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WELCOME TO PRIME MINISTER

On behalf of our readers we extend a cordial welcome to the Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King and his distinguished colleague, the Hon. Dr. Beland who are to arrive tonight and address meetings in the Strand and Prince Edward Theatres.

Both Conservatives and Liberals will be glad to hear them and get their side of the story and the other side of which was heard last night from the Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen and Senator Galon D. Robertson.

Our people have followed very closely the utterances of the Prime Minister and the leader of the Conservative party during the present campaign and also during the past four sessions of parliament, and have probably made up their minds as to which of the two is the more worthy of support.

On at least one thing they are all pretty well agreed, that is, that all is not as well with Canada as it ought to be. They are agreed that Liberal presentations to the contrary notwithstanding, the exodus from Canada especially from Prince Edward Island and the Maritimes during the present Liberal regime, has been greater than ever before in its history.

It is very generally believed that it was because these conditions have been wanting in Canada that the extraordinary exodus of the past three or four years took place. It is also generally believed that the unfavorable condition resulted from the unstable fiscal policy of the Mackenzie King government.

While in this province the Prime Minister will doubtless remember that we are a part, though a small part of the Maritimes and that we, for good and sufficient reasons, have joined our "murmurings" with the "murmurings of the Maritimes," of which he had heard. He will have read the definite admission of the Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, that the Maritimes have a just claim to special consideration on account of their peculiar position in the confederation, and partially outlined the means by which a measure of justice might be granted.

Our people, regardless of party will be glad to hear the Prime Minister and his distinguished colleague, Hon. Dr. Beland. We bespeak

for them both a fair and unbiased hearing and a hospitable welcome to Prince Edward Island.

TO SAVE ONE, ANYWAY

At the recent Liberal Convention held in this city, when the delegates had warmed up in their mutual admiration they saw, or pretended to see, a rosy future for the Hon. John E. Sinclair—provided he should be elected at the forthcoming election. He is, some of them hinted, to be made Minister of Agriculture. This doubtless would be acceptable to Mr. Sinclair and might not be unacceptable to his constituents if they saw any thing in it except a bid for their support. In his reorganization of the cabinet, as far as he has got, Premier King did not mention this possibility as there is in the cabinet now a Minister of Agriculture in the person of Hon. Mr. Motherwell. Yet there is a possibility. Mr. Motherwell has discovered that he cannot be re-elected in his former constituency of Regina and is now trying for a seat in Melville, Sask. His chances in Melville are said to be no better than in Regina. If he is defeated, as he no doubt shall be, Mr. Sinclair's chance for the seat will be as good as that of anybody else.

But there is another circumstance which casts a shadow over Mr. Sinclair's prospects—there is not likely to be a Liberal cabinet. Even to Mr. Sinclair in his most optimistic moments this shadow must be very apparent. Three cabinet ministers have already fled from the wrath to come and taken shelter in the Senate, namely, Hon. Mr. Murphy, Hon. Mr. Beland and Hon. Mr. Bureau. And the others, who were left out in the cold to fight their way back have to seek new constituencies where they are not as well known as they are in their own. The redoubtable Hon. E. M. McDonald, Minister of Militia and Defence, who has represented Pictou had to go to Antigonish, Guysboro, hoping they did not know as much about him there as they did in Pictou County and his chances for being returned are not very bright.

Hon. James Murdoch could not face his former constituency in Kent and is seeking a seat in High Park, Toronto.

Hon. George P. Graham has gone 300 miles from his old love in Renfrew South, Ontario, to seek another constituency.

In these circumstances what chance is there for a P. E. Island Liberal representative for a seat in a cabinet which has little or no chance of being Liberal? No doubt Mr. Mackenzie King will hold out some such hope as has been expressed in the Liberal convention. He will do all he can to save one of his four followers in this province but the chances are slim.

To make Mr. Sinclair Minister of Agriculture two things are necessary. 1st he himself must be elected, 2nd there must be a Liberal Cabinet, and there are many chances against both.

EDITORIAL NOTES

There will be some hot air in the old town tonight.

The parade of some 800 boys on their way to the Athletic grounds at noon yesterday was the most impressive sight on our streets since the war when, through tears, our boys were seen marching to the docks to embark for the war. That was ten years ago. Where will the boys of yesterday's parade be ten years hence? In the United States? In Western Canada? In employment at home?

Notes By The Way

What Hon. Mr. Sinclair had to say at the Queen's County Liberal Convention on one or two public matters is worth notice. He spoke of Liberal prospects of some gains in the far-off fields beyond the Lakes. There is a proverbial saying that "far-off fields look green!" The situation in Ontario, he said, was "very satisfactory." Is that your candid belief, Mr. Sinclair? Don't you think that the situation in Ontario is much more satisfactory to Mr. Meighen than to Premier King? In Quebec, now represented by a solid block of 65 Liberals, he said, "there is no doubt the party will hold its own." An amazing statement.

