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There Are Nine Provinces.

Hon. Arthur Meighen has one policy and one policy only. It is to raise the protective tariff higher and higher.

How little this single policy seizes the real needs of all Canada today is illustrated in a recent edition of the Halifax Herald, the outstanding Conservative paper in the maritimes. The Herald presents a platform of six points which it calls "Maritime Rights." The Herald says that "this platform contains the essentials of Maritime Rights which if given effect would bring progress and prosperity."

Of the six points in the platform the first four deal with transportation and freight rates on the principle of "Canadian trade through Canadian ports." On these four points—the most pressing of maritime needs—Mr. Meighen has no policy.

The fifth point deals with the tariff. But it does not urge a higher tariff. It advocates "a thorough survey and investigation" and recommends that "where increased tariff protection may be found necessary increased protection be afforded and where the measure of protection may be lowered without injury, the reduction be made." This is simply a clear outline of the tariff board which the prime minister intends to appoint. The attitude of the maritimes on the tariff is far removed from the "higher and higher" policy of Mr. Meighen.

The sixth point in Maritime Rights is the unity of all Canada and in presenting it the Herald makes an appeal of patriotic quality. The Herald says: "The problem of composing the differences that exist in this country of great distances is vast and complex; a problem that calls for the highest statesmanship. It should be the aim of the maritimes to assist in the solution of this great problem . . . to insure the contentment and prosperity of their own people in conformity with the true all-Canadian policy that must be inaugurated if the confederation is to endure."

Mr. Meighen most obviously offers nothing which can cope with the needs of the maritimes as set forth in the leading Conservative paper. His possibilities of promoting good will in other provinces of the confederation are even more remote.

As for the province of Quebec, Mr. Meighen is obliged to keep away altogether and to hand over his campaign to men whose chief appeal is the open statement that they are "free from Meighen." In the prairie provinces of Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan, Mr. Meighen's only policy of higher tariffs is feared above all else as a death blow to western progress.

The great primary essential is the preservation of the Canadian confederation, the unity of all nine provinces. Without the unity and good will of east and west nothing can be accomplished, no policy will avail, no problems can be solved. There can be little hope of such unity in the leadership of Mr. Meighen.

The chief concern of the voters in this election should be the necessity of unity. The prime minister spoke true words when he said in London last Friday night: "This election will determine whether the country is to be bound in closer unity or the work of confederation largely undone."

The broad and moderate policies of Liberalism under the leadership of Mackenzie King represent the only hope of reconciling the needs of all nine provinces. Ontario will best serve her own interests if she thinks of the maritimes and the prairies. The people of London must have regard for the necessities of Regina and Halifax. From both patriotic and selfish motives the interest of London lies in Liberalism and more definitely in the election of E. S. Little as a supporter of the prime minister who thinks of Canada as a confederation and not as a division of east against west.

Washington Should Speak.

Canadians will find pleasure in the statement by Commander Donald B. MacMillan that relations between his party of American explorers and the Canadian Arctic expedition under G. P. Mackenzie were entirely cordial. A situation undoubtedly existed which had there not been good sense on both sides, might have led to unfortunate ill-feeling.

The facts are that Canada has made reasonable claims to these territories, claims founded both on discovery and on occupation. Canada has supplemented such claims by supplying police posts and administration of justice and there can be no fair dispute of her position.

The risk of foreign expeditions such as MacMillan's through these territories lies in misunderstanding. There is no doubt that Washington fully appreciates Canada's claim, but the American government should now forestall possibilities of friction by openly stating the justice of Canada's position and by deciding to permit no more expeditions without the clear agreement and approval of the Canadian government.

Looking For a Split.

The Ontario and Quebec association of Baptist churches, in session at Hamilton, is already giving voice to warnings of a split in the denomination. It is apparently a continuation of

the controversy that bulked too largely in the deliberations of the same association when it met in London last fall.

There are men in whom the denomination has every confidence who have stated that there is no division on the fundamental facts on which the church is built. The storm center appears to be McMaster university, a school which deservedly has the confidence of the denomination. The men who are in charge there also share this confidence.

This persistent effort to emphasize a split which does not exist is a poor way in which to occupy the time of an interprovincial gathering.

Mr. Meighen Shows His Hand.

Mr. Meighen in a campaign advertisement has issued to the railway workers of Canada a statement of his attitude regarding the amalgamation of the Canadian National Railways and the Canadian Pacific which is evidently meant to be reassuring but which, in Ontario, is definitely disturbing.

Mr. Meighen leaves the door wide open for a plan of amalgamation. His statement, "I will oppose parliament dealing with the question of amalgamation unless as an issue to be placed squarely before the people at a future election," is nothing more nor less than plain intimation that Mr. Meighen has an amalgamation proposal in his mind. It says in other words "I will oppose amalgamation unless there is a good chance of putting it across."

