The Liberal leader, Hon. W. L. Mac kenzie King, who opened

The Real Aims of Tariff Revision

the position of Liberals in regard to the tariff

As Set Forth By Liberal Leader

PEAKING at Toronto last night, Hon. Mackenzie King thus stated

There need be no mistaking the position of the Liberal party as respects the tariff. It regards the tariff not as an end in itself, but as a means to an end. That end, according to Liberal policy, is threefold, and is to be effected not by abolition of the tariff but by its revision.

1st. Its revision for purposes of revenue; this to be accomplished by making suon revisions as are required to give greater effectiveness to the tariff, as one of the means of raising the revenues necessary to carry on the government of the country.

2nd. Its revision for purposes of increase of production; this to be accomplished by facilitating more extended development of the indus-

accomplished by facilitating more extended development of the industries based on the great natural resources of our country—agriculture, mining, lumbering and fishing—by making the necessary instruments

and implements of production available where possible at lessened cost.

to be accomplished through rendering possible increased production in the manner already described, and by making certain of the necessaries of life available to the people at lessened cost.

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3rd. Its revision for purposes of decrease of the cost of living: this

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. KING DECLARES MEIGHEN CANNOT HIDE GOVERNMENT FAULTS BY TARIFF TALK

Leader of the Liberal Party Addresses Big Rally of West York Voters.

BURDEN OF TAXATION TOO HEAVY AT PRESENT

Government Accustomed To Spending People's Money In Millions.

PEOPLE MUST HAVE CONTROL OF AFFAIRS

Friends of the Party in Power Have Things Very Much Their Own Way.

TORONTO, Sept. 20 .- "The Liberal policy is that of a tariff for revenue, in the interests of producers and consumers, not a dariff in the interests of monopolles, trusts and mergers, such as a tariff based primarily on the principle of protection is all but certain to be.'

Thus did Hon, Wm. L. Mackenzie King, Liberal leader, summarize the position of his party on the tariff question at a great meeting held in West Toronto tonight, and which marked the opening of the Liberal general election

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foreign to the spirit of our constitu-

government without a mandate, with-out a policy, and is now a government without a friend. This is the govern-ment which, battered and bandaged, plied, now comes before the people seeking an expression of their confidence. It is true that it has waited until it could wait no learners. until it could wait no longer to take the step. Now that, to save complete dismemberment, the step has been dismemberment, the step has been public debt would spell insolvency and taken, it is for the people to say bankruptcy for the nation. There is, whether, as regards the future, they will place their confidence in a gov-

Canada la Alone.

"As evidencing Mr. Meighen's little regard for the rights or the will of the people, this it would seem is an appropriate moment to remind the electors of Canada that the right to a ally to disabled soldiers and the de tors of Canada that the right to a ally to disabled soldiers and the degeneral election has been denied the citizens of our country for a period longer than has obtained in the United Kingdom or in any of the self-lishment and other outlays incidental United Kingdom or in any of the self-governing dominions of the British Empire; longer than has obtained in any of the countries of the Allied and Associated Powers, with the exception only of Russia; longer than has obtained in neutral countries, or even in former enemy countries. In all parts of the world where government is supposed to be carried on by the will of the governed, the people, with the exception only of Canada, have long since been accorded the right of choosing a parliament representative of the popu-

opening of the Liberal general election campaign in this province.

Forced Into Election.

The Liberal leader claimed that Premier Meighen had been forced into declaring a federal election because the press supporting the Government had broken into open rebellion against has administration holding on to office any longer.

Mr. King maintained that the prime minister sought to narrow the issue down to that of the tariff. "But let me tell him," he continued, "that it will take more confusion than he and his colleagues are capable of creating by spoken or printed word to cause the people to forget the many arbitrary and autocratic acts of his Government."

Strongly Condemned.

of a general election, at least until after redistribution had been effected. In view of the prime minister's ennouncement, who, may I ask, was in the right and who in the wrong?

The Government's Position.

As Liberals, we have all along conposed on our own or succeeding generations can ever equal or compensate reations can ever equal or compensate reations can ever equal or compensate.

proper manner. The fact nevertheless remains that our country carries today a mortgage of \$2,350,000,000, whereas en years ago the load was deemed sive at the relatively small figure of \$340,000,000.