Mr. Sinclair was more candid about the Maritimes. "The only doubt is in regard to the Maritime Provinces," he said, but he did not think the result would be "any worse than equal division." When a member of the King Cabinet admits so great a loss in prospect, what will be the actual loss? Mr. Sinclair had nothing to say about immigration, and all other speakers at the convention were prudently silent on that doleful subject. As protection, Mr. Sinclair said, "No party has ever yet come into power with protection as its slogan." Mr. Sinclair! What about John Macdonald in 1878, 1882, 1887, 1891, and since? A Cabinet Minister should not talk such absurd nonsense!

Mr. E. T. Higgs, a fluent exponent of Liberalism, speaking to the convention, saw prosperity beginning in the Central and Western Provinces, but not here. "It is because we lack markets which reciprocally would have given us the question arises: Did the people of Prince Edward Island greatly desire reciprocity when it was offered them? It was offered them by the Laurier Government then at the height of its popularity in 1911.

Prince Edward Island elected two members to support reciprocity and two to oppose it, an even divide so far. But the majorities of those elected to support it were small. Mr. Richards' majority in Prince County was 115 and that of Mr. Hughes in King's County was only 14, the total being 129. The opponents of reciprocity, Messrs. Nicholson and McLean, had majorities of 393 and 376 respectively. At the same election Nova Scotia elected nine members in favor of reciprocity and nine against it, notwithstanding Mr. Falding's great influence in that Province and throughout the Maritimes.

The Queen's County convention the other day passed a formidable array of resolutions. Among them was one very heartily and properly congratulating Mr. Nelson Rattenbury on his appointment as a member of the Railway Board. Two Senators had been appointed by the Government at the same time that Mr. Rattenbury was appointed, but the convention conspicuously omitted any congratulations to them, or to the Government for appointing them.

Premier King when he speaks tonight cannot fail to have in mind the fact that there are still "rumblings" of discontent in the Maritimes, rumblings about ocean ports robbed of their trade to fatten Yankee ports; about unfair freight rates; about cutting off the eastern division of the C. N. R. at River du Loup instead of at Montreal; about the utter neglect of his Government to bring hither any immigrant settlers; about Maritime Senate vacancies left unfilled during an entire session unconstitutionally; and about the creation and multiplication of new offices with unprecedented salaries for the favorites appointed to fill them.

There are "rumblings" and discontent over the feeble representation of the Maritimes in his weak cabinet, a weakness unexampled in the history of the Atlantic Provinces; about the Unholy Alliance of the Government with the Progressives elected to oppose him; about his Government's faked surpluses where no honest surplus has existed since he came to power. There are rumblings and grumblings because under the King Government the Maritimes have been denied their right to prosper as other provinces have prospered, and upon this both Liberals and Conservatives are agreed.

It is because the Maritime people can see no hope of improvement in their condition under the King Government that they give their united voice for its defeat and will do their utmost to bring it about, convinced that no change can be for the worse.

Happenings Of The Week

When Phyllis dispensed with the sleeve I own I was troubled enough. But the cost of a dress I had thought must be less. If she saved on the item of stuff. Of course I found out my mistake. And now comes another sad blow. She must cover the charms of the beautiful arms. Which she once was so anxious to show.

Yes, bracelets and bangles today. In ivory, coral and pearl. She amasses in stacks like a queen of the blacks. She is such an extravagant girl. My protests are wholly in vain. She laughs at my heartrending groans; And she rattles so much at the veriest touch. It is almost like playing the bones.

If these highly uncivilized modes are to rule in our country today, Cannot ladies conspire to restrict their attire. In the true Central African way? Their dresses grow smaller each year. And although to these bangles I'm loth, And it might be a shock to abolish the frock. I can't find the money for both.

Among the enthusiastic players on the Golf Links yesterday were the following Amherst players: Miss Pipes, Mrs. Elter, Mrs. O'Brien, Miss White, Miss Black, Mrs. D. C. Allan, Mrs. H. P. Boucher, Mrs. L. Moss and the following gentlemen: Messrs. M. C. Rodger, D. W. O'Brien, W. C. Sinclair, T. L. Pugsley, T. N. Campbell, W. N. Manning, W. W. Baird, W. H. Calhoun, G. M. Morrison, C. C. Black and J. D. A. McDonald. The visitors were very hospitably entertained at luncheon yesterday and again at the tea hour, and spent the time very pleasantly meeting and chatting with old friends when off the links.

The Golf Tea hostesses this afternoon will be Mrs. W. E. Hyndman, Mrs. C. H. Beer, Mrs. V. Blake, Mrs. E. H. Beer and Miss B. Beer.

