

PREMIER MEIGHEN EXPLAINS TARIFF ISSUE

PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT OF BENEFITS OF PROTECTIVE TARIFF AND WHAT FREE TRADE MEANS

Prefers Tariff That Will Keep Canadian Workmen Employed in Canada, and Thus Provide One of the Best Markets for Canadian Produce. Issue is Free Trade or Protection—Brilliant Address by Premier Carries Conviction to Hearers—Overflow Meeting in Hotel—Premier Spoke for Two Hours in City Hall

A convincing, brilliant statement of the policy of tariff protection was given by the Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen before a packed City Hall meeting on Monday evening. The Premier's address carried with it all his seriousness and power of conviction and his explanation of the policy supported by the Government was completeness itself. That Brandon people were anxious to hear the Prime Minister was evidenced by the fact that half an hour before the meeting was called to order the City Hall was packed to its limit and the overflow accommodation in the Prince Edward Hotel could not cope with the crowds that turned out to hear the first Western Premier.

Dr. H. P. Whidden, M.P. for the Federal constituency of Brandon, acted as chairman of the meeting. Hon. J. A. Calder, Minister of Immigration and Colonization and President of the Privy Council, was also present and delivered the last speech of the evening. A surprise was sprung when it was announced that R. C. Henders, M.P. for Macdonald, would speak. Mr. Henders had denied in the afternoon the report that he would speak in the evening, but changed his mind in the interim. In his short address he did not make any statements of particular reference to his connection with the Grain Growers of Manitoba, but confined his remarks solely to endorsing the policy of the present Government.

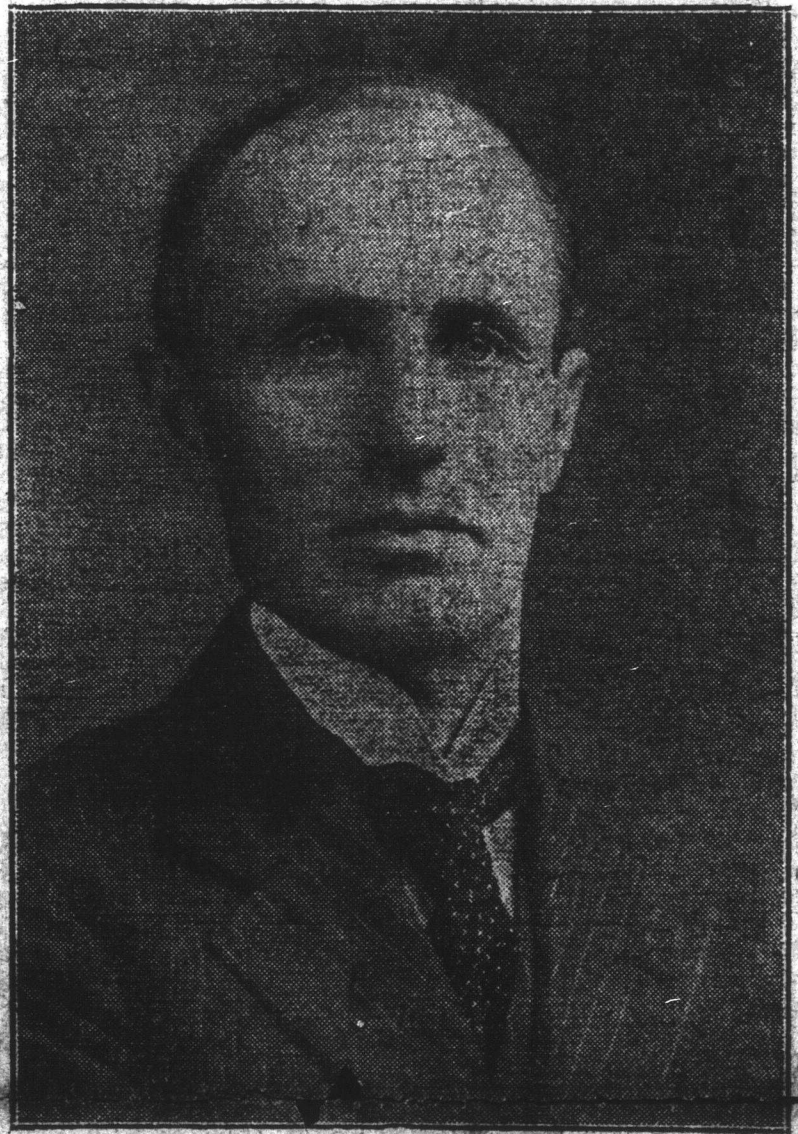
Premier Meighen left no stone unturned in his attempt to place before the people of Brandon his position on the tariff question. He declared that the Government had not been attacked on its record, but a challenge had been thrown out on the tariff question. He reminded the audience that there was no question as to where he stands on the tariff question and in the most convincing manner outlined the reason why the protective tariff should be maintained. The Premier compared the results of free trade in other countries with the success of the tariff policy in the United States, and declared that free trade would be an injurious thing for Canada.

