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SAY TORY PARTY MAY SOON BE AS DEAD AS DODO

Ottawa Observers Predict
Meighen Faces Extinction
of Conservatism.

BARE ENFEEBLED STATE

Absorption by Liberals May
Be Only Loophole of
Escape Left.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

OTTAWA, Oct. 12.—As the majority of political wisecracks today incline to the view that, barring accidents, Mr. Mackenzie King is likely, without securing a clear majority, to command the largest battalion in the new House, his possible fate and performance in such a situation must be the most profitable of all fields of political speculation.

High political priests in the governmental camp at Ottawa have recently been proclaiming with studied bravado that whatever result the polls of Dec. 6 may reveal, the present administration will carry on, draw its salaries, meet Parliament and face its fate at the hands of the new House of Commons.

Such high courage is easy at the present juncture, but it will soon evaporate if Dec. 6th sees the Meighenite colors in the House reduced to 50 or 70 and a third of the cabinet defeated. There would be well nigh a revolution if a Government which had been chastised in such unmistakable fashion by the electorate were to continue drawing its salaries for a single week. Politicians who cling to office in face of such a rebuff would endanger their whole careers and the decision for immediate resignation would be speedily taken.

May Have 105 Followers.

If Mr. King headed the largest group, the outgoing premier would of necessity have to recommend him to Lord Byng as his successor, and he would be sent for. For speculation's sake we can envisage Mr. King serving in the absence of 165 faithful Liberal M. P.'s and happy at the receipt of such an invitation. He would have no hesitation in undertaking the task of forming a government, but he would realize that, possessing only minority strength in Parliament, there could be no guarantee of permanence for his administration.

Now there was a time when Mr. King, by his overtures and secured the adhesion of enough prominent Progressives and their followers to provide him with a stable parliamentary majority. But recent developments have diminished the probability of any al-

liance under Mr. King. From his point of view the protectionist fluctuations of Sir L. Gouin, Mr. Lemieux and Mr. Taschereau at the party festival in Montreal last month, coupled with the open advocacy by Mr. Lemieux of the Shagnessy plan in regard to our railways, have been most unfortunate. They have convinced large elements in the Progressive ranks that there are powerful elements in the Liberal camp who are hopelessly unscrupulous, both upon the tariff and upon public ownership.

May Justify Stand.

Again there seems to be discernible in some of his recent speeches a disposition to convey the impression that he is not such a relentless anti-protectionist as he was a year ago. But all political leaders are more or less responsive to the atmosphere in which they are making their speeches and Mr. King may claim the right to be judged by the common denominator of his campaign speeches when they are finished.

However, the fact remains that the Progressives are now disposed to question his sincerity and honesty of purpose and complain that while he is admirable in his exposition of democratic theories, he fails to produce even rough plans for their practical application to our pressing problems. Nor can Mr. King expect to conciliate them by depicting himself as "a way of escape" from the unpleasant alternatives of a Tory or a Progressive government. Mr. Fielding, who has repeatedly stated that he could not cry "wolf" to the new movement is a wiser man and a shrewder politician.

But where objections to Mr. King on personal grounds might be for the course of Australian politics. For many years the Conservative and Liberal parties waged deadly conflicts and fought strenuously for alternating periods of office. In the nineties there came upon the scene the Australian Labor party, which developed formidable strength soon after its creation. For some years after its advent the Conservatives and Liberals merely continued their rivalries and feuds, but they gradually discovered that indulgence in them simply meant Labor governments and doses of unpleasantly radical legislation. Once this bitter fact was realized the political hatchet buried with remarkable celerity. The Liberal and Conservative parties were fused into one organization and the name Conservative being unpopular in the advanced political milieu of Australia, is disappeared. The little Liberal was adopted for the fusion party and today one finds the most determined Australian reactionaries proudly announcing that they are strong Liberals.

Stranger things might happen than that the Conservative party of Canada, which has been the mainstay of practical purposes ceased to exist in certain areas, might experience the same terrible fate of extinction as befell their Australian brethren and it may be reckoned to Mr. Meighen's credit if he averts this doom.

