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KING GOVERNMENT IS FLAYED BY OPPONENTS

BIGGEST MAN, SAYS WILSON

Is Meighen Most Outstanding In Canada

System of Putting Non-Residents In Essex Seats

By DEANE VAN LUVEN

Not the least stirring of the many powerful addresses delivered at the local armory Saturday afternoon upon the occasion of the visit of Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, Federal Conservative leader, was that of Frank W. Wilson, local member in the Ontario Legislature. High praise for the former prime minister of Canada and his policies, and a caustic scoring of the governmental methods of Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King were the high-lights of Mr. Wilson's very able speech.

In his opening remarks, Mr. Wilson referred to the great importance of the visit of Mr. Meighen and other distinguished parliamentary leaders.

SEES CHANGE NEEDED

The local member remarked upon the large and enthusiastic audience present for the occasion, stating that this was not a rare thing, but a fitting tribute to the personal popularity of Mr. Meighen himself, but evidence of the awakening interest in the Conservative party, and the crying need for a change in the government at Ottawa.

"There is a sound and substantial public opinion in the Border Cities today," declared Mr. Wilson, "and it is quite clear that the citizens of this community are doing considerable thinking for themselves.

"Right Hon. Mr. Meighen is the most outstanding man in Canada today," Mr. Wilson continued, "and he has devoted his entire life to the service of Canada.

"The other distinguished visitors are also prominent leaders in our public and political affairs, and they, Mr. Meighen, stand out in parliamentary circles at Ottawa.

"The Right Hon. Mr. Meighen, as a member of the legal profession, might easily have become the greatest corporation lawyer in Canada today, but he is now the greatest living publican, but he chose to disregard a more lucrative living to give his unstinted and most able services to the country.

"Essex County has established rather a reputation for itself in the way of being the temporary homes of cabinet ministers," remarked Mr. Wilson, in launching a criticism against this method of representation, "and in recent years, and at the present time, we have been represented by men who seldom see the constituency except at election time.

SYSTEM NOT LIKED

"I do not believe in this method of hoisting these men into our midst, and it appears to me that there are enough men right here who are quite capable of representing the district and looking after its interests and that of its people.

"These professional 'glad-handers' are always here at election time—to hand out cigars—but I believe that it would be better for the district to have a local man at Ottawa, who would also be able to spend more time with his own constituency."

Referring to the policies, especially with regard to immigration and the tariff, were discussed briefly, but in exceptionally striking fashion by Mr. Wilson, who remarked that farm workers and settlers are needed most in this country at the present time.

The speaker charged that the uncertain attitude of the King government had frightened foreign capital, and that this was largely responsible for the bad business conditions of today.

ADDRESS AT BANQUET

Unstinted praise for Right Hon. Arthur Meighen and his outstanding services to Canada, strong criticism of the regime of the King government at Ottawa, and a stirring appeal for a sound immigration policy for the future, featured the brief, though eloquent address of Mr. Wilson at the banquet at the Prince Edward Hotel at night.

The able representative of Windsor in the Provincial House stressed the important place occupied by the Border Cities in the industrial life of the Dominion. Mr. Wilson also praised the splendid school system in vogue in this district, stating that the school development was a real credit to the community.

"We have great industries here in the Border Cities," declared Mr. Wilson, "but that is not our greatest satisfaction. It is the fact that we have here hundreds of homes peopled by men, women and children, satisfied and contented with their environment and happy in the knowledge of exceptional living and working conditions enjoyed by all. That is the secret of our success.

"The people here are not sympathetic with the 'class against class' or 'race against race' propaganda. We have many French, Irish, Scotch and other families here, but we are all Canadians, residents of the Border Cities, and intensely proud of that, and that alone."

IS WELL QUALIFIED

Mr. Wilson then went on to speak of the services rendered this country by Mr. Meighen, not only while premier of Canada, but also as leader of the Conservative party, and the opposition in the House of Commons.

"He is the outstanding man in public life in the Dominion today," stated Mr. Wilson, "and no other is so well qualified to lead a government that will bring about an era of prosperity and expansion."