The Prime Minister said that if we wish to maintain our position we must keep our tariff wall up. Free trade, with the United States would suit a number of large manufacturers for they would continue to make their machinery in the United States, but it would mean that factories in Canada would close down and the employees move across the line. He derided the claims made by the Opposition that the present Government is the "slaves of the big interests," and further declared that the rich men of Canada are taxed more than in any other country of the world. Throughout his whole address the Premier got a most attentive hearing.

The Hon. J. A. Calder declared in his speech that class consciousness is widespread throughout Canada, and it is interfering with the national good. He went on to show that such is the case, although his speech was the subject for much heckling from the audience. He came out best in the exchanges, his speech being the only one of the evening which was subject to remarks from the audience.

Dr. Whidden took the opportunity to set his position before the people in a short opening address at the meeting. The Premier's speech took over two hours to deliver, while he spoke for over an hour at the overflow meet-

PREMIER IN BRILLIANT FORM



RT. HON. ARTHUR MEIGHEN

ing in the Prince Edward Hotel. Hon. J. A. Calder and R. E. Henders also spoke at the meeting in the hotel.

First Reply Now Being Made to Repeated Attacks on the Federal Government

That the present Western tour was the first extended effort to lay before the people the case of the present Government, was the opening statement of the Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, Prime Minister of Canada. It was an historical record that no Government has remained quite so long as the present Government, but the members of the Government had felt that there was no excuse for leaving their posts during the three years. If the Government had spent the time in spreading political propaganda throughout the country, the country would have suffered, but he believed that the only injury caused by this carrying on of the duties of the State, was the inquiry to the party itself. If anyone could have looked after the affairs of the country more closely they have not been located yet. The Government has stayed on the job day and night, and while the Government has not been perfect, it is not ashamed to meet the people now.

"We are before the people now," said the Premier. The greater part of the audience, he understood, was from the surrounding country, so he would order his remarks to meet the chief objections from the agricultural opposition. At the present time, the Premier declared, the Government is not challenged on its record, but there is a desire on the part of certain parties to dislodge the Government claiming its mandate has expired. The chief objection to the Government today is that "you were elected for the period of the war, and now that it is over, you should resign. We challenge you on the tariff question."

While taking up a newspaper article which stated that Canada never stood so high in the world as it does today, Premier Meighen pointed out the progress that has been made along the lines of handling the problems arising out of the war, difficulties between labor and capital, and he mentioned that Canada has lost fewer labor days than Great Britain, France or the United States over industrial questions. There is less industrial unrest here than in any other country in the world. The Gov-

ernment, the speaker said, had taken chances to get results for the country, and not for political results.

Premier Declares That Government Wants First to Get Truth to Country

The claim that the Government was only elected for the period of the war is not a sincere one, Premier Meighen said. "We'll get to the country, but truth will get there first." Political patronage has been done away, and he declared that one of the chief objections, and the main cause of so much open hostility, is because of the fact that the Government has abolished patronage so well. The present Government had a big problem to solve in the railways question, but now Canada is the owner of the largest railroad system in the world, and it had been secured by methods fair both to the investors and to the people.

"This Government is served by an able and devoted administration at the most crucial period of the country's history," stated the Prime Minister. Referring to the speeches made by prominent Americans during the recent campaign conducted in that country, constant reiteration had been given the statement that the Government of the Dominion of Canada at the present time is better than their own.

Choice Lies Between A Protective Tariff And Free Trade Tariff

The speaker said that the Opposition to the present Government says that protection is all wrong. The Government must legislate for the whole country and not for a section, and the Premier asked that his audience forget their political or religious leanings and follow his line of argument as people with open minds. He made no mistake about the stand he took on the tariff question, and any Minister of Finance who sets out to make a tariff has to decide on what principle he will do it. The whole thing narrowed itself down to the question, "you must either have a protective or a free trade tariff. Which will you have?"

