

PRESS CLIPPINGS

D 21273
The Leader of the Opposition

Name of Publication *Toronto Globe*

Date *August 15 - 1935*

Subject *Wingham, Ont. August 14 - 1935*

Parliament Should Control Marketing Act Liberal Leader Says

Wingham, Aug. 14 (Staff).

THE LIBERAL PARTY would place compulsory regulations contained in the Marketing Act under the jurisdiction of Parliament and relieve Marketing Boards of any authority to regulate trade, fix prices or punish violators of the act.

Liberal Leader Mackenzie King, addressing a crowd of over 2,500 people in this farming community, today expressed full approval of the Marketing Act, except for one feature.

Control of such vital matters as internal and external trade should be left to Parliament, not to local boards having private interests, he said.

"Let us keep our Parliament, which stands for the people as a whole, and for their freedom," he urged his listeners.

The Governor-in-Council and the local boards had absolute control of Canada's internal and export trade. They needed no appeal to Parliament to fix prices, to punish men, or to say what should and what should not come into the country, or ~~wade~~ should move between the Provinces.

"Beware of the wolf in sheep's clothing—take care that it does not devour you as well as your market," Mr. King continued.

He favored the same compulsory features, but pleaded that such compulsion should be one for the people's representatives to pass judgment upon. "Are you producers afraid to bring your regulations before Parliament?" Mr. King asked, demanding to know what right private interests had to make regulations if they were afraid to bring them to the light of day.

Prime Minister Bennett had "baited" the producers of Canada with legislation which could not face the test of courts. It was legislation which violated the sacred principles contained in the Magna Carta, he claimed.

He feared that enforcement by private ends would result in a dangerous combine, especially if such control spread to manufacturers.

"I am in favor of the Marketing Act and of compulsory features, but only if you bring this control to Parliament," he said.