Referring to the conditions prevailing at the present time, Mr. Wilson remarked that it was not the Liberals who should be blamed, but only the parliamentary representatives who had been elected and who were assisting in the administration of a weak government.

It was pointed out by the speaker that Canada is staggering under an enormous load of debt, and that additional millions have been added at an alarming rate since Premier King assumed power two years ago.

Mr. Wilson charged the Liberals and Progressives with practical cohesion, stating that every time the government made a move, it made a bid for the support of its so-called neutral friends.

IMMIGRATION QUESTION

Launching into a survey of the immigration situation, the speaker asserted that this was one of the greatest problems of the day.

"Our population has been depleted by hundreds and thousands of young men going to the United States. The American employers know that when they give a Canadian a dollar they will receive a dollar's worth of work in return. Our young men are very welcome across the line.

"What we need, rather than to encourage immigration, although that is important, is to devise some way to keep our own."

The recent Washington proposals regarding the immigration law amendment, which would prevent residents of the Border Cities from working in Detroit, were brought to the special attention of Mr. Meighen by the speaker, in concluding.

MR. ARMSTRONG SPEAKS

That the Conservative party is making great headway in South Essex, was the statement of Adolphe Armstrong, provincial member for that constituency, during the course of his remarks at the big gathering in the armory.

Mr. Armstrong joined with several other speakers in extending a hearty welcome to Right Hon. Mr. Meighen and his distinguished associates in their visit to the Border Cities and Essex County.

"The people of South Essex have been experiencing a change of heart lately," affirmed Mr. Armstrong, "and it is in the air down around my home that the next member from that riding will be a Conservative. Our party is coming back strong, and although it is a long time since we have had a Conservative member from South Essex, I believe that all will be changed at the next election."

The speaker paid a special tribute to the worth and ability of Hon. Rodolphe Monty, and assured the latter of the hearty support of the people of Ontario.

GUESTS WELCOMED

The welcome of the city of Windsor to Right Hon. Arthur Meighen and his party was extended to the distinguished guests at the afternoon rally yesterday afternoon by Mayor Frank J. Mitchell. This welcome was echoed by citizens of every class, creed and political belief, the mayor stated.

It was stated that the Conservative leader was no stranger to the Border Cities, and the speaker remarked that he was quite sure that Mr. Meighen had more than an ordinarily warm place in his heart for this particular district.

"The knowledge to be gained at a gathering of this kind is invaluable to one and all,55 Mayor Wilson declared, "and if you, when returning to your homes in the Border Cities and Essex County, impart this knowledge to your friends, then the greatest benefit for all may be attained."

Right Hon. Mr. Meighen and his associates were assured of a very hearty and warm welcome in Windsor, the mayor concluded.

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

S. E. Dinsmore, president of the Essex County Liberal-Conservative Club, acted as chairman during the program of speeches, and in his opening remarks referred to the increasing interest and enthusiasm apparent within the ranks of the association workers.

The chairman took the opportunity to express his appreciation of the wonderful welcome that had been accorded Mr. Meighen and his associates throughout their visit to the Border Cities.

"I am proud today of Windsor and Essex County for the way in which they have honored our chief," stated President Dinsmore.

As president of the provincial party organization, Walker Whiteside was called upon by the chairman for a few remarks.

"I have been informed that we are supposed to speak for only three minutes," declared Mr. Whiteside humorously, "and I am rather inclined to speak of the good things that the King Government has done and is doing for the country, but I could be quite easily done within the time limit."

The speaker, in introducing Frank W. Wilson, M.L.A., voiced a real tribute to the sterling qualities, outstanding abilities and valuable service rendered in the Ontario Legislature by the present member.

DR POISSON SPEAKS

Dr. Paul Poisson spoke briefly at the banquet, stressing the outstanding record in public life attained by Right Hon. Mr. Meighen.

"Our distinguished leader is an honest statesman who was defeated at the last election because of his honesty, and who will ride back to power because of his honesty.

The war service of Hon. Dr. Manion was lauded by Dr. Poisson, in concluding.

AID RUSHED TO U. S. SHIP

BOSTON, April 7.—A wireless message was picked up at the navy yard here last night, saying that a tug was being dispatched from Norfolk, Virginia, to the assistance of the U. S. S. Falcon, a submarine tender, which left Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, on April 2, with the submarine S-5 in tow, bound for New London, Connecticut.