England today has a free trade tariff but it is on goods that are not made in that country. They don't put a tariff on the goods that are made at home. If it is necessary to make goods at home then you must have protection, said the first officer

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CALDER BESTS CRITICS IN MANY MERRY EXCHANGES

Minister of Immigration Draws Fire of Groups Represented at Meeting

STONES A COMPLIMENT

Class Movements Deplored as Tending to Hurt Canada and Classes

"I am just about ready to join the I.W.W.," said Mr. Calder as he stepped smilingly to the front of the platform in the City Hall Monday night. So were some of the audience, for they had listened for about three hours, and many of them were determined to go home. The declaration by the Minister of Immigration and Colonization, and President of the Privy Council, halted the rush, and for the most part the people stayed. It was worth while. The preceding addresses had been solemn affairs. Not so that delivered by "Smiling Jim," as someone had dubbed him. Heckling was one of the features, and in the exchanges the man from Saskatchewan generally had the best of it. The pep had not all gone out of the speaker though he had talked for two hours to a gathering in the Prince Edward Hotel, and that at the tag-end of three weeks of strenuous campaigning.

The Hon. M. Calder did not complain that people had been throwing stones at him, rather, he took it as a compliment. He considered he had been doing something during his seventeen years of public life or by this time they would be leaving him alone. "I have stood it and enjoyed it," he declared.

Concerns Class Movement

The Premier has told you where he stands on the tariff question, said Mr. Calder, and his statements are clear-cut and decisive. There are a lot of people travelling about and it is hard to find out where they stand on the leading questions of the day. The people want to know just where the public men are at, and anyone who waffles is doing a disservice. The class movement in Canada is to be deplored, it is not going to live, he said. "You are no prophet," someone shouted, and the Minister came right back, "I am a prophet. It has been tried and has never continued to exist." Why should the good people of Brandon and district be in two classes when all come from the same stock. Why divide into Farmer, Labor, Soldiers, "even the women will be going off by themselves."

"The Patrons of Industry movement in Ontario was as strong as this," said Mr. Calder. "No! No! No!" shouted someone in the audience, and there was somewhat of an uproar. When it subsided the Minister continued, there are not only the Farmers, there are other groups, Canada.

"The basis," said Mr. Calder, "is class consciousness and class selfishness, instead of the national good." Again there was a tumult.

Groups Tend to Weaken

When the wise subsided the Minister declared that strong government cannot come out of groups, and pointed to Ontario, where he claimed that Premier Drury, because of the alliance the Farmers were compelled to make with Labor to maintain power in Parliament, is unable to do the things that a strong Government would. The reason given was that the things that the Farmer and Labor groups stand for are sometimes diametrically opposite, and they must stand still to agree. "You can't have a clear-cut policy under such conditions."

Did not Premier Norris give this Province good government? Then why did the various groups go out to defeat him? asked Mr. Calder, replying that it was because they were class conscious and because of the class movements. He prophesied that attempts will be made against the Martin Government in Saskatchewan because of the very same thing, which, he declared, is bad for the country and will prove bad for the farmers.

The tariff plank in the Farmers' platform denounces the principal of protection as wrong. "Ask Cramer,"

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UNION OF MANITOBA MUNICIPALITIES TO HOLD CONVENTION

The annual meeting of the Union of Manitoba Municipalities will be held in Brandon at the Prince Edward Hotel, November 30, December 1-2. Mr. G. F. Bentley, of Winnipeg, Secretary of the Manitoba Good Roads Association will represent that organization at the sessions, and the Manitoba Motor League will be represented by Mr. A. C. Emmett of Winnipeg and Mr. George J. Nearing of Brandon. Many important things will be discussed at the sessions which it is expected will be attended by a large number of representatives from all parts of the province.

GEORGE RHALLIES MAY FORM NEW GREEK MINISTRY

Two Persons Killed by Shots From House Opposite Foreign Office—Police Arrive

Athens, Nov. 16.—Premier Venizelos cabinet resigned early today and Admiral Countouriotis, Regent of Greece sent for George Rhallies to whom it is expected will be entrusted the formation of the new ministry. A complete victory of the opposition seemed almost certain last night. It is said M. Venizelos will leave the country and he has advised the Liberals to abide by the verdict of the people. Two persons were killed by shots from houses facing the foreign office yesterday. Armed police rushed to the scene and a lively fusillade resulted. It is declared the reactionary elements were responsible for the firing.

