

Brands Propaganda As Misrepresentation

Hon. J. D. Stewart Makes Emphatic Statement With Regard To His Attitude Towards Government By Order-In-Council.

A frantic endeavor is still being made in some parts of the Province to misrepresent Hon. J. D. Stewart's attitude on the Prohibition question. It is being claimed that Mr. Stewart has given no assurance that he will not introduce Government Control of liquor by Order-in-Council if elected to power. This is absolute misrepresentation, as the following extract from The Guardian of May 22, 1931, plainly shows:

Speaking at the Conservative convention in Summerside on Wednesday night, Hon. J. D. Stewart, Conservative party leader, referred to Liberal propaganda which is being spread throughout Prince County to the effect that the Conservatives, if elected at the coming general election, would put Government Control into effect by Order-in-Council. THIS PROPAGANDA MR. STEWART BRANDED AS ABSOLUTELY UNTRUE. Such action, he declared, would be a violation of the statutes of the Province.

"The members of the Liberal Government," he added, "are judging us by their own standards. Because they have altered the statute law and have taken power to themselves to increase the gasoline tax by Order-in-Council, they think we may do the same with the Prohibition Act. THIS IS ABSOLUTELY CONTRARY TO BRITISH CONSTITUTIONAL PRACTICE AND IT WILL NOT BE TOLERATED BY THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY IF RETURNED TO POWER."

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- 1.—The order in council by which the King Government granted the diversion of the St. Lawrence flow will be annulled at once.
- 2.—Legislation will be introduced at once by which Parliament and Parliament only will make grants of this and other water power rights upon the St. Lawrence.
- 3.—The Beauharnois enterprise will by immediate legislation, be declared a work "for the general advantage of Canada" subject to Quebec's consent. Quebec counsel had cooperated in drafting the measure and was engaged in preparing a clause to preserve the vesting of rights of Quebec from federal interference, this legislation to become operative only on proclamation.
- 4.—The House will be asked to pass an act authorizing the diversion of the 40,000 cubic second feet legally allowed and the 13,500 cubic feet legally acquired—a total of 53,500 cubic second feet.
- 5.—The management of the enterprise would be reorganized under the direction of the banks which had advanced great amounts of capital.

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He had no list of party contributions to the Conservative Party. "To do so?"

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desire to make that clear," Mr. Bennett said. If any member would rise from his seat in the House, Premier Bennett declared, and say that the Beauharnois matter was not properly investigated "I will give an investigation, judicial or otherwise."

MR. KING'S COMPLAINT

In three sentences, Mr. King had disclosed the situation in the case of his party, Mr. Bennett said. Last night Mr. King had stated that he had complained to Senator Haydon of the lack of funds to send out Liberal leaflets. "Senator Haydon goes out and gets the money," he continued. "Why would he not? Why would not a man who was in that relationship to the Prime Minister?" Mr. Bennett proceeded to read the remarks of Mr. King from Hansard of his complaint to Senator Haydon that there were not sufficient party funds.

A SIMPLE QUESTION

"I ask this simple question: Is there any organizer in the world, who when confronted by his chief, and told they had no money, who would not go out and get it?" asked Mr. Bennett. He then referred to Mr. King "calling upon high heaven to speak of his disinterested service to this country."

ACTION JUSTIFIED

Over a year ago he had suggested that a judicial tribunal should have been appointed to investigate Beauharnois. But after the ill-advised attack made in May of this year by Mr. Gardiner upon the judges and judiciary, it was obvious to him, said the Prime Minister, that a judicial enquiry was no longer possible. He was only too pleased that the course of events had justified him. Judges should not be asked to sit in matters of this kind.

A DOUBTFUL ISSUE

Concerning restitution, Parliament had no control, said Mr. Bennett. It could not institute civil proceedings for restitution. Criminal prosecution was a matter for the provinces but because the deputy attorney-general of Quebec had been retained by Beauharnois "I am satisfied there will be none."

INDECENT TACTICS

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Death Of Doctor Samuel Prowse At Winnipeg

News of the death of Dr. Samuel Willis Prowse, Dean of the Manitoba Medical College, Winnipeg, has been received by his brother, W. H. Prowse, City. Dr. Prowse, who was 62 years of age, passed away suddenly on Saturday afternoon from heart failure. He was born at Murray River in 1869, the son of the late Senator Samuel Prowse, and graduated from Mount Allison in Arts. Subsequently Dr. Prowse graduated in medicine at Edinburgh University, and practiced two years in England. He returned to Canada in 1898, and located at Winnipeg, where he has since resided. Several years ago he accepted the position of Dean of the Manitoba Medical College.