Ex-Premier and Wife

RT. HON. ARTHUR MEIGHEN AND MRS. MEIGHEN, snapped just as they stepped from the train at the C.P.R. station Saturday, when Mr. Meighen came here to address two Conservative rallies on the border.
—Photo by Tweedale.

Mr. Wilson Conveys Tribute To The Border Cities Star

APPRECIATION of the outstanding worth and value of The Border Cities Star, and its service to the community and Canada at large, was expressed in striking terms by Frank Wilson, M. L. A., during the course of his address at the banquet held in honor of Right Hon. Arthur Meighen and party, at the Prince Edward Hotel Saturday.

"Since The Border Cities Star was first organized, and especially so since my own entrance into politics and public life, I have kept in close touch with its growth and wide expansion," remarked Mr. Wilson. "I am proud, we are proud, of that invaluable newspaper, which is daily rendering us exceptional service in every possible field.

"Our paper thoroughly covers the news situation in the Border Cities and district, in addition to giving a splendid and comprehensive survey of important happenings in all parts of the world. Every department excels.

"I was especially gratified to find how well the visit of our distinguished guests today has been covered, and in this connection I might say that, when I stepped out of the office this afternoon, purchased a copy of The Border Cities Star, and saw the lengthy account of the mass meeting, I must admit that I was amazed, though pleased, at the ability and foresight of the reportorial staff of a newspaper that goes to press at 3 o'clock."

When the laughter and applause had subsided, Mr. Wilson continued: "In election campaigns of the past, The Border Cities Star has maintained an unbiased, fair and helpful attitude to all parties and candidates, and has rendered worthy service in this regard alone.

"This newspaper has kept step with the wonderful progress of The Border Cities, and we are indeed proud of a paper that we believe to be second to none in Canada."

GUTHRIE HITS BIG SPENDING

Says Government Is On Drive of Extravagance

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part to live up to pledges—also made before the election—that the party would adopt an independent attitude on all questions, and would resist any attempt to "squander the people's money." Yet in view of a program calling for the expenditure of three million dollars, on what the speaker termed the government's "real estate ventures", not a single Progressive had lifted a hand against the proposals, Mr. Guthrie said. He detailed the three items, terming them "extravagances."

TOWER ON BUILDING

"The government," Mr. Guthrie said, "proposed in the House last week to spend $600,000 on plans to complete the tower on the Parliament buildings. That building has been under course of construction for the past seven years, and there's absolutely no need to spend this money this year, when it could be spread over several years. We have a building—that's enough for the present. We haven't got the money to go ahead with the construction, and will therefore have to borrow it. That means that interest of 5 per cent., or $30,000, will have to be raised by taxes. Did the Progressives oppose this expenditure? Not one.

"The government's next proposal was to spend $1,300,000 on a palatial office in London, Eng., to accommodate Mr. Larkin, the Canadien High Commissioner," he continued. "Now, no one on our side of the House has any objection to seeing Canada represented by a fine building, but why, at this particular time, should all that money be spent on the project? We've been able to get along very well up to the present with a modest office. Who protested when the matter came up the other day? Mr. Forke said he wouldn't vote for it, but when the vote was taken, where were the Progressives? They had slipped out, so as not to embarass the government."

Mr. Guthrie next referred to the government's plan to build 41 miles of railroad in New Brunswick, and to spend $2,000,000 on the line.

RAILWAY BUILDING

"This district," he stated, "is already served by the C. P. R. Now it has been said time and time again in Canada it is a crime the way we've overbuilt railways in the Dominion', and yet the government wants to spend two million more to duplicate the C. P. R. There was no objection from Forke when the matter came up. It is certainly time somebody called a halt, but the Progressive party isn't doing anything to stop it. The only real opposition to that reckless expenditure comes from the group led by my friend, Right Hon. Arthur Meighen. The motto of the Progressives seems to be simply this 'Hold On.'

