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MEIGHEN PROPHESIES CONSERVATIVE RETURN

DECLARES TARIFF QUESTION WILL BE FINALLY SETTLED AT NEXT DOMINION VOTING

Would Like to See By-Election In North Essex To Test "Enlightening Effect" of Past Year

MAKES TWO FIGHTING ADDRESSES ON BORDER

Raps Government, Saying It Broke Promises and Is Embarked on Regime of Extravagance, With Progressives Inactive

By RUSSELL F. BOYD

RT. HON. ARTHUR MEIGHEN, in two optimistic and fighting addresses before Essex County and Border Cities Conservatives Saturday, predicted that, at the next election, the tariff question would be settled finally, just as it was in the United States. He predicted the return of the Conservatives to power. At the Windsor Armory in the afternoon, and at the Prince Edward Hotel in the evening, Mr. Meighen delivered able addresses. In few respects did he overlap.

He saw the time of judgment for the King government coming. It would some sooner if the people had their way, he said. He flayed the government for its reckless expenditures and for its alliance with the Progressives. It had won power by a dishonest course, and one could therefore not expect it to pursue an honest course, he said.

"This platform is becoming quite familiar," he said in the afternoon. "The people of Windsor and vicinity are becoming more familiar to me." Mr. Meighen told of his visit during the general election.

"Seven thousand men and women gave their support to the Liberal candidate of that date," he said.

WOULD LIKE SECOND VOTE

"While I wish no harm to Mr. Healy, I am sorry that there is not another by-election. It would test the enlightening effect of the year."

Mismanagement on the part of the King government had affected this part of the country least, he said.

"Bad indeed would be the government that could impede the onward march of this prosperous corner of Canada.

SLOW TO FOLLOW TREND

"Whenever they have enjoyed an upward swing, we have followed in the wake in three months and five months. This time we are three years behind."

Speaking of railways, Mr. Meighen said: "Instead of lending to the railways, they have guaranteed them. No bonds were ever guaranteed in the degree this government guaranteed them in the last year.

"The country is slipping deeper into debt. We got the greatest result for the money spent in the war.

"At the close of the war, a hostile government could not find one dollar of graft, or of wasteful expenditure. They must hold the people here. The Dominion is next to the greatest republic in the world. If the government can't reduce taxation, then it can't hold them.

"The government proposed a program of branch lines for national railways. This government brought in legislation to build 28 branch lines.

"We opposed it because they said: 'Build them all, good or bad.'

"In just the same way, the government is building a wharf at Belle River in the hope of bribing voters.

"For the railroads there were 26 bills instead of one.

"We said: 'Bring in your estimates, and we will apport those necessary.'

"The first bill was for a railway in New Brunswick. They would take traffic from one road to help another.' This line, he said, was one parallel to another.

CITES NOVA SCOTIA LINE

"In Nova Scotia they were to build a road through timber land which had a water route. That road was a political bribe. It has been surveyed before every election. The stakes of the surveyors are so close that a dog could not get through them.

"I wonder what is the duty of these high priests of economy.

"The Progressives sit there as silent as the grave, for fear of an election. They want to avoid it, just as much as the Liberals do.

"When they proposed $600,000 for a new tower on the Parliament Buildings, and $50,000 for the lighting system in that tower, you heard the Progressives battling through the night, didn't you? Not a word.

"When the government voted to buy the high commissioner a residence in London, England, at a cost of $1,300,000, only five Progressives voted against it. The Conservatives were against it—every man.

"Coming near Windsor, there is the Belle River wharf. I told Mr. Healy I'd do this, and I'm going to do it.

"If you were asked by bylaw to vote $35,000 as a first cost for this wharf, I venture to say not one in this audience would vote for it.

"At the time of the election, pamphlets and circulars were scattered about the streets.

"'Don't vote for Col. Robinson,' you were told; 'he can only give you hot air. Vote for Mr. Healy and get the $50,000 wharf.'

"'Tim and King; that's the thing.'

"I waited in the House, with the pamphlet in my pocket, to see if the bribe was going to be paid.

REGARDED AS OUTRAGE

"That thing is going on all over Canada."