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should be appointed within the first week of the next session of parliament to deal with the conduct and actions of the senators above referred to as set out in the said report, and that "the Parliament of Canada, at its next session should amend the Independence of Parliament Act so as to provide effective penalties against any members who may be found guilty of dishonorable conduct." The motion was seconded by Raoul Dandurand, Liberal leader. The whole proceedings took less than five minutes.

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dress made reference to the Prohibition question for the first time during his campaign in Second Kings. He discussed at great length the road policy of the Government.

STILL UNDECIDED

Under those circumstances the only other question was what action should the government take. Quebec claimed jurisdiction over the portion of the St. Lawrence within its borders. The Privy Council had decided that the bed of the river belonged to the province. It was then a question of the right of Quebec to the water. That had not yet been decided.

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CENTRAL GUARDIAN Wright Heckled

HOPE RIVER Tea Party Saturday, August 8th. 7:30-11

CONSERVATIVE speakers will broadcast over CFCY Wednesday night. Full particulars later.

GOVERNOR DALTON AT NEW ANNAN RACES—His Honour Lieut. Governor Dalton and party will occupy a seat in the grand stand at the big races at New Annan Wednesday, Aug. 5. The Governor is an enthusiastic devotee of the sport of kings. He was an interested spectator at the big races in Tia Juana, Mexico, some years ago.

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CORRECTION—In our report of the Provincial Rifle Shoot, we incorrectly mentioned the Davison Challenge trophy as the Dominion Challenge Trophy. This beautiful cup was presented by Col. H. M. Davison, V.D., President of the Provincial Rifle Association to the winner of the grand aggregate, who was this year Lt. A. L. McDonald, Summerside, P.E.I.

LARGE ENTRY LIST—The entries for the Exhibition horse races which will take place Aug. 18 to 21st are now all in, and if anything like the full number arrive to take part in the races new quarters will be needed states Secretary J. W. Boulter. Every effort will be made in the next two or three days to arrive at the genuine list of entries so that the public will not be disappointed by the non-appearance of certain horses. It is expected that the list will be ready for publication in a short time.

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Rev. Geo. E. Whidden and Mrs. Whidden of United Church, Tatamagouche Nova Scotia arrived yesterday on the Hochelaga to spend their vacation with Mrs. Whidden's brother, W. L. Brenton, 171 Prince Street.

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Mr. H. H. Cox, the third speaker followed with his usual small talk. He objected to Mr. McEwen being a candidate in Second Kings, on the grounds that Mr. McEwen was not a resident of that district. Mr. Cox did not state that his own colleague, Mr. McIntyre was also not a resident of the district. Mr. Cox complained of low prices and federal tariffs. His speech fell flat as usual.

Mr. J. B. McDonald in his address handled the Big Minister of Public Works, without gloves. He explained the purchase of the road machinery by the Saunders Government in 1927, and showed conclusively that there was a "nigger" in the woodpile, in connection with the deal. The opposition had asked on many occasions for particulars and correspondence but had never received a satisfactory explanation.

The speech was well received by a sympathetic audience and closed amid great applause.

Hon. J. P. McIntyre in his rebuttal, laboured to refute Mr. McDonald's statements, but failed to do so.

There are two classes of people—those who serve and those who merely work.

Wright Heckled

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audience upon what he had said in his key speech, but criticized Mr. Stewart's and said he was "amazed" to see how he had misquoted the figures in the Public Accounts.

Boastfully he compared the road building of the two governments, admitting that the Stewart Government had built as many bridges.

He criticized the Stewart platform as neither "aggressive nor progressive." All the things in their platform, he said, "are doing at the present time." Efficiency cannot be had with economy, he contended.

He excused his failure to procure the subsidy claims by stating if he had pushed in ahead of the west we would not have got near as much.

Discussing hard surfaced roads, he said that in Philadelphia these roads had lasted 25 years, "but because we were obliged to employ some old men."

Another voice: "And women." (Laughter.)

The Premier repeated his contention that it was "economically unsound" to continue gravelling roads. He had been criticized for not using local gravel, but it was only to be found in isolated places. His government had been accused of spending an undue amount on the roads in election year, but he had given instructions for letters to be sent to the road masters to see that they do not spend more money than necessary.

Discussing succession duties, he asked "What did Mr. Stewart overlook?"

Voice: "Nothing." (Vigorous applause.)

"Your former government in fixing the succession duties at a special rate, made the Island an attractive place to die in," he argued persuasively. (Laughter.)

Voice: "You will next week!" (More laughter.)

Defending the accusation that he had not fulfilled the plank in his platform to promote the growing of cranberries, the Premier stated, "I do not think it worth while, as it would cost \$500 per acre to plant them." That was the information given by Mr. Franklin, of the United States. The Premier boasted of having fulfilled all the other agricultural planks in his 1927 platform, saying: "We bulded better than we knew. We need not go any further into them." (Laughter.)

