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HON. MACKENZIE KING

Those who listened to the criticisms leveled against Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King at the assembly on Thursday evening will not have long to wait for the answer. Mr. King is here to speak for himself and for the policy of the Liberal party. He is here also to return the compliment by offering a little criticism on his own account. It will be worth hearing because Mr. King is quite as able a speaker as the gentlemen who paid their tribute to him on Thursday night. The New York Times last week paid a tribute to both the Conservative and Liberal leaders in Canada, and observed that both of them possessed qualifications fitting them for leadership. The citizens have heard both Mr. Meighen and Mr. King on former occasions, and naturally each has his partisans in St. John. Taking it for granted, as the New York Times says, that each is an accomplished leader, the question at issue becomes one of policy, and the people of Canada are asked to decide which they prefer. Hon. Mr. King represents the best traditions of Liberalism and was for a time the minister of labor in the Laurier government. No man in Canada is better qualified to discuss problems relating to capital and labor. No man has a broader knowledge of Canadian problems in general at the present time. He comes here as the leader of a party with a proud record, and as a man who has proved himself worthy to be a leader. His tour of the maritime provinces has been marked by great and enthusiastic meetings, and it is quite evident that he is not the kind of politician his Conservative critics would represent him to be. When he returns to Ottawa he will go with the assurance that Liberalism will be triumphant in this province in the coming elections.

PROHIBITION

In a letter to the Montreal Gazette, Mr. James W. Roch, protests against some utterances of that paper concerning prohibition in the United States, and quotes eminent authorities to show that following prohibition there has been in that country a decrease in drunkenness, an increase in bank deposits, improvement in school attendance, greater industrial efficiency, and more widespread happiness. One paragraph of his letter is worth quoting in full:

"The Allied Medical Association which you quote as condemning prohibition is a society of irregular practitioners and not of recognized representative physicians. The American Medical Association, which is the most representative organization of physicians and surgeons in the United States, having some 50,000 members, has gone on record as opposing alcohol as a medicine unless in very exceptional instances. The official journal of the association has taken high ground in the matter of enforcement of the prohibition law, and has supported unqualifiedly the regulations governing prescribing alcohol under the Volstead Act. The estimation in which alcohol is held by the medical profession in the United States is shown by the fact that only a very few physicians have taken the trouble to apply for a permit to prescribe alcohol, though such a permit can be had for the asking."

Those who are opposed to prohibition are eager to find evidence that the law is not enforced, and they profess great disappointment that the law is not universally observed. No law, however, is universally observed, and no advocate of prohibition expects it to be instantly and absolutely effective. The element of human nature enters into the case, and there are a great many people who apparently have little regard for law when it interferes with the gratification of their desires. Nevertheless there will be steady advance in the enforcement of the prohibitory law, and in such education of the younger generation as will give defiance of the law of the attraction it apparently has for some people at the present time.

It is said that Mr. James Murdoch is likely to be the Liberal candidate in South Toronto. Mr. Murdoch is an outstanding representative of labor, and has announced that in his opinion the interests of Canada demand that a Liberal government assume the reins of power at Ottawa. His influence is strong and he will be of very material assistance to the Liberal cause. His connection with the ill-starred Board of Commerce gave him an insight which should make him a formidable critic of the government.

Moncton Transcript: It is not surprising that the rest of Canada is exerting the Maritime Provinces to go strongly Liberal. These provinces have been badly neglected by Ottawa in recent years.

Hon. Mackenzie King has not framed a tariff. When he becomes the leader of the government he will surround himself with the wisest counsels of the Liberal party and the tariff will be revised in the interests of the country, as it was after the Liberal victory of 1896. By the way, what has Mr. Meighen done in regard to tariff revision? He has had ample time and the report of a tariff commission to work on. What is his tariff? It would be a tariff for the few, and not for the many.

The department of labor reports from five thousand Canadian firms show "considerable improvement in the employment situation during September." And this despite Premier Meighen's woeful picture of employers shuddering on the brink through fear the tariff would be destroyed and with it all hope of keeping their plants in operation. The truth is that unemployment has been and is due to other causes than fear of tariff changes, and the situation is gradually righting itself.

Mr. C. H. Cahoon, K. C., at one time Conservative leader in Nova Scotia, declares his conviction that the tariff is not the vital issue in the campaign, and the Montreal Star doubts that a successful campaign can be conducted on the principle of crediting the Liberals with a platform which they repudiate.