Athens, Nov. 16.—Troops fired from a number of points on several occasions today to disperse after the election trouble makers. There are fears of further trouble which may result in the loss of the city.

BRANDON MEDICAL MEN TO ATTEND CONVENTION

Among the members of the medical profession in Brandon who have signified their intention of attending the annual convention of the Manitoba Medical Association which will be held in Winnipeg Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week are Dr. L. J. Carter; Dr. S. J. S. Peirce, Honorary Treasurer of the Association; Dr. J. S. Clark; Dr. F. L. Beer and Dr. V. E. Letimer. Thursday afternoon, at the session which will be held in the Medical College, Dr. Peirce will give an address on "Blood Transfusion." This will be followed by short talks on various medical topics by Dr. C. R. Gilmour, Dr. J. Halpenny and Dr. Wm. Boyd. "The Value of Fluoroscopic in the Diagnosis of Abdominal Conditions" will be the subject of an address to be delivered at this session by Dr. L. J. Carter. Other speakers of note will be Dr. C. N. Farrar of Ottawa and Dr. D. A. Stewart of Ninette, who has chosen for his subject "Tuberculosis in a Prairie Province."

QUEBEC CITY STILL LACKS ADEQUATE WATER SUPPLY OWING TO GENERAL STRIKE

Quebec, Nov. 16.—This city is still without adequate water supply owing to the walkout of eight linemen at the civic waterworks which has developed into a general strike of all exterior service men employed by the city. The men are demanding ten hours pay for eight hours work while the city insists on arbitration.

\$397,635 ADDED TO PAYROLL METHODIST PASTORS IN CANADA, NEWFOUNDLAND

Toronto, Ont., Nov. 16.—Through the campaign carried on by the Dominion Ministerial Support Committee of the Methodist Church under the chairmanship of A. E. Ames, of this city, \$397,635 has been added to the annual payroll of Methodist pastors in Canada and Newfoundland.

CONSTABLE UTLEY DIES

Winnipeg, Nov. 16.—James Utley, Provincial Constable who was shot during the raid at the Stockyards hotel last Thursday, when Inspector McCurdy was killed, died at 10.30 this morning.

NO DELEGATIONS FROM CITY BEFORE PREMIER MEIGHEN

Souris Has Deputation, Also Small Group of Farmers—Premier Visits Fair Buildings

While in the City on Monday, Premier Meighen received several deputations from outside points. It is stated that no local deputations appeared before the Prime Minister, although it was anticipated that the Board of Trade, City Council and Winter Fair Board would possibly make some approach with regard to affairs of interest to the city. A small delegation was present from Souris to lay some matters of interest to that town before the Premier, while it is understood that a number of farmers asked for some light on the income tax as applied to the farmers. Numerous individuals also interviewed Mr. Meighen.

During the afternoon, the Premier was taken for a short auto trip to the scene of the recent Winter Fair fire and to the Exhibition grounds. Dr. Whidden M.P. and several members of the City Council were in the party. The intimation was made that the Winter Fair officials would probably send a delegation to Ottawa early in the new year, and it was intended to give the Premier a first hand knowledge of the need here for a new building to take the place of the one destroyed by fire. It is stated that the Premier did not commit himself in any way on the subject although he expressed satisfaction for the great work being accomplished by the Summer and Winter fairs here in the livestock circles of the West.

TORONTO TO HAVE MOTOR BUSES NEXT YEAR, IS DECISION OF COMMISSION

Transportation Commission has decided to arrange to take over the Toronto street railway next year, has decided to recommend the spending of a million dollars for motor busses.

WHITE WYANDOTTE HEN'S FINE RECORD

Minnedosa Man Owns Hen That Laid 272 Eggs in One Year From Time She First Started to Lay—150 Eggs Considered a Good Performance

With 272 eggs to her credit a White Wyandotte hen, owned by Mr. G. F. Thompson of Minnedosa, Manitoba, holds the highest record of performance for an individual hen in the test held at the Brandon Experiment closed the end of October, many of the commencement of the contest and in laying for the year it was necessary to lay for twelve months. To qualify must lay 150 eggs within the year so son's bird is particularly good.

