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Admiral Beatty Very Confident

LONDON, Nov. 4—Expressing the conviction that Great Britain and the United States must stand together for fellowship's sake, Admiral Lord Beatty, First Sea Lord of the British Admiralty, in an address before the Commercial Club here last night asserted that if the two great English speaking nations did keep together, they had nothing to fear in the world.

Speaking of the coming conference on limitation of armaments Admiral Beatty said he is full of hope and desire that great things shall come out of it. It is impossible to think that representatives of all the great countries which are going to assemble and will sit there and discuss the various questions, frankly and honestly, will be unable to find a solution. Surely a formula can be devised which will reduce the great burdens which now lie upon the peoples and enable our countries to reestablish the industries of peace and the contentment of mankind.

Referring to the part of the British navy in winning the world war Admiral Beatty asserted that Britain must also have a large fleet in peace times, pointing out that if Britain were cut off from the rest of the world, she would be starved into submission in six weeks time.

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CHANGE OF BUSINESS—Having opened up for business with a full line of staple and fancy groceries on the corner of Grafton and Weymouth St., we would be glad to see our old as well as new customers. Geo. Rackham.

INSTITUTE MEETING—Owing to the coming of the shorter days the Cornwall-York Women's Institute has changed its time of meeting to the evening and will meet next on the evening of Monday, November 14th at the home of Mrs. Dean McEwen, York Point.

GOOD PRICES FOR SILVERS—Mr. George Tweedy, city, received a report yesterday from Lampson & Co., London, stating that he received an average of 85 pounds sterling, or about $425 each for all his pelts. This is a very fair price and should be very encouraging to Island fox men.

SEE OUR men's and boys' suits today for $10.95 and $12.50. Wadman and Boyce.

SALE POSTPONED—Owing to weather conditions the sale at Stephen McMurrer's, South Winsloe, has been postponed until Saturday, Nov 5th.

NOTICE—The annual meeting of The J. H. Judson Fox Ranching Co., will be held at J. H. Judson's Alexandra on Tuesday, Nov. 15th at 7 p. m. Pope Noy, Sec'y Treas.

AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL—This school opens here on Tuesday, Nov. 8th, for two five months courses. One in agriculture and one in motor mechanics. Full particulars are given in the ad elsewhere.

CONCERT AND SOCIAL— For a good time come to the concert and basket social in Cross Roads school Wednesday evening, Nov. 9th at 7.30 p.m. Admission, 15 cts. Ladies with baskets free.

POPPY DAY CAMPAIGN—Preparations are underway for the Poppy Day campaign and so far the encouragement received by the organizers has been very gratifying Many stores are taking large supplies

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND—Rev. D. N. McPhail, M.D., P. H. D., in charge of the Church of Scotland Mission, St. Vincents, West Indies, will preach on Sabbath, Nov. 6th at Lot 48 at 3 p.m. and in People's Church, Charlottetown at 7 p.m.

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH—The Rev. M. E. Genge will preach Sunday, Nov. 6th as follows: Morning Service, at 11 a. m., preaching, subject, "What is Truth?" Bible School at 2.30 p. m. Evening service at 7 p.m. Preaching, subject, "Thanksgiving."

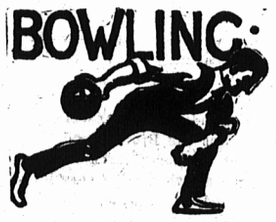
::NOVEMBER "Brunswick" records now on sale at Beer & Weeks.

PERSONALS.

Mr. Dan. Murphy, spent the week end in Fernwood, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ronaghan.

Among the inward passengers to Charlottetown on Friday were Misses Lella Reynolds and Esther Campbell, returning from Regina, Sask., where they have been for the past two months. Miss Reynolds is spending a few weeks on the Island, before returning to her home in Halifax, N.S.

Mrs. J. A. Murphy, who has been visiting relatives and friends in this city for the past three months is leaving this week but intends to stop over at Armprior to spend a few days with her sister, Rev. Mother M. Cyprian and also with her husband's sister, Rev. Mother M. Thomas, who are at present teaching in St. John's Convent before returning to her home in Kingston, Ontario.



The second game for the Aiken Cup was bowled on the Y.M.C.A. alleys last night between the Bachelors and the Y.M.C.A., the "Y" winning out by 156 pins.