But skillful Liberal leadership, which did not break its heart about abandonment of principles, could easily under the conditions outlined above, reduce the Tory party to the status of a consoling committee. The Conservatives, naturally pursuing of such tactics by the Liberal leaders would offend the more radical elements in the party and they would in time live off to join the Progressives, but their departure would only make more imperative the necessity of condoning the Tory remnant.

Another Possibility. If on the other hand the Conservatives returned to face Mr. King with an able and compact group of eighty members, they would be in no mood to discard lightly their identity as a separate party, and under such leadership as Mr. Meighen would give, would probably embark at once upon militant hostilities. Representing the more conservative elements in the country they would accuse the government of schemes detrimental to stability and the cherished institutions of the country. The Liberal Government confronted with an attack on these lines, would be compelled to lean upon the Progressives for support and to gain it would have to produce not a few radical measures and live up to the letter of their 1919 tariff platform. These measures would frighten the reactionaries in the Liberal ranks and they would migrate to Mr. Meighen.

The Liberal party would thus be purged of the elements which were dragging it into paths of reaction and a gradual fusion between it and the Progressives would be possible of contemplation. The lesson to be drawn from these misty speculations about Mr. King and his followers is that the Liberal party has a greater chance of surviving as an engine of progressive democracy and avoiding the unpleasant fate which has overtaken the Liberal parties of Australia, Germany and some other countries, where they stand for stern reaction, if Mr. Meighen comes back with one-third of the House in his train and the Progressives are a meagre band of forty.

Hundred Seek Appointment As Middlesex Jail Governor.

TORONTO, Oct. 12.—There are more than 100 applications for the provincial secretary for appointment as governor of London Jail, to succeed Governor Carter, who retires on October 17, and there are several applicants for the governorship of Woodstock Jail.

The Government has not considered the recommendation of Deputy Attorney-General Bayly that a central "strong prison" should be created.

"I believe," said Hon. Mr. Nixon, "that the strength of a jail depends to a great extent on the guards rather than the building itself."

Commissioner of Police Elliott favors the central prison idea.

The Progressives the Conservatives would support the administration.

Would Disappear.

In their enfeebled state the financial and industrial forces which they represented would easily compel them to this course. With the Liberal party moving on Conservative lines, the function of the old Conservative party would disappear.

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—And Autocracy Shall Cease to Flourish.

—By K. Campbell.



Churchill Urges Extension of Trade Within British Empire

LONDON, Oct. 12.—"Great Britain must trade with the whole world, but if foreign nations cannot, or do not choose to trade with us, on a sufficient scale, it is time to make a bold march forward on the path of imperial development."

This assertion was made this afternoon by Winston Spencer Churchill, secretary of state for the colonies, in an address at the Mansion House, where a meeting was held in furtherance of the project of a British Empire Exhibition in 1923.

Mr. Churchill declared that the fact that Great Britain had to purchase four-fifths of her food and essential necessities of raw materials abroad showed the vital necessity of extending the empire's trade.

"If things go as they are now," declared Mr. Churchill, "it will become increasingly difficult for us to purchase what is needed from the United States or elsewhere."

Great Britain, Mr. Churchill continued, has never been bankrupt. "She will always find," he said, "a pathway open for the safety and glory of the British race. There is at this moment open to us not only in the East, but in the West, and in all quarters of the globe, a splendid prospect in unlimited possibilities for a world-wide empire."

He said he was not advocating trade within the empire to the exclusion of trade outside, as that would be impossible. In conclusion he said he believed the trade depression has passed its worst point.

RED CROSS SOCIETY TO CONTINUE WORK

Splendid Reports Presented At Annual Meeting by Officers

ST. THOMAS, Oct. 12.—For the fifth consecutive year the local Red Cross Society organized, this afternoon, to continue its work of benevolence and spread its influence for good to every section of the city. The officers elected are: Honorary president, Mrs. (May) Frank Brinkman; honorary vice-president, Mrs. E. H. Colson; vice-presidents, Mrs. E. O. Boehmer, Mrs. Thomas Robertson, Mrs. J. O'Dell, Mrs. Dunsmore; recording secretary, Miss A. King; corresponding secretary, Miss M. Kerr; press secretary, Miss M. Branton; treasurer, Mrs. E. Price-Jones; membership committee, Mrs. E. A. Little; hospital committee, Mrs. H. Oliver; executive, Mesdames John Butler, George Carrie, W. F. Brownlee, Robert Heard, John Grimstead, L. V. Hamblin, Miss Marion Price, and Mrs. Arthur Arnum.

