

KEEP AWAY FROM PROVINCIAL POLITICS IS CRERAR'S ADVICE

To United Farmers of Manitoba—Former Minister of Agriculture Declares Attempts Will Be Made To Camouflage Issues—Asks For Principled Action

A warning against hasty action in the Provincial political field, and against attempts to camouflage the issues before the farmers, was delivered to the Convention of the United Farmers of Manitoba Thursday evening by the Hon. T. A. Crerar, who asked them for principled action in the Federal field, where, he declared, their opportunity lay.

The questions which Mr. Crerar declared the farmers must take up at once, he went in to briefly. They are: (1) The tariff policy; (2) Military and naval establishments; (3) Imperial relations; (4) How the revenue is to be raised; (5) Government administration of the Railways; (6) Supremacy of the parliament over the cabinet.

The Gordon McKay building was crammed to the doors to hear the speakers and many were unable to get in. It had been announced that political action would be discussed and men prominent in Provincial and Dominion politics were in attendance. During the evening musical numbers were given by Miss Hamilton, the Great War Veterans Juvenile Orchestra and a Male Quartette, composed of Messrs. E. Charlwood, J. Kinney, G. Brockie and W. S. Maguire and a wedding by Miss Virginia Bertrand, which were much enjoyed. Miss Edith Gerrard and Little Miss Edith Lewis acted as accompanist.

A Great Convention

Hon. T. A. Crerar, in opening his remarks stated that this was the largest and most enthusiastic convention ever held by the Farmers of Manitoba. Last year, he said, being a member of the Union Government, he had not attended the convention, but having so to speak absolved himself he thought it quite safe to attend this year. The growth of the Farmers movement in Canada in the last 15 years has not been duplicated in the world.

Mr. Crerar stated that he was going to touch briefly on certain matters of present day interest. The organized farmers today affiliated in the Council of Agriculture number 125,000. They are facing tremendous responsibilities. They have not heretofore exercised the voice that has rightly been theirs in Federal politics. Less than ten per cent are represented he declared. It is apparent that the representation is much lower than the farmers are entitled to. He complimented the farmers on their national policy through which they can render a valuable contribution to the nation. It is the duty of the farmer to do this, not only in Federal affairs but in provincial, municipal and school affairs.

A Word of Warning

Because of the spirit of awakening which has seized the farmers the duty is theirs to see that the apathetic condition regarding political and school affairs is changed. He issued a word of warning and asked the farmers not to be swayed by prejudices and passions. Experience had led him to the conclusion that very often wrong conclusions and maladministration is covered over by attempts to throw wool in the eyes of the voters by appealing to their prejudices, as an example he mentioned, Reciprocity.

When the next election comes on, he expected to see the old tactics revived by the parties and asked the farmers to judge on principle.

War Changes Outlook

The war has changed the outlook of men and women. It was fought that the world might be made safe for democracy. "Are we," he asked, "going to stop and sink back into the old sordid level of things before the war. Canada must be kept safe for democracy." You can have a distortion of democracy when the laws are twisted by those who stand for special privilege. These sources of special privilege must be swept away.

Praise for New National Policy

The Council of Agriculture has elaborated the new national policy; the finest and best declaration of national principles before the people of Canada today. It should be a matter of pride to the farmers that they have placed such a platform before the people. Dealing with the charge, that the platform was formed by the farmers for their own selfish interests, he challenged anyone to put their fingers on a clause which showed it to be a selfish platform.

Mentioning the tariff plank, he said that it was as much in the interests of one class as another. The price they have to pay for necessities is exorbitant and when the farmers ask for the duty on these to be lowered they are asking it in the interests of all the people. The charge is made to distort the issues and is

an attempt by the old parties to snatch a verdict.

After elaborating this platform, it was the most natural thing for the farmers to make sure the principles would be carried into effect, he said, and the three great conventions last year showed that it was necessary for the farmers to enter Federal politics to make sure they had the men at Ottawa to see that the platform was carried out.

Old Parties Worried

This stand worried the old political parties who said the movement would not last but would go out in a short time.

They got, he said, a rude jolt when the Ontario elections were held and when later the Federal by-elections were held and he referred to the defeat of Mr. Motherwell in Assiniboia, who predicted the dreadful things which would happen if the farmer candidates were elected. The results were a fair evidence that the farmers were doing some clear thinking.

"If you are going into political action and undertaking to elect representatives to parliament, you have got a considerable job on your hands," he said. The feeling is that the work is comparatively easy, but if you are going to attain the greatest success certain things must be changed.

Necessary Changes

These things the speaker outlined as (1) The tariff policy, which he characterized as unsound and wrong morally, and he outlined in support of this argument what he considered the fallacy of the protectionists attitude, which made no allowance for surplus production.