Although it has been previously announced that Manitoba captured the four highest positions in the 1919-20 egg-laying contests, which took place at seven experimental farms in the province in comparison with other contests throughout Canada. The following results have just been announced.

Order	Contest	Eggs Laid	Breed	Owner
1.	Manitoba	2041	Ancona	W. H. Howe
2.	Manitoba	1842	White Wyandotte	T. Lund
3.	Manitoba	1830	Rhode Island Red	W. H. Stimson
4.	Manitoba	1765	White Wyandotte	G. E. Thompson
5.	Nova Scotia	1759	Barred Rock	A. I. Reid
6.	Ottawa	1729	White Leghorn	Vale Poultry Farm
7.	Manitoba	1677	White Leghorn	A. Howell
8.	Alberta	1658	Barred Rock	W. Northcott
9.	Ottawa	1655	White Wyandotte	L. R. Guild
10.	Saskatchewan	1637	White Leghorn	S. Merkle
11.	Ottawa	1634	Barred Rock	J. E. Rhoades
12.	Ottawa	1630	White Leghorn	W. M. Alcorn
13.	Ottawa	1610	Barred Rock	F. J. French
14.	Ottawa	1599	White Leghorn	O'Brien Poultry Farm
15.	Ottawa	1590	Barred Rock	W. J. Johnson
16.	Ottawa	1583	Rhode Island Red	E. C. Powell
17.	Ottawa	1582	Barred Rock	J. R. McMullen
18.	Ottawa	1580	Barred Rock	Vale Poultry Farm
19.	Ottawa	1560	Barred Rock	Laurel Poultry Farm
20.	Ottawa	1539	White Leghorn	B. W. Linscott
21.	Ottawa	1528	Barred Rock	J. R. Stork
22.	Prince Edward Island	1525	White Leghorn	Mrs. R. W. Bullpitt
23.	Nova Scotia	1515	White Leghorn	R. A. Snowball
24.	Ottawa	1514	Barred Rock	Laurel Poultry Farm
25.	Nova Scotia	1491	Barred Rock	Nasouworth P. Club
26.	Ottawa	1487	White Leghorn	G. S. Gooderham
27.	Manitoba	1482	S. L. Wyandotte	J. N. Scott
28.	Manitoba	1479	Brown Leghorn	G. F. Windsor
29.	Alberta	1477	White Leghorn	F. H. Young
30.	Quebec	1468	Barred Rock	Rev. W. J. Lammis
31.	Nova Scotia	1465	Barred Rock	Elmville P. Club
32.	Ottawa	1459	Barred Rock	C. E. Smith
33.	Ottawa	1450	White Leghorn	Larkin Farms

FREIGHTER ON PANCAKE SHOALS MAY BE SALVAGED

Members of Crew Recover From 60 Hours Exposure—Another Vessel Still Missing

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Nov. 16.—Captain Arthur Forbes, of the wrecked steamer Francis J. Widlar, and representatives of the Becker Line, owners of the vessel, were planning today to undertake to salvage the freighter which was driven upon Pancake Shoals Friday night and had, up to noon yesterday, withstood the pounding of heavy seas. The members of the crew have recovered from their sixty hours' exposure on the stranded vessel, and were preparing to leave for their homes today. Nothing had been heard early today of the whereabouts of the steamer Charles N. Bradley, another vessel overtaken by the severe storm last week. All other steamers on Lake Superior at the time have been accounted for.

TWO MINOR AUTO ACCIDENTS

Two auto accidents occurred on Saturday, fortunately without injuries to any of the parties in the vehicles. In the afternoon an auto proceeding West on Victoria Avenue collided with another car on Tenth Street, proceeding North. The result was a broken wind shield and a bent axle to one of the autos.

Saturday morning, Mike Gaska was going East on Victoria Avenue when his rig was struck by a car. The horn on the auto refused to work and Mike did not have warning, with the result that his rig was somewhat damaged.

COUNT HANGS HIMSELF BECAUSE SUITS DON'T FIT

Paris, Nov. 16.—Allegedly because his six new Winter suits, just arrived from his Bond Street tailor, did not hang right, a Frenchman hanged himself in the apartment of a friend, at 47 Avenue Marceau, Paris. Count Esplandre was considered the only rival of Andre de Fourqueres as the best-dressed man in Europe.