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TREND OF POLITICS VIEWED BY WOMAN

Farmers' Movement Caused by Economic Oppression, Says Miss Macphail.

Control by "Interests"—A Plea for Representation of Minorities in Parliament—Quebec Province Cited as Example.

(Montreal Gazette.) Canada's first woman member of the House of Commons, Miss Agnes Macphail, M. P., gave a clear-cut presentation of the existing political situation as she sees it, and of what she considers an ideal state of things for the future, when she addressed the People's Forum last evening in the Church of the Messiah on "The Trend of Politics." Her two chief lines of argument were that the only sound basis for political action is in economic one, and that some electoral organization should be evolved whereby it would be possible for minorities to get representation.

Miss Macphail's remarks were nothing if not frank and clearly defined. The kings of today, she affirmed, were the banking, manufacturing and transportation interests—they controlled Parliament, they had taken possession of the halls of learning and they had even captured the churches. As for any difference between the Conservative and Liberal parties—when the power passed from one to the other it meant a change of seats, that was all. Prefacing her remarks by the statement that anything she said regarding political parties or leaders would be said in an impersonal way, Miss Macphail discussed briefly the Liberal and Conservative parties as they had and still existed. They had had a purpose and they had served it well, she thought, adding that there was absolutely no difference between them today. To her mind the basis upon which they rested was the powerfully organized economic groups, the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, the Bankers' Association, and the transportation interests, the Canadian Pacific and the Canadian National. She had absolutely no objection to that; she considered the only sound basis for politics was an economic one. They were under a debt of gratitude to the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, who had shown them that competition was death and co-operation life. The same co-operation existed today among the banks. The seventeen presidents were one great brotherhood, and so far as the public were concerned there was only one bank now, for whatever competition existed did not extend to the general public. The same thing was true of the transportation interests.

Three Economic Groups. The three great economic groups in Canada were within their rights in bringing one hundred per cent. influence to bear on the Government, declared Miss Macphail. "I have no objection to this. But both parties claimed each could serve all the people. But they had that oil which brings calm to the most troubled waters—money. They had the money to fool the people into thinking the three economic groups were all the people, and today these interests rule us. Yet there are men in the House of Commons today, loyal, well-meaning men, who do not yet see through this delusion."

As an instance of non-representation, the speaker mentioned the case of the agricultural interests. In the House, she said, something was heard of the western farmer's plight, but agriculture was prosperous east of the Ottawa River. Why? Because agriculture in that part of the country was not represented. No walls were heard about the farmers in Quebec because there conditions in the Province of Quebec were no one to wait for him. Yet her audience must know that agricultural conditions in the Province of Quebec were not all that bright. For instance, twenty-six per cent. of the soldiers who had been on the land here had been forced out by economic conditions.

Farmers' Exodus. The farmers' movement in Canada had its roots deep in economic oppression, Miss Macphail declared. Farmers did not co-operate readily, they had not co-operated until forced to do so. It was only when the pressure of the three economic groups became unbearable that they saw they must do something. It had been said that it was the lure of the city that took the farmer from the land; but the basic cause of the exodus was economic depression. The growth of the farmers' movement was only its particular expression in Ontario. Referring to the 1919 election, which resulted in the Drury Government, Miss Macphail said: "It looked like success, but if anything comes to you that looks like success take it." She claimed the farmers' party, following that election, had got the taste of power, a most dangerous thing. When once a party got into power by the wrong voting system, whether it was a Liberal, Conservative or Progressive party, she declared, they had one major motive—to get back again.

There are two schools of parliamentary thought in Canada today. One advocated a big progressive party that would include all the good people, no matter what their interests. The speaker did not subscribe to this. The other wished to strive for electoral organization that would make it possible for the minorities to get representation, and of this she was heartily in favor.

"Get for your particular economic group all the representation you can, but don't think that any one group can give the other people all they need," said Miss Macphail. "If you mean by responsible government that the people rule themselves, then we have a very bad example of it today. The three great economic groups are straining every nerve to prevent the formation of new groups in Parliament, but I believe circumstances will bring about some form of government through which groups can be represented. I want to live ten or fifteen years. I think by that time we will have found the solution of this problem."

In answering several questions put to her by members of the audience, Miss Macphail made the following statements: "The best way to keep the farmer on the land is to give him good roads, rural mail delivery, the telephone, and a Ford car, also a reward for his labor in proportion to the reward other workers obtain. Co-operation between farmers and labor will continue just so long as their joint forces are necessary to subdue the common enemy."

Miss Macphail was greeted by a large and, for the most part, sympathetic audience. Prof. Basil Williams presided.

