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MASSEY SPEAKS ON BEHALF OF PREMIER

Canadian Press Despatch.

Newmarket, Ont., Sept. 28.—Defence of the Canadian National Railway, coupled to expression of his belief that the permanent cure for the deficit-productive situation lay, not in amalgamation of the two great systems, but in "putting on a genuine scheme for filling up our vacant spaces," formed the basis of the speech made here tonight by Hon. George P. Graham, minister of railways, to North York electors in the interest of Premier MacKenzie King, who is again Liberal nominee for the riding.

Hon. Vincent Massey, newly appointed minister without portfolio, and candidate for the riding of Durham, speaking from the same platform in support of Mr. King's candidacy, described the impending federal contest as a "war of ideas underlying the very future of this country, not a mere struggle between two groups of men and women bearing the party labels of their ancesters."

Merely Embarassing.

Mr. Graham said that while the railway problem was embarassing, it was not discouraging, and declared the deficit was not due to poor operation, instancing that the railways, since the King government came into power, "had shown a substantial surplus in operating earnings every year.

"The railway problem is of too great an interest to the people to make a political football of it," adding that one great object the Liberal government had in view was that of keeping the railways out of the political arena. An object, he said, in which they had succeeded until a few weeks ago, when the attack was started from Conservative platforms. He averred that the operation of the system was above criticism, and that "up to date, in this campaign, there had not been a dint made in its good management.

"There never was a Canadian National Company in reality until the Liberals came into power," declared the minister.

Explains Deal.

Commenting on Conservative criticism of the Canadian National Railways Toronto property, Mr. Graham said: "With reference to the property on the corner of King and Yonge streets, Toronto, the Canadian National Railways do not intend to build a building, but it bought property for $1,250,000 and sold it for $1,250,000. The object was not to go into the real estate business, but it was to hold the position for its ticket office on the corner of King and Yonge streets, which the Grand Trunk had held for years. The sniping at the management for something it had not done had two objects, one of which was to injure the Canadian National Railways and the other along the same line to prevent, if possible, financing of a scheme of a company that proposed to erect the building."

"I have never suggested," he said, "that Mr. Meighen was in favor of amalgamation, but I have said that his policy, as announced by himself, if carried out would wreck the system."

A well-known man, the railway minister said, had stated that if amalgamation took place 40,000 employees could be let out from both railroad systems.

Hon. Vincent Massey placed on record his opinion that national unity could not be achieved by "the correspondence school method."

Would Destroy Unity.

"Let us remember this fact as a fundamental truth lying at the base of the whole question," he declared. "You cannot achieve unity in this country by forcing the prairie provinces and the maritimes to accept a fiscal policy to which they have been diametrically opposed since they became self-conscious members of this dominion. No unity can be achieved by attempting to fit this country into the straight jacket of a high tariff."

Mr. Massey contended that if more of the business community of the central provinces had first-hand knowledge of the western provinces there would be few who would dare support the policy of high tariffs in this country. He added that he could see no analogy between Canada and the United States, a more self-contained country than this and one that could produce nearly everything required to develop without undue effort every type of manufacture.

"The United States," said Mr. Massey, "far from being an example of the blessings of high protection, is really an example of a union of 48 free-trade communities."

AYLMER STORE SOLD TO FORD CAR AGENCY

Building Formally Part of Palmer Estate Changes Owners.

Special to The Advertiser.

Aylmer, Sept. 28.—W. R. Pierce & Company, furniture dealers, have sold their store premises to the Universal Car Agency—Lawrence Harvey, manager.

The agency will use the big store as a showroom and storage. The store is one of the largest in town, and has an entire glass front.

W. R. Pierce & Co. purchased the premises and furniture and undertaking business here from the Palmer estate some five years ago, and will now discontinue the furniture business and are selling off their stock. The firm will continue their funeral service. This will leave Aylmer with but one furniture store.

TORONTO MAN KILLED WHEN STRUCK BY CAR

Toronto, Sept. 28.—William Logan, mail collector, was fatally injured in a street accident here today, dying in hospital half an hour later. Logan crossed King street in front of a street car, but failed to see a motor car behind the street car, and the motor car struck him.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Dr. James Mann of Peterboro, and his wife were burned to death Thursday when a summer cottage at which they were staying near Brockville was destroyed by fire.

Insults of Reds Arouse Hebrews

Canadian Press Despatch.

Montreal, Sept. 28.—A riot this afternoon on St. Lawrence boulevard between Jews and communists necessitated the intervention of a squad of 30 policemen and several motorcycle officers. The trouble started when a communist club, known as the "Workmen's Circle," invited all its Hebrew members to partake of a meal at the clubhouse, today being Yom Kippur, or "day of atonement," sacred to those of the Jewish faith. It is understood certain pamphlets were distributed which brought matters to a head.

MAIL CLERK GETS 3-YEAR SENTENCE

Lloyd McLeod of London Convicted For Theft of Mails.

Special to The Advertiser.

