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Mackenzie King Urges Trusteeship To Control C.N.R.

Membership Would Include Representatives of Labor, Agriculture, Industry and Commerce

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TORONTO, Dec. 16.—Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Dominion Liberal leader, tonight advocated creation of a trusteeship for control of the Canadian National Railways with a membership selected from labor, agriculture, industry and commerce. Mr. King was speaking to the annual banquet of the Commercial Travelers' Association.

Present "monopoly" of control by capitalist investors was responsible for the present social unrest, the Liberal leader said. The former Prime Minister spoke to a non-political gathering with Premier George S. Henry and Mitchell F. Hepburn, Ontario Liberal leader, seated at the head table on different sides of the chairman, and Hon. R. J. Manion, Dominion Minister of Railways, seated similarly with Mr. King.

Continuing his conception of "joint" control of railways and industry as opposed to "single" control, Mr. King said Socialism and Communism constituted the opposite extreme to present conditions. They also desired a monopoly of control, he said, and in his view they, like capital, were going to have to surrender the idea of "monopoly."

"Until very recent times, the direction of industrial policy has been almost completely in the control of one contributing factor, namely, the capital investors, or their representatives," said Mr. King. "They have had a monopoly of control and have used it too exclusively to their own advantage.

"The cure for monopoly of control on the part of one contributing factor in industry is not the substitution of another monopoly in its stead," continued the Liberal leader. "It is the getting rid of monopoly altogether and the substitution in its stead of joint for single control.

"Capitalism, Communism and Socialism, in so far as each seeks a monopoly of control in industrial policy by any one group in industry, are all alike in the wrong, and I believe are all alike doomed. Co-operation in industrial control, on the part of all contributing factors will take their place," said Mr. King.

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