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## KING SUMS UP CASE AGAINST MEIGHEN RULE

Liberal Leader Reviews Mal-  
administration of Tory  
Government

CHEERED BY PEMBROKE

Tells Facts About Riordons  
Not Mentioned by the  
Premier

(Staff Correspondence of The Globe.)  
Pembroke, Nov. 28.—"If we get  
power it will not be a one-man Ad-  
ministration at Ottawa," declared  
Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King to a  
tremendous audience that taxed the  
Pembroke Drill Hall to capacity to-  
night.

"It will be a Government of the  
best men we can get together in this  
country."

He was cheered to the echo for  
this and for other statements in  
reply to a challenge made by Pre-  
mier Meighen in the same hall last  
week for the Liberal Leader to state  
his position on the tariff.

Hon. Mr. King answered this by  
defying any person in the country  
to show that he had made a single  
statement with regard to the tariff  
in any of his speeches in East or  
West that conflicted with his ad-  
dress at the convention in 1919 in  
any essential particular. At that  
time he had stated that he would  
be guided by the platform laid down  
as a chart for his guidance, and he  
had stated on many a platform dur-  
ing the campaign that he would get  
the ablest Liberals in the country to  
help in the administration of the  
country, and to help him decide the  
manner in which the wishes of that  
convention and the interests of  
the country could best be conserv-  
ed.

### Sums Up Case.

In many respects the speech of the  
Liberal Leader tonight was a sum-  
ming up of his case against the  
present Administration as a body  
that has clung to power for 16  
months in defiance of the fact that  
the 1917 vote did not elect a Gov-  
ernment led by the Hon. Arthur  
Meighen or a party calling itself the  
National Liberal and Conservative  
party. He told of the Government  
denying information with respect to  
purchases for the Canadian National  
Railways, although Parliament was

asked to grant more than \$167,000,  
000 for railways and canals, and of  
how the reason became apparent as  
soon as it was observed that four-  
fifths of the Board of Directors ap-  
pointed by the Government were  
directors of other companies; that  
one of these companies got the con-  
tract for insuring the railway prop-  
erties for \$140,000,000, less \$30,000,  
000 in a Canadian Northern fund for  
that purpose.

One firm, he said, had received a  
contract for \$14,000,000 worth of  
materials, and another firm for \$9,  
000,000, and each firm had a direc-  
tor who was also on the Canadian  
National Railways directorate.

Turning from this evidence in  
support of his contention that the  
country was in the hands "of politi-  
cal autocrats on the one hand and  
industrial autocrats on the other,"  
Mr. King spoke of the action of the  
Government in accepting a prom-  
issory note from the Riordon Com-  
pany for its taxes, while the money  
was spent in United States specula-  
tions and in unwarranted extensions  
at home.

### Tory Stockholders.

This story was followed with in-  
tense interest, because a number of  
citizens, mainly Conservatives, have  
been investors in this company's  
stock, and some of them are heavy  
creditors as well.

It was a different story from that  
given them by the Premier last  
week, for the Premier somehow  
failed to mention the investments at  
Ticonderoga and the payment of  
United States taxes in cash, while  
Canadian taxes remained unpaid,  
and also the fact that the Riordons  
control The Mail and Empire, the  
chief Conservative paper in Toronto.

He reviewed the secrecy of the  
Government with regard to shells  
coming from overseas, while asking  
Parliament for money to manufac-  
ture such munitions in Canada.

The Liberal Leader took off his  
gloves to handle Senator Robertson  
on account of his reference to James  
Murdock as "that eight-thousand-  
dollar hero," pointing out that that  
jibe came with little grace from the  
mouth of a man speaking from the  
security of the Senate at \$4,000 a  
year and \$10,000 more as Minister.  
James Murdock had been man  
enough to get out rather than be a  
party to a plan to make the Board  
of Commerce a mask for the profit-  
eering schemes of the friends of the  
Government, said Mr. King.

"I tell my friends, the working-  
men, that we will put a real man in  
as Minister of Labor, and he will  
not be sitting in the Senate. He  
will be in the House of Commons."

There was a tremendous demon-  
stration at this plain intimation that  
Mr. Murdock likely would be the  
next Minister of Labor, and it grew  
in volume when the speaker said  
that all indications pointed to the  
return of enough Liberals to form  
an Administration independent of  
any other group.

"The Government gave forth all  
the signs of defeat. There was no  
secret when public issues  
were dropped and the speakers  
were personalities. The  
people would not vote again for the  
honeycombing of privilege and the  
interlocking of directorates which

had featured the present Govern-  
ment.

The Liberal platform, though not  
in all respects like that of the Farm-  
ers', Labor, the Soldiers' and women,  
was like it in the following particu-  
lars:

First, the desire to reduce the cost  
of living.

Second, the reduction of duties on  
the necessities of life and the imple-  
ments of production.

Third, retrenchment and economy  
in administration, and

Fourth, representative, rather than  
autocratic, government.

Co-operation of all these forces  
was needed to make the victory com-  
plete against the Government and  
the more powerful but invisible gov-  
ernment standing behind it, and in  
view of the fact that the electoral  
machinery was all in the hands of  
the Government.

The candidate, Dr. MacKay, was  
given a tremendous reception, and  
there was in the air every sign of  
victory for the Liberals. The meet-  
ing was larger than that which  
greeted Premier Meighen last week,  
and much more enthusiastic. Con-  
servatives admit defeat, and there  
remain only to be considered the  
chances of the Liberal and Progres-  
sive candidates.