The following was the line-up and scores:

Bachelors				Total
M. McKinnon	80	129	170	379
W. Kerr	72	89	91	252
D. Balderson	73	77	93	243
J. Bentley	125	120	134	379
A. Jones	110	163	105	378
				1635

Y.M.C.A.				Total
Rex Kielly	133	120	85	338
Milton Carter	119	103	123	345
Leith Robertson	142	97	123	163
J. S. Jenkins	113	118	109	340
A. E. Harris	138	114	156	408
				1793

The next game will be bowled next Wednesday night between the "Y" and the railroad.

Railway Offices In London

LONDON, Nov. 4—The first step in the policy of European expansion which will be pursued as trade improves, has been taken by the Canadian National Railways in opening a new office in Manchester for the convenience of merchants, shippers and the general public. It is planned later to open a number of Continental offices, a facility which the Grand Trunk provided before it was taken over as part of the Canadian National System, but these branches will be more directly beneficial to the Canadian Government Merchant Marine which is now seeking a cargo in all the principal ports of the world.

Heard Concert 3000 Miles Off

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4—The call of a bugle, the chime of bells and the voice of a man were swept across the continent from San Francisco today with every note, every vibration and syllable as distinct as though sounded a hundred feet from the listener's ears. The speaker stood on the roof of the great auditorium in San Francisco and the music came from phonograph records played in the building on which he stood for an audience three thousand miles away.

Sir E. Kemp For The Senate

OTTAWA, Nov. 4—It is understood that the appointments will be announced officially tomorrow of Sir Edward Kemp to the Senate in place of the late Senator Frederick Nichols and of Calvin Lawrence of Ottawa to the Railway Commission in place of the late A. S. Goodeve. Mr. Lawrence for some years has been Legislative Agent here, for the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. He came originally from St. Thomas.

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Two Arrests In Reddin Robbery

At the Police Court yesterday two well known citizens were before His Honor on a charge of "breaking and entering". This was the result of a recent burglary at the store of Reddin Bros., about a week ago, in which a number of articles, including hair brushes, fountain pens, and pipes were taken. The matter was kept quiet, waiting for a clue that would lead to the arrests of the culprits and it is said the matter was placed in the hands of a local sleuth to unravel. The result was that a well known local veterinary was arrested Thursday while one of his accomplices was taken into custody yesterday Two more are said to be implicated, one of whom is now in Queen's County goal for drunkenness and the fourth, a well known out of town merchant who has not yet been located. It is alleged one of the number was in possession of a key to the door of the Elks' Club Room, which adjourns the tea room of the Rose and Gray. Once in the club room it was an easy matter to gain access to Reddin Bros. It is alleged the Vet took the hair brushes and a quantity of Iodine and the others divided the pipes and fountain pens. A quantity of the loot has been found and is now at the Police Station.

Rumor has it that one of the parties who was arrested turned Kings evidence, but we are unable to verify this report.

The prisoners yesterday were remanded until next Monday.

Japanese Premier Was Assassinated

(Special to The Guardian.)

TOKIO, Nov. 4.—Premier Hara was fatally stabbed in the breast today at the railroad station in Tokio.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4.—The State Department today issued the following statement in a telegram sent from the American embassy at Tokio at 9 this evening, Friday, November 4. The Department of State was informed that Premier Hara of Japan had been stabbed by an assassin at the railway station in Tokio, this evening and was now reported dead or dying. A later message announced the Premier's death. Japanese embassy officials and Arms Conference delegates here were shocked at the information regarding the attack on Hara but no official word up to 12.45 however had been received at the Japanese embassy about the attack.

A Mystery Ship Seized in N.S.

GUYSBORO, N. S., Nov. 3.—As a result of the vigilance of customs officers, who have suspected that there has been extensive rum-running along the Guysboro coast by so-called "mystery ships" and other craft, a sloop, No. 863, has been seized. H. M. Scott, customs officer, also seized about $1,000 worth of contraband liquor which had been landed by one vessel. Other craft are under suspicion and further developments are suspected.

The officers charge that the seized sloop was recently sold and that there was an irregularity in the transaction. The liquor is supposed to have been smuggled from St. Pierre (Miq.)