The report of the president, Mrs. Colson, was filled with interesting information and thoughtful suggestions, and gave a detailed statement of the good work of the organization and its commendable activities during the year.

The hospital visitor, Mrs. H. Oliver, was referred to in deservedly high terms for her work among the returned soldiers at Byron Sanatorium. "There are 250 inmates. Rain or shine Mrs. Oliver has never missed and seldom gone empty-handed. Several times Mrs. Oliver has met the car and helped a mother who has been taking her baby to a stretcher to the train, and gone to Byron at night with a mother who had no friends in the country to assist at the bedside of her dying son."

The society has taken over since the first of October the Graduate Nurses Association, and the financing and managing of the three visiting nurses. The nurses are on duty from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The baby clinic section is in charge of Miss Anna M. Cameron, who not only excels, said the president, in her profession, but also has a splendid overseas record. The nurses also do the visiting work of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, and during the past year made 312 calls.

President Colson thanked the officers and executive for the excellent work they have accomplished, as well as the doctors who have given such splendid service at the clinics.

THIRTY LASHES IN THREE INSTALLMENTS

WINDSOR, Oct. 12.—Convicted late this afternoon of a serious offence against a 10-year-old Amherstburg girl, James Grant, 23 years old, Great War Veteran, stood in the shadow of the gallows until the jury brought in a recommendation that the penalty for such a crime as he had been found guilty of was death. Justice Logie said he had taken into consideration the plea of the jury for mercy, and for that reason would not impose the maximum penalty.

"I hope however," said the court, addressing Grant, "that 10 years in Kingston Penitentiary with 30 lashes, to be administered in three whippings of 10 lashes each, under supervision of medical officer at the prison will be a warning to you and other young men that such crime in this country cannot be tolerated." Grant was arrested on the night of Oct. 11.

MRS. WALTER JASPER DIES.

WALKERTON, Oct. 12.—The death occurred here today of Mrs. Walter Jasper, well-known resident of Walkerton. Her death came as a great shock to her many friends as she had only been ill two days and her condition was not considered serious until late last night. Mrs. Jasper was born in Carleton Place and lived for many years three miles south of Walkerton, moving here two years ago. She is survived by her husband, three daughters, Mrs. Robt. Long of Brant, Mrs. E. D. Bonnell of Owen Sound and Miss Hazel at home, and one son, Harold of Eye Brow, Sask.

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Declares Protection of All Interests Aim of Liberal Party.

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SUMMERVILLE, P.E.I., Oct. 12.—(By Canadian Press staff correspondent.)—"I deny absolutely that the issue is between protection and free trade, as Mr. Meighen claims," said Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, leader of the Liberal party, in an address here this evening. Continuing he said:

"We stand for a tariff, but one that will protect the interests of producers and consumers in Canada and not a few privileged interests."

The Liberal leader dealt with the demand of the premier that he (Mr. King), state where he stood on the Liberal platform.

"I'll give the answer I gave to the 1919 Liberal convention," Mr. King asserted. "I said then, and I repeat now, that I expect to have the counsel of the outstanding men of the party, and to be guided by their counsel and advice, but that I considered this platform a chart to guide me."

He said Mr. King, "I am not trying to escape any responsibility, but I am going to accept it like a wise man and not like a fool. The platform was laid down as a guiding chart. It stood primarily for two things: the tariff revision to reduce the cost of production, and to reduce the costs of necessities of life."

"In the spirit of the law it must be accepted," Mr. King said, quoting "the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life." "The people are not the kind of fools Mr. Meighen appears to think they are," said Mr. King. "I am willing to let the people judge as to who is telling the truth in this campaign."

The Government, Mr. King said, was going into this fight with pure motives. It controlled the election machinery and had drafted the election act. It controlled patronage on a vast scale and had behind it strong and wealthy interests. "I am not against the Liberals and also the Farmers, Labor men, Great War Veterans and the women. But while the Government forces had unity on their side the others were not pulling together, though all were seeking practically the same objects. The women and soldiers supported the candidates who sought the same things as themselves. Labor men and farmers in some quarters were running their own group candidates."

