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REVIEW OF POLITICAL SITUATION TO DATE

OTTAWA, Aug. 13.—The campaign is now in full swing, more than half the probable candidates have been nominated and the line of battle is definitely set in most constituencies. Every single Conservative who sat in the last House is running again and for the remaining constituencies candidates of high quality are offering themselves. Since the last election the Conservative organization, which functioned then with great efficiency and has not been kept in good running order and no fears need be entertained that it will not give a good account of itself on September 14th. Even in Quebec, where the Conservative party has been laboring under exceptional handicaps since 1917, it is developing formidable strength and there is good evidence that predictions about another Liberal sweep in this province will be falsified. On the other hand outside of Quebec and of Saskatchewan, where an unscrupulous provincial machine operates with great effect among the foreign born voters, the Liberal organization is in a state of sorry inefficiency in provinces like Ontario and Manitoba it is almost derelict in many ridings and the greatest possible difficulty is experienced in finding candidates.

Death of Liberal Candidates

One remarkable feature of the present campaign is the reluctance of so many prominent Liberals to venture into a contest. The Hon. Vincent Massey is under a very heavy debt of gratitude to Mr. Mackenzie King who showered upon him many favors and took him into his Cabinet on the eve of the last election. The electors of Durham County however did not show the same appreciation of his merits and rejected him at the polls. But the majority against him was only moderate in size and the general presumption was that he would again fight the seat. But cautious Mr. Massey after looking over the ground in Durham has decided that the chances of victory are even smaller than in 1925 and declines to risk another defeat. Now Mr. Massey is not only an ex-minister of sorts but he is young, wealthy and ambitious and if he considers his prospects in Durham County, which has always been a red fighting ground, so poor that he can serve his party better by writing election literature, than the plight of the Liberal party in Ontario must be exceedingly serious. Again Mr. W. J. Taylor, the proprietor of the Woodstock Sentinel-Review and other papers, accepted the Liberal nomination for North Oxford but he has now seen fit to withdraw on the pretext of ill-health and Mr. William Tolmie, the candidate selected by the Liberals of West Elgin, has likewise suddenly thrown up the sponge.

Faint Signs of Liberal Voters

Now the ridings, thus forsaken by these gentlemen, cannot by any stretch of imagination be described as Conservative strongholds and it is quite certain that if they had been able to detect even faint signs of a possibility of a Liberal victory, they would today be actively in the field. But they have evidently discovered that the tide of public sentiment is running strong against the Liberal party and prefer to wait for more propitious days before they spend their time and money in fighting battles wherein victory would only land them on the opposition benches. Of course they have some excuse for their retirement for in common with other Liberal candidates in Ontario they have been abandoned to their fate by their leader Mr. Mackenzie King. Mr. King used to

THE FIRST JOKE OF THE CAMPAIGN

Election Forecast Sent Out From Liberal Headquarters at Ottawa Causes Much Amusement.

(Special to The Guardian)
OTTAWA, Ont., Aug. 13.—Much amusement was caused in political circles in Ottawa by the forecast sent out from Liberal headquarters last night to the effect that Mackenzie King would carry 130 straight Liberal seats in the election and would be returned to office with a majority of at least ten in the House of Commons. Recalling that last year Liberal leaders at campaign managers were even more extravagant in their predictions right up to the eve of the polling, which cut down their strength in the House from 117 to 101 and reduced by two thirds the number of their Progressive allies, followers of politics smile at the terms of this present forecast. It is accepted as the first joke of the campaign, it may be taken for granted that no Liberal election workers with any knowledge of the situation are making such a forecast seriously. It is sent out for party purposes, the project being to counteract the general conviction throughout the country that Mackenzie King and his party cannot possibly win. The headquarters of the Liberal party in Ottawa were concentrating their efforts last fall but they proved unavailing. Judging from reports reaching Ottawa from all the nine provinces, optimism should be confined to the Meighen government and its supporters. These reports tell of such enthusiasm and confidence on the part of Conservatives throughout the country as have not prevailed in any election campaign in years. In every Province those in charge of organized in the campaign are confident of making gains and giving Mr. Meighen a larger following than he had in the last parliament. Even should these assurances only partially realize, the Meighen government will carry the country by very substantial majority and be able to function independently and provide the country with stable administration.

Lowered Liberal Morale

The patent signs of lowered morale in the Liberal ranks are too numerous to be ignored and in many ridings after the search for a presentable Liberal candidate has completely failed, the Progressives are being entreated to step into the breach. At the last election Mr. Mackenzie King went up and down the country denouncing the Progressives as "political outlaws" and in many ridings they are begging on their bonded knees Progressives to accept nominations against the Government candidates and promising them the support of every Liberal vote that can be mustered. In Manitoba under the inspiration of the Manitoba Free Press a full-fledged fusion of the two parties has been accomplished and the term of "fusion candidates" is being openly applied to opponents of the Government. Mr. Forke for instance, after getting the Progressive nomination for Brandon was endorsed by the local Liberals and in return no Progressive candidates are being allowed to disturb the chances of Liberals in other Manitoba seats. It is a very pretty art (Continued on page 6.)

