

BETTER CONDITIONS AND HAPPINESS FOR FARM AND HOME IS LIBERAL AIM PREMIER TELLS ELECTORS OF KENT

Privileged Few Are Forgotten
As Federal Legislation
Is Framed.

3,000 HEAR SPEECH

Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie
King Gets Rousing Re-
ception at Rondeau.

MURDOCK ON LABOR

Speaks On Unemployment—
Graham Optimistic Over
C. N. R. Future.

Special to The Advertiser.
By Staff Reporter.

Chatham, Aug. 19.—"In undertaking the government of this country we have thought of the home and its needs, not thinking of special favors to a few who are specially privileged, but thinking of the needs of the great masses of the men and women on the farms and in the homes of the country," so spoke Premier W. L. Mackenzie King before 3,000 people at Rondeau Park, where a great picnic was held under the auspices of the Kent Liberal Association.

"We so sought to shape our finances in the face of great problems that we would be able to reduce our public debt, get rid of the deficit on our railways, encourage immigration to our country, and be able to reduce the cost of living to the great body of the people by reducing taxation, and once again make the people of our country happy, prosperous and contented, proud to be under the British flag, proud of the country to which they belong, proud of the freedom which they have enjoyed, and proud because they are being governed in accordance with principle, that are same and sound in accordance with their own free will," continued Rt. Hon. Mr. King.

Splendid Reception.
Cheers from three thousand throats greeted these words which came at the close of his address. The premier had a magnificent reception, and he was frequently applauded. He defended the government's policies and confidently appealed for its return to power when its term of office expired. There was no heckling and only one question was asked. This was put by an elderly voter, who asked whether in view of the fact that the government had disbanded a number of civil servants on the ground of economy, the members of parliament had cut off their extra sessional indemnity of \$1,500 with the same object in view.

In reply the premier explained that the only civil servants who had been

King Plans Senate Curb

Dealing with the question of the Senate during a speech at Rondeau Park yesterday, Premier Mackenzie King declared that as the machinery of government became more and more democratic there was possibly a special reason for maintaining a second chamber, but in regard to certain measures that the people as a whole were anxious to see enacted it was essential, when the House of Commons had expressed its approval in no unmistakable manner, that some means should be found of preventing the Senate from blocking the will of the people. "We intend," he said, "to see that the second chamber is not made an instrument for defeating the will of the Commons."

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let out were those for whose services there was no further need. As to the indemnity, he told his questioner that if he were a member of parliament he would doubtless find that to fulfill all his obligations the indemnity fixed by the previous administration was not too large. As far as Mr. King was personally concerned he would not mind if the indemnity was cut down. But what he did feel was that in that case only men of wealth and means would run for parliament, and the men who ought to be there because they saw the needs of the people at large could not afford to give their time, and therefore the masses would find themselves without representation.

Aims at General Good.

The premier's speech was much along the same lines as that delivered at Markham on Saturday. His administration, he pointed out, had re-established the principle of responsible government and the supremacy of parliament, and had during a difficult period been successful in reducing the public debt, in reducing expenditures and taxation, and in increasing revenues. In short, the whole policy had been aimed at the general good of the nation, and particularly was this true of the Robb budget, with its decreased duties on implements of production.

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In this connection he recalled how the House of Lords had been prevented from blocking the will of the English people regarding measures that had twice passed the British Commons.

Will Use Caution.

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Paying a compliment to Hon. James Murdock, he said he had been able to minister of labor as any who preceded him. The premier presented a number of prizes donated by Senator McCoig. Mrs. T. J. McCoig, aged 88, won the prize for the oldest lady elector. Robert Brown, aged 87, for the oldest male elector, and J. Ryecraft for the elector who had voted for the largest number of candidates in federal elections, and Mr. and Mrs. Brown for the oldest married couple.

Would Follow Example.

Roars of laughter and applause greeted the premier's statement when presenting the prize to Mr. and Mrs. Adderman for the largest family. They have nine children. "Give me your example," he said.

