PLAIN SPEAKING BY HON. R. ROGERS TO WINNIPEGGERS

Says Canada's Industrial and Economic Conditions in Critical Stage.

BERATES UNIONISTS

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 23.—(Canadian Press).—"Canada's industrial and economic conditions have reached a most critical period in the history of our existence," said Hon. Robert Rogers, who addressed here tonight, in the Fort Garry Hotel, an open meeting of the Liberal-Conservative Club of Winnipeg, declaring that he had "no further political aspirations to gratify" and that he proposed to speak plainly. Mr. Rogers declared the Union government to be "a government of tinkers and jobbers, a government of second-hand dealers, their energies almost entirely devoted to second-hand theories that are the product of the diseased brain of some poor unfortunate uplifter."

The former minister urged strongly "a definite and a fixed scientific tariff" advocated the dissolution of every existing government commission; pointed out "the necessity for the Liberal-Conservative party to immediately perfect their organization everywhere," and elaborated on the benefits which, he said, had been secured for the farmers of western Canada thru the Liberal-Conservative party. Mr. Rogers closed with an appeal for further recognition of the claims of Canadian veterans of the war.

Mr. Rogers declared himself a "lasting believer in that traditional policy that has ever governed the actions of the Liberal-Conservative party in this Dominion." Union government might have been necessary during the war, but in peace it was a different thing.

First to Suggest Union

"I confess," said Mr. Rogers, "that at one time I thought myself that Union government was advisable for the period of the war and stood prepared to make any and every sacrifice in my power to bring about such union with the Liberal party as a whole. I may surprise you when I tell you that I was the first to propose such form of union with the Liberal party. Many excuses were given why such proposals could not be accepted, among them being the exaggerated opinion of certain Liberal leaders of my ability to take advantage of such union to destroy the liberal party."

Mr. Rogers added that he gave assurances "to those with whom the matter was being discussed," that in the event of an arrangement being reached he would at once resign his position in the government, but the arrangements fell thru. "Some time later," he said, " proposals were made to form a union of individuals. In this I did not believe and therefore resigned."

Avoiding Election.

The Union government today was supported by a parliamentary majority "made up of a group of individuals with no cohesion," who regarded "an approval of executive action" as their safest course to avoid a general election, said Mr. Rogers.

Mr. Rogers urged the importance in Canada of stable government, which, he said, could not be expected from "an incoherent army" with "a thirst for power."

Dealing briefly with the tariff, Mr. Rogers said:

"This is neither the time nor the place for compromise if we are to save Canada from the ruin of paying such enormous sums to our American neighbors for their natural products—products that under a definite and fixed tariff we can produce in our own country at practically no cost outside of the cost of development. With efficient development of our natural products we can then place our manufacturers in quite as good a position as their competitors across the line. The great work of the Liberal-Conservative party for the immediate future must be the efficient development of our great mineral wealth, the construction of smelters, and the rendering available for manufacture of our unlimited natural products."

Has Faith in Farmers.

Mr. Rogers said he had much faith "in the sound judgment of our farming community as a whole."

Thru "the unfortunate mistake" in handling last year's crop, prairie farmers would lose more, he said, than they had paid in duty on agricultural implements in 40 years. For 25 years the Liberal-Conservative party has not only been the party of tariff for revenue, but had been the only party that had ever made "a legitimate reduction on the articles principally used by the grain growers of Canada," he said. Mr. Rogers said a general election could not be long deferred and the sooner it came the better, he thought.

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STATEMENT INCORRECT

The following quotation from a morning paper is declared to be incorrect by J. J. Hoolihan, acting-director of the provincial housing branch of the bureau of municipal affairs. He also states that it did not emanate from the Toronto office:

"The Guelph housing commission has received notice to the effect that they have raised the standard allowance for the construction of houses this year. In future the maximum price for a frame house will be $3,000, for a brick veneer house $4,200, and for solid brick, $4,600."

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CITY HALL NOTES

Dr. Hastings, M.O.H., impressed upon the local board of health yesterday the necessity for raving a new and up-to-date hospital for communicable diseases in Toronto. In his report he recommended that the city purchase the old General Hospital site, on East Gerrard street, and erect a new building there.

This report was presented in compliance with the request expressed recently by the board of health for a full statement from the M.O.H. on the question of further hospital accommodation.

Altho there is absolutely no doubt now in the minds of the local health authorities that the influenza and pneumonia epidemics are rapidly on the wane, a comparatively large number of deaths attributable to these infections occurred over the week-end. One hundred and seven deaths in all occurred during Sunday and yesterday—51 from influenza, 17 from pneumonia, and the rest from other causes.