"The motto of the government is the same as that of the Progressive party, from what I can see, and if we have ever had a government that loafed on the job, we have one in this government. It has not so far developed a single new idea; it has not given expression to a single new avenue of development. The government has simply rested on its oars and let things happen. I firmly believe that, if the government had been absolutely inactive, it would have caused the country less injury to the country than during its few brief moments of wakefulness."

Mr. Guthrie charged the government with "tariff dabbling", and closed his address with the statement that the exodus of Canadians to the United States must be stopped; that a good deal of the immigrants must be brought into the country; that the government's reckless expenditures must be stopped; that taxes must be reduced; that the country be given adequate tariff protection.

"You won't get these things carried out by the King government," declared Mr. Guthrie. "The sooner you change the government, the better it will be for the Dominion of Canada."

CALLED SHIFTLESS

Dull, dense and shiftless, were terms applied to the present Federal government by Mr. Guthrie when he spoke at the Prince Edward Hotel at the banquet tendered his chieftain, Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, leader of the 52 Conservatives in the House.

These fifty-two constituted the only real opposition in the House, Hon. Mr. Guthrie said.

"We do so," he declared, "chiefly through the skill of our leader. It is a strange anomaly, but true, that the leadership of the House of Commons is in the opposition ranks, in the person of Mr. Meighen. What little useful legislation that has been accomplished is largely due to him. When he sits silent, the government gets into all kinds of trouble over its blunders; when he advises, it snarls—but they always end up by taking his advice, and as a result, what goes through the House in the way of constructive legislation is due to the work of the Conservative leader. The government is not a government of commission of time-servers, opportunists and tourists. Indeed, it is said of this government—'Join the Cabinet and See the World.'"

LAUDS WAR SERVICES

Mr. Guthrie paid tribute to Windsor and Essex County for their efforts, giving credit to this district for the sending of so many men overseas.

Commenting upon the government's military service policy, the speaker declared that the government was slowly driving the militia system to the wall, and was slowly driving it out by starvation of funds necessary to continue the training of militia units.

"This year," he said, "there are to be no military camps, nor no artillery units in training. The government will not spend money on them. Yet the government spends millions on its real estate schemes, purchasing property in Paris and London, and it can spend money on a Belle River pier, but none for military purposes."

SOLDIER QUESTION

Promises made by the Liberal party to the Canadian ex-service men were not being carried out, Mr. Guthrie charged.

"Premier King and his party openly pledged the returned soldiers that they would pay them substantial gratuities. What have they done, I ask you? Look at the militia minister's report of last year. The department spend more than thirteen millions all told, and of that sum the soldiers drew in pay, allowances and relief only four million. More than three million went for military hospitals, and more than six million and a half in official salaries. In other words, six millions of the thirteen millions went into salaries. Think of this 'economical' government of ours spending this 6 millions to oversee the expenditure of seven millions!"

Mr. Guthrie waxed sarcastic at the expense of the Progressives.

"These people are simply living at the House from day to day, accepting crumbs from the government table," he said. "They asked for fish, but they got a serpent, and the budget is going to sting them when it is brought down. The speech from the throne, with its tariff clause in it, got the Progressives on the first hook of the first day. But do you think they're going to get free farm implements? No. The Progressives went off at half cock—they didn't know the Government's gun was loaded, for this dull, dense and shiftless government has at last realized that it is wiser to do nothing in regard to a customs tariff on agricultural implements."

SAYS REPORT BOOSTED

The speaker next disclosed what he termed a joker in the government's export trade report for last year, pointing out that Premier King, in order to boost the export figures, had included in the report, a sum amounting to more than nine millions of dollars, representing the value of household goods taken across the border by Canadians who had left the Dominion.

Mr. Guthrie closed his address with a reference to the amicable relations existing between the people of the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

"This grand confederation in Canada of two peoples is a country which Providence has made one of the richest portions of the known globe," he observed. "It is a country in which two great races live side by side in two banner provinces. Our interests are one; our ideals are the same in all great fundamentals. We are and should ever be a unit in so far as the interests of Ontario and Quebec are concerned. This is the attitude of mind of the leader of the opposition. So let us continue—one and united. We have a great country—a great heritage—and all we ask is that it be given a chance."

Mr. Guthrie was introduced by Col. E. S. Wigle, who paid him a high tribute in the course of a brief introductory speech.