The Agricultural High School

The Agricultural High School opens in Charlottetown on Tuesday, November 8th. This winter two five months' courses are provided; one in agricultural subjects and the other in motor mechanics. In the agricultural course the time allotted weekly to each subject is as follows:

Live stock, 5 hours.
Field crops, 5 hours.
Poultry 1 hour.
Dairying 1 hour.
Motor mechanics 4 hours.
Blacksmithing 2 hours.
Carpentry 2 hours.
English 3 hours
Arithmetic 3 hours.
Civics and economies 2 hours.

In the motor mechanics course the allottment is as follows:

Motor mechanics 18 hours.
Blacksmithming 4 hours.
Woodworking 2 hours.
English 2 hours.
Arithmetic 2 hours.

In this course the work in arithmetic and English will be co-related with the instruction in motor mechanics.

Already the enrollment is much in excess of last year. The programme is a varied one, considerable choice of subjects is permitted, and classes are graded as the requirements demand.

The staff appointed are as follows:

Vernon Crockett—Principal and Instructor in English, Mathematics, and civics.

Wm. Reid, B. S. A.,—Instructor in Live Stock.

A. P. Hansuld, B. S.A.,—Instructor in Field Crops.

H. R. Waugh,—Instructor in Woodworking.

H. Whitlock,—Instructor in Motor Mechanics.

S. Campbell—Instructor in Blacksmithing.

F. T. Morrow, Instructor in Dairying.

Night classes for city students open on Friday, Nov. 11th. Courses are offered in motor mechanics, blacksmithing, cabinet making, wireless, mechanical drawing, architectural drawing, English and mathematics.

LONDON, Nov. 4—Mr. Lloyd-George was asked in the House of Commons today whether resolutions adopted at the Washington Conference would require parliamentary sanction in each country represented, or whether the delegates would possess plenipotentiary power. To this he replied: "I am not in a position to answer the first part of the question. Pending the outcome of the Conference the British delegates will be furnished with the usual full powers."

DEATHS

CASELEY—At Kensington, Nov. 4, Henry J. Caseley, aged 70 years. Funeral notice later.

SOMERS—At Kensington on Nov. 1. Mrs. James Somers, aged 66 years. She was buried in the People's Cemetery, Kensington, on Nov. 3rd. She leaves a husband to mourn.

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National ogressive Party

The National Progressive Party at a Convention held in the Market Hall on Friday last decided to bring out Candidates to contest the coming election in Queens County, such Candidates to be nominated at a meeting of delegates from each poll, to be held in the Market Hall on Friday next 11th inst. at 11 o'clock a.m.

All electors of Charlottetown and Royalty are invited to attend meetings in the Board of Trade Rooms for the purpose of appointing delegates to represent the various polls at the said Convention, and for the purpose of organizing for the election.

The meetings will be as follows:

For Wards one and two—Tuesday evening, 8th inst.

For Wards three and four—Wednesday evening, 9th inst.

For Ward five and Charlottetown Royalty—Thursday evening, 10th inst.

All meetings to be held at 8 p.m. It is hoped there will be a good attendance of lady voters at these meetings.

..By request of the Organization Committee.

King or Meighen--- Which ?

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For ten uncertain friends he gained in one quarter, he made a hundred implacable enemies in another; and now inexorable Nemesis decrees his annihilation in York,— the very place that should be the rallying point of what few followers he can successfully court. "We must follow the leaders," Shakespeare makes one character say; but "if they lead to any ill, I will leave them at the next turning.." It would have been well for Mr. MacKenzie King had he pondered that bit of wisdom.