The Belle River wharf, he said, was regarded as "an outrage throughout the length and breadth of this Dominion. And I say it in Windsor."

He said all the Liberal candidates had fallen down on their pledges to bring about tax reduction.

Small reductions in certain lines had been made, he admitted, but the "party that gave its note four years ago didn't take it very seriously."

"The budget is not down yet. It will be down next week. Having watched the whitening gills of the Liberals, I will assume the role of a prophet, and say that the budget speech will fool the Progressives again."

In the textile industry, he said, stagnation existed. Men and women were being laid off, because tariff reductions were being made.

"Many have to go to the United States," he added, "because $112,000,000 worth of textile goods were sent into the country.

"A cry goes up against the tariff policy. Everybody is afraid to go ahead. The government sees people oozing out at every port.

"I will put myself in the hands of the strongest Liberal and ask: Do you find your own town expanding? Do you find things going ahead with confidence?

REFERS TO WINDSOR PLANT

"A million dollars was spent on a plant near Windsor, with a proposed expenditure of 30 millions. I am not in the confidence of that company, but do you believe the company would have stopped if it had had confidence in the tariff?

"The government is blocking entirely the development of the country.

"They tell the Progressives they can't cut the tariff all at once, but that each move is a step in the right direction.

"Those steps in the right direction are making 17,000 a month step in the wrong direction.

"On the head of these men is coming the penalty of playing a dishonest political course. They are now suffering fire and brimstone. They can't move without smashing into still smaller bits.

"Soon will come the time of judgment. It would come sooner if the people could fix it.

"I hear the rumblings from all parts of the country.

"This government entered the field of finance. If ever a government blundered, this one has.

"Such is the record of two years in power.

"You don't get a straight course from a government that got in by a course that was far from straight and inconsistent.

"I appeal to you to weigh the facts."

Turning at this point toward Hon. Rodolphe Monty, Mr. Meighen spoke a few words in French, saying:

"It is with a deep sense of obligation that I offer you my sincerest thanks for the address which you have just given. It is also with a feeling of deep emotion that I thank you for the loyalty that you are so openly manifesting, and for the spirit of honest friendship which you are showing. Tonight the province of Quebec has spoken in terms which command my unreserved gratefulness."

CALLS SELF UNWORTHY

At the Prince Edward Hotel at the banquet tendered him, Mr. Meighen stated:

"Really, after the orations of Mr. Guthrie, Mr. Monty, Mr. Manion and Mr. Wilson, I feel like one superfluous on the stage.

"I am totally unworthy of the expressions so generous, so devoted."

Mr. Meighen told of how he had been assailed when he was in office for his expenditures.

"Tonight we are at a point when those who assailed us are sitting in office and now declaring the national roads a pride and credit to Canada."

Turning to the question of tariff, Mr. Meighen said: "The government in power is pledged to destroy at the roots the whole industrial system."

The government had weighed in all the industrial centres on its tariff policies.

In Brantford, he said, the Liberals ran a candidate because the tariff was too low.

Reductions in tariffs had been made all along the line, he said, and Canadian industries hit.

"Mr. Healy voted for reductions on boots and shoes," he declared.

"What right have the people of Windsor to expect loyalty to the industries of Windsor if he is not loyal to the industries of other towns?"

"The people of the West don't want to purchase the unity of Canada at the price of depletion of the population of Canada. I've endeavored to play my part in the battle of tariff on the western plains. I've tried to show the Liberals are only putting the farmers in the grip of the monopolies of the United States.

TIME FOR DECLARATION

"The time has come for the people to declare once and for all.

"Is this country going to learn the lesson that it is not with reciprocal arrangements with the United States but by self-reliance that it is going to hold its own?"

"Imports? Do you imagine the country can get rich by buying goods. Imports are contributing to the exodus of citizens."

Mr. Meighen declared that his party had opposed reciprocal arrangements with France. The arrangement was made, he said, and soon France raised the tariff on major exports.

The government, he said, boasted of the fact that the treaty had resulted in three and a half millions of dollars worth of goods more being sold to France, as a result.

But, Mr. Meighen pointed out, five and a half millions of dollars worth of goods more was sold to Germany without a treaty.

"Every step they have taken has contributed to the diminution of Canada's population."

