

## KIER HARDIE BEFORE CANADIAN CLUB

(From Toronto News)

Probably the only man at the Canadian Club luncheon yesterday whose cuffs did not show was Mr. J. Kier Hardie, leader of the Independent Labor party in the British House of Commons.

Mr. Hardie is not strong on the conventionalities and resolutely refuses to assume the frock coat and silk hat that iron-bound custom has ordained for the man who was sent to Westminster to represent a constituency.

When he appeared as the guest-in-chief of the Canadian Club yesterday he faced business men whose suits were chosen for comfort in warm weather consistent with a dignified appearance before the public.

Mr. Hardie looked as if he had been neither of rubber or canvas, nor camping, all but his shoes. They of tan leather, but black and of mid-winter weight. He wore a soft white shirt of open weave, with turn-down collar all its own, and a plain tie with a clasp across it. His coat of blue serge, had not been pressed for some few days. From the lapel hung a gold watch chain and the watch itself was at the end, in his breast pocket. To the pendant arrangement he is a stranger. Of vest he had none nor yet the "sacred" belt. Clothes do not cut much figure in the philosophy of Kier Hardie.

The first glance at the head shows a high forehead, and grey hair that grows longer than is usual. The moustache and beard are long, but a mean between the unkempt and well trimmed, give the face a somewhat rugged look. The beard rather conceals the lower features, and the brown eyes stand as the striking feature, of medium size and set in deep beneath the brows, rather restless; often with a troubled look as if the pathway was still rough and uncertain, and had its hidden dangers. But there is no flinching, and as the head is thrown back in its characteristic attitude, the voice rings out and conviction of the right course and a firm assurance of victory are revealed, and a touch of doggedness. For all he represents a Welsh constituency, Kier Hardie is a thorough Scotchman, showing it in his "burr" and the proud assumption that the prosperity of this land is in a large measure due to the men who have left that northern land.

One does not look for much humor in his speeches. He seems too serious for that, and yesterday the only evidences were as after thoughts, coming as retorts to remarks interjected by the audience. There was displayed the readiness of the skilled platform speaker, as he is made in English, proof against the constant "heckling" of which Canada knows but little.

Those who came out to see a firebrand were disappointed in the manner and in the words of the leader of the Independent Labor Party. The pipe that he pulled out and quietly smoked after he had eaten, was the pipe of peace. There was no violent tirade against the vested interests, no pompous prophecies of the millennium that Socialism would bring. Kier Hardie won for himself won for himself a respectful hearing, and, at times marked proofs of approbation. His address was on "Some recent political developments in the old country." He touched briefly, but in a very interesting manner on what he termed the "rerudescence of the spirit of nationalism in Ireland, Scotland and Wales," as likely to lead to home rule.

## WEEKLY REVIEW

### STRUCK GERMANS

Balgownie, July 29.—The recent heavy hail storms have unfortunately done considerable damage to the crops on the farms in the German colony south east of here.

### BIG SURPRISE

Saskatoon, July 26.—It was a revelation to C. R. Stovel of the C.N.R. right of way department to drive out from Saskatoon to the Lake country last week. Mr. Stovel returned this morning. In his possession are samples of wheat pulled from growing crops on different farms. They show wheat to be headed out with a most generous burden of grain for which that district has become famous. Some samples brought in measure fully forty-seven inches. "It is the largest area of rich unimpaired wheat land I ever saw in my life," Mr. Stovel declared. He traversed a good portion of the district. He estimates that the average yield in the Goose Lake district this year will be thirty bushels to the acre. Although Mr. Stovel was not disposed to talk of the company's proposed line from Saskatoon into the Lake country he had just visited, it is known that M. H. McLeod, general manager and Thomas Turnbull, assistant chief engineer, will visit the city in the course of a few days to confer with the major and council in regard to the route for the line out of the city.

### HAIL HITS CARNDUFF

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### RED ROUTE GOES

London, July 26.—Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal interviewed several members of the cabinet before sailing and learned that their views had not changed regarding the all-red route. He left under the impression that they were definitely pledged to it and he was confident that the government as a whole, will consider it favorably.

### HILL MEETS MCBRIDE

A dispatch from Victoria says that Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern railway, with Francis B. Clark, former general traffic manager of the Great Northern waited on Premier McBride at the provincial buildings. The call was an informal one but Mr. Hill expressed himself as highly pleased with the conditions in British Columbia. To the premier he spoke in glowing terms of Victoria and the beauties of the city. Mr. Hill arrived in the city Sunday and spent most of his time in a run about the district. He brought his own machine and chauffeur with him. F. A. Piel, secretary to Mr. Hill, also made one of the party.

### C. N. R. AFTER GUARANTEE

It is stated on good authority from Vancouver that the Canadian Northern railway has asked the provincial government to guarantee the proposed bond issue to cover the cost of building a line from the eastern boundary to the coast. The proposition is favorably entertained by the company will put engineers in the field next season and will undertake to begin construction the year after.

### PROVINCIAL RIGHTS

By a decision of the privy council the government has won a long contest with the C.P.R. as to settler's rights to coal and other minerals in the Esquimalt and Nanaimo railway belt which the provincial act of four years ago gave them. The decision reverses the decision of the full court of British Columbia, which in effect held that the act was unconstitutional and that the Dominion and not the province controlled the land with in the railway belt.

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## CLOUD BURST AT WINNIPEG

Heaviest Rain Ever—Basements Flooded and Much Damage Done

Winnipeg, July 25.—Winnipeg was flooded last night. About eight p.m. an extraordinary heavy rainstorm accompanied by lightning and thunder swept over the city. The rain fell in torrents and the disturbance resulted in a cloudburst more than any ordinary thunderstorm. The thunder was not very marked, but there was a good deal of vivid lightning which showed up the density of the clouds. Within an hour horses were wading through some of the streets to their knees. Basements and cellars were flooded, and the volume of the rain soon found out the weak spots in the domestic roof. Considerable damage was done to wholesale warehouses, and almost all the large buildings of the business section with basements suffered, the sewers being quite unable to carry off the water. The full extent of the damage cannot be ascertained.

The basement of the Free Press building was flooded, the whole of the mechanical department being put out of business. The water covered the floor of the press room, filling up the motor pits and running back into the engine room, before it reached the fires and put the motors out of business.

The electric lighting and type-setting machines were connected up with the city power service without interrupting the work above the basement. The Free Press this morning was printed on the press of the Tribune, which suffered less from the effects of the storm.

Nearly all the hotels on main street and Portage avenue suffered from the storm. Sacks of flour and sugar were found floating in about two feet of water in the Queen's hotel. The lights of the Leland went out about ten o'clock. The furnace room contained about three feet of water, sufficient to put the fires out and disable the motors.

The Clarendon and the Royal Alex. and the very few of the very few hotels that suffered no loss.

### KILLED BY LIGHTNING

Saskatoon, July 25.—During last night's storm, which was accompanied by sharp lightning and west, an Englishman from Middleborough, England, named Wilfrid Robson, was killed on his homestead near Tesser twenty miles west of town.

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