

Mackenzie King, Liberal Leader, Heard in Stirring Address by Large Audience

Imperial Theatre Packed to the Roof at Last Night's Meeting—Some Timely Subjects Discussed.

Never in the history of the city was such a flattering reception given to a political speaker as that given Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, the new Liberal chieftain, in the Imperial Theatre last night. Hon. Mr. King and Ernest Lapointe, M. P., presented the message of the party to the people of the city and were greeted at frequent intervals with loud and prolonged applause. Premier Foster presided and introduced the speakers.

Premier Foster was given a very hearty greeting by the great audience when he rose to introduce Hon. Mr. King. The premier said he considered it a great honor to have the privilege of presiding over the meeting. He extended to all a most hearty welcome. He was glad to see the ladies taking such interest in political affairs, remarking, humorously, that he would have to appeal to the people some time. It was their duty, he added, addressing the ladies, to take interest in public affairs. It was their duty to join with the men in exercising the franchise. The ladies were now not only wives and daughters, but citizens, and for that reason he was glad to welcome them.

He desired to extend to those Liberals who had come long distances to take part in the meeting a hearty welcome. To their distinguished leader, Hon. Mr. King, he extended greeting and Mr. Lapointe, a true Canadian from the province of Quebec, he was also glad to welcome. Their appearance here was the natural sequence to that great Liberal convention held in the city of Ottawa in August last. At that convention the hundreds of Liberals present did not deal with past events, but turned confidently with their faces toward the future. At that convention the mantle of the great Sir Wilfrid Laurier fell on Hon. Mr. King. In comparing the Liberal party of today with the party in power they would find that the Liberal party in its prepared platform had something to place before the people, while the party in power was not there by the will of the people. There was not even a cabinet minister to represent New Brunswick, something not seen since Confederation. Thousands of Liberals helped to put the present government in power for the duration of the war, and the understanding that at the end of the war the people of Canada would have the opportunity of pronouncing on the issues of the day.

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The premier said he felt embarrassed when he was obliged to go before the federal government on business of the province as he had to deal with a federal minister who was a representative of some other province. The reason there was no representative in the government from New Brunswick was because they had no one who could pass the censorship. Some had been called but few were chosen. The rights of the people were being over-ridden from time to time. They were over-ridden by the federal franchise act, which forced on them a system by which they choose their representatives. Premier Foster declared that he would be found doing whatever he could to relegate a government of that kind to a back ground. When he realized the responsibility, which had been placed on Mr. King, he realized the opportunity which had come to Mr. King. He believed the policy Mr. King would announce from time to time would redound to the advantage of the people of Canada.

Hon. Mr. King.

When the premier presented Hon. Mr. King, the Liberal leader was given a magnificent reception by all parts of the house.

The Liberal leader said his first words would be those of grateful acknowledgment for the reception he had received and he felt grateful to the premier of the province for presiding over the meeting. He thanked him for bringing his cabinet and his supporters in the Legislature as well. He was glad to see present some of his colleagues in the house of commons and several senators. He was especially pleased to see the large representation from all parts of the province. The government, he began, should not be controlled by a few men who were in office, but by that power that comes from the people, for they were the only ones to rule. He told of the government's opposition to election, observing that people did not exist for the sake of governments, but that governments existed for the sake of the people. He would say without fear of contradiction that the government considered it was there for itself, but the time had come when the people should be given a chance to express their choice.

They should realize, he continued, that it was impossible to separate the present from the past, that it was equally impossible to understand conditions in Canada apart from conditions that exist in other countries. For many a year to come the war and its consequences would remain a mighty influence in world affairs, and any course of action, or any policy which did not reckon with that fact, was certain, sooner or later, to prove of no avail, and to increase rather than lessen the evils which had been forced upon us.

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with other groups that share like aims and aspirations to its own, if each separately intended to aim at domination in national affairs, then there would be a prolongation of the period of confusion, and in the end retrogression rather than advance. Parliament ought to be a mirror reflecting the different elements that went to make a nation.