Ch'town Man Heads Druggists' Organization

(Canadian Press)
MONTREAL, Aug. 13.—E. A. Foster, Charlottetown, P. E. I., was elected President of the Canadian Pharmaceutical Association at the closing session of the 14th annual convention of the organization here today.

PASSING THROUGH CANADA



Lord and Lady Salisbury, photographed in Toronto en route to Sydney, Australia, where the Empire Parliamentary Association is meeting in September. Lord Salisbury's office in the Baldwin government is lord privy seal and leader of the House of Lords.

Jackie Coogan's Chauffeur Killed

CAMPO, Cal., Aug. 13.—The body of Don McCrae, former chauffeur for the family of Jackie Coogan, child film star, and who was sought in connection with the shooting of a watchman at the Coogan home in Los Angeles Tuesday, was found shot through the head at the Coogan ranch near here today by Los Angeles police detectives.

Cholera Epidemic Traced to Impure Water Supply

SHANGHAI, Aug. 13.—The outstanding cause of the cholera epidemic which has reigned in this vicinity for some time taking an estimated toll of 1,000 lives daily has been traced to the Capei water works which supplies the Chinese territory. Bacteria were found in the Hoosher creek intake, in the filter beds and in faucets.

Who Pays the Freight And Duty

Is it the importer or the exporter that pays the duty, and is it the consignee or the consignor that pays the freight? To these questions there is no uniform answer and each case has to be studied by itself to know whether the sender or the recipient pays. But the same principles apply to both duty and freight, as to who pays it. It all depends whether the shipper or shipping country is one that controls sufficient of the product to dictate the price. If that shipper or shipping country does control the price, then the consignee has to pay the charges, either in the form of a separate invoice, or if the shipping country has to compete in a world market, of which the shipper constitutes a small part, then it is the shipper or the shipping country that has to pay the charges. Let me give some simple illustrations to explain. If an Ontario farmer sends potatoes to Pennsylvania and is shipping the same grade of potatoes or apples in Pennsylvania, the Ontario shipper can only obtain the same price that the Pennsylvania farmers obtain for their product, and therefore it is obvious that the Ontario shipper has to pay the freight charges and the American duty, which will have to take a net price for his product equal to that which the Pennsylvania farmer gets, minus the freight and duty charges. But let us take a case where Canada practically controls the product, namely, asbestos and nickel. If we shipped either of these products to New York or London, it is the consignee that has to pay the charges, and it does not matter whether a Canadian regulation existed requiring these to be sent by the more expensive route or not, for in view of the fact that the shipper practically controls the situation, the recipient would have to pay the charges. Now let us take the case of our wheat, which is one of the chief products that the Maritime ports expect to handle. When our wheat is sold in Liverpool it has to be sold in a world market in which we are only a comparatively small factor, and we can only sell our wheat at the price established by world con-

MR. MEIGHEN REITERATES HIS POLICY

Speaking of Placing Maritimes on Parity with West as Regards Freight Rates — Dunning's Duplicity Revealed

MANITOBA, Sask., Aug. 13.—"Those who derided me for creating it," declared Premier Meighen this afternoon in addressing a brief way-side meeting at Biggar, Sask. Mr. Meighen spoke from the back of his car and at the time was vigorously denying rumors that he proposed to amalgamate the Canadian National with the Canadian Pacific Railway. Speaking on the Robb Budget, Mr. Meighen recognized that the budget had brought reduction in income tax to the man of moderate income. "I was glad to see it. It should have come before," he said, adding however, that those who benefited most were men of large income. As to the effect of the budget on automobile prices, Mr. Meighen declared that there never was a more transparent sham than to try to make people believe that the budget reduced prices of automobiles at the expense of the manufacturer. The price of cars was reduced because the luxury tax had been taken off and the treasury had lost the money.

Shows up Tactics of Dunning

Mr. Meighen turned to Hon. Chas. Dunning, former Minister of Railways. "Mr. Dunning has been saying that I won't talk protection in the west," said Mr. Meighen. "Why, I have scarcely spoken on a western platform in 15 years when I have not advocated protection." But what of Mr. Dunning's own course on the Legislature of Saskatchewan, resolutions for which he said, Mr. Dunning voted, resolutions which would have "virtually swept out the protective policy of our country." Mr. Dunning had voted for those resolutions when he was safe behind the brick walls of the Saskatchewan Legislature. "Mr. Dunning speaks on this platform ask him why he did not move in Regina two years ago. Ask him if he has the courage to preach in Ottawa what he preaches all those years in the safe haven of the Saskatchewan Legislature."

Liberals Had Abandoned Tariff

Mr. Meighen charged that the Liberal party had abandoned its whole position on the tariff and would do nothing except to get progressive votes. He described Progressives as "walking like nice little boys behind the band wagon of the Liberal party." He asserted that he was in favor

MOUNT STEWART MEETING A CONSERVATIVE VICTORY

Well Attended and Orderly Meeting Hears Questions of the Day Discussed, and Show a Marked Tendency in Favor of the Conservative Issues.