That Mr. King should ever be likely, notwithstanding an aeon of probation and an infinity of political schooling, adequately to take the place of his late chieftain, no one among his warmest admirers believes for a moment. The simple fact is that, in him, there are none of the essential attributes of a leader. He has neither he charm of Laurier, the solidity of Borden, nor the genius of Meighen. Briefly stated, he is not a strong man, — and no weakling can lead a virile nation. And it is the painful realization of his own impotence that forces from Mr. King—against his reason—the fatuous charge of autocracy on the part of his opponent, —a charge that is really an unconscious tribute to the power of that great man. At the time of Sir Wilfred Laurier's death there was much vacuous talk about his "personal magnetism," whatever that might mean. If the phrase had any significance at all, it implied neither more nor less than that force of will by which one man can direct another, and which marks the strongest as king among his fellows. It was a delightful piece of sophistry to apostrophise the Allied Host as great Demoncracy's champion; and so long as "making the world safe for democracy" meant the establishing of universal peace and the enthroning of a keen-eyed unbandaged Justice, the threadbare platitude was even commendable. But there is not, and there never was, any such thing as democracy, in the common conception. Wherever any body of men have been thrown together, or have associated themselves for purposes of common profit and protection, the strongest will has always prevailed, though often, indeed, not the wisest. And it ever will be so. Every savage tribe has its chief, and every civilized community its leader,— whether by election or otherwise; and after codes of law and conduct have been devised, and all the machinery for management of affairs "by the people" has been set in motion, government will practically resolve itself into an advised dictatorship by the single central strong mind. This is common sense and common experience. There is no democracy among pirates and thugs, and there is really none in orderly society. Abraham Lincoln was as much a king as any William Conqueror that ever lived —or the American Union had never materialized. A king, forsooth, may not always be a wise or a good man; and the sad fact of history is that rulers, not infrequently, have been both foolish and wicked; but there never was, in the annals of the ages, any king, whose name has lived, that was not a STRONG man. But what is the autocracy of which Mr. Mackenzie King so inanely accuses the Prime Minister of Canada? If he means that Mr. Meighen has exploited his office to gain some improper advantage for himself or his party, or has done aught that he cannot fully justify before his countrymen, then he is guilty of a misrepresentation of which he should be ashamed. Mr. King, however, does not believe anything of that kind, although by artful implication he leaves the inference irresistible. Or if he means that the Prime Minister purposely delayed the general election and, as he puts it, "usurped authority" to continue a little longer in office, then he totally ignores the facts of the matter. Mr. King is perfectly aware, as every other man is, that the Government's dissolution, as it is, is constitutionally premature, and he knows, as well, that the circumstances of the past year made an earlier election not only impossible but undesirable. But what he really means by Mr. Meighen's autocarcy, and what he is loath to confess, is just that very power the lack of which is the negation of his own pretensions to a status of leadership. The "autocracy" of which he prates consists in the same trinity of invincible masculine qualities that characterised Macdonald, and Tupper, and Laurier, and Borden, and which, in so high a degree, distinguish Arthur Meighen,—the courage that can dare where lesser men falter, the patience that can endure while others succumb, and, above all, the adamant will that can resist the ulterior importunities of friend and foe alike, steadfast and inflexible in the pursuit of what it knows to be right. These are the cardinal virtues— the *sine qua non* — that are pre-supposed in any true leader of men. To be sure, mere force of character will not qualify a man for leadership in the councils of a nation; and if moral strength were all that Mr. Meighen had to recommend him, though his personality were the most magnetic and he the bravest man in creation, we should look to quite another for guidance in a national crisis. Nevertheless, an invertibrate would find himself in a woeful plight at the head of any party, however tractable; and if he happened to have a recalcitrant following, no profundity of Solomonic wisdom nor divine gift of oratory would avail him much. Is Mr. Mackenzie King the kind of man that could exert a conciliatory influence on a disruptive faction in a party? Surely not. A man who is afraid to face his own constituents, and who, while his opponent is vigorously stating his case in every part of the country, can loiter in the smallest corner of a vast dominion and mystify the question at issue with rhetorical hocus-pocus, instead of manfully asserting himself before the people of his own province wherein he is discredited by the most influental journals of his party, will never, it is safe to predict, be able to lead a corporal's guard very far.

The Liberals of Prince Edward Island deemed, or professed to deem, themselves highly honoured by the condescension of Mr. King to represent Prince County in Parliament. Well, a province that can produce a Louis Davies is not necessarily flattered in having a Mackenzie King as its advocate; and if there was any honour in the representation, it was rather the other way. But Mr. King's representation of Prince County was in reality but another Hobsonian alternative: he was afraid of York, and he found Prince a willing Barkis.

