

RT. HON. ARTHUR MEIGHEN

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with the Railway Commission on behalf of any part. Leave it to the full sweep of its jurisdiction. But having done so, then contribute from the treasury of the country a percentage of the rates on basic commodities passing from the Maritime Provinces to our central markets, and similarly (for all must be treated alike) do the same for Western Canada. Carry a percentage of the burden which they bear. If they pay so much per bushel on wheat pay a percentage of that; and if you pay so much on your coal and potatoes, let a percentage of that be paid back. In that way the strength of the State be placed behind the extremes of our country and the extra burden which they necessarily in the nature of things, have had to sustain, will be shared by all. Thereby a condition of equality will be produced; the East will be tied to the great parent of the West, and the West will be tied to the East. It is the duty of the Government of Canada to do this. It is the duty of the Government of Canada to do this. It is the duty of the Government of Canada to do this.

The Vital Issue.

"I do not intend to discuss anything save in its relation to the general issue which is at the centre, which comprehends everything of the policies of Canada. It is said that Trans-Canada is an issue. If so, I do not have transportation troubles, but we cannot have an issue unless the party in power purposes a solution and the party in opposition objects. The Government has not proposed any such situation now. The Government, which complained bitterly of our having a national system of all, pledging themselves to get rid of it—that Government simply maintained the system, just as they fired one director, and put in another. And though the deficits have grown year by year, all they have been able to do is sit powerlessly by. They have sent a message to the people, and that message is: "We are not going to do anything to change the situation, therefore there is no issue. But it is proposed by the Conservative Party of Canada to make an effort in this day and generation to consummate the task laid down by the fathers of our country, McDonald and Cartier, to do something to gather closer together the widely spread limbs of this Confederation; and to do so by easing the burden of transportation borne by the two extremes."

"The National Policy"

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Unfair Legislation.

"The Government of the past four years has been fit in order to attract Progressive support and maintain Progressive relations, to fix statutorily the rates for a portion of Western Canada. In so doing, and in refusing to do anything to ease the burden of transportation borne by the two extremes, you have done an injustice. No one here ever complains of rates being lowered; the lower we can get our prices, all over the better for the country. But I object to the policy of government acting in one way to one section of the country and refusing to act in the same way to other sections of the country. (Applause.)

Railway Rates.

"As the Railway Commission fixed the rates which they deemed to be fair on the principles of equality, just as closely as it could be reached, then the extremes of our country bear the larger share of the burden of carrying Western traffic eastward, and Maritime Provinces traffic westward. I do not think this is disputed anywhere. Long years of experience have shown to be true, and I have shown to the Parliament which will rectify that situation will render a service to Canada comparable with the service rendered by those great men who first of all linked west to east and east to west.

Australia's Example.

"Continuing, Hon. Mr. Meighen said: "I appeal to you to let this question lay in your minds, and give it some thought. Australia requires a protective tariff—away out in the Southern seas, surrounded by no country speaking the English tongue except New Zealand, two days travel away off in the Pacific. What do you think about Canada's needs? Situated here in North America, 4,000 miles rendered is this: Not to interfere alongside of the biggest industrial

colonus in the world, surrounded by a high protective wall, where our people can travel to for a few dollars of railway or steamship cost, and where they speak the same language as ourselves. I hope that question is clear. (Applause.)

Mr. Meighen had been criticised by the Minister of Marine for harping upon the exodus of our population and the argument has been advanced that post war conditions have been had all over the world. Certainly that might apply in 1921. That was the deflation period, right at the "drop" of prices, following the war. United States had then about 4,000,000 unemployed. But today they have very little trouble of that kind. Their high protection tariff has shut our farm products out, our fish and our potatoes, as well as our manufactured goods. Have they lost population as a result? We are spending millions to try to get people here. We cannot succeed. The United States is spending millions in trying to keep people out, and it would seem that they cannot succeed either.

Speaking in Halifax, Mr. Meighen had stated that the Government spent \$3,500,000 to get immigrants and we only got 111,000. He was severely rebuked by Hon. Mr. King for that. The fact, Mr. King explained, was that a million of that money was for the Wembley Exhibition. So that left only \$2,500,000 of our expenditure. But if that money was not spent for immigration, why was it voted for immigration? It may have assisted trade and commerce, but if the purpose of the item should have been put under Trade and Commerce. Personally, Mr. Meighen believed the money to the Wembley Exhibition served a good purpose. It was wise to have the exhibition, but he trusted that next time, the Prime Minister will not take any chances with his mental equilibrium over correctness of that sort.

The Exodus to U. S.

"I know there is a tendency in the smaller provinces, where opportunities are believed to be more limited, to move to larger centers. I am not blaming the Canadian Government for that. They used to be utterly false, and I am not making it against them. That seems to be a law of nature. But I do refer to people who are born here and in whose hearts there is love of the land is not that they were quite all right here is something hard to understand. They evidently think conditions in United States are better. Especially throughout the year 1923 they enjoyed the highest rate of immigration in their history. Their mercantile journals reported it. But we never got any of it at all, did we?"

Summarizing the result of the National Policy of protection, the speaker pointed out that we have lost in population between 500,000 and 700,000. The exact figures it was impossible to procure. New Zealand has shown the way; they both have a consistent protective system. In France also, since they raised the tariff, they have suffered from no unemployment. They have absorbed from other parts of the world and they are today absorbing 6,000 a week. In Canada, we find that during the last four years our experience has been just the reverse.