A week ago the mortality list showed 112 deaths—48 from influenza, and 21 of them from pneumonia.

The Ontario Safety League is petitioning the city council not to issue a permit for a public garage at 29-35 St. Albans street. The proposed building would be almost directly opposite Wellesley School, and, with so many small children about, the operating of a garage would not be safe.

City Architect Price explained the objections to the proposal made by Prof. C. B. Sissons before the Open Forum on Sunday to remedy the housing situation. The professor's proposal was that the architect's department should refuse permits for other buildings until enough homes are built.

"That could not be put into effect," stated Mr. Price. "We have not the power to refuse permits for buildings if the plans conform to the building by-laws. The statute says that we shall issue a permit where the regulations are complied with."

NOT QUITE DECIDED ABOUT ANNEXATION

Danforth Park Ratepayers Think City Taxation is Too High.

The special meeting of the ratepayers of York township school section No. 26, called by the Danforth Park Ratepayers' Association to discuss important matters concerning the district and to protest against the annexation of Danforth Park to the city of Toronto, was held last evening in Secord School.

Act, Don't Kick!

W. Curtis, honorary president, outlined the work and achievements of the association since its inception five years ago. He urged the ratepayers not to kick, but to act on all matters brought up before the association.

Move Eastern Boundary.

On a motion presented by Mr. Curtis, the eastern boundary of the association was moved to the Scarboro-York townline, to take in the former Eastdale Ratepayers' Association. This is a temporary action and will only continue for one year, to allow Eastdale ratepayers to reorganize. The amalgamated associations now contain all territory between Woodbine avenue and the Scarboro-York township townline, St. Clair avenue and the city limit. All future meetings will be held in the Secord School, Barrington avenue.

Opposed to Annexation.

In regard to annexation with the city, G. A. Groh, president of the association, said the majority of residents in the district had come there to escape high city taxes. "The city says we can get nothing for seven years," said Mr. Groh, "and if we are to get nothing, why should we join Toronto. Personally, I am very strongly opposed to annexation. It is a matter that we should think over very seriously."

A. G. Jennings, who was president of the Cedarvale association for five years, said that six years ago the same matter was brought up, and a sum of money raised to fight annexation. The balance of this fund was put in trust of several men, but the trustee for Danforth section was killed overseas and it had been lost track of. Mr. Jennings said it would be available for the present anti-annexation fight if it could be located.

All Not Opposed.

Mr. Davis said that all residents of the district are not opposed to annexation. He spoke of the influx of population and stated that in a very few years county taxes in the district will be as high as city rates. The lack of sewers was commented on by Mr. Davis, along with the fact that sickness is more prevalent in this suburb than in the city.

Annex School System.

Mr. Jennings advised that the school system only should be annexed to the city. He thought that city schools would be an advantage to the district.

The chairman criticized the county council and the York township council for not developing the Danforth district to a greater extent. He declared that the district could get all city advantages without connection with the city and at a cheaper rate than paid by Toronto residents.

Higher Than City Rates.

His taxes, he declared, were higher than city rates, and he expressed the opinion that the sooner the district is annexed the better it will be for Danforth Park.

Following a lengthy discussion, Mr. Jennings moved that the association go on record as opposed to annexation.

Mr. Jennings, with the consent of his seconder, Mr. Curtis, withdrew this motion after much discussion. The meeting did not feel that the association should commit itself without more discussion. The county and township engineers and the township council will be invited to the next meeting, March 10, when the question will be again brought up.

Regarding the proposed isolation hospital to be built in the county and sustained by the city, the meeting recorded in favor of the project.

Regular Service Started From Canada to Australia

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 23.—Regular steamship service operated by the Canadian government between Canada and Australia, was started today. The steamer Canadian Importer left for Australia with a general cargo.

DISTRIBUTE BIBLES ALL OVER THE WORLD

U. C. Bible Society Told of Christianity's Progress in Foreign Lands.

The annual meeting of the Upper Canada Bible Society was held in Jarvis Street Baptist Church last night with N. W. Hoyles, K.C., LL.D., in the chair. The opening devotional exercises were led by Rev. T. T. Shields, D.D. On motion of Dr. R. G. McLaughlin, seconded by A. M. Featherston, the report of the year's work was adopted and the officers for the coming year elected.

"Untouchables" Converted.

An address on India was given by Rev. R. H. A. Haslam, M.A., who told of India and the "Despised Untouchables," some of whom, he stated, had become the finest Christians he had ever known. The speaker said that 70,000,000 had gone to bed hungry every night, without complaint, but that things are changing. The country is more prosperous and workmen are saying conditions will never be as in the past. The speaker said that India had always been a spiritual country, but regretted that there is a tendency to drift into infidelity and agnosticism.