In a critical epoch, when far-reaching national consequences are involved in the decision of a vital issue, it is well for a people carefully to distinguish between fact and fancy. Mr. King has been heralded by some of the Maritime newspapers that support him, and by some people whose judgment is swayed by theatrical claptrap, as a wonderful orator, to whom (they say) Mr. Meighen cannot hold a candle. Now, oratory is a pleasing art, and a good orator, at the proper time, an invaluable person. But what good, under the sun, will all the oratory of the greatest silver-tongued windbag in the Canadian Parliament do to save the farmers of Prince Edward Island —whose welfare Mr. King is supposed to have especially at heart—should his insane platform be implemented, and cheap American potatoes, pork, and other foodstuffs flood the Island markets and oust its own producers? What honest, horny-handed son of toil, in the blessed Garden Province, cares a straw as to whether King or Meighen is the better—orator? What is the practical value of mere oratory? What will the oratory of either King or Meighen do to help the laborious farmer of Canada? What every farmer in Prince Edward Island does want to know, and know without any shadow of uncertainty, is: Whose policy will protect his interests from the destructive competition of an overpowering rival? Perhaps the intention is—should the Liberal party, by some unfortunate dispensation of the gods, obtain power in Canada—that Mr. King, after his policy of free trade in foodstuffs has ruined the farmers of Prince Edward Island and all Canada besides, shall journey to Washington and, with Demosthenic declaramation, compel the United States government to remove their tariff, —which, in any case, would not help the farmer of Eastern Canada one whit, seeing that the American market is already glutted with its own surplusage.

But suppose it be assumed, for argument's sake, that there is some virtue in oratory. What then? Will any dispassionate judge, whose reason is uncloaded by partizan predilection, seriously contend that, in this respect, Mr. King is Mr. Meighen's superior? Hardly. To be candid, the Prime Minister is not an orator, in that he never appeals to the imagination or the heart, except indirectly through reason. And to the extent that he does so he is elevating: for the emotion that is aroused and tempered by understanding is not only purest but most lasting. If, however, he is not an orator, his, at any rate, is the most logical, reasoning, and practical intellect—albeit he is a man of broad and penetrating vision—of any statesman in Canadian public life to-day. And what of Mr. King? Is he an orator? With the best will in the world, and the most eager desire to be genial, one is unable to accord him the title. To strain a compliment, one might call him an elocutionist, and even, at that he wants the tricks of the elocutionary art: his voice is without inflection; his utterance is hurried and monotonous; there is neither crescendo nor cadence; and his gesture and manner are stiff. His speeches, therefore, — those at least of a politico-economic kind —are at best but lively recitals of sentimental compositions. Certainly Mr. King is not an orator: an orator is not an actor; an elocutionist is. The essence of oratory is unconsciousness of self. Mr. Lapointe, because of his Gallic temperament, is naturally an orator; and Sir George Foster — the greatest living Canadian exponent of the art,— is one because he is always unaffectedly and intensely earnest. But Mr. King fails to impress his audience with a conviction of any depth of sincere feeling on his own part. Perhaps his worst fault as a Parliamentarian, so far as debate is concerned, is his disjointed sense of proportion. A man's ideas of value must be sadly distorted when, on a motion for supply near midnight, he raises from the limbo of a dead decade a matter of purely personal concern and speaks to a sleeping and half-empty chamber for a space of three and a half hours. No wonder Mr. Doherty, with droll Irish humour, seriously moved for the appointment of a special committee to study and report upon the question whether it was more tedious to listen to the Hon. genleman's dissertation than to read it in Hansard.

The question Mr. King will not be honest enough to answer squarely is where his party really stands on the tariff. You cannot, said Carlyle, make an association out of insincere men. It is impossible, for the simple reason that they will not be true to a common principle. Here is the leading chameleon in Canadian politics, preaching free trade in Prince Edward Island, while his versatile associates—Mr. Lemieux, Mr. Lapointe, Mr. Rinfret—are with equal vehemence expounding the antipodal doctrine in Quebec. How is any honest man to cope with such shufflers? Politically, Mr. King, like the notorious third Richard "can frame his face to all occasions." But the Crookback was a man of incomparable wit, and could "murder whilst he smiled" and "get away with it"; whilst Mr. King's duplicity, is too palpable to deceive even the most gullible. Will a sane electorate choose such a man as its leader? When all is said and done, Mr. King is but a marionette, manipulated by hands that are ridiculously ill-concealed. To the Agrarian Prairies he capers as the reckless Free Trade Punch, who would destroy the Canadian household and throw its workmen out of employment; and next moment, before the manufacturing spectators of Quebec and Ontario, he nimbly assumes the role of the plaintive Mrs. Judy, begging protection for her young industrial family.