"There is a time in the history of every great nation when it needs big men; men who are loyal to principle; men who have the courage to stand by their convictions," he said. "Here is one who stood out pre-eminently for these principles, and who stood by Mr. Meighen after the war."

SUCCESS ATTENDS TWO PARTY RALLIES

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Winnett, of London; Col. Robinson, and Miss Robinson.

After Mayor Frank J. Mitchell had given his address of welcome, little Miss Eleanor Morand, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Raymond D. Morand, presented Mrs. Meighen, Mrs. Monty and Mrs. Stodgell with bouquets.

WILSON AND MANION

Frank W. Wilson, M. L. A., and Hon. Dr. Manion followed the official address of welcome with brilliant speeches, telling of the successes of the party, and of how Conservatism was coming back into its own.

Hon. Hugh Guthrie and Hon. Rodolphe Monty, who were introduced as the "Conservative standard-bearer in Quebec," told of the alleged sins of the present Federal government, and of the pledges made by it to the people of Canada which they charged it had broken. They, too, declared a wave of optimism was sweeping over the country, Conservative ranks from coast to coast. They saw in the next election an overwhelming victory for Right Hon. Arthur Meighen and his followers.

As Mr. Meighen rose to speak, he was greeted by deafening applause. Throughout his speech, he was interrupted by cheers.

SPEAKS IN FRENCH

Mr. Meighen prefaced his speech with a few minutes' talk in French a language which he handles creditably. In a few pungent sentences, he portrayed the condition of Canada under the Liberal regime, and with an appeal to the French Canadians to rally to the old banner of the Conservative party, told his hearers of the history of that party, and of the hopes that it extends to the people of Canada.

Speaking in English, he told of what he called the miserable failure of the King Government to carry out its promises to the people on the tariff and every other question. He scored "unnecessary" expenditures on the Parliament Buildings and on the high commissioner's residence in London, England, which was recently purchased.

Mr. Meighen declared the King government was in the unhappy position of being unable to carry out its pledges, without making bad friends with the Progressives who were supporting the government.

500 AT BANQUET

More than 500 sat down to the evening banquet at the hotel. At the head table, which had been placed on the platform in the ballroom, were Mr. Meighen, Mr. Guthrie, Dr. Manion, Ernest R. Dennis, Mr. Monty Frank W. Wilson, M. L. A., S. E. Dinsmore, chairman of the evening, and president of the Essex County Conservative Club; Dr. Morand, J. J. Stansell, M. P., J. Frank White, M. P. and Col. E. S. Wigle.

The entire affair was a decided success, all Essex Conservative chieftains agreed.

Saturday saw one of the biggest gatherings of Conservatives in the history of the party in Essex County.

LABOR SUPPORTERS WIN

LONDON, April 7.—Local Council elections in London suburban municipalities resulted in a number of victories for Labor candidates.

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ASKS KING TO FACE VOTERS

Should Go to People, Says Dr. Manion In Address

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tion in this district, Dr. Manion caustically referred to the many attacks that had been made upon the former prime minister, alleging an anti-French and anti-Irish attitude.

"As an Irish Roman Catholic, and a man who married a French-Canadian woman, I want to say that, in all my intimate and public knowledge of Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, he has never said a word, or performed an act that could even be construed as unfriendly or unsympathetic to the French or Irish people. Nothing but contempt is deserving for those who assist in waging such a campaign of calumny and slander."

REACTION BLAMED

A comprehensive survey of the conditions responsible for the fall of the last Conservative government was then given by Dr. Manion, who explained that the reaction of the late war had brought about the defeat of the Conservative party at the hands of the electors. It was pointed ou that every government in the world had suffered defeat within the year or so following the conclusion of the war.

Dr. Manion charged Premier King with having won the last election fight as a result of lavish promises, the vast majority of which have been broken or disregarded since assuming the reins of power.

"Premier King traveled from coast to coast during the pre-election campaign, and established a record for making promises," remarked Dr. Manion, "and ever since that time he has set up another record for breaking them. A great deal of the discontent apparent in the country today may be laid to this.