If the Irish negotiations will permit Mr. Lloyd George will come to the Washington conference. It will be unfortunate if he is unable to come, for his influence on behalf of disarmament and continued world peace would be strong.

Vessels are leaving Montreal without grain cargoes because grain is not being sold. It is there to ship, but is not wanted for immediate shipment. This should mean larger shipments through St. John next winter. It should also mean cheaper flour in Canada.

If the Conservatives win, the manufacturers will revise the tariff. It does not call for exceptional intelligence to know what that means to the consumer.

There is no money at Ottawa to provide needed grain conveyors at St. John. All we get is a promise, and it will not load a ship.

CURRENT POLITICS

A Brief Joy. A story is being told that when Hon. Rudolph Monty, the new secretary of state, was congratulated by a friend on his elevation to the title of Honorable, the minister said: "Bah, it is only for two months."

Better Not Do It. It is reported that the billboards all over Canada are to be covered with "the Old Flag" as part of the election appeal of the Conservative party. The Toronto Globe reminds the government that a lot of Liberals and Progressives have signed for "the Old Flag" since that trick was tried successfully in 1911.

There's Nothing To It. (Halifax Recorder.) During the historic campaign of 1899 Sir Wilfrid Laurier made the statement that if the electorate placed the Liberal party in power the people would find property right in their pockets, and would not have to read government blue books to find it. The electorate responded, and the promise was fulfilled right up to the hilt. The fifteen years which succeeded constituted the "Golden Age" of the Dominion, and this fact is bound to nullify the efforts of Premier Meighen to excite and delude the people by telling them that the Liberals are enemies of all tariffs and will eliminate them if they win the election.

The Exodus. (Halifax Chronicle.) One of the gloomy prophecies with which Mr. Meighen is seeking to "goose" the people during his present tour is when he tells them that under Liberal administration the whole industrial system of the country will become dismantled and the young men will be forced to flee across the border to the United States to gain a livelihood. It is difficult to believe that Mr. Meighen should even imagine that he could influence any intelligent persons with that kind of "bunk." It was when the Liberals came into power in 1896 that the "exodus" to the United States was practically stopped, and if the recent census forecast is correct, the truth is that the young men of Canada have been rushing across the border during the last decade, for which Mr. Meighen and his party are responsible, not by the tens, but by the hundreds of thousands.

GEDDES TALKS

Montreal, Oct. 14.—All records for attendance were smashed today for the Montreal Canadian Club to hear the address of Sir Auckland Geddes, British Ambassador to Washington. Considerably over two thousand people attended. Sir Auckland emphasized the necessity for democracy to educate itself in order to be able successfully to handle the task of governing nations.

TRAIN ROBBERY

Mexico City, Oct. 14.—Fifty armed men, under the leadership of the rebel Captain Castillo yesterday held up a passenger train from Vera Cruz to Mexico City near the small station of Sigüere, seven miles from Puebla, robbed the passengers and escaped with considerable booty.

JOHN ALCOHOL

John Alcohol, my Joe, John, When first we were acquaint, I had money in my pocket, John, But now, you know, I don't, I've spent it all in treating you, Because I loved you so, But mark how you have treated me, John Alcohol, my Joe!

John Alcohol, my Joe, John, We've been too long together, You must now take one road, John, And I will take the other, For we must tumble down, John, If hand in hand we go, And I will have to foot your bills, John Alcohol my Joe!

IN LIGHTER VEIN

A husband, having offended his wife, came home on the evening of the quarrel with a package under his arm. "During," he said, "I've got something here for the person I love best in all the world."

"Humph! What is it?" she asked. "A box of cigars?"

"There was once an old lady. She was very deaf and she lived on the quayside of the harbor of a very important river mouth town. One day, when there were several warships in the harbor, a salute of ten guns was fired. The old lady was alone in her cottage. As the first volley exploded she looked up, then stood still until the booming ceased. As the last round died away she put her dress, brushed her hair back and said, sweetly: "Please come in."

"Richard," said Mrs. Nagatem, "your manners are getting worse. Today at Mrs. Smith's I saw you take your handkerchief and wipe off the chair before you sat down. And, worst of all, darling little boy, you said 'please' to me."

"Yes, my dear," replied Mr. Nagatem, "and I was watching the darling little boy, too. I'm too fond of getting caught on that bent pin stuff."