Simcoe, Sept. 28.—Three years in Kingston penitentiary was the sentence imposed by Magistrate Gunton this afternoon upon Lloyd McLeod, young London mail clerk, convicted last Monday on a charge of theft from his majesty's mails. In passing sentence his worship remarked that the case was unique in that McLeod had been prosecuted by his friends in the railway postal service, all of whom deeply sympathized with him, regarding the whole affair as extremely unfortunate.

Crown Attorney W. E. Kelly, K.C., stated that he had received a phone call last night from Mr. McEvoy of London, counsel for accused, advising him that an appeal for executive clemency was being made, but the magistrate decided that any further delay in the postponement of sentence would avail nothing. McLeod showed no visible signs of emotion as the sentence was passed.

WESTERN CADET HEAD OF AIR FORCE SQUAD

L. A. Matheson, Arts '26, Leader of Officers Who Tried Exams.

L. A. Matheson, a student in arts '26 of the University of Western Ontario, headed a class of 22 student officers who tried the Royal Canadian Air Force examinations this fall, according to an announcement made yesterday by Col. Walter J. Brown, executive secretary of the university.

Cadet Matheson was selected by Western in May last to take up pilot training during the summer holidays. The other students in the class were drawn from Canadian universities.

Goderich Buys New Fire Truck

Fast Engine Provides Added Protection For Townsfolk.

Special to The Advertiser.

Goderich, Sept. 28.—The Goderich fire department added a new unit to their equipment in the arrival today of a new motor pump and hose wagon, which was purchased some weeks ago by the town council.

The new engine is built by the Beckle Engine Works of Woodstock, and is on a Reo speed wagon chassis. The new truck will greatly improve the Goderich service. This engine will be housed in the fire hall on East street.

W. JOHANSON INJURED WHEN CAR HITS BICYCLE

Wilfred Johanson, 41 St. Andrew street, suffered a severe shaking up yesterday afternoon, when he was knocked off his bicycle at the corner of Talbot street and Central avenue by a car driven by James McFarlane, R.R. No. 1, Ailsa Craig.

Mr. Johanson was going north on Talbot, while Mr. McFarlane was approaching from the north. Mr. Johanson cut across the corner to enter the lane just north of Central when the car driven by Mr. McFarlane struck the bicycle, knocking Mr. Johanson to the road.

CHILD WELFARE HAVING SESSIONS

Fifth Annual Meeting Opens in Ottawa Today—Londoners Attend.

The Canadian council on child welfare opened its fifth annual conference in Ottawa yesterday, with the national president, Mrs. Charles Thorburn of Ottawa, as chairman. Members from this city are in attendance at the sessions.

The annual business meeting took up much of the morning session and a report on the progress of the child welfare during the past five years was given as follows: "Child Hygiene," Hon. W. F. Roberts, M.D., St. John, N. B.; "The Child In Industry," Judge Helen MacGill, Vancouver; "Education and Recreation," Dr. C. A. Dawson, Montreal; "The Child in Need of Special Care," Brother Barnabas, Toronto, and "The Ethical and Spiritual Development of the Child," by Major F. J. Ney of Winnipeg.

Other speakers of the conferences will be Miss Charlotte Whitton, B.A., of Ottawa; Mrs. V. S. MacLachlan of Victoria, B. C.; Dr. W. E. Gettys of McGill university, Montreal; Dr. C. M. Hincks of Toronto; Judge D. B. Harkness of Winnipeg; Hon. H. S. Beland of Ottawa, who is to be the chairman at this evening's session; Judge Emily Murphy of Edmonton; Dr. W. J. Bell of Toronto, deputy minister of health; Dr. F. W. Routley, of the Red Cross; Miss Jessie M. Woods, of the Toronto department of public health; Miss Violette Lafleur, of the children's bureau of Montreal, and Hon. W. F. Nickle, attorney-general of Ontario.

During the discussion on religious education Rev. F. W. K. Harris of Maxville, Ont., formerly of this city, will be one of the speakers.

At the closing dinner on Thursday evening Dr. Helen MacMurchy will be the chairman, and Miss Grace Abbott, chief of the children's bureau of Washington, D. C., will be the special speaker.

An effort is being made to secure additional members for the council, which has completed during the past five years what is probably one of the most important welfare programs ever carried out. An individual membership fee of $1 is announced and all members have equal power and vote of speech, since discussion and suggestions are the means by which a still finer program will be prepared for the coming five-year term.

BLENHEIM MINISTER RESIGNS PASTORATE

Baptist Clergyman Preaches Final Sermon To Congregation.

Special to The Advertiser.

Blenheim, Sept. 28.—Rev. E. C. Clifton, who has been pastor for over two years of the Baptist church, conducted the closing service of his pastorate here last evening, which he announced was not a farewell sermon. His subject was, "What Is Real Religion?" and his text was Matt.25:31. He declared that religion is the chief thing in life, and is disclosed in everyday life and must find expression in dealings with fellow-men.