It was remarked that all through Mr. Lea's long speech the subject of Prohibition was carefully avoided.

MR. STRONG LOUDLY CHEERED

The hall rang with cheers when Mr. Strong came forward to address the audience. Mr. Strong congratulated the people on their splendid hall and said he was pleased to see so many ladies present.

In opening, he jokingly remarked "that the Premier does not seem to like lawyers, but he thought the Premier would have made a very good lawyer as he has the faculty of making the most out of a very poor case." (Laughter.)

From time immemorial, said Mr. Strong, parties have had platforms. Even Mr. Wright when he ran as a Progressive party had a platform. Why should Mr. Lea say "I don't want a platform, I can do as I please." "Are we going to stand for a dictator, a Mussolini, telling us what we are to do." (Applause.)

Mr. Strong scored when he showed that Mr. Lea's statements were not correct as regards the net debt yet closed and when everything was counted over a million dollars would have to be paid.

It is ridiculous to say that the debt is not a liability, you cannot pay debts with roads and bridges. It takes good coin of the realm out of your pockets. (Hear, here.) Mr. Stewart did right to make the ferry boats last as long as possible; but this Government says "we must broaden out." Now, he says he "took money out of the potato industry!" (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Strong scored another point, when he showed up Mr. Lea's statement that he had provided a sinking fund to take care of increased debt. Mr. Strong trenchantly remarked "all has to be paid for."

"He says the debt is 40 cents per capita. That means in a family of six \$2.40 for the head of the house to pay. The baby does not pay anything." (Hear, hear.)

Going on to the subsidies the Liberal party promised to get, Mr. Strong sarcastically remarked: "Mr. Saunders came back and said, Oh, I have something, I have placed it in the hands of an Audit Board. But Mr. Lea did less, with two lawyers to help him. (Applause.)

Referring to Mr. Lea's statement that there was no unemployment on the Island and reminding the audience that King spoke of Premier Bennett's aid to the provinces as a "vicious principle," Mr. Strong declared, Mr. Lea was in such a hurry to get the \$90,000 that he could not

wait for Mr. Bennett to send it but sent the Minister of Public Works after it for fear he would lose it. (Hear, hear.) "Mr. Lea claims he has given you a supervisor for Farmers' Institutes." "Well, where is he? Right here in this chair, Mr. W. J. Reid. He was not paid, so he got tired of the job and retired. (Laughter.)

Four years ago, Mr. Strong pointed out, Premier Lea promised old age pensions, "and you did not get them, but Bennett has given you 75 per cent in 9 months and he, Mr. Lea, finds fault. (Applause.)

Mr. Strong scored heavily when he summed up the liquor situation. He cited the incident of the Prince County Jail fire, when a good Liberal sheriff, Mr. McDonald, was at his wits' end to know how to cope with the situation. Mr. McDonald had told Mr. Strong that he had caught a woman smuggling liquor into the prisoners in a corset hose. (Hear, hear.) His remarks were punctuated with applause as in withering tones he denounced the expense of an army of Provincial Police.

In the regime of the Stewart Government, Sheriff Waugh and Archie Bell kept order, nothing more was required in those days. (Applause.)

Amid further applause, Mr. Strong exposed the tactics of Mr. Saunders, in letting down the Temperance Alliance after his election, when he repudiated Mr. Bentley and said in effect: "I will appoint my own commission." (Deafening applause.)

MR. WRIGHT BADLY HECKLED

Hon. Horace Wright was badly heckled all through his speech and time and again had to appeal for order and in a bad tempered manner, said "I am just not going to attempt to speak until I can be heard. I will ask the chairman to add to my time."—And this is the vicinity of his home.

Cries of "No, no," greeted Mr. Wright when he asked for support on election day in his opening remarks. Following Mr. Lea's lead he said, "We are coming before you on the record of our performance. We will do the same as we have done in the last four years." (Applause.)

Voice: "Sure enough!" (Laughter.)

Mr. Wright went on to say "Mr. Stewart says we are all guilty of tampering with figures. I would be ashamed to make an admission like that."

Voice: "You have done worse." (Applause.)

Mr. Wright then went into a lengthy defense of governmental expenditures and took up a good deal of time "explaining" to the intelligent audience before him the difference between ordinary and capital expenditure—an explanation which the audience did not appear to appreciate.

He was prompted now and then by the Premier in his pedagogic efforts.

"Perhaps you don't understand what we mean by sinking funds?" he asked. (Laughter.) We are not plunging into debt, he shouted.

If Mr. Stewart did present a brief subsidy, other briefs were presented by the Liberals, he contended. Boards did so.

