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Does Nobody
Love Willie?

(Montreal Star.)

Mr. Crerar joins the ranks of
those who are willing to see
Willie King go into the retirement
he so greatly adorns. While
discussing last night at Char-
lottetown, P. E. I., the charge
that there is a secret understand-
ing between himself and the
shell-shocked leader, pro tem, of
the Liberal party, he advanced
as proof that there was "nothin'
to it" the fact that "he (Mr.
King) is himself opposed in his
own constituency by Mr. Burnaby
(U. F. O.), and Mr. Burnaby
will probably beat him." If Mr.
Crerar turned aside to shed a tear
at this point, the usually alert
reporter seems to have missed the
touching episode.

So we are rapidly approaching
unanimity in our readiness to
permit the Boy wonder to depart
from the Wonderland where he
seems so ill at ease—a rude place
where there are high-explosive
shells at whose uses he can only
guess; where his followers are
like the Irishman's pig which he
was driving to market, "wan
went wan way and wan wan
wan way"—and to see him re-
enter that academic and olean-
genous retreat where Rockefeller
money finances, among other
things, purely unselfish investiga-
tions into the great and throbb-
ing question:

"How to Make Geese Enjoy
Being Plucked."

They say that Willie was a
fine investigator. His speciality
was industrial relations. He
wrote a book about it. He got
so deeply interested in it that he
stuck to the job right through
three years of war, and only
came out of his trance when the
war fever spread down to the
Rockefeller preserve, known as
the United States. Then he
hurried up to Canada to help
prevent anybody else being in-
noculated with the fever against
his will. He knew by his own
experience that a young man
did far better work when he
didn't have the fever.

But what interests us is not
Mr. King's serene detachment
from war, with its interesting
pathological development when
he is suddenly brought into the
presence of war material. That
really is not so surprising. There
may be a tradition in the William
Lyon Mackenzie family that it is
only against the British that one
should fight. But we are genu-
inely concerned at the ill-con-
cealed glee with which so many
of the young leader's allies and
followers look forward to his
carefully scheduled sacrifice in
North York. Why are they all
so willing to do without Mr.
King?

The Premier's Campaign

The strenuous and magnificent
fight being waged by the Prime
Minister continues to arouse the
highest admiration and evoke the
greatest enthusiasm among his
friends. Wherever he speaks he
tells the same story of adherence
to reasonable and moderate pro-
tection. He neither gives nor
asks quarter. In simple, con-
vincing language, he tells his au-
dience that he stands for the
policy under which Canada has
to discover new virtues in Mr.
King as a friend, a statesman and
and that he is unflinchingly

opposed to the extreme Farmer
Class Movement with its Free
Trade doctrine. He invites criti-
cisms of his Government and
its actions, and meets every chal-
lenge his opponents throw out
to him. The intense sincerity of
the man and his undoubted great
capacity have made a striking
impression on the public mind,
and in the end these are the two
factors which will be productive
of the greatest measure of success.

Speaking of the Prime Minister
the special correspondent of the
Montreal Star, who is accompany-
ing him in his Maritime tour,
says:
"While not an orator of the
spectacular type who electrifies
his audience with sparkling sal-
lies and witty remarks, Mr.
Meighen has, nevertheless, man-
aged to gain such a hold upon
the minds and sympathies of the
people as will tax all the ingenu-
ity of Mr. Mackenzie King's
spellbinders to destroy. The peo-
ple like his manly straightfor-
ward and honest way of put-
ting his case before them. His
manner of address in itself carries
the conviction of truth with it,
and in hundreds of cases men and
women who could not heretofore
be counted among his followers,
after having listened to him have
gone away convinced not only of
the righteousness of the cause he
advocated, but delighted with the
strong personality of the man
himself."

A couple of months ago when
the prospect of an early appeal
to the people was first regarded
as a probability, the outlook for
the success of Government can-
didates in the Province was not
regarded as any too good. In
fact, excepting in one or two con-
stituencies, there was a decided
note of pessimism. The last
fortnight, however, has seen all
this sort of thing changed, and
now a spirit of optimism pre-
vails everywhere. The Opposi-
tion is all at sixes and sevens, in
fact it may truthfully be said that
they don't know where they see.
Large numbers of them have very
little faith in Mackenzie King
himself as a leader, and still less
in the policies he propounds.
They realize very clearly that his
is not by any means the Liberal-
ism of Laurier, and while they
would like to stick by the old
party, they cannot help but ap-
preciate the fact that if the busi-
ness of the Maritime Provinces is
to be maintained at its normal
standard, there must be no de-
parture from the policy of moder-
ate, though adequate protection,
for the staple industries.