Mr. Meighen would have been well advised to make no statement rather than a disturbing ambiguity of this kind. It betrays too clearly the influences which are behind his campaign. It is the hand of Meighen but the voice of Patenaude and the violent anti-public ownership group of Quebec who at present control Mr. Meighen's political fortunes. It is the voice of the Montreal interests whose chief concern is to seek an opportunity to sandbag the C. N. R. to the profit of private ownership.

Mr. Meighen's own words must be taken as showing clearly that if he is elected some scheme of amalgamation will be put forward with the support of Mr. Meighen's backers and probably, by orders, the support of Mr. Meighen himself. Not only Canadian National Railway employees but all citizens of Ontario who have found faith in hydro and other public ownership enterprises will distrust Mr. Meighen's statement as revealing private ownership influence to a very disturbing degree.

The Centennial Celebration.

A letter from an Advertiser reader has set forth a very sensible and proper view of London's approaching centennial celebration. The letter suggests that the historical significance of the occasion be marked by a series of pageants on successive days depicting the growth of London from the pioneer days of 1825, its incorporation as a city, the Riel rebellion, the progress of 1885 to 1900 and the present generation of 1900 to 1925. All these pageants would be filmed and a valuable record thus preserved.

There is no doubt that the city's centennial celebration will take some such informative and impressive form rather than become a mere carnival of noise. The offer of assistance on the part of the chamber of commerce is helpful and there should be no delay in selecting a citizens' committee representative of all the city's interests. The city council must be expected to initiate such organization; it has in fact already done preparatory publicity work, but the actual direction of a proper plan should be commenced now.

Here's a New Angle.

Apparently the tariff up or the tariff down can be blamed by anything and everything. Dr. Sutherland, Conservative candidate in North Oxford, is reported as saying at a meeting in Richmond:

"The Liberals, said the speaker, were pledged to cut down the tariffs, and their delay and failures to do so had resulted in an unsettled condition which had been responsible for the 'hard times' in Canada. Either the government was afraid of its conviction, he contended, or was not sincere in its pledges."

Did Dr. Sutherland mean what he said? If so, it's new doctrine from the Conservative camp. Their whole cry has been that we need higher tariffs, but Dr. Sutherland says the trouble is that the Liberals did not cut down the existing ones. Or was his idea to blame the King government for something, no matter how he did it or what the complaint was?

Note and Comment.

A united Canada.

To say "vote for higher tariff and lower taxation" is about as sensible as saying "vote for higher prices and lower cost of living."

That car sweeper who found \$1,370 in loose bills lying on the floor of his car among the rubbish certainly can't believe that there's any lack of prosperity.

Dr. Manion at Brantford in a burst of exuberance talked about seventy Conservative seats in Ontario. If reports from Fort William are correct Dr. Manion had better hurry home to make sure that his own seat is one of the seventy.

Mr. T. A. Russell, president of the Russell Motor Car Company, says he has heard of no request from the automobile industry for an increase in duties. The Canadian tariff on motor cars is 35 per cent as compared with a general tariff of 25 per cent in the United States.

It would be the irony of fate in its most subtle form if Mr. Meighen were permitted to enforce his proposed tariff on coal. The London Rolling Mills, according to coal-dealers' estimates, would have to pay \$30,000 a year more for their supply. It would almost knock out the huge new extension which Mr. White is now building to accommodate new business.

The Once-Over

A Cleveland statistical genius has figured out that Henry Ford has made an average of \$1.25 a second for the last twenty-three years. Which means that it would cost him something like \$756,000 to lay off for a week. Not so good, eh?

Latest reports are that the egg market remains firm and steady. Wouldn't it be thrilling if the bottom were to drop out of the market some day?

"Formal marriage ends difficulty in Quebec" runs a headline. That may be all very well in Quebec, but up here in Ontario it is more often only the beginning.

A new civil war is brewing in China. It's high time they had one. The old one has been going on so long it must be nearly worn out by now.

If this cold weather keeps up the bartender who can sell a bottle of 4.4 will be in the same class as the salesman who can sell an extra leg to a centipede.

We've just discovered why they have brass railings in front of theatre box offices. They're for people to catch hold of when they hear the prices.

"Beautiful large room for refined gentleman. Strictly private. Elaborately furnished. References exchanged, also hot baths."—Ad. in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Well nothing could be fairer than that. Sounds like a good clean proposition.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

"What's in a name?" I was to know As did the poet long ago.
For I just met Miss Lily White And found she was as black as night.
—Laughs and Chuckles.

A lovely girl was Ida Shortt With eyes of deepest blue.
But I could never walk with her, Her height was six feet-two.

LITTLE YARNS FOR BEDTIME.

Oh, see the poor man. Why is he holding his hand to his back? He has just planted a hundred and fifteen bulbs. That lady beside him is his wife. She has two hundred more in a paper bag. Will they all turn into flowers in the spring? No, not all. Those that he has planted upside down may bloom years hence in China.

