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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 \$6,000,000 was awarded for a graving dock at Victoria. Now that Mr. Stevens of Vancouver, had been taken into the government a contract of over \$3,000,000 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 had 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 my 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.

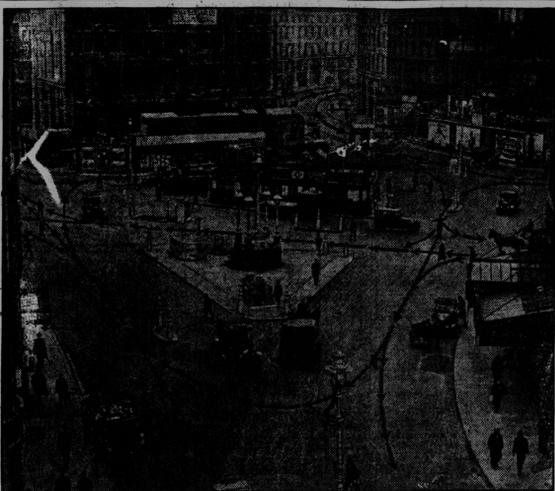
HOTEL IN VANCOUVER

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 provincial administration. What he was taking strong exception to was the present government presuming to award contracts directly or indirectly or to obligate 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 out 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 that 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

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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. It is 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 spark to read the newspapers, could not 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 Mr. Bell and Dr. MacLaren. We all know what Mr. Doucet said at the meeting held in this theatre. Here it is a national asset. Furthermore, I believe that the government should repay

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

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 Province 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 Maritimes would receive generous consideration at the hands of Mr. King.

GARDEN PARTY IS GREATLY ENJOYED

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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, G. C. Lawrence and W. H. Stinson. The prize-winners were Kenneth Mason, Gordon McMaster, Raymond Morrow, Mildred Morrow, Kathleen Amoro, Lily Small, Tom Seecy, Alice Ewart, Doris Oliver and Stanford Wilson.

The fancy work table was in charge of Miss M. Townsend. In 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.



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