

CONSERVATIVE PLATFORM

- As announced by Premier MacMillan
1. Continued economy consistent with efficiency in the administration of every Department of the Public Service.
 2. Having further established our Provincial claims against the Dominion Government to the extent of three million dollars, to continue to press for a full realization of our claims on the basis of the minority report of the White Commission.
 3. A practical policy in the Agricultural Department with the view of re-establishing mixed farming on a solid basis in this Province.
 4. Changes at Prince of Wales College with the object of developing a practical Agricultural Course.
 5. Further extension of hard surfaced roads to the villages and centres of the Province in an economical type of hard surfaced road, within the means of the Province, can be satisfactorily developed.
 6. Continuation of our policy of using local pit and shore gravel in our general road work.
 7. Cooperation with the Federal Government in its policy of assistance to fishermen, and the general promotion of the fishing industry.
 8. Continuation of grants to exhibitions, fox shows and fisheries.
 9. Continued support of the Maritime Transportation Commission in its fight for lower freight rates on Maritime shipments.
 10. Continued cooperation with the Federal Government in reference to Unemployment Public Works Projects in order to relieve as fully as possible unemployment in the Province.
 11. Continued extension of Public Health activities including practical Dental Hygiene and Mental Hygiene.
 12. No increase in Provincial Taxation.
 13. School Books at lowest possible cost.
 14. Having been successful last year in securing a reduction of one cent and a half per gallon in the price of gasoline, to make every effort towards obtaining a further reduction in the interests of the farmers, fishermen and motorists.

LIBERAL SCHEME

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to raise over \$70,000. This statement also received enthusiastic applause.

The records of the two parties with respect to subsidy claims and other matters, were ably dealt with by Mr. Currie, who showed conclusively that a return of the Liberal party to power meant nothing but shared public services and increased taxes.

An attempt to heckle Mr. Currie reacted badly on Mr. LePage, who received a double dose of the same medicine, and who loudly complained at having to take such treatment.

A gentleman rose from the audience and drew the chairman's attention to the fact that a Liberal heckler (whom he named) had started the trouble and was the cause of the whole disturbance. The audience loudly applauded. Mr. LePage had nothing to say by way of reply.

The Premier also produced the report of the Board of Audit referred to in the Lea communication which stated explicitly that the Board had no power to make a settlement, and that they did not consider they were in a position to make any recommendation.

WORTH WHILE

"\$150,000 added to our subsidy in the years of Canada's worst depression—wasn't that something worth while," challenged the Premier in referring to Conservative achievements.

MCLEAN COMES

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the one preceding, the other following, the government leader, Premier MacMillan, who, however, in ten minutes rebuttal at the close, had the opportunity of straightening out the misstatements of both these gentlemen, which he did with telling effect.

CORRECTS MACLEAN MIS-STATEMENTS

Mr. MacLean had claimed, as an argument against alleged governmental extravagance, that the interest on the debt was now \$358,000. "I would like to ask him," said the Premier, "where he gets that figure. It is not contained in the Public Accounts of this Province, and consequently I say the statement is not correct. The interest we paid at the end of December was \$229,000. When you take \$258,000 from \$229,000, you have a mistake of just \$129,000."

The Premier then took up the subsidy claims question, reviewing the manner in which \$70,000 of the \$100,000 increase under Liberal rule had been received in a general redistribution of subsidies, shared in by all the Provinces. He also stressed the subsidy increases of \$100,000, \$125,000, and \$100,000 obtained under successive Conservative governments in this province.

A Sorry Lot

Commenting regretfully on the continued ill health of Mr. Lea, Liberal leader, the Premier said: "There is no man in the Liberal party that I have a greater respect for than Mr. Lea. In fact, with Mr. Lea out of the Liberal party I have very grave doubts as to what is left." (Loud laughter and applause.)

The Premier then read passages from the Saunders-Mackenzie King correspondence as evidence of the insulting treatment accorded the Liberal Premier of this Province by his leader at Ottawa; also from the Saunders-Robb correspondence in subsidy claims matters, and the Liberal government of this province.

Mr. MacLean in his speech, had referred deprecatingly to "some correspondence taken from the

Premier's office in Charlottetown" which was now "ancient history."

"I might tell Mr. MacLean," said the Premier in this connection, "that this correspondence did not come out of the Premier's office in Charlottetown. He ought to know it was tabled in the House of Commons at Ottawa, and it is public property. Mr. Saunders did not leave any of his correspondence with us at all." (Laughter and applause.)

ANSWERS LEA'S STATEMENT

Answering the statement attributed to Mr. Lea in last night's Patriot, the Premier said: "I doubt if that statement was written by Mr. Lea. This refers to a presentation before the Audit Board on May 10, 1930, and we know that Premier Saunders in January of that year presented a demand at Ottawa for an increase of \$438,000, and while he was at Ottawa, Mr. Lea as Acting Premier of this Province, with the assistance of Mr. J. O. C. Campbell, presented another demand which was printed in the Patriot newspaper, asking for three and a quarter million dollars. Quite a difference between the two claims—but it didn't matter; they got nothing anyway." (Applause.)

The Premier challenged the Liberals to make revenue and expenditure meet without crippling the public services or raising taxes.

He showed that the Liberal debt increase in their last term was \$1,117,000 and that they had failed, with all this expenditure, to implement their pledge to introduce Old Age Pensions. (Applause.)