Interest on the Public Debt.
Until the principal of that mortgage s paid, the men and women of this country must carry, in the form of taxes, directly or indirecting levied, a burden of debt on annual interest account alone of \$140 000 000. Ten years ago the burden of taxation on account of annual interest on the public debt foreign to the spirit of the spirit of annual interest on the public debt amounted only to the sum of \$12,500,-that the Government of Sir Robert Borden, elected in 1917, was a War Borden, elected in 1917, was a War to meet the total expenditure on government chosen for war purposes Government chosen for war purposes to meet the total expenditure on gov-only, that it was a government com-posed ostensibly of members of both and departments, including subsidies posed ostensibly of members of both political parties. By no stretch of the imagination could such a claim be made for the Government of Mr. Meighen. It was from the beginning a government without a mandate, without a policy, and is now a government to the public debt, had never equalled \$123,000,000, and that the government without a mandate, without a without a mount now required to be raised in taxes solely to meet the interest on public debt is \$17,000,000 in excess of out a policy, and is now a government. that amount, we begin to get some idea of how conditions have changed, and of the need there is at the present

Failure to meet the interest on

however, another charge upon the pub will place their confidence in a gov-lic treasury scarcely less large and ernment which, through the whole of its past, has had no confidence in view of national obligation, than the them. interest on the public debt, an obliga-tion to fail to meet, which would spell not only insolvency and bankruptcy,

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so far removed from the orbit of your accustomed, thought that they are, so to speak, beyond you. Do not be sur
times is necessary to the saving of life passed through the hands of the Govprised if you have a feeling of the kind. There is not one man in a thousand in our country who, were he to speak his mind, honestly, would not say that his mind, honestly, would not say that he shares that feeling in considerable measure. The truth is the considerable measure. The truth is the considerable measure. The same individuals it may mean a little to the considerable measure. The truth is the considerable measure. has measure. The truth is, the problems of more than the loss of social enjoyof government today have become so vast ments or accustomed pleasures; to
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country stands in the matter of its undertakings and obiligations, or the wherewithal to meet them. No one will ever know so long as con-cealment is rendered possible on the

part of those who are responsible for waste and extravagance. In such circumstances, commonsense, not less than the national interest, de-mands a very obvious course; it is the

course which every man in the management of his own financial affairs, every of crisis, would adopt; and that is to have a strict accounting, a fresh inventory, above all, an independent audit. This, I submit, can only be expected and effected in our national affairs by a government which has had no part or parcel in the matters into which inquiry is to be made; in other words, by an entirely new administra-

The Closure Applied.

When, at the last session of Parliament, with respect to proposed additional expenditures on the merchant marine, the Opposition made a deter-mined effort to elicit information which would disclose the waste and folly of some of the transactions in connection with that enterprise, all opportunity was summarily ended by the applica-tion of the closure. An hour or two earlier the closure had been applied with respect to the voting of a sixth of the total supply for the present mons in committee of supply for the supply has ever before been at company here in Ontario.

whose relation to the board is vir-tually nominal, all immediate and close tually nominal, all immediate and close friends of the Administration. statute, the members of the board of directors of the National Railways are freed from personal liability with respect to matters arising out of the management and operation of the

roads.
One would assume that, under circumstances of the kind, the people's representatives in Parliament would be entitled to the fullest information as to the manner in which these gentlemen, freed from all personal re-sponsibility, exercise their trust. Mr. Meighen and his colleagues, nowever, have taken the position that, having transferred to this board of directors transferred to this board of directors control of the National Railways and Government merchant marine, they, the members of the board, are free to the members of the board, are free to expend the appropriations made by Parliament on railway and merchant marine account in such manner as they think best, and that, with respect they think best, and that, with respect they think best, and that, with respect they be the superior of the supe expend the appropriations made by they think best, and that, with respect to how and to whom these expenditures are made, the people's representatives on the floor of Parliament sentatives on the floor of Parliament of Commons, as having lost his independ-

Government might well have desi to refuse to give to Parliament the information requested. It was shown that, with the exception only of the deputy minister of railways and canals, three-fourts of the members of the board of directors of the Canadian National Railways were also directors or the presidents and managers of some