(2) The question of military and naval establishments in the country, to which he was unalterably opposed. He mentioned "the authority taken by the government to itself to raise the standing army from the pre-war basis of 5,000 to 10,000." He declared himself opposed to any enormous naval expenditure. "It is," he said, "a mistake on the part of the people to embark on any such enterprise." Mr. Crerar stated it should be first considered by the people from coast to coast.

Imperial Relations

(3) The Imperial relations. This is one of the greatest questions before the Canadian people. "This country should not be committed to any Imperial cabinet or council policy without an expression of approval from the people," he said.

(4) The question of raising the revenue. The present debt the speaker said, was close to two billions and the country must raise \$325,000,000 this year. He could conceive of no matter of more interest to the farmers than the raising of this revenue, and hinted at certain quarters which benefited from the method of taxation now in use. He believed in direct taxation. The people of Canada were directly contributing to the pockets of the manufacturers. The farmers should contribute their share (hear, hear), and he advocated the New Zealand system of income tax. The Canadian scale was not high enough. The value of direct taxation, the speaker said, was that the people took more interest in the government.

(5) The government administration of railways. The result of the taking over of the Railways was that the people have 22,000 miles of railroad which for years will be a burden on the country. He stated that he favored government ownership, and believed the railways could be administered for the good of the people. The job of every citizen, he said, was to see that we are honest in the administration of public affairs.

(6) The supremacy of parliament over the cabinet. He had read with considerable shock that Universities had been raided for literature banned during the war. The country must get back the liberty of pre-war days and the government, if wise, will see that it does.

Farmers in Parliament

In conclusion, he stated that he could conceive of no better influence in parliament than a strong delegation of farmers, and declared himself sure that this would be accomplished by the farmers if they acted wisely. Mr. Crerar expressed the hope that Labor would also be well represented in the next parliament. In opposition to the Farmers in the next Federal election, will be the strongest combination ever opposed to any party, and he warned the farmers against the underestimation of their opponents. The manufacturers will be opposed to any change in their protective tariff.

About Wheat Prices

At this point Mr. Crerar was heckled as to wheat prices and asked

what the government was doing. "I don't know, ask them," he replied. He finished his address by asking for unity and co-operation between the provinces on the great issues before them, to secure a real democracy where every citizen will have a chance to work out his own destiny.

Farmers in Provincial Politics
Wm. Griffith, Melita, asked Mr. Crerar if he was in sympathy with the entrance of the United Farmers Party of Manitoba into Provincial politics. Mr. Crerar replied that he had taken no active part in the Ontario election and expressed it as his opinion that Federal and Provincial politics should be separate and that if the farmers allow their interest in national affairs to be divided, they will make a great mistake. If the farmers give the impression in Canada, that they want to run everything they will not get support. They have established a national policy and he advised them to stick to it, and not take up Provincial politics for a time at least.

"The wise course appears to be to concentrate on the great issues and you cannot make a mistake," he said. "The important thing for the farmers to do is to get the support of every class which approves of the new national policy and elect all the members possible to the Federal house."

Mrs. Parker's Address

Mrs. J. D. Parker, President of the Gilbert Pains Women's Section, delivered an address in the place of Mrs. Brodie, who was unable to be present. Her topic was "The Need for Independent Political Action." She opened her remarks by stating that at the present time there was a great need for an independent political party. Independents, she declared, were often despised. People were absolutely in the grip of party politics, she continued, and party people overlooked all their candidates' sins. "We believe," she said, "that the farmers political activity will cure this. Many she said, doubt the ability of a farmer to govern, if he did get in. "We must go into politics determined to do our best without any fear that we will not be successful," said Mrs. Parker, and continued by outlining the success which attended the advent of labor into British politics and eulogized the Ontario United Farmers Association for its work on behalf of the farmers.

DRURY CABINET GRANTS \$10,000 TOWARDS COSTS OF IMPERIAL PRESS CONGRESS

Toronto, Jan. 8.—Premier E. C. Drury and other members of the Ontario Government have considered the request for a grant to assist in defraying the expenses of the Imperial Press Conference, after which the Premier announced that a grant of \$10,000 would be given. The Drury Government is to have the final decision as to the financing of the Ontario part of the Dominion tour that will be made by the delegates from various parts of the British dominions.

STABBING AFFRAY AT LEONARD

Russell, Man., Jan. 13.—Details have reached town of a stabbing affray in the foreign colony of Leonard, North of here, in which Wasyi Kobluk was stabbed in the region of the heart by a neighbor named Alex. Prokopetz, who has been arrested and is now out on \$3,000 bail, furnished by himself.