The government, he continued, had been criticized for spending money. "If we had not brought that money from Ottawa, we would have been very much worse off, and that is the very thing that we are doing now. How could we save it? We had to spend that money. We could not raise the price of farm products or fisheries, but by road work, and work of that kind, we could give some work to those who needed it."

A SPLENDID RECORD

"In the last five years over a million dollars have come into this province direct from Ottawa, besides subsidy increase," he declared amid further applause. That subsidy increase alone amounts to \$1,500,000 annually. If we did increase the debt by \$955,000, we have improved the credit of this Province \$3,000,000 and we leave the province that much better off.

He also dealt effectively with public health, and with the Conservative platform in the present campaign.

Scoring Liberal misstatements at the close of the meeting, the Premier challenged Mr. McIntyre's claim that the Conservatives had ever said the Bennett Government was paying fifty per cent of the experimental highway projects undertaken last fall.

"When Mr. McIntyre tries to leave the impression that the Falconwood wing was intended for a nurses home alone, he knows he is mistaking the facts," the Premier said. "Part of it was for a nurses home, part for a laundry, part for vacation and recreational work."

MR. MORRISON

Mr. Hugh Morrison reviewed briefly the unprecedented difficulties faced by the government since it had contracted a deficit of something less than a million dollars, on the other hand it had to show the rebuilding of the Prince of Wales College, the east wing of Falconwood Hospital, 100 concrete bridges of which fifteen were in the Fourth District; Old Age Pensions payments, unemployment relief and other exceptional expenditures.

Mr. Morrison contrasted this Liberal platform which was "unreal all the way through," he said,

building only two scows and a ferry boat. The Liberals, if elected on their platform of balancing the budget, will either have to cut down necessary public works or increase the taxes, Mr. Morrison predicted. He also emphasized the insincerity of the Liberal pledge to abolish officials' motor cars.

HON. HEATH STRONG

"We secured the Government at a time when the depression struck this province with full force," Hon. Mr. Strong declared in contrasting the conditions existing under both administrations which necessarily had to be taken into account.

If Mr. Lea had done his duty he could have funded his overdraft of \$1,040,000 at a lower rate than we could on coming into power, but he failed to do so," Mr. Strong declared. Mr. Baker had cited the overdraft of the first Stewart government but he forgot to mention that the overdraft left by the Bennett administration was much larger.

"They say we must reduce expenditure," continued Mr. Strong. Mr. Lea says we are going to tighten up in the Department of Public Works. It was loose before. It was too broad—like Mr. McIntyre himself. So Mr. Lea says he is going to tighten up on his belt. They are going to bring that department, if elected, under control of the government, instead of allowing it to be run by one man and his officials in the department. This Mr. Strong showed amid applause, was a poor compliment to Mr. McIntyre's ability as an economist.

"You all know the fine roads you have had in this district since the present government came in hand at the present time. Yet they had one machine to do the work, and they are going to tighten up and take that away. The grass will grow on the roads. There are plenty of byroads that have not yet been machined. It is impossible to do it with the machinery we have on hand at the present time. Yet these gentlemen say the year going to tighten up. ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF ALL THESE ROAD MACHINES BEING CUT OUT AND WORK TAKEN AWAY FROM THE PEOPLE?" (The audience showed by their applause that they were not.)

"Mr. Thane Campbell the other day boasted 'Spent the money in good times.' Shouldn't he have saved the money in good times, to be spent now among the farmers, the laborers and the fishermen of this Province at a time when they need it?" (Applause.)

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maintaining that "words were put into Mr. Lea's mouth which he never uttered. Mr. MacLean also referred to the Duncan report.

The revelations in the Saunders-Mackenzie King-Robb correspondence were dismissed by Mr. MacLean as "ancient history."

He claimed that "up to the present time the subsidy under the White Commission had not been received and he predicted if it was received by this Province it would be when a Liberal Government was in power."

MR. HORACE WRIGHT

Mr. Horace Wright referred sneeringly to the "paltry sum" of \$150,000 subsidy increase received by Premier MacMillan from the Bennett Government. The subsidy claims revelations in the Saunders correspondence he dismissed as "ancient history."

MR. J. P. MCINTYRE

Reminiscences of his achievements as Minister of Public Works were given without undue modesty by Mr. J. P. McIntyre in his opening remarks. In 1928, he claimed, "there wasn't any gravel to be found in Prince Edward Island but he according to the contract with Nova Scotia, people. Subsequently, he maintained, he had employed engineers.

Mr. McIntyre attempted to offset the subsidy claims achievement of Conservatives by citing Liberal expenditures for railway, new car ferry, and \$40,000 a year for public works."

He also reviewed Falconwood expenditures.

The Premier Mr. McIntyre complained, was a man of great big ideas—a great deal too big for Prince Edward Island.

He complained that on the roads at the present time counted 30 men behind one road machine.

"We not to stop this wasteful extravagance of money because if we go on we won't own our own homes. Owing to the tremendous borrowings of this Government," he declared.

Voice: They were all Liberal liabilities.

Continuing Mr. McIntyre claimed he had never slandered the Falconwood Hospital but the Conservatives had slandered the McIntyre highway.

NEW DIVISIONS

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ent in the Great War, and establish himself on the African front.

OFFER SERVICES

LONDON, July 15 (A.P.)—Many Britons began to offer their services as volunteers in the Ethiopian army today as Great Britain's peace efforts in the controversy were given another push.

The Government is working with France, hoping the two may find some road to settlement of the dispute which could be presented at the meeting of the League of Nations council on the subject about July 25.

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