And Hon. G. P. Graham interjected, "If I were the prime minister I would be ashamed of myself." Bouquets were presented to Hon. Mr. King by Helen Burnie of Chatham and Maxine Gillis of Ridgeway. Hon. James Murdock dealt with the unemployment question and the combines act, and Hon. G. P. Graham discussed the national railways. Senator McCoig, the former member for Kent also spoke. James A. McNevin presided.

HON. JAMES MURDOCK.

Hon. James Murdock, minister of labor, made his first public appearance in the constituency since he was returned by acclamation. "Unemployment in Canada has been a very serious point of contention during the past two or three years," he said. "The leader of the opposition and others have referred to the considerable number of unemployed at present and during the past few years. I don't believe that any citizen of this country can hold that we have a larger proportion or that we have had during the post-war years a larger per cent of unemployed for the entire population than any other country in the world. It is true that we had some unemployment during the past two or three years. It is true that we have some unemployment at the present time. But there would be a good deal less unemployment in the dominion if many of those who find themselves unemployed were as ready to take that which comes to their hand today as men were ready a number of years ago.

"The trouble with so many unemployed in Canada and the rest of the world since the war was that they were out of work were only desirous of securing work which looked good to them and at wages which they considered sufficient for the capabilities which they felt they possessed.

Only Solution.

"In my judgment the time has got to come in Canada and in other countries where the unemployed will be ready to turn their hand to anything that comes their way, before we can solve the unemployment question.

"Touching on the cost of living, Mr. Murdock said it was 50 per cent higher than in 1913, except for rent, which on the average was 43 per cent higher. That was a condition resulting from war and which affected the world generally. He was confident the government was on the high road to straightening it out—at least to a greater extent than at present. If we can only keep on the road which has been blazed and follow to a conclusion the things which have been undertaken, he said.

Mr. Murdock referred to criticism passed by Mr. Meighen and some of his colleagues because no definite action had been taken under the combines investigation act passed by the King government at the session previous to the last. The reason for that, Mr. Murdock explained, was that both the House of Commons and the Senate had held that a complaint against any alleged combine, monopoly, trust or merger should emanate from reputable citizens and placed over their signatures. Up to the last session no citizen had taken such action.

Change Has Come.

He was glad that this story was going to be changed, he said, referring to a newspaper report of the arrest of a manager of a Vancouver concern for fraud and for several violations of the act. Mr. Murdock explained that a few weeks ago the government received from some fruit producers in British Columbia a declaration intimating that a com-



CHARLES H. MATTHEWS.

former assistant provincial treasurer of Ontario, who escaped from Toronto last March during an investigation into the sale of a connection with the handling of provincial bond issues, was recently found running a sandwich wagon in California. His partner in the business betrayed him for the \$2,500 reward offered by the government, and a U. S. immigration official escorted him to the Canadian border, handing him over to the Ontario provincial police. He is now in jail in Toronto awaiting trial in police court. Above him is shown with Provincial Inspector Albert B. Boyd of Ontario and Inspector "Pat" Ferrelly of San Francisco, the two officers who brought him back to Canada.

bine existed among distributors of fruit and similar products. A commissioner who had been investigating had found that in the disposition of one carload of fruit over \$900 was withheld from the producers, to whom false statements had been given. Books were padded and other evidence had been already secured to show, even before the case was brought to the attention of the government, a most serious and deplorable situation.

"What has been undertaken in that respect could be undertaken in other things in my judgment," said the minister of labor. "People might ask him why he did not initiate a complaint, but he again emphasized the fact that when any complaints were received they would be thoroughly investigated."

HON. G. P. GRAHAM.

"The government has one object in view, and that is to endeavor to get Canada once more to the place of success and contentment that she occupied before the war," declared Hon. G. P. Graham, minister of railways. The situation, he said, was not alarming, though it was not as bright as during the Laurier regime. But since that time there had been a war and a lot of bad government, and a country could not thrive under these two evils.

"We have nothing to defend as a government," he said. "We are not here to boast, but to speak in confidence as to what has been done to the progress under a government that stands for the rights of the people."

Speaks on Finances.