Our debt is piling up. Last May we were \$162,000,000 more in debt than when this Government came into power. He reduced the Sales Tax from 6 percent of all raised to 5 percent, and in 1924 he reduced it to 4 percent on outside goods; the first year it was from 3 to 4 percent on outside goods; next year he made the whole thing 5 percent, and in 1924 he reduced it to 4 percent. He also cut the import duties on many farm implements as much today as when Mr. King came into power. The Treasury is getting less Sales Tax than a year ago. The import duties are getting more. The Government is in power. The Sales Tax is a tremendous tax, and it is paid by everyone; it is not out of our pockets directly, yet it is out of the pocket of the consumer. The Liberal Government have put all those receipt taxes up. There are deposit taxes, photograph taxes, stamp taxes, and many other taxes. The Government and it will no doubt go on.

The way to bettering our conditions was along the lines indicated. Mr. Meighen believed we have more protection; hold our people, produce our own goods.

The Railways.

"Some people delight to have you think that we have to have these deficits on the railways because we are taking them over. How could we help taking them over? They were "broke" and we were the mortgagee. Supporters of the Government last session got up and admitted that though they fought us, they know now, in the light of all the facts which time has revealed, that we were right and they were wrong, and that we could not help taking them over. Mr. Meighen referred especially to Mr. Jacobs, (one of the Montreal men). Mr. Meighen referred a year ago to the fact that 2,038 factories had closed down in Canada; there was no doubt about that. 2,038 people went into bankruptcy. It was contended that these factories were only small; but the average liability of the failures in Canada was \$49, and the average liability of failures in the States was \$48; so there was not much difference. 48

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- 1st. District. George McKay, Clinton. Jerome McGuigan, Melville. 2nd. District. George White, York Point. Lyman Tremere, Hampshire. 3rd. District. W. J. Gibson, Marshfield. Charles McDonald, Mt. Stewart. 4th. District. Norman Gillis, Eldon. John Fraser, Avondale.

Charlotteville Royalty. W. A. Stewart, Norman Lowther, Michael Conway. President—W. A. Stewart. Vice-President—W. J. Gibson. Secretary—N. H. Lowther. The following resolutions were then read and passed: RESOLVED that the Liberal-Conservative of Queen's County in annual Convention assembled extend our warmest welcome to the Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, our distinguished leader, and to his associate the Hon. Senator Robertson on their visit to "The Garden of the Gulf" and to express the hope that it will be one of enjoyment to them, and our conviction that it will also contribute to its results to the encouragement of our people with the prospect of greater prosperity to our country.

We record our pleasure in supporting a leader who is not compelled to devote his platform efforts to the making of excuses for his practical businesslike proposals. Why asked the speaker, had he not gone to the other direction, and the lowering of her tariff had led to disastrous results. The demotion of her tariff had been the fundamental mistake of the present administration. Canada had been thrown out of joint with all the nations.

The speaker said he had been more particularly associated with the railways and was in a position to speak of some of the results of the policy of the present federal government had had on the Canadian National Railways system. There were actually more than twenty thousand less men employed on the railway than there had been four years ago, and his earnings were millions less than in 1921. Exception had been taken to this statement when made by the speaker in Halifax but it was corroborated by the Canada Year Book and would not bear contradiction.

The curtailment in the national trade resulting from the Liberal policy was being referred to the national adversity of the country. The burden put on the people by the rising debt must at the same time the United States of America had taken millions of dollars off their national debt through their national policy of a high tariff. Coming nearer home the Senator said that on this Island alone there were vacant houses and employment lost, all because the Government of Canada chose to have, owing to Progressive pressure, a policy that advocated a low tariff.

In conclusion he asked whether the people of Canada, knowing this would cast their ballots for the continuance of this retrograde movement, increase in taxation, and decrease in population.

RESOLVED that this Convention takes pleasure in conveying to our esteemed Premier the Hon. J. D. Stewart and his colleagues in Government our assurances of satisfaction with the careful and business like attention which they have given to the affairs of our Province since they assumed the reins of office.

While complaints have been made as they always have been made by those ever on the look out for material for grouch against the ruling powers, it is a satisfaction to note that, while in occasional instances there has been foundation for complaint, there has not in the history of the Province been so little grounds for discontent as in the past year, and never before were grievances more promptly remedied than they have been under our present Government.

Apply this attention to public affairs has been applied to every department, and in Education, Administration of Justice, Agriculture, Hospitals, cooperation with Boards of Trade and the neighboring provinces in matters of Maritime importance, the business like attention of the Stewart Government has been worthy of our admiration and commendation.

Moved by—Wm. J. Gibson. Seconded by—William L. McLeod. Mr. J. A. Messervey, called upon to speak, said by his colleague, Mr. Donald McKinnon, and himself had recently been travelling through several of the districts of Queen's, and everywhere he met with every kindness and encouragement.

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C. N. R. Prizes For Boys And Girls (Special to The Guardian.) MONTREAL, Sept. 18.—The Canadian National Railways in order to encourage the work of the boys and girls swine clubs and the raising of select bacon hogs in territory tributary to their lines have in the past offered special prizes to members of such clubs in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, and it is now announced by Dr. J. Black, Director of Colonization, Agriculture and Natural Resources, that the competition has been extended so as to include Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces.

Landslide Barely Misses The Prince BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 18.—Avalanches from Mendoza say that a landslide occurred a kilometer on the trans-Andean Railway on the morning a few minutes before the train bearing the Prince of Wales was due to pass. The slide completely blocked the line, and it took some time to get the train moving again. The avalanche was due to a snowfall which had accumulated on the mountain side of the mountains.

NOTICE The Annual Meeting of the Spring Black Fox Company will be held in the V. M. C. Rooms on Thursday, October 1st, at 8 p.m. All interested please attend. R. E. SPILLET Secretary