Is the lady satisfied with the way he has planted them? No, my dear, she is just telling him that as a gardener he would make a good motorman. Yes, all those birds digging in the garden are hens. They like bulbs too. But why is the man saying his prayers so loudly? Come away, child. This is no place for you.
E. J. P.

Isn't It the Truth?

The easy way to put on flesh is to buy a new suit that fits snugly.

Men don't waste time talking about styles. They talk about the liquor they used to get. If nature really yearns to improve things, why does she give children to that kind of parents?

Concentrate on one task. You can't keep up with expenses while keeping up with the neighbors.

Famous last words: "Want a ride, stranger?" "Moderns are forgetting how to use their hands." To be sure. And spanking really is essential.

Two can live as cheaply as one if you don't count the shoe leather worn out by collectors.

A law-abiding citizen is one whose intentions are good; he doesn't really know all the fool things.

Nature protects the weak. She seldom gives a great money-getter a son with wit enough to keep it up.

Movie stars are persons who are at the top because prettier and abler folk are doing something else.

Women are superior to men. They know at once whether it came from the jeweler's or the ten-cent store.

Among the places where a sense of humor isn't worth a darn is the traffic court.

Fortune telling: If he wads paper money into his pants pocket, he will have many friends and no savings account.

Yet many things that are forbidden because they are enjoyable wouldn't be enjoyable if they weren't forbidden.

No doubt old Methuselah had days when he couldn't decide which rising generation to worry about most.

Nobody knows everything. Those who can name the members of the cabinet probably can't name the six leading hitters.

The three-toed horse became extinct millions of years ago, but scientists haven't discovered the primitive flivver that did it.
R. Q.

Editorial Opinion

HARD TO SUIT ALL.

(Financial Post.)
Experience teaches that when one part of this country is satisfied on an issue that is national in scope some other part or parts will be anything but satisfied. Canada's plan of national housekeeping calls for the exercise of the spirit of give and take for domestic well-being, and that can seldom lead to complete satisfaction on the part of any member of the provincial family in respect to issues affecting other members.

OCTOBER PROSPECTS.

(Vancouver Province.)
Regardless of the present weather indications, political prophets freely predict "avalanches," "landslides," and "clean sweeps" at the end of the month.

WHAT THE FLEET MEANS.

(London Daily Express.)
If Great Britain were a continental power she could see her navy go with equanimity, but Great Britain is not England alone. It is South Africa. It is Australia. It is Canada. It is the Pacific. It is the seven seas. Take the Union Jack from the masthead of the British navy and it is good-bye to the commonwealth. The British Empire is the British fleet. If we are to preserve the one we must maintain the other.

THE REAL ISSUES.

(St. Thomas Times-Journal.)
At the start of the election campaign the chief issues were said to be the tariff and transportation. Now it looks like Massey and Patenaude.

LIKE A HORSE RACE.

(Toronto Telegram.)
Dr. Caroline Brown is the latest candidate in the Northwest Toronto race. From the rush of entries, you would almost be led to believe that prizes were being offered for place and show.

Crossed Wires



LINEMAN MEIGHEN—"Say, I'm just goin' t' keep away from that there thing."

25 Years Ago

From The Advertiser, Oct. 20, 1900.

Mr. J. E. Magee of Elora has been appointed manager of the Merchants Bank, Leamington, to fill the position made vacant by the promotion of Mr. A. B. Patterson (formerly of London) to St. Thomas.

The London Hunt club had a most enjoyable run yesterday of 12 miles. The weather was ideal and there was a good attendance. Among those who followed the hounds were Mr. Adam Beck, master of the club, Mr. George C. Gibbons, Mr. Kilgour, Mr. Lorne Becher, Col. Gartsshore, Mr. O. Brenner, and Mr. and Mrs. Altimus of the

Radnor Hunt, Philadelphia. The run started at Hyde Park and finished at the country residence of Mr. D. S. Perrin.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier will pass through London tomorrow morning on his way to Parkhill, where he will address a meeting.

Two youths, 20 years of age and respectively connected in this city, yesterday beat a too-confident citizen out of \$5. They worked on him the old game of the knife that would open easily when they wished it and wouldn't open at all when he tried it. He bet he could, but he couldn't. Feeling nettled at the loss, the citizen complained to P.C. James Highstead. The policeman secured a bicycle and made after one of the youths, catching him in the Scotch cemetery just north of the city limits.

The other youth was pursued by the citizen himself and he was also captured after a chase that took both pursued and pursuer outside the city. The boys gave up the money they had won and no further proceedings will be taken against them.

The funeral of the late Constable John Schneider, who was killed at the Talbot street crossing of the G. T. R. took place to Woodland cemetery yesterday afternoon. The funeral was conducted by the I. O. F.

STEAMER ARRIVALS.

Naples—President Wilson, from New York.
Plymouth — Nieuw Amsterdam, from New York.
Plymouth — George Washington, from New York.
Bremen—Bremen, from New York.



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