World in Extremity.

"No Other Name, No Other Book," was the title of an address by Rev. Robert Johnston, D.D., American Presbyterian Church, Montreal, who said that the church today was face to face with a world in extremity. Leaders have confessed their ignorance, and in all circles men stand with hands impotent. Education and commerce have both failed. The needs of the world must be interpreted in other terms. Jesus Christ interprets these needs in terms of the spirit. Men also should interpret them in this way and not in terms of materialism. In no other way can these needs be met.

Satisfactory Reports.

Reports showed that during the year the Bible Society placed 23,463 Bibles, 23,518 testaments and 47,125 portions, a total of 94,107. Bibles sold thruout the world aggregated 10,000,000 copies, distributed in 600 languages. Soldiers blinded in the war are given free a copy of the Bible in Braille.

Bibles, testaments and portions were distributed in Arabic, 21; Armenian, 214; Bohemian, 4; Bulgarian, 477; Chinese, 998; Cree, 14; Croat, 10; Dutch, 1; Esperanto, 11; Finnish, 563; French, 2203; Gaelic, 8; German, 661; Greek, 178; Hebrew, 445; Hindu, 6; Hungarian, 53; Italian, 1164; Japanese, 4; Korean, 4; Latin, 13; Lettish, 1; Lithuanian, 9; Maltese, 3; Norwegian, 6; Ojibway, 17 Portuguese, 7; Polish, 718; Rumanian, 292; Romansch, 2; Russian, 1291; Ruthenian, 1193; Sanskrit, 1; Serbian, 73; Slavonic, 11; Sloven, 1; Spanish, 40; Swedish, 45; Syriac, 5; Turkish, 2; Welsh, 5; Wenli, 30; Yiddish, 121; Blind, 120.

There is a balance on hand of $30,000.

LATE J. M. PRITCHARD WAS PROMINENT MASON

There passed away yesterday afternoon at his home, 529 Brunswick avenue, James M. Pritchard, who was widely known in Masonic circles of Toronto. Altho not in the best of health for some time, he did not take critically ill until two weeks ago. His association with the Masonic Order covered a wide field of activity. He was a member of Zetland and Doric Masonic Lodges, the St. Patrick Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Geoffrey de St. Aldemar Preceptory of Knights Templar, and a life member of the Mystic Shrine. Scottish Rite Masonry also numbered Mr. Pritchard among its members, as did also the Orange Order, the St. George's Society, the Independent Foresters and the Lakeview Golf Club. He was an officer of the Church of the Ascension. The surviving members of the family are three brothers—John of The Globe, H. J. of the city assessment department, and George F., manager of the Bank of Montreal, Trail, B.C., and three sisters, Mrs. George Benwick, Mrs. D. Ross Gunn and Miss Pritchard, at home.

The funeral takes place tomorrow afternoon to St. James' Cemetery.

DRUGS CAUSE ARREST

James Heard of Barrie was arrested last night by Detective Armstrong on a warrant charging him with having drugs in his possession. Heard was arrested in a down town hostelry.

COMES TO TORONTO.

Regina, Feb. 23.—The Canadian Council of Agriculture will hold its annual meeting March 23, at Toronto.

REV. F. HOLLINRAKE LEAVES METHODISTS

States He Will Probably Issue a Statement During the Week.

TO START NEW CHURCH

Hamilton, Feb. 23.—(Special)—That Rev. F. W. Hollinrake, who has resigned the pastorate of Barton Street Methodist Church, is contemplating a severance of his official connection with the Methodist body, and of continuing a ministry in Hamilton unaffiliated with any of the recognized denominations, was admitted by Mr. Hollinrake today. He said he would probably issue a statement during the week.

The congregation over which Mr. Hollinrake would preside would be similar to that of the Gospel Tabernacle, of which Rev. P. W. Philpott has been the successful pastor for over twenty years. The church would be conducted on similar lines. The congregation, it is said, would consist of a large portion of the present Barton Street Methodist Church, for Mr. Hollinrake's ministry has been largely approved.

The objects of the new church would be to maintain the fundamental doctrines of Christian belief, the plenary inspiration of the Bible, the premillennial second advent, the importance of prophecy, and a life of separation from wordliness on the part of its members.