"How long?" he asked.

"I predict that, when the next election comes, it will be the last time when the tariff will have to be tested."

Mr. Meighen expressed a deep sense of gratitude to the club for inviting him to be present, as its guest.

Mr. Wilson Praised By Mr. Dennis

CORDIAL praise for Frank W. Wilson, M. L. A., and a special tribute for his able service as a member of the Conservative government at Toronto, was given by E. R. Denis, London, president of the Western Ontario Liberal-Conservative Association, who was called upon by the chairman for a brief address at the Conservative rally on Saturday.

Mr. Denis declared that, in every riding represented in the association, it was stated that Mr. Wilson was regarded very highly in the Provincial House, not only as a debater, but as a worker, and everything pointed to the fact that he would go very high in public life.

Mr. Denis remarked that he was glad to observe that the remarkable popularity of Mr. Wilson among his constituents in Windsor was only equal to that which his marked ability deserved.

Continuing, the speaker told of the rapidly growing desire for a Dominion general election as a result of the dissatisfaction felt concerning the administration of the present government.

"Everywhere I go in Western Ontario there is a persistent call for a vote by the people, and I am confident that when that election does come, its conclusion will see the Conservative party returned to power by a real and working majority."

Mrs. Kennedy Sends Mrs. Meighen Gift

ONE of the most graceful and appreciated incidents of Saturday's great Conservative rally in Windsor was the sending by Mrs. William Costello Kennedy, widow of the late federal member and Minister of Railways, of a box of beautiful flowers to the wife of Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen.

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Mr. Meighen and Party Snapped on Arrival

RIGHT HON. ARTHUR MEIGHEN and the party of his colleagues who addressed two Conservative rallies in Windsor Saturday, snapped just after their arrival at the C.P.R. station, with part of the welcoming party. From left to right, they are: Col. Sidney C. Robinson, Walkerville; Miss Florence Robinson, Hon. Rodolphe Monty, Mrs. Monty, Hon. Hugh Guthrie, Mrs. Meighen, Hon. Dr. R. J. Manion and Mr. Meighen.

—Photo by Tweedale.

GUTHRIE HITS BIG SPENDING

Says Government Is On Drive of Extravagance

Raps Progressives for Supporting Policies Laid By Premier

By A. R. M'CLENAGHAN

"The greatest leader the Conservative party has ever known. No greater man has ever headed the Conservatives since Confederation."

This was the tribute paid Hon. Arthur Meighen, former premier, by Hon. Hugh Guthrie, M.P. for Wellington East, during the course of an address at the mass meeting in the armory.

MR. GUTHRIE

In it the former solicitor-general soundly scored the King government for what he termed its extravagance and lack of a constructive legislative program, and declared that a few movements of his speech to flay the 65 Progressive members of the House, who, he declared, were masquerading under Liberal colors.

GROWING HOPES

Hon. Mr. Guthrie said that all through Canada the Conservative party's hopes were never more optimistic.

"Not only in the Province of Ontario," he said, "but in every province in Canada the only hopeful, only enthusiastic party, is the Conservative party. Our opponents are in doleful mood—whether they are in the Liberal party or in that adjunct of the Liberal party—the Progressives. I call them adjuncts because the present government has no more staunch band of followers than the 65 Progressives. Whenever the government wants support, it has only to cast a sidelong glance across the aisle for there was never gathered together a more solid group of Grits than those same 65 Progressives."

Mr. Guthrie said that the government's pre-election pledges of economy were not being carried out; and in this respect he severely criticised the Progressives for failure on their

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SUCCESS ATTENDANT ON RALLIES STAGED IN HONOR OF GUESTS

TWO BIG MEETINGS ADDRESSED BY MR. MEIGHEN AND COLLEAGUES; CONSERVATIVE POLICIES STRESSED IN SPEECHES

By RUSSELL F. BOYD

WINDSOR was the mecca for all the rank and file of Essex County Conservatism Saturday afternoon and evening, when Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, Dominion leader of the Liberal-Conservative party, was the guest of honor of his followers of this district.