Dealing briefly with Canada's financial position Mr. Graham showed that while in 1922-1923 the bonded indebtedness of the dominion of \$1,000,000,000 had increased \$56,000,000, and while in 1923-1924 the bonded indebtedness of the provinces had increased \$51,000,000, the total bonded indebtedness had been reduced \$35,000,000 and the budget had been balanced. Again, the wealth of Canada exceeded its indebtedness. "Anyone who takes a pessimistic view as to the future of this country ought to move to some other country," he said.

"We have a railroad program in Canada which is not of our making. The railways were purchased before this government came into power. It is the government's duty to straighten it out as well as we can." The minister was optimistic that in the course of time the Canadian National Railway would be a success. He declared that when the system was taken over from the management of Mr. Hanna it was not a national system except in name. "The Canadian National Railway," he said, "is a private enterprise, and it is the duty of the government to straighten it out as well as we can."

Speaking of the appointment of Sir Henry Thornton, Mr. Graham said the government found that the T. R. was strongly opposed to the Canadian Northern, and if one of the heads of those systems had been appointed to manage the unified system there would have been trouble. Sir Henry Thornton had brought about co-ordination and harmony, and he was one to whom no one could take exception. Although having been born in the U.S., and receiving his training on the great Pennsylvania road, he had managed a large railway in England, and was a naturalized British subject. "Those who

Octogenarian Pioneers Hold Gathering in Goderich Park

Special to The Advertiser.
Goderich, Aug. 19.—An event of great interest to those concerned with the history of the town took place at St. Patrick's Park recently, where, at the invitation of G. W. Black, twenty-five octogenarian pioneers of the town met for a social function. About fifteen others in the town belonging to this class were unable to take part in the gathering. The group was headed by an unequalled by any town in Western Ontario. Notable among those present were: Andrew Heddie, aged 94, born on the Orkney Islands, the oldest man in the group; William J. Johnston, the oldest man present born in the locality; his birthplace being on the outskirts of the town, which was in its infancy in that year, 1837; George Thompson, who has been

BATTLE'S URGED AGAINST BORER

Double Quarantine Is Enforced
in Middlesex and
Elgin Counties.

SHIPPING ILLEGAL

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, Aug. 19.—The most stringent possible methods are being taken by the Dominion Department of Agriculture to prevent the spread of the European corn borer in Ontario. The quarantine applied to some districts applies not only to growers and to dealers, but to campers and motorists. In the counties of Middlesex and Elgin a double quarantine is in force, forbidding the movement of corn even to other districts within the general quarantine. Except for these two counties, corn on the cob may be shipped to Toronto and Hamilton markets, but it may not be shipped northward or eastward of the area under quarantine.

The area under quarantine from which it is illegal to ship corn is as follows: "Brant County, Bruce County, Dufferin County, the townships of Clark, Darlington and Hope in Durham County, Elgin County, Essex County, Grey County, Haldimand County, Halton County, Huron County, Kent County, Lambton County, Lincoln County, Middlesex County, Norfolk County, the townships of Pickering, Whitby East and Whitby West in Ontario County; Oxford County, Peel County, Perth County, Waterloo County, Welland County, Wentworth County, the townships of Etobicoke, Markham, Scarborough, Vaughan and York in York County, and the township of Brighton in Northumberland County."

QUEBEC WELCOMES ADMIRAL OF FLEET

Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick
Field Arrives in Command
of British Squadron.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Quebec, Aug. 19.—Promptly at 5 o'clock this afternoon Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick Field, commanding the British special service squadron, which reached port today, stepped off one of the motor pinnaces belonging to H. M. S. Hood, onto the wharf and was officially welcomed to Quebec by His Worship Mayor Samson.

The fleet commander landed to the accompaniment of "Rule Britannia," rendered by the band of the Royal 22nd Regiment, and a salute of 21 guns. Sir Frederick was greeted by his honor the lieutenant-governor, Premier Taschereau, and Mayor Samson, the latter delivering the only official address of welcome, which was replied to in fitting terms by the squadron commander.

Previous to this, visits had been paid to the admiral by various dignitaries, and after the welcoming ceremonies, official visits were paid. The lieutenant-governor, the prime minister, mayor and officer commanding military district No. 5.