"During the last months of the Conservative regime, and in the stress of the election campaign, Mackenzie King and his followers charged us with being in league with combines, trusts and mergers. After the present government came into power, measures were brought in to relieve the so-called conditions, but they were almost immediately pigeon-holed.

PRACTICAL MINORITY

"We were also accused of endeavoring to wipe out responsible government. That may best be answered by stating that, prior to the election, the government majority was 30, and now Premier King is ruling with a practical minority of four seats.

"If Mackenzie King had the real interests of the country at heart," Dr. Manion resumed, "he would wind up the important business of the session as soon as possible, and go to the people. Then it would be possible for either Premier King or Right Hon. Mr. Meighen to obtain a real mandate to carry on. At the present time, the government is being kept in power by the Progressives, who are really Liberals in disguise.

"The Liberal party, during the election campaign, promised a reduction of the tariff. Some minor reductions were eventually made, but now they are practically admitting that it will not be tampered with any more."

Dr. Manion went on to tell of the many Canadian industries, especially those concerned with the woolen, boot and shoe trade, which were now closed as a result of the "wobbly" policy of the present government.

HOW ENGLAND ROSE

The speaker claimed that England had had a protective policy until 1846, when free trade was established, and that since then, Canada's nation had been built up under a regime of protection. Almost every other country in Europe had attained industrial and business prominence through a protective tariff. It was the only way to build up home industries, the speaker asserted.

"What we want here in Canada," concluded Dr. Manion, "is a national policy to protect us against depreciation of our currency, these huge foreign industries, and one that will develop our home markets and build up a country worthy of our young manhood. What will prevent us from being mere hewers of wood and drawers of water, and that will be the case only when Mr. Meighen and the Conservative party are returned to power."

IN LIGHTER VEIN

The address of Dr. Manion at the banquet in the evening was given in much lighter vein, the eloquent federal member from "Northern Cities" devoting most of his later speech to witticisms and humorous stories relative to the present administration at Ottawa. Dr. Manion is a rare and talented raconteur, and equally adept along these lines as he proved to be as a public debater and critic in the afternoon address.

After relating a number of stories that provoked a great deal of laughter and applause among the banquet guests, Dr. Manion remarked that he hoped that he was not being taken jokingly by his audience.

"Perhaps you think we are too hard on the King government," Dr. Manion remarked smilingly, "but if you knew it as well as we do, then you would think altogether differently. You would realize that we are too easy.

"Everything that Premier King and his supporters in the House have done is just a little worse than the last. At the moment, I cannot recall any piece of legislation that has been a success."

The speaker went on to review the wheat board movement, characterizing this as a complete failure, and then explaining that the western farmers were now clamoring for legislation to provide a voluntary wheat pool, as suggested and advocated by Mr. Meighen.

CALLS IT JUVENILE

Dr. Manion styled the administration at Ottawa, during the past two years under the Liberal regime, as "juvenile and puerile." These statements, the speaker asserted, were no exaggeration of the true facts.

The erratic and changeable attitude of Premier King, according to the speaker, was explained by a review of the Liberal leader's stand with regard to the McMaster bill. This proposed legislatoin had been first introduced during the Conservative regime, just prior to the last election, and was devised to prevent cabinet ministers from being directors of any company or corporation.

Dr. Manion charged that Premier King had supported the bill at its first introduction, and that the latter had soundly scored the system which the bill was devised to eradicate.

CHANGE OF FRONT

Shortly after the King government came into power, the bill was again introduced, and Premier King then opposed it. Dr. Manion stated that this change of front was due to the fact that the King cabinet comprised several directors of big corporations, and remarked that this was only additional evidence of the attitude of the Liberal leader on many other questions.

"If the people of Canada desire a continuation of the weak policy shown by the present government, then I would strongly advise them to vote for Premier King and his followers at the next election," remarked Dr. Manion. "If, however, they want a strong government, well-equipped to handle and solve important problems of the day, then it is their duty and privilege to vote for Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, our distinguished leader, and the Conservative party.

"There is no doubt in my mind," concluded Dr. Manion, "that the people of Ontario will express their opinion with regard to the weak government led by Premier King, as they did with the administration of Premier Drury, in the provincial house. The conditions, and the results are identical."