A clergyman was marrying an elderly couple in the country. All went well until he required and charged them both that if they knew any impediment why they might not be lawfully joined together in matrimony they were to confess it.

"I'm all right, mister," said the bridegroom, "but Martha, she lips a bit."

LOCAL NEWS

Grand opening of Orphanage Fair, St. Andrew's Rink, Monday, 7.45 p.m. 10-17

\$6 soft felt hats for \$3.50. Latest styles and colors. King, the Hatter, Union street. 10-16

See Townshend's ad page 2. 10-17

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BRIDGE!

Under the auspices of Valcartier Chapter, Friday, Oct. 21st, at the G. W. V. A. rooms. Tickets \$1, at Main 3011-11. 10-17

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MEAT SPECIALS

Magee's popular meat market, 423 Main street, as usual has some extra values in meats, etc. See ad. in another column of this paper. 10-17

The best way to fight fire is not to let it start.

MORNING NEWS

OVER THE WIRES A banquet was given on Tuesday night at the Windsor Hotel, Edmundston, by the young men of the Iroquois Club at which Mr. Justice Barry was the guest of honor. Judge Barry gave a pleasing address toward various current topics. He responded to the toast of the city responded to the toast to the clergy. Hon. J. E. Michaud congratulated the club on its successful work.

At an inquest held yesterday regarding the finding of a skeleton in the Petesville woods, the jury brought in a verdict that the deceased, unknown to the jury, had no marks of violence on his body, but how or by what means he came to his death there is no evidence. William S. Blackney, who found the body, testified. He told of the position of the body and the clothes. The cap bore the label of Wetmore, of St. John. He saw no fracture or bullet holes.

Hon. R. B. Bennett, minister of justice, and a native of New Brunswick, was nominated yesterday by the Conservative party of West Calgary.

LLOYD GEORGE TO

SAIL NOV. 4 OR 5 London, Oct. 14.—Earl Cavan, who commanded the British fourteenth army corps during the war, will be one of the war office representatives at the Washington conference, it was announced today.

Lloyd George expects to sail for the United States on Nov. 4 or 5, according to present arrangements.

Your house can't run away from fire.

ELECTIONS IN THE MARITIMES

Review of Figures of Other Federal Contests in N. B., N. S. and P. E. I.

Halifax, Oct. 14.—(By Canadian Press) On only one occasion, that of the first general election in 1867, when resentment against confederation dominated the political situation in the east, has Nova Scotia returned a majority of its members in opposition to the government of the day. Of the remaining five general elections Canada's easternmost province sent back a majority in support of the government on two occasions and in the "doubtful years" of 1896 and 1911, when governments were overthrown, recorded the changing sentiment of the country by declining to commit herself either one way or the other and returning an equal number of Liberals and Conservatives.

Disregarding the election of 1867, when some Liberals pledged to support the Unionist government of Sir Robert Borden were elected, Nova Scotia has returned a total of 132 Liberals and 107 Conservatives to parliament since confederation in 1867. The Liberals carried a majority of the seats in five general elections, those of 1874, 1901, 1904 and 1908, and the Conservatives a majority in like number, those of 1872, 1875, 1882, 1888, 1891. In the general elections of 1896 and 1911 there was an even split as between the two parties. The Conservative high water mark was reached in 1882, when the government of the day carried fifteen seats of a total of twenty-one, and the Liberals picked up their greatest majority in 1908, when they made a clean sweep of the eighteen seats filled by Nova Scotia in that year. The figures for Nova Scotia are as follows:

Year	Con.	Lib.	Year	Con.	Lib.
1867	8	16	1891	16	5
1872	11	10	1896	10	10
1874	5	17	1901	5	15
1875	4	7	1904	0	18
1882	15	6	1908	12	12
1888	14	9	1911	9	9

New Brunswick

New Brunswick's record from 1867 to 1911 inclusive, shows that in all seventy-nine Conservatives were returned to the legislature, as against eighty-nine Liberals, the Liberals securing a majority of the seats in nine general elections, those of 1872, 1874, 1878, 1886, 1901, 1904, 1908 and 1911, and the Conservatives securing a majority of the seats in three general elections, those of 1867, 1882 and 1891. The largest majority of the seats won by the Conservatives was in 1891, when they carried twenty-one seats of a total of thirty-five. The largest majority of seats won by the Liberals was in 1908, when Sir Wilfrid Laurier's government came to power. New Brunswick with eleven seats to their credit, as against two won by the Conservatives.