Tonight there was a state dinner at the gubernatorial residence, Spencerwood, in honor of Sir Frederick and officers of the fleet.

Traitor Bandit Killed By Pal

Dying Gunman Gets Vengeance
For Act.

Associated Press Despatch.
Tolt, Wash., Aug. 19.—A bandit, Ted Lawshe, turned traitor to his criminal associates on the eve of the robbery of the Snoqualmie state bank last Wednesday, and the sheriff, Matt Starwich, retained his position in the bandit lineup at the sheriff's request, it developed in an inquest today.

When the bandit trio took their positions in front of the teller's window at the bank, the sheriff and his deputies arose from behind the counter. An exchange of shots between the officers and the bandits' leader, D. C. Malone, followed in which Malone was killed.

Before he dropped, though, Malone, in his last moment, apparently suspicious of Lawshe, shot him to death, testimony showed. The sheriff testified that Lawshe was introduced to deputy sheriff the day before the holdup attempt so that his deputies would not mistake him.

A third bandit is in jail.

COL. W. O. HODGINS WILL GO TO IMPERIAL STAFF

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Aug. 19.—The Journal learns unofficially of certain important promotions in the permanent force of Canada which will be announced shortly.

It is understood that Col. W. G. Gibson, at present director of personal services at headquarters of the department of national defense, Ottawa, is to be given the appointment of general officer commanding at Calgary, to succeed Gen. A. H. Bell, the latter proceeding to Toronto to assume the command of Military District No. 2 in succession to Col. A. H. Borden.

There are also in progress negotiations relative to exchange of officers between Canada and various other parts of the Empire, as was the practice in the years preceding the war. The Journal understands. The first of these movements is the attachment of Col. W. G. Hodgins, D. S. O., to the Imperial staff in London, England, for a period of two years. At least one other officer will be sent to the British war office, while plans are under way for despatching additional officers to Australia and New Zealand.

GIRL DIES OF BURNS.

Hamilton, Aug. 19.—Suffering from terrible burns, Muriel Vollick, Victoria avenue, 6 years of age, died at the hospital at midnight. All her family could tell about the fatality was that children were playing with matches in the yard when suddenly Muriel appeared with her clothing a mass of flames.

HAY FEVER

Summer Asthma

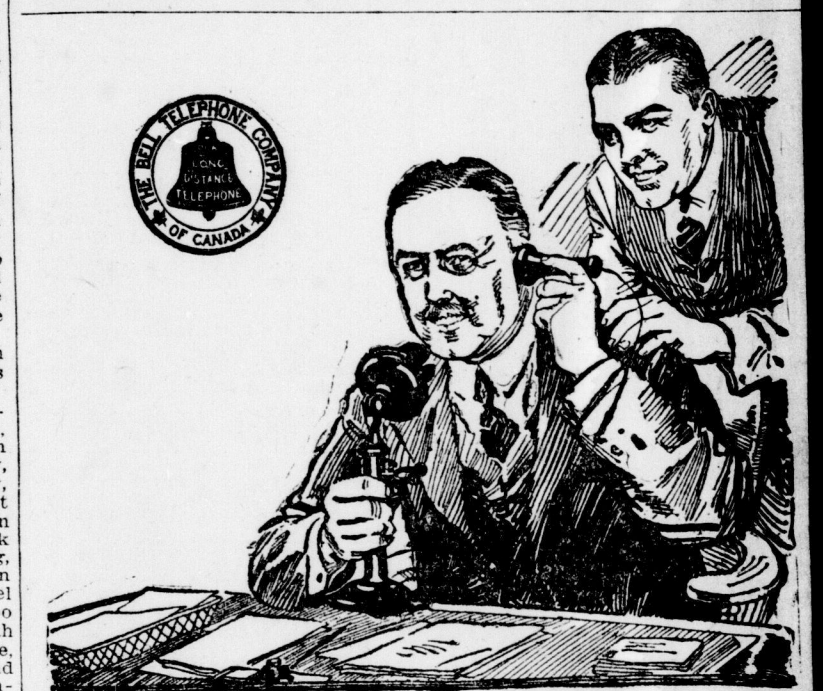
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