WM. SUTTON, MILLER, MAY BE TORY CHOICE IN SIMCOE

May Result in Fusion, for Which Norfolk Tories Crave.

SIMCOE, Oct. 12.—Wm. Sutton, local flour mill owner, will likely be the choice of the Conservatives when a mass meeting is held here Monday. Although not officially given out, prominent Conservatives here admit there is considerable truth in the report.

One stated that Mr. Sutton had already stated he was willing to accept the nomination. A life-long Liberal, Mr. Sutton's candidacy will likely effect a fusion of both Liberals and Conservatives for which Norfolk Conservatives have been working.

With both Mr. Sutton and J. Alex. Wallace will be witnessed the novel spectacle of a life-long Liberal nominating on a Government ticket and a man who never voted anyway except Conservative upholding the farmers' interests.

KENT CHILDREN'S AID.

CHATHAM, Oct. 12.—The annual meeting of the Kent Children's Aid Society, which was held here this afternoon at 4 o'clock brought forth splendid reports on the year's work from the various officials, and showed that the local body had despite the upward trend of expenses, administered their affairs in a very economical manner. The report on the year's work showed a balance on hand of \$570.15.

The board of directors was re-elected as follows: Mrs. P. S. Coates, Mrs. W. A. Hadley, Mrs. W. D. Sheldon, Mrs. S. Stevens, Mrs. W. T. Mead of Brant, Mrs. Ed. Taylor, Messrs. P. S. Coates, F. Biette, N. McGuigan, Charles Austin, S. M. Glenn, J. R. Gemmill and T. E. Cottler.

STRIKERS RESENT CIVIC ATTITUDE TOWARD UNION

TORONTO, Oct. 12.—The Toronto job printers, who have been on strike since June, waited on the board of control today and registered a protest against city printing being done by strike-breakers.

The printers protested against the proposal to cut the wage scale of unskilled laborers in the employ of the city from 60 cents an hour. The board promised to interview the city clerk regarding the charge that strike-breakers were getting civic work.

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DEFICIT OF C. N. R. TURNED INTO SURPLUS

August Last Year Showed a Loss of Four Millions.

Ottawa, Oct. 12.—Canadian Press.—Commenting last night on the statement of D. B. Hanna, president of the Canadian National Railways, that the lines would show a surplus for August, Hon. J. A. Stewart, minister of railways and canals, said: "The financial position of the Canadian National Railways, as announced by Mr. Hanna, bears out the view held by the Government that a decided improvement in revenue would be shown during the last four months of the year. It means that a deficit for August, 1920, amounting to four million dollars is transformed into a surplus of \$47,231 for August, 1921."

The gross earnings for August, 1921, were \$10,530,481, as compared with \$10,065,917 for August, 1920, an increase of \$464,564. The working expenses for August last were \$10,483,250, as compared with \$14,067,237 for August, 1920, indicating a reduction of about \$4,000,000 in operating expenses.

Another fact that should be noted is that President Hanna's statement, while including the Grand Trunk Pacific, which is being operated by the Canadian National agreement, does not include the Grand Trunk, which, for the time being, is under separate control, and operated in co-ordination with the Government lines. I am informed that net revenue from railway operation of the Grand Trunk for the eight months ended August 31 last was \$8,403,610, as compared with \$1,429,336 for the same period last year, indicating a net revenue for August alone was \$1,310,993.

"The fact that the Government lines are making a much better showing than during the last period last year should serve to dissipate some of the pessimism which surrounds the discussion of Canada's present railway situation."

REGINA BUSINESSMAN KILLED.

REGINA, Oct. 12.—Peter N. Arnot, Regina businessman, was killed near Chaplin yesterday by the overturning of an automobile.

CARIBOU GOLD STAKERS EACH EARN \$35 A DAY

VANCOUVER, Oct. 12.—Today's Province says a very rich gold strike is reported on Cedar Creek, on Quenel Lake, in the Caribou. Stakers of claims are reported to be taking out \$35 a day in coarse gold, and some very large nuggets have been found.

Great excitement prevails in the Horse Fly and Quenel Forks districts.

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