Mr. King said that the soldiers, farmers and labor men should be represented in parliament as should other classes. Opposed to Monopoly.

Mr. King said frankly that when it came to matters of government he was unalterably opposed to monopoly in any form, or by any class. He was reluctantly opposed to government by railway, by manufacturing or financial interests. He was not less opposed to a monopoly of control on the part of any other of the essential elements of national economy. He referred to the condition of Sir Robert's health, expressing the sympathy which all men in public life held for him, but said it was a mistaken kind, for he was not a man of such frailty. He referred to the condition of Sir Robert's health, expressing the sympathy which all men in public life held for him, but said it was a mistaken kind, for he was not a man of such frailty.

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Certainly such a form of government was not to be found in any attempt at monopoly by any class. It was only to be found in co-operation between the different classes, and the spirit of genuine good will. It was necessary that all should aim at unity in the country and stability in government. The various classes formed should include all that was best in all these progressive groups. Co-operation of the progress forces was the only means of certain victory.

National Ideals.

This fed him to speak of the east and the west of the wide dominion, and all the vast intervening space, of British Columbia with its diversified resources; of the prairie provinces with their vast agricultural wealth; of Ontario and Quebec, and the maritime provinces, with their rural as well as urban populations, and their enterprising manufacturing and commercial development. Was the splendid unity of this great country to be imperiled by a conflict of policies?

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War had shown what could be accomplished by co-operation and sacrifice. It had shown that the spirit of co-operation into this period of reconstruction, there would be nothing to fear if on the other hand each class sought its own gain, unwilling to join with

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lated primarily to geographical areas or particular interests, or were Canadian to carry into the shaping of their national policies the same noble spirit of some sacrifice on part of each, and willing co-operation on the part of all, by which alone the war was won? Should it be each for self or all for all? Should it be the special interest of a class or the well being of the whole community? Should it be Canada first, as it was with the thought of saving their lives, with thought of saving the honor of their country and their duty before God?

If it was this large, nobler ideal, Canadians must have in their federal politics, some political party large enough, broad enough, tolerant enough, fearless enough to carry forward some policy of national unity.

Hon. Mr. King went on to tell of the objections to a governing party composed solely of farmers, or of labor men or of soldiers. He pointed out that such a party would lead to the formation of a manufacturers' party, merchants' party, etc., leading to endless confusion.

The speaker thought that no one could tell what policy the Union government had, for it had none. He thought that Premier Borden should have left a statement of policy.

A Strange Condition. It would be easy to find in the records, he said, an account of what the Union government had done. First, the government congratulated itself upon winning of the war, (laughter) then asked itself to support that government, (laughter) and then, in a resolution, expressed the hope that it might arrive at some policy which would successfully meet the after-war conditions. Think of such a condition, the speaker, one part of the government, a year after the war had ceased, expressing the hope that the government of which it was a part, should be able to relieve the prevailing conditions! (Laughter and applause.)

Sir Robert Borden had gone south for an indefinite period. He had left, and had left at Ottawa a condition of affairs which formed a pleasing drama, though it had its serious aspects.

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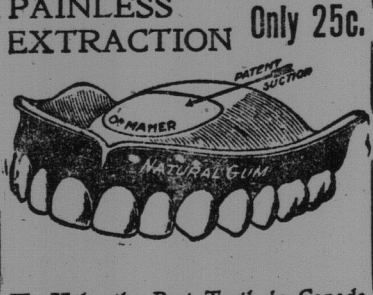
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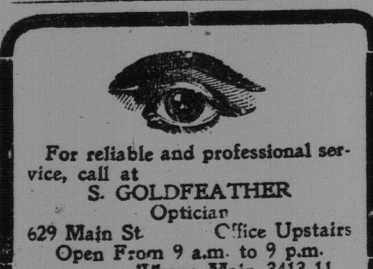
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