean pleaded for reciprocity for the products of our forests. Along these lines the government has started. Trade treaties with the West Indies and Australia were effected. Transportation difficulties shut us out of Canadian markets."

Mr. Hayes claimed that the recent government at Ottawa had already made a start in making the cost of live

How the gyratory system works is best illustrated by figures about Trafalgar Square. Over 50,000 vehicles move through this place in 12 hours. Under the gyratory system this huge volume of traffic is moved without more than three-quarters of a minute delay. Four minutes used to be a common thing. It has been found, however, that an extensive system of signal lights to synchronize the movement of traffic will be impossible here because there are few streets where long straight vistas are obtainable.

Valley Railway

Mr. Ryan also dwelt upon the Valley Railway and said that it was built at a great expense to ourselves.

Mr. Ryan tells us that he has given a minister of railways in the person of Hon. Mr. Black."

Mr. Black Interest himself in government control of the Valley Railway? If I'm successful at the polls on Sept. 14 I shall go to the Hon. Mr. King and demand that he take over the Valley Railway."

Mr. Ryan concluded his address with the remark that he was honored when he was nominated. "And yet those honors are not without their burdens and their responsibilities," he said. "I will do my best to merit your confidence and I trust that on Sept. 14 you will give me an opportunity to do something for this constituency. That trust will not be betrayed," he declared.

### HAYES SPEAKS

Mr. Hayes was then introduced to the audience by Hon. Dr. Foster.

"We feel that the King government made a record for themselves," Mr. Hayes commenced, "particularly when they were working under such handicaps."

"From the recent Conservative meeting held in this theatre people were sent away with a fill of scandal, scandal that has since been disproved. I am sure that they have wished that the

ing as reasonable as possible and had decided that the automobile industry did not need the high protection they were enjoying. "And in my mind," continued Mr. Hayes, "the protection that some of them are getting at the present time is still too large."

### CHIEF GRIEVANCES

"The chief grievances in the Maritime Provinces is that we have no markets for the things we produce and have to pay a high tariff for what we import from outside," declared Mr. Hayes.

"I have always had the interest of the city of Saint John at heart," said Mr. Hayes, "and I think I have done a great deal for the welfare of the city and its institutions. I would like to think that you were appreciative."

He concluded his address with the statement that the Maritime Provinces candidates would like to feel that they were heartily supported by the people and said if such proved to be the case on Sept. 14 he was sure that the Maritimers would receive generous consideration at the hands of Mr. King.

## GARDEN PARTY IS GREATLY ENJOYED

Conducted by Leaders of St. Columba Presbyterian Church in Fairville

A successful garden party under the auspices of the ladies of St. Columba Presbyterian church was held last evening on the church grounds, which were illuminated with electric lights. More than \$50 was realized by the party and the money will be used for

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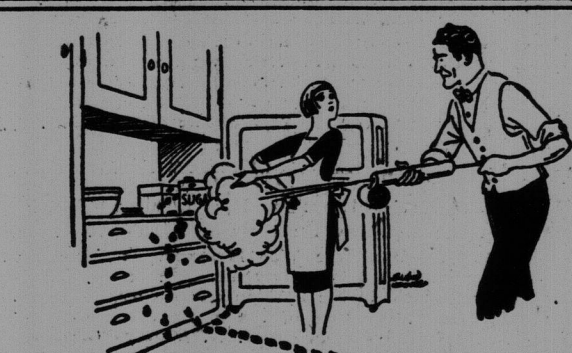
church purposes. A "guess" cake donated by Mrs. Benjamin Haines, was won by Mrs. Edward Duff, who guessed the correct weight. Mrs. William Stinson, Mrs. H. Watters and Miss Viola Leggett had charge of the guessing contest.

The Sunday school class races which owing to the weather had not been held at the time of the annual picnic, were carried out last night and were conducted by Laughlin McVicar, C. C. Lawrence and W. H. Stinson. The prize-winners were Kenneth Masson, Gordon McMaster, Raymond Morrow, Mildred Morrow, Kathleen Amers, Lily Small, Tom Seely, Alice Ewart, Doris Oliver and Stanford Wilson.

The fancy work table was in charge of Miss M. Townsend. The home-cooking table was in charge of Mrs. William Davidson and Mrs. Edward Moore. Other conveners were for ice cream, Mrs. James Leggett; for candy, Mrs. S. Compton.

Several bouquets of beautiful flowers were kindly donated by Mr. Storey and were disposed of to ready purchasers. The field sports were bowling alleys, in charge of Allison Moore, at which the lady's prize was won by Mrs. Thomas Totten and the man's by Fred Foley; bunny-in-the-hole, in charge of John Baird, at which the prize was won by W. H. Stinson; ladies' bean-board, in charge of Perley McKim, at which Mrs. William Gray was the prize winner; men's bean-board, conducted by Clarence McKim, at which W. J. Stinson was the prize winner.

A street car proceeding towards the Fairville terminus last evening ran into a sedan automobile which was parked in front of Dr. V. D. Davidson's residence, and was so placed that it overhung the street car track. The rear mid-guard of the automobile was badly twisted and by the impact became wedged beneath the street car. A man and a woman were in the automobile at the time of the accident. Nobody was injured.



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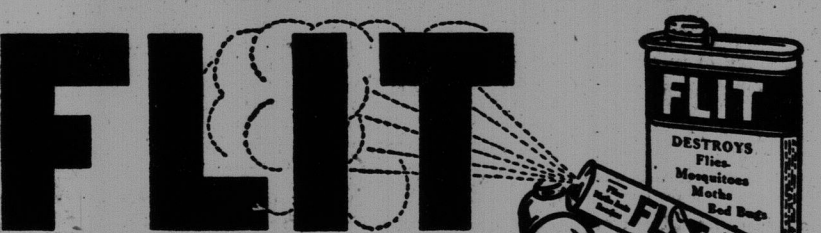
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