Mrs. H. A. Richardson and son Malcolm, who have been summering at Brackley Beach, spent a few days this week with Mrs. A. A. Bartlett, leaving on Thursday morning for Wolfville, N.S., where they will visit before returning to their home in Toronto.

Mrs. J. P. Gordon entertained her friends very pleasantly at Bridge on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Guinod Marston, of Halifax, are spending the week in the city. Mr. Marston is secretary of the Waeswalle Club, of Halifax, and with Mrs. Marston is being pleasantly entertained.

Dr. Murray MacLaren, M.P., and Mrs. MacLaren, of St. John, announced the engagement this week of their daughter, Elspeth Eleanor, to Dr. George Hooper, of Ottawa. The marriage will take place in St. John, September 24.

Other engagements being pleasantly discussed this week are: Miss Margaret Sutherland and Mr. J. T. McLeod; Miss Gladys McCormac and Mr. Urban J. Pineau; and Miss Elinor Unsworth to Mr. Russel C. Chandler, all popular young people of this city.

During their brief stay in this city Right Hon. Arthur Meighen is the guest of Premier and Mrs. J. D. Stewart and Senator Robertson will visit Col. and Mrs. S. R. Jenkins.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. MacGregor, of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Morel, entertained on Wednesday afternoon, 16th inst. their friends, Rev. J. A. and Mrs. Greenlee, of Montreal, and Rev. J. M. and Mrs. McLeod, of St. Peter's. Eighteen years ago Mr. McLeod, who was then minister of New Mills, N.B., united Mr. and Mrs. Greenlee in the bonds of matrimony. They are visiting friends in different parts of the Island prior to their departure to Montreal in the course of a few days.

Mrs. F. D. Berkeley and Miss Lorna Berkeley, who have spent the summer at their place "Westwood," left Tuesday for New York.

Dr. Gordon Hodgson, of the Bellevue Hospital, New York, is at present visiting his mother, Mrs. S. F. Hodgson, and sister Miss King Government that they give their united voice for its defeat and will do their utmost to bring it about, convinced that no change can be for the worse.

Laura Hodgson, Dr. Hodgson will be cordially welcomed by a large circle of friends, as he has not been home since his graduation three years ago.

Miss Roebling, Lady Principal of Edghill, who spent the past summer at her home in England, has returned for the re-opening. Miss Murray, vice-principal, who has been summering at Holland Cove, arrived back last week.

Rev. Dr. D. J. Fraser, of Montreal, celebrated his 59th birthday on Tuesday last, receiving hearty wishes for many happy returns of the day from his wide circle of friends.

Among the visitors attending the 100th anniversary of the Woman's Missionary Society in Malpeque, held under the auspices of the United Church on Wednesday and Thursday, were Dr. and Mrs. R. W. Ross, Mrs. J. A. Clark, Mrs. Dennis, Miss Margaret Grant and Miss Wallis, of Halifax, who were agreeably surprised at the beauty of the country, and the warm hospitality of its people.

Mrs. Ray McLaine, of St. Peter's Bay, was tendered a "shower" on Wednesday evening, 16th inst., at the home of Mrs. W. W. Anderson, where a number of her friends assembled to offer congratulations and good wishes. The evening was pleasantly spent, and the guest of honor thanked her friends for their presence and lovely gifts.

Sir Andrew Macphail, who has spent the summer at his country seat in Uigg, left yesterday morning on return to Montreal.

Miss Ethel Stewart entertained for the Guild of St. James Church on Thursday evening, in honor of Mrs. Mulligan, wife of Rev. Wm. Orr Mulligan. During the latter part of the evening Mrs. Mulligan was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers, daintily tied with ribbons, in the centre of which was a lovely wrist watch in green gold, and a prettily worded address from the Guild of which she was an indefatigable worker. At a late hour a dainty supper was served and regretful good-byes said.

Mrs. J. J. Hornby entertained at afternoon tea in Mrs. Mulligan's honor on Thursday afternoon when those present presented her with a pretty piece of silverware.

Miss Amy Agnew has gone to Whitby, Ont., where she will attend ladies' college. Her sister, Mrs. Hansard, who has been spending the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Agnew, has also returned to her home in Napanee, Ont.

Socials and get-together meetings have featured this week's gatherings among the churches, as everyone is anxious to get work organized for the winter months now that the schools and colleges have opened.

Miss Georgie L. MacLean, B. A. of Central, Lot 16, who has accepted a position as History Instructor in "Branksome Hall," Ladies' College, Toronto, left for the Queen City last Monday.