UNITED FRONT SEEN COMING

Mr. Monty States Solution Is In Sight

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munity of interests has brought to your shores men ranking high in the esteem of the country, and many of your people to see men like Sir Charles Tupper, Sir Adolphe Caron, Sir Hector Langevin, without mentioning a great many others, come to the front to fight in favor of the National Policy, or to join in the celebration of Saint John the Baptist Day. And there was peace, there was harmony among us, because justice was triumphant, because prosperity was only adding to universal contentment.

DEEDS STILL LIVE

"But, those were times when Canada was reaping the first fruits of Confederation, when national progress and prosperity were moving by leaps and bounds under the guidance of men that we now judge by their deeds, and those deeds were great.

"It is true that those days have passed, that the men have disappeared, but their deeds still live, their policies still endure. Traditions have been established, directions have been left which are as yet deeply buried in the hearts of the people. And more especially at this time of our political history, when unsettled conditions are due not only to costly experiments in theories of government, but to the lack of sincerity, to the thorough incompetency of the spineless and vote-begging outfit known in Ottawa as the Mackenzie King government.

"Historical repeats itself, perhaps more often in politics than in any other field; and it is a peculiar trait of conditions of the present day that we are now going through an experience similar to that brought about by the MacKenzie regime of 1874.

"Conditions are worse still, because the error made at the last federal election is being intensified by the passage of a great war, and that there are people who are still talking conscription—why? They have gone back to 1755 to find a grievance that would bring votes to Mr. King—when they should talk reconstruction, industry and relief for the taxpayer.

WORST CONSCRIPTION

"Live questions, nowadays, occupy the attention of our public men. And if we must talk conscription, let me tell those who may find it interesting that no worse conscription ever existed than the conscription of a cruel necessity which has driven Canadian homes and leads their inhabitants by the thousands into a foreign land.

"There is no reason for such a condition of affairs. And this is precisely what the people of Canada are beginning to realize. And that is why the people of Canada are turning to the very men, to the very political organization, which have laid the foundation of its prosperity in the past, which are still in possession of the sound principles of government laid down by the makers of Confederation. As the issues of the war are being brought to the front, we are brought face to face with problems which will muster for their solution the best that is in the nation. It is a significant fact that a man like Sir Lomer Gouin, the very man who was branded as the strong mind of the Laurier administration, should give up all hope and disassociate himself from surroundings, from a political venture that cannot but spell ruin and disaster. It is a fact more significant, indeed, that Sir Lomer should be now advertised as going back to Ottawa to keep his friends from mischief on the question of the tariff. God help him!

"Parties, like states, 'are great engines moving slowly.' And parties must have programs which are not only promises in front of the electorate and simply a chart when power has been reached. Not that we should be sorry for the non-fulfilment of the Liberal platform of 1919. I believe that it was very happy, indeed, for Canada that Mr. Mackenzie King has kept all the little planks of his platform securely hidden in his hip pocket. But there is such a thing as political bootlegging (if I dare mention the name being so far from Quebec and near to Detroit!), and all bootlegs look alike to me.

POLITICAL HONESTY

"There are also such things as political honesty and sincerity of the public men. And it is exactly that unwritten law which, at certain dates, at certain periods in the history of a nation, brings together citizens of different race, of different creeds, in the sacred enterprise of national salvation.

"Do you not believe that we have reached such a time, and that the hour has come when the Conservative elements of the nation should join hands in the interests of all, in order to purify our political atmosphere, and to bring about a return to the sane doctrines which have been left to us with the articles of our Constitution?

"There are, today, in the province of Quebec, thousands of citizens who believe that the time has come for such a reform, and who express that opinion in no uncertain way. And these remarks, I can tell you, have no better object than to bring that comforting message to you.

"There is an awakening. There is more than that. It is a return to the sound principles, to the patriotic inspirations which have led men, whom everything seemed to divide, Cartier, Macdonald, George Brown, to forget their differences, and to raise the good old Liberal-Conservative flag with the sole object of asserting the triumph of Canadian ideals.