In the afternoon, a huge mass meeting was held in the Armory, and in the evening, a largely attended banquet at the Prince Edward Hotel. On both occasions Mr. Meighen was the chief speaker. He was ably supported by a galaxy of orators from the federal and provincial houses, and from private life. It is estimated that not less than 1,500 persons attended the afternoon meeting. Over 400 were at the banquet.

Although it had been expected that Mr. Meighen and party would arrive C. N. R., a large crowd met the former premier and his former cabinet ministers when the train arrived at the C. P. R. station at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

IN PRIVATE CAR

Mr. and Mrs. Meighen and party occupied a private car attached to the rear of the train.

Hon. Rodolphe Monty was the first of the guests to leave the train. As the crowd waited expectantly for Mr. Meighen to make his appearance, Mr. Monty greeted old friends.

A few minutes later, Mr. Meighen, Mrs. Meighen, Hon. Hugh Guthrie, and others in the party stepped from the leader's private car.

His appearance was the signal for cheering, and leaders of the Conservative forces of the Border Cities and Essex County rushed to meet him.

Among those in the party who welcomed Mr. Meighen were Dr. Raymond D. Morand, Col. A. E. Geddes, presidents of the North and South Essex Conservative Associations, Walker Whiteside, president of the Windsor Conservative Association, Col. H. R. Casgrain, Col. S. C. Robinson, Harry J. Neal, C. J. Stodgell and Mrs. Stodgell, and Miss Robinson.

POSE FOR PHOTOS

After the party had posed for The Star photographer, they proceeded in autos to the Prince Edward Hotel.

Here Mr. Meighen was serenaded by the band of the 18th Essex Fusiliers.

Mr. Meighen and his party then took their places in an automobile parade headed by the band, Mr. Meighen in the first auto, driven by Dr. Paul Poisson, of Tecumseh. The route of march included Ouellette Avenue to Sandwich Street, Sandwich to Goyeau, Goyeau to London, and to the armory.

Along the line of march, Mr. Meighen was cheered. At the armory he was given a tremendous ovation by the dense crowd that had been eagerly awaiting his arrival.

After the crowd was seated within the armory, Mr. Meighen, the speakers of the afternoon and other high in the party ranks, filed in to take their places on the platform. As they entered, the band struck up, and the crowd rose to its feet. As soon as the party was seated, the band played "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow," the audience joining heartily in the song.

THOSE ON PLATFORM

Those on the platform in the afternoon were: Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, Hon. Hugh Guthrie, Hon. Dr. P. J. Manion, Ernest R. Dennis, president of the Western Ontario Conservative Association, Hon. Rodolphe Monty, Frank W. Wilson, M. L. A., S. E. Dinsmore, Dr. Raymond D. Morand, J. L. Stansell, M. P., Essex; Elgin, J. Frank White, M. P., London; Col. E. S. Wigle, K. C., C. J. Stodgell, John Shiel, Sandwich South; Mayor Frank J. Mitchell, Windsor, Col. H. R. Casgrain, J. Painsonault, Frank Capa, Harry Odette, Sandwich East; John Kerr, Maidstone; Dr. Paul Poisson, Adolphus Armstrong, M. L. A.; John McCauliffe, Sandwich South; ex-Mayor Herbert W. Wilson, William C. Stuart, Belle River; Mrs. C. J. Stodgell, president of the Windsor Women's Conservative Association; Mrs. Barrett, Mrs. Edwards and Mrs.

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ASKS KING TO FACE VOTERS

Should Go to People, Says Dr. Manion In Address

Calls Government at Ottawa Juvenile and Puerile

By DEANE VAN LUVEN

As a former member of the last Conservative Cabinet at Ottawa, and an able exponent of the cause of the returned soldier, the address of the Hon. Dr. R. J. Manion at the public meeting in the Windsor Armory Saturday afternoon was listened to with more than ordinary interest. One of the ranking leaders in the Conservative party in Canada today, the eloquent Northern Ontario member had a significant message to convey, expressing as he did, unqualified confidence that Right Hon. Mr. Meighen would be the next premier of this Dominion, and that very shortly.

DR. MANION

"Humorously referring to the last visit to the border, when an auto in which he was driving was struck by a train, the occupants narrowly escaping serious, if not fatal injury, Dr. Manion cautioned his friends, no matter what else they might be planning, to "keep me away from the Pere Marquette."