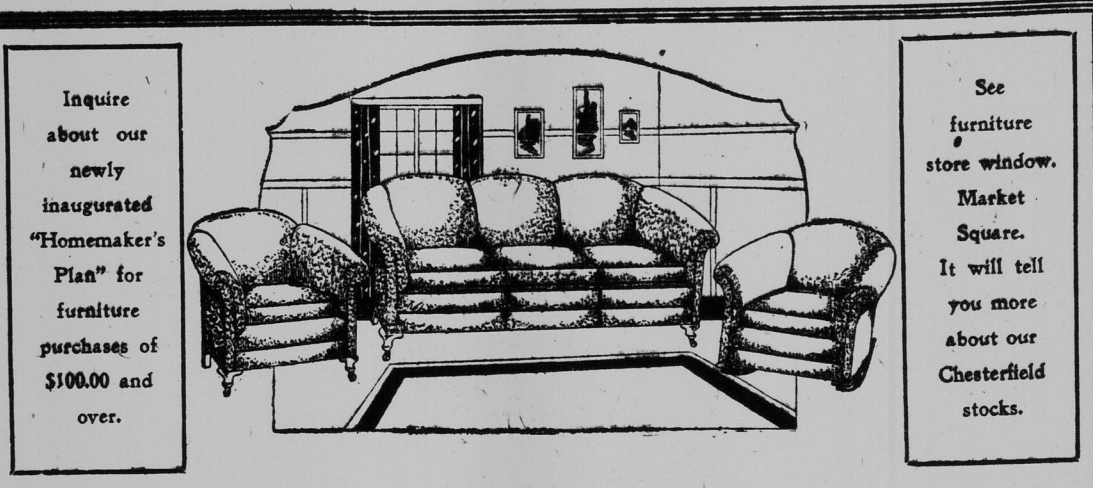
RECENT WEDDINGS
Chambers-Seely.
Miss Georgie Luella Seely, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Seely of St. John, was united in marriage to Everett J. Chambers of Calgary on Saturday at the residence of Rev. J. A. MacKeigan in Moose Jaw, Sask. Rev. George MacArthur performed the ceremony. Mr. Chambers is also well known in St. John, having graduated from the King's College Law School here. They will reside in Calgary.

Spinnery-Gilliland.
In St. James church on Wednesday, Rev. H. A. Cody united in marriage Miss Hazel May Gilliland, daughter of William Gilliland, of Hampton, and George Edgar Spinnery, of St. George. The groom was a member of the 29th Battalion. Mr. and Mrs. Spinnery will reside near St. George.

RECENT DEATHS
John Welch.
The death of John Welch occurred yesterday at his residence, 181 Wentworth street. The late Mr. Welch was a native of Nova Scotia but spent most of his life in St. John. He had been in failing health for several months. He leaves his wife, three sons, John E. and Arthur, of St. John, and Walter, of Vancouver, and four daughters, Mrs. Theodore Williams, and Mrs. Leo Lessard, of Boston, and Mrs. Judson Dunham and Mrs. Kenneth W. Worley, of St. John. The funeral will take place on Saturday from the Mission Church of St. John the Baptist.

THE NEILL-BRODIE WEDDING.
Of the Neill-Brodie wedding in Montreal, yesterday's Gazette says:—"The marriage of Miss Jeanne Findlay Brodie, daughter of Mrs. Robert Brodie, to Mr. Ralph Douglas Stewart Neill, of Fredericton, N. B., is taking place this evening at eight o'clock, at Calvin Westminster Church, Atwater avenue, the Rev. W. B. Turner officiating. The bride, who will be given away by her brother, Mr. Robert Brodie, will wear her travelling suit of navy blue pique tulle, with a French hat of navy blue georgette, and a platinum grey fox fur, the gift of the groom. She will carry a shower bouquet of sweet peas in pastel shades. The bride will be attended by her sister, Miss Agnes Brodie, wearing a navy blue suit and grey hat trimmed with French flowers, and carrying a bouquet of sweet peas. The best man will be Mr. Walter Meldrum, and the ushers will be Mr. Jack Coffey and Mr. J. K. Wilson. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Neill will leave on their wedding trip to New York, and on their return will reside on Wilson avenue."

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Canada was represented by runners from Montreal and Hamilton, while runners from Oxford University, heralded as nearly, if not quite as speedy as the combined Oxford-Cambridge relay team that established a world's two mile record at the 1920 carnival, were entered.

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LARGE QUANTITY OF BEER SEIZED IN SASKATCHEWAN

Saskatoon, Sask., April 27.—One hundred and twenty three barrels of beer were seized by "dry" officers in two raids here yesterday. At the Canadian National freight sheds, officials took eighty seven barrels and at a

creamery warehouse thirty six. A report from Melfort is that the town constable there had seized 21 barrels.

Charles Robinson, secretary of the New Brunswick Fire Prevention Board, acting for the Fire Marshall, H. H. McLellan, leaves this morning for Perth where he will investigate several

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Black Lisle Hose, 49c.

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In either Organdy or Beach Cloth, plain or with hemstitching, you now have Bramley Collar and Cuff Sets for 50c. In Orchid, Orange, Jade and White Beach Cloth, 75c. the set.

Circular Collars with grounds of Fawn or Blue having fancy daisy colored stitching—a fresh touch of daintiness for round neck, dresses or sweaters, 85c. Collar lengths of Organdy with lace border, 95c.

Out Today—Oriental Betty Beads

Colors of Blue and Yellow combined, of Green and Yellow, of Red and Orange and Red and Green, 75c. each. All other colors, 65c.

Among many discoveries elsewhere about the First Floor are stamped Nighties in fine Nainsook, all ready to embroider, a special at \$1.19. Stamped Buffet set, three piece, in French knit and cross stitch design, 38c. Stamped Luncheon Sets, thirteen pieces, with applique Rose, 98c.

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