

Mr. King's Fine Equipment For Public Service

(From the Montreal Gazette.) Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King, the victorious Liberal leader, who will probably be called upon to form the incoming administration, was born at Kitchener, Ont., (then Berlin), on December 17, 1874. He is the son of the late John King, K. C. of Toronto, an authority upon the libel law of Canada, and his mother was the daughter of William Lyon Mackenzie, M. P., the Ontario leader of the Rebellion of 1837, which brought about important constitutional reforms in upper and lower Canada. The family on both sides is of pure Scottish extraction, having come to Canada in the early thirties from his native town of Tyrrie, Aberdeenshire, Scotland.

His early education was received in the Kitchener public and high schools, from which he was graduated to the University of Toronto, where he showed early brilliance in the field of political economy. In 1895 he was granted the degree of B. A., in 1899 that of LL. B., having been designated the residence of Sir Wilfrid Laurier by Lady Laurier's will.

In November, 1895, he joined the staff of the Toronto Globe as a junior reporter, and was largely employed in gathering police court news. While thus engaged he was brought closely in contact for the first time with the busy side of life, and his thoughts were directed thereby to sociological problems in the public activities. Even at this time he showed a special aptitude for public speaking, and on many occasions took the platform to lecture upon economic and social problems.

After about a year of journalistic work he entered the University of Chicago, and came under the influence and teaching of Jane Adams, obtaining the degree of M. A. from this institution in 1898. He then took a course of study at Harvard University, earning therefrom in 1899 with the degree of Ph. D. Following this he travelled extensively in Europe, visiting many of the large educational centres. During his scholarship career he won the Black scholarship in arts and letters at the University of Toronto, and was awarded fellowships in political economy at the University of Chicago and at Harvard University, at which latter institution he acted as instructor in this subject.

His first entry into the field of statecraft was in 1896, when he was appointed special commissioner for the Dominion government to inquire into methods of carrying out government contracts in Canada and in Europe. In 1900 he became Canada's first deputy minister of labor, a post which he held for eight years. During this time he acted as government negotiator in more than forty important industrial strikes, among which was that of the G. T. R. employees.

While Deputy Minister of Labor Hon. Mackenzie King received the C. M. G. and in recognition of his services on a number of missions, chief among which was one to England in 1909 regarding false representations to immigrants, and in the Royal Commissions which quitted into the conditions of employment of telephone operators, and later assisted in the anti-Asian riots of 1908. He also represented the Dominion government in England in conference with British representatives with regard to emigration to Canada from the Orient, and in 1909 was appointed by Mr. Mackenzie King as one of the British delegates on the International Opium Commission, Shanghai, China.

Minister of Labor. In June, 1909, he was appointed minister of labor for the Dominion, which post he held until the defeat of the Laurier administration in September, 1911, sitting as member for North Waterloo. Hon. Mackenzie King, besides having been a contributor to many newspapers, magazines and reviews, is the author of several books which are internationally known. His work, "Industry and Humanity," was published in 1918. He is also the author of "The Secret of Heroism," written in memory of his friend, the late Henry A. Harper, of Barrie, who in 1901 sacrificed his life in a heroic but hopeless attempt to save Miss Resale Brier, daughter of the late Hon. A. G. Blair, from drowning in the Ottawa River.

Following his temporary retirement from public life with the defeat of the Laurier government in 1911, and his own loss of his seat in North Waterloo, Hon. Mr. King joined the staff of the Rockefeller Foundation as director of the investigation of industrial relations carried out by that body in 1914. He was chosen leader of the Liberal party at the convention held in Ottawa in 1919, and found a seat in the riding of Prince, N. B. He had previously been defeated in North York in 1911. Hon. Mr. King is by religious profession a Presbyterian. He is unmarried and now makes his home in Ottawa, at the residence of Sir Wilfrid Laurier by Lady Laurier's will.

Prize Hat is Claimed Mrs. David Canick is Winner of Diana Sweets Hat. Last evening it was announced that ticket No. 819 had won the hat given away by Diana Sweets, 9 Charlotte street, and displayed in the windows of the Marr Millinery Company next door to Rebecca street, the holder of this lucky ticket called to claim the prize that was hers.

Mr. Stevenson the proprietor of Diana Sweets extends his grateful thanks to all those who helped to make his opening such a success, and he solicits their patronage of Quality Ice Cream and candy in the future.