Voice: "What did you get?"

Another voice: "Stewart got it!"

The Government candidate denied that Mr. Stewart obtained the \$40,000 railway tax on the grounds that Premier Rhodes had said it came as a pleasant surprise.

Mr. Wright also denied that his Government promised to get the claims, "we only promised to press them." (Laughter) "with all our might." (Increased laughter.)

Mr. Wright threw all the blame on the Premiers of the other two Maritime Provinces. "They injured our case, the whole trouble was with the other provinces."

Repeating his chief statement "that the Province is now an attractive place to die in," voices shouted, "Your government is going to die, that will be on the 6th." (Hilarious applause.)

Switching on to Federal politics and declaring in an injured tone, he was not ashamed to confess that he had belonged to the Progressive Party, Mr. Wright was again interrupted with cries of "Local politics."

"Give us something about the jail; what about your stewardship?" "We have had enough," etc., etc.

The chairman did his best to keep order for Mr. Wright.

During this stormy session, the speaker tried to apologize for not giving the old age pension, by saying, our finances were not sufficient. (Laughter.) Now we cannot afford to do anything else if we are to accept Bennett's offer of 75 per cent. "You have not told us about the jail."

Mr. Wright: "I am coming to that." (Laughter.)

Mr. Strong places responsibility for jail racket on me," complained Mr. Wright. "If there were a plague of grass hopper in the West he would blame me!" (Laughter) "Just give me extra time for this disturbance, Mr. Chairman." He tried to defend their enforcement of the Prohibition Act, but failed miserably and retired.

BAD FIRE AT COLEMAN

Flames Destroy Dwelling House, Store and Warehouse, The Property of Mr. John A. MacKinnon.

(Special to the Guardian)

A disastrous fire which destroyed Mr. John A. MacKinnon's store at Coleman, his house and warehouse was discovered shortly after 8 a. m. Sunday. When discovered the inside of the store was found impossibly to save its contents. Attention was directed to the house attached to the store, and with the help of neighbors, most of the furniture was saved. Owing to a northerly wind the building soon westerly wind the building soon caught and then the flames spread that quickly did the flames spread that there was no time to get anything out of the warehouse. As it was church time many people were quickly on the spot nearly a thousand people from far and near came to witness the spectacle. Buckets were procured from a near by store and willing hands helped to keep adjacent houses from catching. Mr. Wallace's house was only saved by strenuous efforts. The fox ranch near by was partially burned but the foxes were taken out of reach of the fire. The value of the stock of the store is not known but Mr. MacKinnon had just received a consignment of rubber goods valued around \$1,100 and \$800 of paints. About \$20,000 insurance was on the place. It was not known how the fire started everything was as usual when it was closed on Saturday night at midnight. On Sunday the fire was still burning and crowds were watching it. Much sympathy is felt for Mr. MacKinnon in his severe loss.

WESTERN GUARDIAN

—SEVEN MILE BAY Tea Party Wednesday, Aug. 12th next. Reserve the date. 7294-8-3-4

—GOOD SHOWING BY SUMMER-SIDE RIFLEMEN—

Summer-side has every reason to be proud of the showing made by their riflemen at the P. R. A. matches this year. Lt. A. L. McDonald, who won the Gov.-General's medal, D.C.R.A. medal and Dominion Challenge Cup has the makings of a real star. Lt. M. Hancock also showed up particularly well, while Dr. A. W. Leard and others shared in the prize list. With the incentive of Lt. McDonald's performance, there should be a lot more interest taken in rifle shooting in Summerside and a much larger number of entries is expected from that section next year.

MR. MORRISON APPLAUDED

Mr. Morrison gave a comprehensive review of the political situation scoring heavily over his opponents at every stage. He made a hit with the audience causing the building to ring with laughter, when he said, "he was glad to hear Mr. Lea had come to discuss his record." What a checkered one it is. They have no platform, their hands are not tied to anything. (Applause.) Mr. Morrison again challenged Mr. Lea in regard to the tenders for road machinery but the Premier was silent. He laughingly alluded to Mr. Lea's visit to famous road engineer in Ontario, when he was easy bait for the man's expensive road policy. He denounced Mr. Lea's road policy as extravagant.

MR. LEA'S REBUTTAL

Premier Lea in a few minutes' rebuttal, announced his "platform," with only two meetings to go. He was not sure of going back himself, he said, but the Government was going back. (Laughter.)

Getting a little peeved, Mr. Lea said he did not mind a little heckling.

"It is just possible my experience might be of service yet," he continued.

The Premier did his best to answer the criticism of his opponents before he trailed off in an announcement of his "platform," as quoted above.

After a vote of thanks to the chairman, the meeting closed with the National Anthem.—S.

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