On Tuesday afternoon Mrs. A. W. Peterson received formally for the first time since her marriage, her pretty home at 271 Queen St., being thronged from four to six o'clock. Flowers were used in profusion in the adornment of the rooms and table—yellow and pink snapdragon and sweet peas lending a charming touch of color. Miss Jean Gill ushered, the callers being welcomed by Mrs. Peterson, assisted by her mother, Mrs. Henry Smith; and sister, Mrs. Keith S. Rogers. At the tea table Mrs. J. F. Whear and Mrs. J. A. Webster poured and were assisted in serving by Mrs. T. B. Rogers, Miss N. Warren, Miss Edna Ross, Miss Marion Whear, Miss Constance Whear, Miss Berna Huestis, and Miss Helen Large. Miss Betty Rogers very prettily attended the door.

The visit of H. M. S. Wistaria to this port caused a flutter in young social circles this week and the dance at old Government House on Tuesday evening was enjoyed to the fullest. On Wednesday tea was served on board ship to specially invited guests and equally enjoyed.

The extent to which fur is being used may be estimated from the fact that some French designers are putting fur bands even on knitted jersey sport frocks. But then the French taste in sport clothes runs rather to those intended to be seen rather than those intended to be played in. The English designers, with better taste, have decided to use suede and other leathers for a similar purpose.

The Public Forum

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

SEE FOR HIMSELF

SIR—While the Rt. Hon. McKenzie King is on P. E. I. he ought to take a tour through Kings County and Southern Queens and learn at first hand present conditions, and give us his solution of his remedy.

He will find from St. Peter's to Cardigan nearly fifty per cent. of the farms are vacant; the school district at Albert Plains with only one child of school age in the district, and the school closed; at New Perth down to eight or ten pupils; at Montague the agent of the Massey Harris Company gave it up, there being no business, and has gone to Boston; the only immigrant settled there from England also gone. Next comes that fine settlement Heatherdale, a few years ago, with a graded school and the present Premier Stewart as principal, with over thirty-five pupils, and the second department with over twenty-five, is now composed of eight school children in the whole district. Sixty-five per cent. of the settlement vacated and the balance occupied with mostly old people. Next comes the Line Road, where you can, in a drive of three miles, count twenty-eight houses, with fourteen boarded up, and one person from the age of 16 to 40 in the school district; on to Wood Islands, with the farms occupied by a few old people, the younger people gone; further on through Selkirk Road, on quite a distance one house occupied and four boarded up.

These are a few of the conditions we are faced with and for which most all active Liberal politicians

we want a remedy or we will all go. It is up to the politicians now to give us a policy that we can believe and vote intelligently. I am, Sir, etc. BELFASTER

OPEN LETTER TO THE PRIME MINISTER.

Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Premier of Canada. Honourable Sir,—Please inform the audiences in your addresses this evening regarding the following important questions:

First. Hon. Mr. Graham, your Minister of Railways, in a recent public statement, has claimed that although the Rt. Hon. Mr. Meighen put through the Bill amalgamating the several separate railways into one organization he failed to put that Act into effect. If so, your government could have refused to put that act into force and not burden the country with the railway debt, etc. Then why did your government put that act into effect when you could have done otherwise?

Second. The Rt. Hon. Mr. Meighen also said in a public statement here in this city since his defeat that his government did nothing to render it impossible to have the Liberal Government before their defeat in 1911.

Third. Is it not a fact that there was no railway difficulty in Canada when the Conservative Government was defeated in 1896 and that the building of the Transcontinental, the Grand Trunk Pacific, and the Canadian Northern Railways were begun and the burden fastened on the country by the Liberal Government before their defeat in 1911.

Fourth. Did not the Liberal party oppose the Amalgamation Act of 1919 and particularly the feature of placing the management in the hands of an independent board?

Fifth.—Does the Liberal party's opposition to non-partisan management account for their dismissing the first board of men having experience in railway business and placing in their stead men almost all active Liberal politicians



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and without experience as railway men? Sixth. Do you approve of that act as a means of keeping the railway management out of politics? I am, Sir, etc. LIBERAL ECONOMIST.

Sentenced to Hang

(Canadian Press) ST. ANDREWS, N. B., Sept. 18.—Alfred Arsenault, aged 18, today was sentenced by Judge Bryn to be hanged, Jan 1 for the murder of Alphaus Hanspecker.

Prince, Snow Bound

(Canadian Press) VAL PARADISO, Chile, Sept. 18.—The Prince of Wales, still more or less willing sojourner in Chile, returned to Valparaiso from a failed attempt to cross Andes. It has been raining steadily, which means heavy falls of snow in the mountains. From present indications the Prince will be obliged to remain here for some days.

THE CHARLOTTETOWN GUARDIAN ELECTION CONTEST

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ELECTION STATISTICS

Population of P. E. I. 88,615
Number of People Voting, 1921 52,444

NOTE—The women voted in 1921. They will vote again in the coming election.

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