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Prime Minister Mackenzie King Reviews Issues

Makes Election Campaign Speech in Saint
John—Hon. D. L. MacLaren Also Ad-
dresses Meeting Here

"No one can avoid feeling deep concern about what lies before us in the next few years. The greatest enemy has been subdued after six years of conflict but another across the Pacific remains. The most serious thing is the appalling condition of hate and unrest and distrust which has been left by the war," said Canada's prime minister, Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, in addressing a public meeting last night at the Capitol Theatre here.

One of the duties of the government would be to send men to take part in a peace conference, he said, and the people should consider what party could provide the representatives for Canada at such a conference.

"This war has been an international conflict. Also it has been a great social revolution, and the man or woman who fails to see that is not looking squarely at the problems of today. This world is undergoing change and those who have not got the opportunities they should have are going to try to get them. If they don't get them through just legislation in their countries they are going to try and get them by revolution or other means."

Great wealth and severe poverty will not be tolerated in the years to come, the prime minister said. He maintained that the Liberal government's social reform program was aimed at greater opportunities and social justice for all.

Will Not Be Tolerated

"This world is not going to stand for a few millionaires and poverty side by side," he said. "The great national resources which God has given to all the people are not going to be controlled by a privileged few while great multitudes walk the streets in search of employment."

The prime minister strongly urged the election of Revenue Minister D. L. MacLaren as member for Saint John-Albert. He said the new minister added strength to the cabinet, belonged at Ottawa and would now remain at Ottawa.

Canada had been organized on a vast war economy during the last five years, he continued. "That war economy has to be changed to a peace economy." He asked what government was best able to do that, the

one which had "had charge of things from the first, which knew how to unfold things it had itself developed," or a new government which, regardless of its ability "knew little of what had been done up to date."

The nation owed a duty to the men and women who had served, who had lost relatives, who had suffered wounds. "Pensions and gratuities are the least that can be done for those who served or suffered in the forces," he said. "No country has better laws for the armed forces. I don't say we have done enough, but I do say that no other country has done as much as Canada to render help and justice to its servicemen."

Result in Ontario

Results of the Ontario election show what happens when those who favor social reform are divided into too many parties, Mr. King said. "I have heard some people deplore the result in Ontario. I say it is the greatest object lesson this country

could ever have of what happens when there are too many parties."

Introduces Speakers

Senator G. Percy Burchill, South Nelson, chairman of the New Brunswick Liberal Association, presided and introduced the two speakers, Mr. MacLaren and the prime minister. Seated on the platform also were executive officers of the Saint John-Albert Liberal Association and Senator W. E. Foster.

Senator Burchill welcomed Prime Minister King to the city and province on behalf of the provincial Liberal association. He then introduced Mr. MacLaren, referring to his record in the First Great War and his

subsequent service to the city as mayor and to the province as chairman of the National War Finance Committee. He said his selection as revenue minister was a popular one in New Brunswick.

Mr. MacLaren

Mr. MacLaren was "delighted to have the prime minister of Canada come to Saint John." He announced that Prime Minister King had received word from Ottawa during the course of the day that work of removing the wreck in the harbor would start this week.

Referring to Canada's war record, he stated that it was not by mere chance that the Dominion had a "good solid government at Ottawa," but it was the product of "courage, brains and stability." He recalled a statement made by John Bracken, leader of the Progressive Conservative party regarding Canadian soldiers throwing rifles overboard from a transport ship. "Let me say that

my reply to Mr. Bracken is this—Canadian soldiers never did and never will throw their rifles overboard!"

Mr. MacLaren touched on the matter of taxation and said that the "next budget of Mr. Ilsley (Finance Minister Ilsley) will show some measure of relief." He concluded with reference to what the government had done and would do for those returning from the services.

Before introducing Prime Minister King, the chairman read a telegram from Premier McNair expressing regret at his inability to be present at the meeting. During the evening music was furnished by Bruce Holder's orchestra. The prime minister left immediately after the meeting by train for Moncton en route to Quebec City, where he is scheduled to speak tonight.

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