UNITY OF PURPOSE

"Then was developed between our two provinces a unity of purpose, a friendship that will live again the day that the pacific elements of our populations will put above everything else, the reason—and there are hundreds of them—which they have to agree, and when they will be prepared, for the sake of justice, to settle their differences, even if to do so they have to go farther than the letter of the law. There is no reason, and I hope we all agree on that point, there is no reason why there should not exist between our two races in any part of Canada that spirit of concord and harmony of which the province of Quebec is offering such a noble example. We have heard enough, we have discoursed enough on the blessings of the 'bonne entente,' that it is high time that we should adopt the practice of the thing. And in the words of an American journalist, 'in my opinion, we should have more people laying bricks and fewer throwing them.'

"Let us resume where it has been abandoned the splendid corporation, let us resume the path traced for us by the builders of the nation. Let us revive the fruitful doctrines which were theirs, and which they have transmitted to us together with the glory of their deeds, the doctrines which are the very essence of the Conservative party and are so ably defended by its present leader, Right Hon. Arthur Meighen.

"That leader, we have learned to know in the province of Quebec, and if there is a thing over which I may be allowed to rejoice, it is that this gathering is only the continuation of the triumphant tour Mr. Meighen has just made of the districts of Montreal and Quebec.

ONLY ONE DOCTRINE

"Sincerity, courage, patriotism in a public man, like truth, of which they are the most eloquent expression, are sure to triumph and to get the ear of the people. It is, indeed, a sign of the times that the people of Canada are beginning to notice that the Conservative chieftain has one doctrine for Montreal, Toronto or Portage la Prairie. And if our mother authority than the 'stormy petrel' of our Quebec politics, who said the other night, at a banquet tendered me on March 22, 1924, in Montreal, and was cheered for it by 1,000 listeners: 'As for your great leader, I esteem him as a man, of great courage and independent thought. He is a man who preaches the same sermon everywhere. (He could have added that he preaches also in the French language!). He is frank and outspoken, and in this country of different nationalities, race and religion it is by frankness and openness that we can understand each other. Our industries are going to the dogs, and we greet the man who has the courage to preach protection, not only here, but in the West, where it is unpopular.'

"For my part, it was a great satisfaction, I assure you, to have had this occasion to bring to a man, who is a friend as much as a chief, the public expression of my most devoted esteem and admiration. And if there is a thing in my political life which I prize most highly, it is the honor of having fought by his side and to have shared with him the glory of an undeserved defeat.

"I will add no more unless, perhaps, that the people will soon acclaim the chief by whose frankness it was hurt a time when truth was hard to hear but still harder to tell, but for whose courage public admiration has not died out. The writer will claim him, because it can see 'his heart as far from fraud as heaven from earth,' to use the words of your great Shakespeare, 'fearless minds climb soonest into crowns'."

SPEAKS IN FRENCH

At the conclusion of the speech, Mr. Monty was given such an ovation that he rose again to say a few words in French. He said:

"I have a deep affection for my beloved province of Quebec. That affection has not been dampened by her attitude towards the Conservative party and its leader during the last few years. The campaign of vilification and calumny that has been waged in Quebec by unscrupulous politicians is waning, and effect is fast disappearing. In the last year, all the lost ground has been regained, and there can now be witnessed throughout the whole of Quebec a sympathy which is only awaiting an opportunity for a brilliant manifestation.

"In the name of Quebec I say to you: Have confidence in Mr. Meighen. His frankness, his loyalty to the principles of Cartier and Chapleau, his broadmindedness in all matters that pertain to race and religion, have endeared him to the province of Quebec, and when on April 26 next he is to be at the Club Canadien of Montreal, which is 90 per cent. Liberal, as guest at a lecture to be given by Hon. Mr. Fauteux, he shall witness a scene which will give him such a comfort as alone the province of Quebec can give."

Mr. Monty spoke very feelingly, and though understood by only a small portion of the audience, he was heartily applauded.

Hotel Complimented For Dinner Service

MANAGER M. R. Gilbert and his staff of the Edward Hotel, have received many words of congratulation for the capable Liberal-Conservative banquet Saturday night.

The decorations were most tasteful, and the service and the food excellent.

Extra waiters were secured for the occasion, and none could complain of a hitch in the slightest detail, despite the large attendance.