He referred to the pleasure it had been to him and his family to labor in Blenheim. He has not decided yet where he will locate. Blenheim will miss Mr. Clifton, as he has always taken an interest in the general moral welfare of the community.

UNITY FOR CANADA PLEA OF KING IN WESTERN TOUR

Sees National Political Party As Solution To Difficulties.

AID TO PROSPERTY

High Tariff Compared As Red Flag To Mad Bull.

By a Staff Correspondent of the Canadian Press.

Neepawa, Man., Sept. 28.—Premier King opened his western campaign here tonight. The meeting began with preliminary speeches. The chairman, Dan Smith, spoke of Premier King as coming to the "stamping-ground" of the Progressive party, and referred to Progressives as impatient Liberals.

William Iverich, Liberal candidate in Marquette, was greeted with applause when he remarked that he had come over that the electors might see that "we are able to take care of the senate and the building of the Hudson Bay Railway." Ex-Premier Norris of Manitoba thought the majority of the electors were against Mr. Meighen's "high-tariff policy."

"I do not believe in a high tariff," said Mr. Norris. "I think the tariff should be reduced.

"We don't want another election in twelve months," said Mr. Norris, "and we had better back the fellow who is going in the right direction, even though he may not be going as fast as some of us would like."

Will Reform Senate.

"When I go to the senate," declared Mr. Norris, "it will be reformed. It needs a few fellows who will reform it and trim its wings. But I am not going to the senate—not yet. I am not old enough. I am too active a man and ——." Mr. Norris added as the audience broke into laughter—"I have only been paralyzed once."

Peter Broadfoot, Liberal candidate in Neepawa, laughingly observed that if the prime minister could prolong his stay in Neepawa, he would not remain a bachelor.

Mr. Broadfoot compared high tariff with "a red rag to a mad bovine."

Premier King expressed the view that a great national political party could better represent the needs of all sections of the community than any party could which represented only a class or a particular section of the country. He thought Senator Watson (who was on the platform) would be one of the first to support senate reform.

For Own Interests.

The prime minister declared that he had come to deliver to the people of the West the message of Canadian unity. He had come to urge that the policies which the government had in view could only be made to prevail by a great united Liberal party. "I am not going to appeal to you from the point of view of the government," added Mr. King, "but from the point of view of your own interests."

Mr. King discussed the difficulties which had faced the government and why there had been appeal to the people. The government, he said, could have remained in office. Some members of Parliament who were neither Liberals nor Conservatives had come to him and promised their support if he would have another session. "But," added the prime minister, "I want a fighting majority; I want such a majority behind this administration that, when it comes forward with measures which are needed by the great body of the people, those policies will prevail.

He pressed the contention that the government had given economical administration and honest administration.

GIRL INSTANTLY KILLED WHEN STRUCK BY AUTO

Detroit Motorist Released On $6,000 Bond To Appear at Inquest.

Special to The Advertiser.

Sarnia, Sept. 28.—Grace Shand, 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Shand, market gardener, on the London road, was instantly killed early this afternoon, when she was struck by the fender of an auto and had her skull fractured.

The driver of the car, John F. Watson of Detroit, was released on bonds of $6,000 to appear at the inquest, which has been ordered.

According to High County Constable R. J. Whiting, who was called to the scene, Watson, who was returning to Detroit, saw the little girl at the roadside and stepped on the brake. She looked towards him and figuring that she was waiting for him to pass he allowed the car to go ahead again. Too late he saw the little girl try to cross the street to the Meadow Lee school.

CANADIAN SUGAR EXPORTS ENJOY TREMENDOUS BOOM

Dominion Ships Almost Three Times As Much Refined Product in August As in Month of Previous Year.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, Sept. 28.—An increase of 22,397,900 pounds, or $1,252,857 in value, is shown in the export last month of Canadian refined sugar, as compared with August, 1924.

The total export of this commodity in August, according to a statement just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, was 36,744,600 pounds, with a valuation of $2,254,671, as against 14,346,700 pounds, valued at $1,091,824, in August, 1924.

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West Is Certain Prosperity Here

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, Sept. 28.—The people of Western Canada are evidently of the opinion that the peak of difficult times has passed, and that the prospects are excellent now for continued advance along all lines, said Sir George Foster, president of the League of Nations society of Canada, summarizing his impressions here today, after an extended tour of the west. Sir George arrived at the capital over the week-end.

TWO YOUTHS MISSING, MOTHER FEARS MURDER

Hamilton Woman Reports Disappearance of Son and His Friend.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Hamilton, Sept. 28.—Mrs. Alfieri, 112 Gertrude street, has reported to the police that her son Frank, aged 21, and Tony DiMiolo, aged 21, have been missing for 10 days, and she fears they have been murdered.

She says they left to visit a relative of hers in Buffalo, where her son was to borrow some money. They reached Buffalo all right and departed the same day for home, and have not been seen nor heard of since.

Mrs. Alfieri, who is bed-ridden, says her son was very attentive to her, and had never been away from home overnight before.

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