CAUSE OF SUCCESS

"I am here in support of Right Hon. Arthur Meighen," resumed Dr. Manion, "and for him I have the utmost respect, the greatest confidence and the sincerest affection. He attained the highest position within the power of Canadians to confer, while yet a young man, and this was reached only as a result of his marked talents, wide knowledge, outstanding ability, aggressiveness and tight, breadth of mind and powers of debate.

"Referring to the large Irish-Canadian and French-Canadian popula-

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UNITED FRONT SEEN COMING

Mr. Monty States Solution Is In Sight

Declares Mr. Meighen Is Admired, Respected In Quebec

By F. X. CHAUVIN

That a time is coming soon when both races in Canada will unite for "national salvation," was the outstanding declaration made by Hon. Rodolphe Monty at the Conservative banquet at the Prince Edward Hotel Saturday evening. He lauded Right Hon. Arthur Meighen as the leader who would cement the two races to bring about this state of affairs.

Mr. Monty spoke in both English and French at the afternoon and evening meetings. In the afternoon he said:

MR. MONTY

"DECEITFUL PROMISES"

"When the Liberal party appealed to the electorate in 1921, Mr. King made to the people of Canada promises which were deceitful, and which have never been fulfilled. They promised us happiness, prosperity, development and confidence, and I ask you, where is there happiness or prosperity or confidence in Canada? If there any such thing in Canada, why is that industry in general is almost paralyzed, and why is it that agriculture has so few signs of prosperity?

"In 1923, 200,000 of our good Canadians crossed the American border, and are now on American soil. This means that more than three times the number of Canadians who were killed during the war left Canada in 1923. In December, 1923, there were 25,000 less workmen in our industries than in November, 1923; our agricultural exports in three months previous to December, 1923, have descended from 95 to 33 millions. These conditions existing, is it not time that something be done to protect Canada against a continuance of that peril?

"Not only must we protect ourselves against that peril, but our protection must go far enough as to induce American capital into our country, and this can be done only by keeping our tariff walls high enough that our land will not be made a dumping ground for American products, to the detriment of our industrial and agricultural population. To counteract against the ill-effects of such a condition, we must originate a policy that will keep our population in our own beloved domain, a policy having the triple quality of uniformity, honesty and sagacity."

PROMISES SUPPORT

Mr. Monty then paid a glowing tribute to his leader, Mr. Meighen, to whom he promised a healthy contingent from Quebec at the next elections. According to the speaker, Mr. Meighen's greatest claim to the confidence of the people of Canada lies in the frankness with which the leader of the Conservative party discusses all public questions on any platform in the Dominion.

Mr. Monty regarded the exodus of the thousands of Canadians to the United States as a grave danger; one that challenges the immediate attention of Canada's statesmen. He considered that a policy of repatriation should be immediately started.

"Keep our men, women and children at home," he said, "and then let us go after those whom unfavorable conditions have exiled."

He concluded his address, which had been preceded by an exordium of a few minutes in English, with an appeal for the furtherance of the spirit of friendship and bonne entente that is being rapidly developed between the two great races of Canada.

THANKS FOR WELCOME

"Of all the enthusiastic receptions," said Mr. Monty at the evening banquet, "which have been tendered by you, people of Ontario, to any of your guests from the province of Quebec, none, I am sure, have surpassed by their spontaneous sympathy by their generosity, sincerity, the one that I have just received here at your hands and in London on the 11th of January last. For that I thank you from the bottom of my heart. At some other time I might have been tempted to recall all that a visit to these Border Cities unburies of historical souvenirs, of great deeds, of great names, and that a trip from Montreal to Windsor cannot be made without giving the patriotic traveller the impression that, after two and one-half centuries, he is retracing the steps of the glorious Dollier de Casson, he is reviving a trail strewn with romance and still bearing the footprints of the French explorers and missionaries. But those are glories that we share in common, bound as we are by many ties which, for ages, have linked our two provinces, thanks to the two Essexes and more especially to this town of Windsor, one of the oldest French-Canadian colonies of Ontario."

"And, when I talk of common glories, I should add that a com-

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