The political meeting at Mount Stewart last night was well attended, and was also one of the most orderly and most satisfactory for the Conservative candidates that has yet been held in the present election campaign. While both sides received a most impartial hearing, the applause given indicated clearly that the tone of the audience was decidedly Conservative. This became very apparent during a heated debate between Mr. J. Augustus McDonald, Provincial Representative for the district, and Mr. Sinclair, who persisted in interrupting Mr. McDonald during the latter's address. Mr. Sinclair, after repeatedly expressing disagreement with some of Mr. McDonald's statements, was finally reduced to silence, and when he arose just before the close of the meeting to attempt proof of his assertions, he was unable to obtain a hearing. Hon. J. H. Myers, the opening speaker, in referring to the record of the King Government, said that administration, according to Mackenzie King's own admission, had, owing to its slim majority, been marking time previous to the last election. Among the partisan legislation it introduced to gain the support of other parties, was the Hudson Bay Railway. Mr. Myers said he had it on the authority of a sea captain who had sailed a great deal about Hudson Bay waters, that there were many difficulties to be surmounted before this project was feasible. For one thing, the Bay that was to be navigated by vessels carrying away produce from the railway terminals was very shallow, and the necessary dredging would cost millions of dollars. Then the wheat of one year's crop could not be stored until the following year, on account of the limited time for navigation. There might be a possibility, said Mr. Myers, that the railway would open up great timber areas, and vast mineral resources, but at the present time there was already a glut of these resources, and a goodness knows there were already quite enough railway that were not vitally necessary. The whole purpose of the Hudson Bay Railway was to please the Progressives.

Referring to the assertions of the Liberal candidates that if a Conservative Government was elected it would put the price of post or of no brick for brick tariff policy with the United States except on farm products. A heckler interrupted, "has the American tariff made the American farmer prosperous?" Mr. Meighen: "Do you know what the value of agricultural production is in the U. S. The wealth of the rest of the world in agricultural production would hardly equal theirs."

Mr. Meighen stressed to the industrial opportunities open in the United States to sons of the farmer. Mr. Meighen declared that Robert Forke stood arranged as having "for absolutely partisan purposes taken a course designed to lower public life in this Dominion, designed to make the party which he was commissioned to lead nothing but an adjunct nothing but an annex to the Liberal machine." "I have listened to his benevolent words of censure which wouldn't hurt a kitten," Mr. Meighen proceeded. He described Mr. Forke as a "faded negative," who had not taken a step in Parliament which was not designed to enable the King government to stay in office.

King Has Constitutional Inflammation

Mr. Meighen spoke of Mr. Mackenzie King as being "filled with the virus of chronic constitutional inflammation." He put a question based on whether the Governor-General retained any discretionary power. Suppose, he said, the government continued to ask for Governor-General warrants to cover current expenditure instead of calling Parliament as early as possible. In that event, Mr. Meighen questioned, would the Governor-General have the right to refuse to sign or would he not? If he refused to sign, Mr. Meighen went on, he would be reducing Canada to a crown colony.

Whittemore Hanged

BALTIMORE, Md., Aug. 13.—Richard Rees Whittemore, head of a now shattered "million dollar crime trust," was hanged this morning at the Maryland Penitentiary for the murder 18 months ago of Robert A. Holtman, a Maryland Penitentiary guard.

Announcements, Coming Events, Meetings, Etc

- **Come to the Festival at Wheatley River Friday night, Aug. 20th. 1290-14-21
- **Come to the dance at Auburn School, Friday night, August 13th. Best time of season. 1230-8-13-21
- **The Bayview Rifle Association will hold a Dom. of Canada Prize shoot Saturday Aug. 14th. 1272
- **The New Wiltshire Dist. Scarlet Chapter will meet at Brookfield Aug. 14th. 1279
- **Cramped Church of England picnic next Wednesday 18th G. W. V. A Brass Band in attendance. 1204
- **The Winslow Shipping Club will meet Saturday, Aug. 14th at 8 o'clock. Full attendance requested. 1280
- **Come to the ice cream festival at Brookfield in M. C. Dollar's field on Monday evening, Aug. 16th. Baseball match and other attractions. If not fine Monday, come Tuesday. 1256-8-13-21
- **The comedy "Our Jim" by Tyne Dramatic club in Hope River Hall has been postponed until Tuesday, Aug. 17th. 1227-8-12-41
- **The parishioners of St. Bonaventure's Church, Tracadie, intend to hold a grand picnic at Scotchfort on Monday, August 16th. Proceeds in aid of the Church. 1177-8-10-51
- **Grand picnic will be held at Tons on Tuesday, Aug 17th. All the usual attractions. Should be prove unfavourable picnic will be held first fine day following. Proceeds in aid of new church. 1222-8-12-41

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"Let The Bandit Take The Jewels"

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 13.—Let the bandit take the jewels and don't look down the barrel of his pistol, a detective told delegates of the jewelers convention. Rather, as saucily and graciously as possible, make a mental photograph of the robber's face so he can be identified if captured, the detective advised.

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