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**Prime Minister Asks for Time to  
Arrange His Matrimonial Affairs**

The prime minister of Canada was compelled to stand for a number of good natured jibs at the liberal picnic at Rondeau Park yesterday afternoon, on account of the fact that he is still a bachelor. He took them smilingly, and even went so far as to lament publicly the loss he had sustained through failing to take unto himself a wife to share in his trials and his successes.

Hon. George P. Graham was the cause of most of the laughter at the Premier's expense. He advised Kent to show her appreciation of the kindness of the premier, by providing him with a wife from this county. The Premier admitted that he might do a lot worse than select a better half from the riding of Kent.

From the manner in which the Premier received the kisses from the little girls who presented him with flowers, bestowing upon them kindly smiles and tender attentions, the majority present were of the opinion that he would fit very well into the role of husband and father.

After referring in a somewhat envious manner to the pleasures and privileges he was losing through not having a home of his own, Mr. King passed a remark which under certain circumstances might be taken as a very important announcement regarding his personal status in the social world.

It was while presenting the prizes to the couple having the largest family on the grounds, Mrs. Adderman the recipient of the gold piece appeared smiling and happy and the Premier complimented her and her husband upon their splendid family. Some one (believed to be Hon. Mr. Graham) suggested it as a worthy example for the Premier himself to follow, when Mr. King smilingly passed the comment:

"Give me time and I will try to follow their example".

"If I were the prime minister of Canada, I would be ashamed of myself", joshed the genial minister of railways amidst applause.

The Prime Minister in question blushed becomingly. The fact that during his remarks he paid special attention to the women voters, and the "needs of the home" gave considerable color to his plea for a little more time, but he failed to disclose either the name of the lucky girl, or the amount of time he considers necessary in order to settle the important question.

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