

MR. KING PROUD OF LAURIER POLICIES

Hopes for Toleration and Less
Bitterness in Party
Politics

HE ADHERED TO THE TRUCE

All Canadians May Join Hands
in Assisting the
Belgians

That out of the experiences and sacrifices of war there would come greater toleration and less bitterness between the political parties in Canada was the wish expressed by Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, president of the General Reform Association of Ontario in his annual address delivered to the association in the Temple building to-day. Throughout his remarks Mr. King observed the truce to party strife, pointing out that in adopting that course Liberalism in Canada is not abandoning in any particular any of its policies, whether of trade, tariff, or defence, which it sought to enforce while in power. On the contrary, he believed that existing conditions have shown, as nothing else could possibly have done, the wisdom and patriotism of these policies. Neither could it be assumed that the present administration has so improved as to be above criticism in its management of the nation's affairs.

Proud of Policies.

The president was proud of the party's far-sighted policies of statesmanship which were calculated to strengthen materially the bond of friendship with the United States, and thus gain for consumers and producers alike the widest possible markets. That had been the policy of Liberalism. But in an even more pointed way the present emergency has disclosed the service to the British Empire (to say nothing of the senses of security and pride of home) which a Canadian-owned fleet might have rendered, a fleet which might have been controlled on principles identical with those set forth in the Liberal resolutions in 1909. The present has shown, Mr. King added, especially to those who were strong in their denunciation of the Liberal Government at the time, the great wisdom and patriotism of their policies with respect to Japan and Canadian-Japanese relations (in the far east generally).

Help the Belgians.

There was one place, the president declared, where all Canadians may join hands, and that is in extending sympathy and help to destitute Belgians.