HONOR MEMORY OF FIRST MAINE MAN TO GIVE LIFE IN WAR. Portland, Maine, Dec. 15.—A tablet in memory of Sergt. H. T. Andrews, the first Maine man killed in the war, was dedicated yesterday with Mrs. McCudden, Great Britain's "gold star mother," and Major Gen. John A. Lalande, of North York this afternoon to thank his supporters for their votes and to confer with them.

"I am sure you will believe me when I say that this is the happiest moment of my life," said the hostess, addressing a crowd in Forrester's Hall.

GYM CLASS FOR HANDICAPPED BOYS AT THE Y. M. C. A. The special class for boys who suffer from physical disability and which was attended with such great success last year, is to be commenced on Friday.

Capt. Bowie, the physical director, is keenly interested in boys who do not have the same chance to attain the stature of life as the more robust and physically fit. He contends that many such boys do not know how to play, and feels that the creating of the "play" spirit reacts on the mental condition, and this in turn opens the way for treatment.

The results from last year's class were gratifying indeed, and the effort in conducting the same chance to attain the stature of life in this group last year, and gave the boys a special treat from the Y. M. C. A. He is ready to help along in the direction again this year.

The parents are asked to send their boys to the Y. M. C. A. to join this class. This is a part of a community programme being projected by the Y. M. C. A., and when we read of the enormous numbers of physically handicapped children waiting on the famous Viennese physician, Dr. Leo Sigmund, for treatment, general public realize with a shock the need of something being done to better the condition of physically handicapped boys and girls.

IMPERIAL SQUARES AWAY FOR XMAS

Starts Its Annual Holiday Kiddies' Fancies on Saturday Afternoon—Also Santa Claus. Imperial Theatre, having disposed successfully of Dumbells engagement now squares away for the Christmas season of jingling merriment, not forgetting good old St. Nick, who will appear every afternoon for the little ones who want to give him their letters, etc. This year the holiday attraction of The Roostle Imperial Juveniles is entitled "Robin Hood and His Merry Men" but that is merely a title, for the play is a series of delightful numbers is composed of dances, songs, scenic effects, transformations, fairland ensembles and lots of charming innovations, that will impart the holiday cheer to even the most grouchy heart. There is a whole box of surprises in store. The first showing of the kiddies this time will be on Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Then again Saturday night at eight. All next week as well. For this double bill—pictures too as usual—the 18c-25c seats in the afternoon and the 25c-35c seats at night.

TOM MIX AT THE UNIQUE THEATRE

Tom Mix, the clever cowboy star, appears at the Unique tonight in his latest western thriller, "The Night Horseman." The story is set to "The Untamed" in which Mix gave such sterling entertainment not many months ago.

LOCAL NEWS

Pantry sale in St. David's Church yesterday, Saturday, Dec. 17th, at two o'clock.

Your attention is directed to page 8 on which Poyser & Co. are making one of their valuable suggestions for Christmas gifts.

While doing your Xmas shopping remember the big sale at Brager's, 18-19 Union street.

HON. MR. KING GETS WARM RECEPTION IN NORTH YORK

Newmarket, Ont., Dec. 14.—Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, premier-elect, received an enthusiastic reception when he arrived here yesterday morning. He was met by a large number of North York this afternoon to thank his supporters for their votes and to confer with them.

HE WORKED FOR SAILORS HERE

Death of J. S. Potter After Long Active Life of Service for Seamen. (Toronto Globe) James S. Potter, who for more than fifty-three years devoted himself to the spiritual interest of sailors, died yesterday morning, after a short illness, at his residence, 22 Cambridge street.

LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. Kennedy, wife of Allan Kennedy, of the Victoria Hotel, St. John, is seriously ill of pneumonia at the Royal Hospital, Moncton, N. B.

The following were the prizes and the prize winners last night at the "Pretence Boys' Fair" in West John Street.

The winner of the gold medal given by St. Vincent's Alumnae to the pupil of St. Vincent's High school making the highest aggregate in the matriculation examinations, is Miss Frances Connolly, Miss Connolly, who is a daughter of James Connolly, 119 1/2 King street east, wrote the examinations last summer. She will receive the medal at the closing exercises next week.

The great need for missionaries in Japan was emphasized last evening by Mariborough Lodge No. 207. Charles Ledford was re-elected secretary, and is now serving his 28th year in office.