The injured man is a notorious character in the district and has figured in more than one fracas. He was one of the principals in a safe-breaking case at Assiniboia some years ago, for which he served a term in Stony Mountain penitentiary. The man Prokopetz is one of the most well-to-do men in the vicinity, but for some time there has been enmity between them.

A few years ago they met in a similar case when one had his ear slashed and the other was badly cut up. In this case it appears that Prokopetz was driving through the yard and somehow got in an altercation with Kobluk, who got on the sleigh and reached for the lines of the team, apparently intending to stop them, when Prokopetz drew his knife and made a lunge at Kobluk, stabbing him, and at once drove off. Kobluk is in a critical condition.

The preliminary hearing will be held this week before Magistrate Callin.

BRANDON MARKETS

Wednesday, January 14, 1920

Beef, dressed carcass, per lb.	15c
Veal, dressed carcass, per lb.	15c
Pork, dressed carcass, per lb.	20c
Boiling fowl, per lb.	25c
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Ducks, dressed, per lb.	27c
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Eggs, fresh, per doz.	65c
Butter, dairy, per lb.	75c
Potatoes, per bushel.	\$1.95
Hay, haled, per ton.	\$25

Of Interest to Women

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ramsay, of Rapid City district, announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Mary Elizabeth, to Mr. John Sinclair Fuller, of Swan River, eldest son of Mr. Stanley Fuller, of Rapid City. The marriage will take place in March.

MRS. BROTHEHOOD ENTERTAINS

Mrs. R. H. Brothehood, of Elkhorst, formerly Miss Marie Middleton of this city, entertained at a linen shower recently in honor of Miss Annie Waller, now the bride of Mr. R. C. Sutton. About twenty friends of the honored guest were present and after the usual social time spent in music and games the party adjourned to the dining room where, suspended over the table, was a watering can with ribbons attached. At the end of each streamer were parcels containing many useful and dainty articles.

KEMNAY COMMUNITY CLUB

Under the auspices of the Community Club of Kemnay a most successful social took place in the school at Kemnay, Friday evening. Cards were played in the upstairs room by the older people while the children enjoyed games downstairs. "Lunch was served about 10:30, which was followed by a short program, to which the following contributed musical numbers: Messrs. Palmer and Rosslyn Scott, Tom Smith, Tannerhill, and addresses were given by Mr. Dickson, who also presided, and Mr. Colridge.

ENGLISH-ANDREWS

A marriage of interest to many Brandon people took place last week at Victoria, B.C., when Etta Beatrice, daughter of Mrs. Mary M. Andrews, was united in marriage with Mr. Harry Oswald English, of Harding, Man. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. S. Osborne in the Metropolitan Methodist Church. The bride, dressed in a suit of navy blue, with a black picture hat and carrying a sheaf of pink roses entered the drawing room leaning on the arm of her brother, Lieut. P. Andrews, to the strains of the "Bridal Chorus" from "Lohengrin," played by Mr. H. Charlesworth.

Following the ceremony luncheon was served at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Frank Andrews, and later Mr. and Mrs. English left for Vancouver en route to Harding where they will reside on their farm, which was the winner of a gold medal last year for all-round efficiency. Among the numerous wedding gifts was a cheque from the groom's parents, who are spending the winter in Los Angeles. The groom is very well known in Brandon and district. He was for some time one of the experts with the Department of Agriculture at Victoria.

BUSY BEES FORM NEW SOCIETY

At a meeting of the Busy Bees of Brandon Hills held last week it was decided to disband a patriotic society. They organized a new society but will continue to work under the name of the Busy Bees. The following officers were elected: President, Miss Hattie McPherson; First Vice-President, Mrs. A. M. Blight; Second Vice-President, Mrs. J. H. Roddick; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Stanley Baker. During the past few years the Busy Bees have done much splendid patriotic work, assisting both those at home and overseas. Within the past year \$762.38 was raised. Donations were given to such worthy causes as Salvation Army, French War Relief, Red Cross, St. Dunstan's Hostel for the Blind, the church, Gimli Fresh Air Camp and numerous other reliefs. In addition many boxes were packed and sent overseas, socks were knit, pajamas, shirts and garments for French children were made.

WILSON-FALCONER

A pretty wedding was solemnized at Knox Church, Winnipeg, Wednesday, when Annie May, daughter of Mrs. J. Falconer, of Winnipeg, became the bride of Mr. Samuel Wilson, of Justice, Man. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Polson, of Kildonan, who also read the marriage service of the bride's parents.