For this and other reasons, Mr.
Meighen will get the support of
these Liberals and, though they
will not openly make any great
show as to the course they will
take, their ballots will be cast
for his candidates when polling
day comes around. Besides this
silent vote, there is a consider-
able number of old-time Liberals
who have openly declared their
intention to support the Meighen
policy, and they make no bones
about it. Moreover, it is not too
much to say that Mackenzie
King's vacillating attitude, and
his lack of convincing attributes,
has bred a feeling of distrust in
the minds of many of those who
have always been allied with the
Liberal party, and this leaves
them in a condition of thought,
which a man of such strong
personality and convincing ad-
dress as Premier Meighen can
very readily capture.

As the campaign develops, Mr.
King becomes more and more in-
volved and makes himself appear
more and more ridiculous.
In Quebec, obeying the dicta-
tion of the leaders of Liberalism
in that Province, he practically
scrapped the Liberal Platform,
and declared for the Laurier
Policy, which is the Tariff that
is in force to-day.
In the manufacturing districts
of the Maritime Provinces, he con-
tinued to preach his "We will

not hurt the manufacturers'
gospel, but when he got over to
Prince Edward Island, where
farming interests largely predom-
inate, he switched back to his
Party platform and pointed out
to the farmers "that there was
little in the Farmers' Platform
that was not in the Liberal
Platform."

What can be done or said about
one who twists and turns like
that? How can he possibly ex-
pect the people to believe in him?
He is like the Parisian's dea-
when you put your finger on it,
it isn't there. The more he talks
the more he convinces the public
that he is purely and simply an
opportunist and that his sole am-
bition is to get into office. Next
to the Prime Minister's qualities
of great sincerity and wonderful
ability it will be found that Mr.
King's verbosity and vacillation
will constitute an important fac-
tor in the success of the Govern-
ment. Even his followers see
through his game and many of
them are heartily ashamed of it.
There is scarcely an outstanding
non-professional Liberal in the
country who can be found pre-
pared to subscribe to King's
wobbling attitude. How could
there be? They have nothing to
tie to, to preach about, to
swear by. Like Mahomet's coffin,
King has suspended them be-
tween heaven and earth; and so
it is that the Liberal element who
have not been active in politics,
find themselves, by the thousands,
unable to follow the tortuous
course of the party leader.

Prominent newspapers too are
deserting him. The Brantford
Expositor and the Glace Bay
Gazette, two well known political
organs of high standing, have
recently left the King ship.

Dr. Michael Clark, a Liberal of
the Liberals, broke with the
Farmers and cannot see his way
clear to march under King's ban-
ner, because, as he says he would
not know where he was going. To
quote his own words: "I refuse to
sign a blank cheque in that gen-
tleman's favor."

Nor are signs wanting that
Quebec may surprise the country.
The men of affairs, the thinkers,
the people with a solid stake in
that Province are alive to the
perils of the situation created by
the extreme Free Trade move-
ment and recognize the grave
danger of adhering to old-time
party politics and old-time senti-
mental cries. These men are
with the Government at heart on
its policy of reasonable protec-
tion and they are likewise with
it in its determined opposition to
the Class movement. They are
fully aware of the gravity of
national conditions and of the
necessity of unity and unified
work to solve our problems. As
the days go by, they are realizing
more and more the absolute
necessity of Canadians of all
classes and creeds sticking
working together and of sloughing
minor grievances in the face of
the common national danger.

Out in the West in Medicine
Hat, the labour men who support-
ed the United Farmers in the
Provincial fight, have decided
that they cannot follow these
farmers in the Federal field.

Mr. Crerar is making stren-
gous attempts to deny that the
United Farmer Movement is a
Class Movement, but he cannot
answer the question "If the
Farmer Movement is not a Class
Movement, why is it that only
farmers can belong to it, all
others being debarred?"

On the whole the indications
favourable to the Government are
of the most heartening character.

political Meetings in King's
County

Table with 3 columns: Day, Date, Location, Time. Includes Kingsboro, St. Columba, Priest's Pond, Glen William, Murray River, Murray Harbor South, High Bank, Cambridge, Georgetown, Morell, St. Peter's, Bear River, Lower Montague, Sturgeon.

James McIsaac,
J. J. Hughes.

October 26, 1921—4

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