The election resulted as follows:—E. A. Darby—President, E. C. Tremblay—Vice President, P. J. Punter—Chaplain, Charles Ledford—Secretary, G. H. Lewis—Treasurer, H. W. Mills—Asst. Secretary, T. H. Bird—1st Guide, L. C. G. 3rd Guide, A. L. H. Stevens—4th Guide, J. J. Whalley—5th Guide, James Curtis—6th Guide, E. Youngman—Inside Guard, H. White—Outside Guard, W. Roberts—Past President, I. Carlous, E. T. H. Carter, B. W. Thorne, T. W. Pile, Trustees, E. A. Darby, E. C. Tremblay, Charles Ledford, G. H. Lewis, Advisory Board, Rev. Archdeacon Crowfoot—Honorary Chaplain, L. A. Belyea, G. T. and P. Horse acted as scrutineers.

The Ora Hotel at Stellarton, unoccupied for some time, was gutted by fire last night. The fire originated in the furnace room and gained considerable headway before it was discovered. After two hours work the firemen had it under control, but not before the building was wrecked. The hotel was owned by O. Dougherty of Halifax.

CONCERT ENJOYED. The members of the fire department at engine house No. 3, Union street, listened to an enjoyable phonograph concert last evening through the courtesy of W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd. Other numbers on a short impromptu programme helped to pass the evening very pleasantly.

NAKED MAN FIGHTS AND KILLS LEOPARD

Champion Hunter of Hindu Village Uses a Knife at Last. The account of a fight between a man and a huge leopard in a jungle village has thrilled India. After killing a young girl, the beast was chased by the inhabitants of the village, and in the end the champion hunter among the men, naked and weaponless, boldly tackled the beast. There ensued a heroic struggle, in which man and beast actually wrestled for life in the presence of an excited crowd. And the man killed the leopard. After killing the girl the leopard cleared off, but a horde of Indians, accompanied by a small army of pariah dogs, were soon on the trail. Ultimately the beast was started from a thick bamboo clump and the man seized it and, with a clever glancing cut on the neck severed the leopard's jugular.

For a moment the leopard faced his foe. Then it sprang to the attack. The Indian hunter had no weapon, and in order that his movements should not be personal wish to stay in harness as long as he had any vitality.

The funeral will take place on Tuesday afternoon at 3.30 at his late residence, 22 Cambridge street, to North Broadview Presbyterian Church (corner Dearborne) in Moncton, N. B.

He is survived by his wife, six sons, the Rev. James G. Montreal, Alexander of New York, William of St. Mary's, N. B., on survey work in the Western States, Robert of Penitence, and Donald J. S., on survey work in the Western States, and two daughters, Mrs. Wm. Jackson of Kingston, and Mrs. H. J. Newman of Montreal.

AN IMPORTANT STEP IN SCIENCE. Blind Will See if Experiments Develop Successfully. London, Dec. 15.—"The blind shall see," declared Koppanyi, a student scarcely past 20, in a fair way of making the prophecy come true. This youth, whose smooth, almost effeminate face is given an asthetic touch by big eye-glasses, has again astonished medical authorities in Vienna by his new successes in transplanting eyes from animals to other creatures which have first been made blind.

In an interview Koppanyi declared that great eye specialists would at first not believe their own eyes when they saw what had been accomplished. Koppanyi first began his experiments with fish, going upwards in the scale of animals. He then showed a number of rats with transplanted eyes. Asked concerning application of his operation to humans, Koppanyi said: "It opens wonderful vistas for the blind. But as yet it is only a hope."

STUDENTS HOIST RED FLAG AT TORONTO UNIVERSITY. Toronto, Dec. 15.—A group of university students on the ramparts took command of the tall flagpole in front of House, hoisting to its summit a Bolshevik flag, a red lantern, and a set of toilet articles, and then cut the lanyard which would bring them down again.

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A BLACKVILLE MAN KILLED

Frederick, Dec. 14.—Word has been received here that Hiram Underhill, of Blackville, was the victim of a fatal accident at Maple Drive while engaged in cutting lumber for James Forbes, of Nashwanak Village. He died about 15 minutes after being hit by the limb of a falling tree. He was about thirty-three years of age and is survived by a widow and two small children.

CELEBRATED THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING

A very pleasant evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. C. Nace, Nerepis Station, on Tuesday, when friends and relatives were guests at a party given in honor of their 25th wedding anniversary. A bountiful supper was served in the dining room, which was tastefully decorated with potted plants and yellow chrysanthemums. Among the guests were relatives from Welsford, Westfield, St. John and St. George. All present joined in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Nace many more years of happiness.

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