And who is the man we are asked to depose to make room for Mr. King? Is there any man in all Canada to-day who can save the nation from disaster, except the Right Hon. Arthur Meighen? Mr. Meighen, within little more than ten years, by the sheer force of genius, has been acknowledged by the greatest statesmen of this Dominion, Liberals and Conservatives alike, as unquestionably their superior. And his own merits are so singular that they are conspicuous enough without the background of an adversary's failings. As a debater he is unrivalled. Possessed of a keen, analytical mind, he can apprehend the weak points of an opponent's argument and confound them with unanswerable logic. He is never at a loss for a proper vehicle by which to convey his thought, and his language is always terse and vigorously idiomatic. With a memory that is unique for its retentive capacity, he will listen to the fastest speaker for an hour, and in an instant impromptu reply, without the aid of a note, take up his arguments categorically, analyze them, and effectually dispose of them. Unlike Mr. King, he is never verbose, but is always to the point. He can therefore compress into half-an-hour's speech more information than Mr. King can impart in two hours. And Mr. Meighen shows his genius in the very language he employs: metaphorical and figurative it has an effect that is never produced by bombast. Perhaps an instance of this may be cited. Two years ago a Mr. Hicks in the province of Ontario made himself notorious by wholesale misrepresentation and a series of charges against prominent men, which he could not substantiate and had perforce to retract. His name was at the time synonymous with all that was wrong and inaccurate. Referring to the series of sixteen charges brought by Mr. Murdock, of the Board of Commerce, against the Government, Mr. Meighen, at the conclusion of a masterly speech in which he entirely vindicated the Cabinet, summed up the matter in these words:

"And now I have done. I think I can describe one or two of these misty formulations in no better language than to call them rather diminutive Hicksisms."

This was indeed well put and the applause was not confined to the ranks of Mr. Meighen's supporters. At the last session of Parliament, after endeavouring in vain to draw an answer from the leader of the Opposition as to why he had not sought the opinion of the House upon the platform of the 1919 Convention, Mr. Meighen, in desperation declared, amidst tremendous applause and very much to the discomfiture of his opponent: "I should like to get an answer from my hon. friend, even a nod,—vertical or horizontal, I do not care which."

The Prime Minister has been variously described by some of his detractors as being "obstinate," "opinionated," and so forth. If the description implies a stubborn self-satisfaction that resents reason or advice, it is utterly false; but insofar as it suggests determination, it is a truth that bears witness to the man's strength. The *suaviter in modo* is undoubtedly, on the whole, a desirable policy; and, given a reasonable degree of mutual concession between opponents, persuasion is not only wise but agreeable. But when there is urgent business to be done, and after ample opportunity has been allowed for full and free discussion, what is a man to do who finds honest purpose balked, and progress deliberately obstructed at every turn? In such a case, the *fortiter in re* shall be rigidly applied: otherwise all effort must end in futility. Mr. Meighen will try every artifice of conciliation before resorting to pressure, and will scrupulously answer every question that seriously seeks information. But having taken his stand, convinced of the soundness of his position, he is immovable as Gibraltar. At such a time he is a relentless antagonist; his resolution is impregnable and his patience inexhaustible; and neither threat nor appeal can vary his purpose.

As he stands there upon the platform, calm and composed in the fulness of his strength, tall and gaunt—reminiscent of Lincoln—his keen and steady eye revealing intellect and courage, we see in Arthur Meighen a wise, a brave, and a good man, whose sincerity is so apparent that we never question it. Is there a greater man in Canada? If there be, his light is under a bushel.

As to the ability of the Prime Minister as a statesman, and regarding the place he has won for himself in the galaxy of Canada's great men, nothing need be said: the unstinted and genuine admiration of unbiassed critics abroad speaks for itself.

And as between these two, whom shall we choose,—Mackenzie King and Weakness, Vacillation, Duplicity? Or Arthur Meighen and Strength, Stability, Sincerity? On the wise decision of this question rests Canada's welfare.