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W. E. RANEY PREDICTS SUCCESSION TAX RISE

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handed to Returning Officer J. B. Moon at twelve o'clock noon. It was signed by four hundred and seventy-three voters, representing all parts of the riding. The description of the candidate on the heading of the nomination paper was, "William Edgar Raney, of the city of Toronto, King's counsel."

Declared Elected.

At one o'clock, no other candidate having come forward, Mr. Raney was declared by the returning officer the unanimous choice of the electors. At two o'clock over a hundred farmers had assembled in the town hall to listen to Mr. Raney's address.

Returning Officer Moon said if Col Pritchard was in the hall he was cordially invited to take a seat on the platform. Col. Pritchard, however, did not put in an appearance.

Albert Hellyer, who sat beside Attorney-General Raney on the platform, said he desired to make only two points plain: (1.) That he had not been approached to resign, and (2.) that Mr. Raney was abundantly worthy of the position to which Mr. Drury had called him.

Expected a Contest.

Mr. Raney got a cordial reception. He confessed to a feeling of loneliness he said he had not anticipated, expecting a contest. When he learned that his opponent was to be Col. Pritchard he felt well satisfied knowing it was the strongest candidature that could be brought out.

A respectable resident of the riding who would poll the strongest test vote of the constituency, had the result of the announced contest been a victory for the government, the effect would have been to stabilize confidence all round in the present administration, confidence on the part of the people, first and equally on the part of the government by a genuine public mandate.

Under the circumstances, as events turned out, however, he felt himself to be the representative of all the people of Wellington. It was a great compliment to see electors present from all parts of the riding, and he expressed the gratitude of the government, and his own thanks for an election by acclamation.

Spoke of a "Miracle."

Mr. Raney spoke of the victory of the U.F.O. in the general elections as a miracle come to pass. Winston Churchill, he said, had informed the English people that the Labor party is unfit to govern. But in England also, he prophesied the impossible will come to pass.

It would have been yellow in the U.F.O. to have declined the responsibility of government. Some people had declared Mr. Drury could have formed a cabinet without going outside his elected followers. The Conservatives had succeeded in winning only 25 per cent. of the seats they contested. That meant the Conservative party had been defeated by the people. Mr. Drury could have had nothing to do with a rejected party. The Liberals elected two-fifths of their nominees, which also meant want of confidence in the Liberal party. But U.F.O. candidates and the labor men received an expression of popular confidence at the polls. Mr. Drury found himself with material for a government, but without a lawyer and was obliged to go outside his party to get an attorney-general. The choice fell to him (Mr. Raney), and today the attorney-general being elected the government is fully equipped and able to carry on.

Intended Legislation.

The farmer audience applauded in turn Mr. Raney's declaration of intended legislation at the coming session bringing back the municipal lists as the basis of the franchise, mothers' pensions and minimum wage.

Mr. Raney admitted that the reason for appointing a new commission of three to make a detailed report on Kapuskasing was the fact that E. Howard Ferguson had challenged the accuracy of Col. Carmichael's recently published report.

He intimated that classification of the provincial civil service with a view to the equalization of salaries for equal service would reduce unfairly high remuneration to men who were appointed because they were the favorites of cabinet ministers.

Women will be paid on the same basis as men—equal pay for equal service. When civil servants are paid only for service rendered there will not be such a scramble for government jobs, as the applicants will realize they can find better employment elsewhere.

He intimated that the reason for the probe into the Hamilton grocers' combine was that six wholesale grocers had declared two others who wanted to engage in the grocery business would not be allowed to butt in.

"I conceive it to be the business of the government of the province of Ontario to see to it that money is available when required in places like Fergus for building purposes, now that money from Scotland and England is no longer coming over, thru the building and loan companies. This has not yet been considered in council; but I believe that money for this purpose must be found.

Pointing to the bankruptcy of Europe and to the vastly increased public debt of Great Britain and Canada, he said the testing time is going to come when the nations must begin to pay up.

Settlement Problems.

"There can be no repudiation. In Ontario we will have very great problems for settlement during the next generation. The word for the situation is 'steady.' We have a government of the people by the plain people. There must be an increase of succession duties and there will be no injustice done if the state resumes the ownership of a portion of the hoarded wealth of the rich.

"I see no injustice in taking from the sons of the wealthy a larger portion of the money they inherit that way. I am not a socialist and do not say now how this principle can be carried; but I do say it can be carried much farther than has ever before been thought to carry it."

Danish Officials Preparing To Administer North Schleswig

Kolding, Denmark, Feb. 23. — A number of Danish officials including postal employes and station-masters, today crossed the frontier, preparatory to taking up the work of administrating northern Schleswig, which recently voted to be included within the Kingdom of Denmark.

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