WINTER GARDENS REOPENING

important industrial enterprise the You, I trust, will see reasons equipments of which related to what in strong why, though important, the nature of supplies, equipment or tariff should, in the public interest. insurance might be required by the regarded as only one of the issues

Insurance and Other Contracts. With respect to insurance, it was Lo address after he became prime mi shown, for example, that the railway ister, he spoke of those who did r properties had been insured to the extent of over \$140,000,000, of which under and nation wreckers. Not only did \$33,000,000 had been placed in the com- thus divide the citizens of the Domin pany's insurance fund and \$108,000,000 into the two categories of the sane as

closed that two of the members of the board of directors of the government railways were also directors of the assurance com-pany with which the bulk of the \$108,000,000 of insurance had been placed.

If you look at the printed report of tariff the proceedings and evidence before the of the total supply for the present year, without discussion or debate of any kind having been permitted. This was the manner in which the new prime minister met the House of Com. 1919 and 1920 delivery contracts for the principle of free trade was an a cars to the amount of hearly \$12,000,000; surdity, since, free trade implying in first time after his accession to the premiership. Nothing so arbitrary or high-handed with respect to the voting the amount of nearly \$8,000,000 to one principles was a contact. tempted in the Parliament of Canada: to the list of the board of directors of the canada: to the Canadian National Railways districts was not already there might as well have been no Commons to guard the public treaspary. It is well that the people of Canadian National Railways discury. It is well that the people of Canadian National Railways discury. It is well that the people of Canadian National Railways discury. It is well that the people of Canadian National Railways discury. It is well that the people of Canadian National Railways discury. It is well that the people of Canadian National Railways discury. It is well that the people of Canadian National Railways discury. It is well that the people of Canadian National Railways discurs in the Was not already known to the closes that one of the directors is a director of without design that he sought and stockets to make the issue one of protection versus free trade. He knows versus free trade. He knows versus free trade. He knows versus free trade. One might go on to cite of the Contract after contract, for coal, for the respective merits of free trade at lumber, for supplies of a dozen different protection, no government charged without design that he sought and stockets to make the issue one of protection versus free trade. He knows versus free trade. He knows versus free trade. He knows versus free trade at the contract after contract, for coal, for the respective merits of free trade at the contract after contract of the Contract and that another contract and that another contract and that another contract and the contract and that another contract and that another contract and that another contract and that another contract and the contract and the contract and the contract and that another contract and the contract and the contract and the c

> clear. I am making no charges against the companies concerned, nor do I wish to be considered as reflecting, either directly or indirectly, upon the integrity of any of the directors concerned. It is the Government that I am concerned with, and the manner in which it has been conducting the public business of this country. The Government must take the responsibility for its own ap-pointments, and the system it has deised for controlling expenditure on the National Railways. I contend closed such an interlocking of directorates as is sufficient completely to dis-

government railways and merchant this time.

Mr. Meighen is very aggressive in attitude towards all who do not exprumber of such companies. identical to his own. In his first po pany's insurance fund and \$108,000,000 into the two categories of the with insurance companies. With respect to the \$108,000,000 placed with insurance companies, it was shown that practically the whole had been placed ing, of course, in the protectionist are practically the whole had been placed ing. of course, in the protectionist are with one company, which did as it thought best with respect to re-insuring with other companies. This insurance,

Speaking here in Toronto some litt The investigation further disclosed that two of the members of

referred. One might go on to cite contract after contract, for coal, for the National Railways and the Government marchant marine have been placed by the Government under a board of directors, the members of which are all the Government's own appointees, and, as was to be expected, with the possible exception of the deputy minister of railways and canals, whose relation to the board is virtually nominal all imprediate and close of the National Railways are also the officers or directors. So far as we have been awarded for the most part without tenders having been called for. Contracts for the construction of sixty-old vessels, now a part of the govern-

ment merchant marine, were all awarded without a single tender having been principle of protection, nor an impossible tariff based on the principle Let me make my position perfectly free trade; but a tariff based on the principle of revenue so framed as It is for the principle of a tariff

for revenue that the Liberal party has stood in bygone years; it is for that principle the Liberal party stands today, and it is for the principle of a tariff for revenue that the Liberal party will continue to stand contest.

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Let the answer come If Mr. King answers 'Yes,' I say he should not have power because his Continued on Page Five.

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