New Brunswick has not proved so good a barometer as has Nova Scotia, having returned a majority in opposition to the government of the day on four occasions. The detailed figures for New Brunswick follow:

Year	Con.	Lib.	Year	Con.	Lib.
1867	7	8	1891	13	3
1872	7	9	1896	5	9
1874	5	11	1901	5	9
1878	5	11	1904	5	8
1882	10	6	1908	2	11
1886	6	6	1911	2	8

P. E. Island.

Prince Edward Island on the whole has dealt fairly equally with the two great political parties, having returned in all twenty-two Conservatives as against thirty Liberals. The Conservatives carried a majority of the seats in five general elections, those of 1874 (the first year in which the island was a general election), 1888, 1891, 1901 and 1908. The Conservatives carried the day in four general elections, those of 1867, 1882, 1896 and 1911. There was an even break with both parties taking two seats. The Conservatives got the greatest majority out of the island in 1878, when they carried five of the six seats contested in that year and in 1911 they made a clean sweep of six seats on two occasions in the general elections of 1874 and 1888. In five out of ten general elections Prince Edward Island returned a majority supporting the government of the day, while in four contests a majority in opposition to the government was returned. The figures are:

Year	Con.	Lib.	Year	Con.	Lib.
1867	3	2	1896	3	1
1872	4	2	1901	3	1
1874	5	1	1904	3	1
1878	5	1	1908	2	2
1882	2	4	1911	2	2

Regarding the maritime provinces as a unit, a recapitulation of the figures shows that in all 262 Liberals were elected as against 208 Conservatives in the twenty general elections. The Liberals took a majority of the seats in the general elections of 1874, 1886, 1901, 1904, 1908 and 1911, the Conservatives securing a majority in the four general elections of 1867, 1872, 1874, 1882, 1896 and 1911. In the twelve general elections under review the maritimes returned a majority in support of the government on nine occasions and a majority in opposition to the government on three occasions. The figures are:

Year	Con.	Lib.	Year	Con.	Lib.
1867	10	24	1891	31	12
1872	18	19	1896	18	21
1874	9	24	1901	12	27
1878	24	19	1904	8	27
1882	29	14	1908	26	26
1886	24	19	1911	16	19

BOND ISSUE AUTHORIZED.

At a special meeting of the common council yesterday afternoon, the commission of finance and public affairs was given authority to issue bonds to the extent of \$400,000, to cover the cost of the new police patrol, paving work and heating connections. The amount of the issue will be \$200,000 which will be used for water construction to Spruce Lake previously authorized by the council. The acceptance of the new police patrol for city hall was stood over until the return of the city engineer. The tender of M. R. A. Ltd. for 400 yards of English blue serge cloth for police and fire uniforms, at \$4.35 per yard, was accepted, provided delivery was made not later than February 1, 1922. Mr. Jones was asked to bring in a report on the failure of the west side water supply yesterday morning and also on the leakage of the new concrete pipe to Spruce Lake.

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COMMISSION SUMMONS BROOKLINE LANDLORDS

Alleged Rudnick and Snyder Refused to Pay Income and Expenses of Property.

(Boston Globe) The commission on the Necessaries of Life today issued summons requiring Michael Rudnick and Abraham Snyder, owners of a number of apartment properties in Brookline, to appear before the commission at a public hearing tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. The action of the commission, it was said by officials, followed the alleged refusal of Rudnick and Snyder to reveal any information concerning the income and expenses of one of their properties, at 15 Gibb street, Brookline.

The matter was brought to the attention of the commission through a complaint by M. H. Merrill, a tenant at the Gibb street apartment house. Merrill informed the commission that in September of last year his rent was increased from \$83 a month under a lease to \$104 per month, and that when the lease expired this month he was asked to sign a new lease for \$125 a month. He claimed this to be against the Emergency Rent Law, which forbids rent increases of more than 25 per cent.

A Philadelphia schoolteacher who had asked her pupils to write a composition on the way they had spent the summer was informed by one of the boys in her class that he had gone into the electrical business. Each morning he started out on a truckly populated street and tried every doorbell. If he heard an answering ring he ran away, if no ring was forthcoming he knocked until one came to the door and got the job of repairing the bell.

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