The bride entered the church to the strains of "The Wedding March," by "Mendelssohn," played by her sister, Miss Olive Falconer, leaning on the arm of her brother, Mr. W. G. Falconer. She wore a becoming gown of ivory satin, draped with georgette crepe and embroidered with seed pearls, a regulation veil and carried a sheaf of pink and white carnations. Immediately following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's mother, Spence street, and later the happy couple left amid showers of confetti and good wishes, on a trip to Western points. On their return they will take up residence at Justice, Man. The bride travelled in a suit of brown silvertone, the coat opening over a maize georgette crepe blouse and wore a becoming hat to match.

The groom's gift to the bride was a gold wrist watch and to the pianist he gave a necklace of pearls.

LYON-BROWNBRIDGE

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Brownbridge, 224 Twelfth street was the scene of a pretty wedding today at two o'clock, when their daughter, Margaret May, was united in marriage to Joseph Harrison Lyon, of North Brandon, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Lyon, Ninth street. Rev. Harold Salton, of North Brandon, officiated.

Leaning on the arm of her father, the bride entered the drawing room to the strains of the "Bridal Chorus" from "Lohengrin," played by Mrs. Austin Brownbridge, sister-in-law of the bride.

The bride looked charming in a gown of white pussy willow taffeta and georgette crepe prettily embroidered in crystal beads and a silver girdle. She wore a Juliet cap with orange blossoms and carried a shower bouquet of white carnations.

Following the ceremony a buffet luncheon was served after which the happy couple left for Winnipeg where they will spend their honeymoon. Later Mr. and Mrs. Lyon will take up residence on their farm, North Brandon.

The bride travelled in a tailored suit of brown broadcloth and wore a smart brown velvet hat to match. A set of beaver furs completed her costume.

The groom's gift to the bride was a pearl lavallier and to the pianist he gave a gold bar pin set with pearls.

BERLIN FACES FOOD SHORTAGE

Which Threatens To Be Most Serious According To Estimates

Berlin, Jan. 8.—The Berlin papers discuss at great length and with much concern the food situation of the immediate future, so far as Berlin is concerned. Mayor Wermuth and his associates in the Allied municipalities are not satisfied with the assurance given them in the course of the actual conditions.

The National Grain Bureau is disposing of only sufficient wheat supplies to ensure flour deliveries for 14 days.

Unless rural stocks are quickly moved, it is admitted that the capital is facing a genuine catastrophe at the beginning of February. The municipal authorities charge that the present makeshifts are mere patchwork, and that they merely suffice to tide over the prevailing shortage. The city of Berlin this week is allowing a 2-lb. turnip ration as a partial offset to the potato shortage.

LIQUOR WAVE HAS NOT YET REACHED TORONTO

Toronto, Jan. 7.—The much-talked-of liquor wave from Montreal has not yet reached this city. Only about 5,000 gallons have come in since January 1st, and that from Ontario distillers. Very little imported liquor has come in.

OBITUARY

George R. Burland

In spite of all that medical aid could do, Mr. George R. Burland, of Rapid City, who has been ill with pneumonia for the past few days, passed away in Brandon Wednesday night at the age of thirty years. The late Mr. Burland and Mrs. Burland came to this city to visit, during the Christmas vacation, with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Trotter, 322 Fourth street. Soon after his arrival, Mr. Burland contracted pneumonia, which proved fatal. The deceased was well known in Rapid City district where he was a grain buyer. He was very popular and a well known athlete in that locality. Besides his wife, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James R. Burland of Rapid City, a sister, Mrs. Mulvey of Winnipeg, and three brothers, William Burland, Vancouver, B.C.; Benjamin of Calgary and Russell of Regina, Sask., are left to mourn his loss.

John Detwiller

On Tuesday a gloom was cast over the Brandon Hills district when it became known that Mr. John Detwiller, one of the pioneer settlers of the district, had passed away. Although the deceased, who was aged sixty-nine years and eight months, suffered from the after effects of a stroke of paralysis which occurred two years ago, he was not really ill until about three days ago and his death on Tuesday was a shock to the community.

The late Mr. Detwiller came to Brandon about thirty-two years ago from London County, Ontario, and settled in the Brandon district, where he resided for a number of years. He later moved to the Hayfield district, but returned to Brandon Hills in the year 1913. A man of sterling character, the deceased was popular among all those who knew him and had a host of friends in both the city and district who will regret his death. Besides his wife, three daughters, Mrs. Aster Strome, Ingolf, Sask.; Mrs. R. A. Brandon, Hilton, Man.; Miss Myrtle Detwiller, at home, and four sons, Messrs. Charles Detwiller, of Gainsborough, Sask.; J. W. Detwiller, Beresford, Man., and James and Frank, at home, are left to mourn his loss.

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