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IMPORTANT MEETING

The inaugural meeting to complete the organization of the Queens County Liberal Conservative Association, takes place tomorrow at 11 a. m. in the Board of Trade Rooms, Charlottetown. This meeting is being held in accordance with provisions in the constitution adopted at the recent provincial convention and it is important that it be as large and representative as possible.

The purpose of the meeting, as announced in the advertisement calling it, is to complete the organization of the party for Queens County and, as organization means the enlistment into service of every man who has at heart the interest not of the party alone but of good government, provincial and federal, it is to the utmost desirable that as many voters as possible shall be present.

In view of the probability of an election in the not distant future, timely organization and a complete mutual understanding is necessary and these can be secured only by getting together, conferring together and making such arrangements as may be mutually agreed upon. The coming election will be fought on policies which are vital to Canada and especially to the Maritime province and our electors will do well to thoroughly inform themselves with regard to these policies. For such information conference and consultation are essential and to this end tomorrow's meeting of the party is being held. No province in Canada will be more directly or more vitally affected by the results of the coming federal election; the agricultural destiny of our province depends upon the fiscal policy of the party that shall win out. This being so tomorrow's meeting should be the largest county meeting ever held in the city. In view of the splendid provincial convention held a few days ago and the enthusiastic beginning then made in organization we feel sure that Queens County Liberal Conservatives will take up their end of the work with equal enthusiasm and that tomorrow's meeting will be a credit to the party, to the county and to the province. Everbody come!

QUESTION OF A PLATFORM.

Premier Meighen, in his first address after being called to the leadership of the Conservative party, made very clear not only his own policy but that of the party whom he was called to lead. This speech was delivered at Stirling.

Ontario, on August 11, 1920 and we have no doubt that any Liberal newspaper will the Patriot kindly note—can procure a copy by asking for it. A little time spent in studying this speech, one of the best delivered by any Canadian statesman, would enable our Liberal friends to discuss the platform of the National Liberal Conservative party intelligently and thus spare their readers the pain of reading what they and their newspapers know to be false and misleading. A few extracts from this speech will be found timely and illuminating at present in view of the attempts being made to conceal the platform or platforms of the present conglomerate Liberal party.

"I stand for unity in Canada," said Premier Meighen, "for solidarity of conditions and freedom of enterprise within our own borders. The lesson for Canada and the free peoples of the British Empire is to avoid the pitfalls of all the nations which have preceded it and sunk into oblivion, and of those as well that are writhing in chaos and suffering. I shall strive with all my power for national unity, embracing all races, languages and creeds."

So much for national unity in the Conservative platform. How does it compare with the present Liberal policy?

"Looking over the world today and then fixing eyes on Canada, I see only two divisions of people, only two classes in this country. I see on the one side those who hold steady, who walk firmly in the middle of the road, who learn from experience, who believe in industry and ordered liberty, who still have faith in good old British institutions and British principles that have made us what we are. On the other side, I see those who have given away to prejudices, to class consciousness, to a passion for change and experiment, whose minds are occupied in nurturing suspicion and hostility against other classes of the state."

"those principles which have made Canada a country for Canadians. So much for the maintenance of us what we are," for these principles and that policy which has made Canada a country for Canadians.

In which class does the MacKenzie King Liberals stand? What is their policy on "those principles which have made us what we are?" How do they stand as a party on the tariff question? These are matters upon which the people of Canada are looking for light today. The Conservative platform is clear and well defined; what is the Liberal platform?

Current Comment

Readers of the Liberal press should not be misled by all the stuff now being dished out and hereafter, until after the election, to be deluged out by their party press. It was the doing of something closely akin to this that put this province into the bad scrape they got into by letting the Bell bunglers get possession of the purse strings. Many are not aware that a Grit news factory, with the ablest of paid writers, is running at full blast, and now on over time, at Ottawa, manufacturing the yarns and contriving the bug-aboo stories and canards that so often appear as home-made editorials in the Liberal party press. These fables and sophisticated fallacies are manufactured by their artists of romance, and are spread broadcast over the country amongst those whom they aim and hope to deceive. They are commonly called "canned goods" and are designed for the use of Liberal papers which are otherwise weak in contrivance and editorial management. A specially prepared fable or dissertation will be prepared and introduced in some leading opposition organ such as the Toronto Globe or Ottawa Citizen;

this in turn will be reproduced in the second grade press, such for instance as the Recorder, and again to be copied by the small fry organs such for instance as the romantic Patriot of this city.

A sample of this "canned" stuff appears in the Patriot of the 18th instant, headed, "Those Empire Builders." The editor had apparently tried his hand at re-modeling it, to the extent of wedging in a reference to the "Conservative Convention at Charlottetown," but otherwise it has that stale and unwholesome smell that distinguishes all of their fancy political dishes, being totally devoid of either truth sense or even a low degree of logic. He evidently did not relish the canned article in its original shape, and so the finer, or what he thought was the finer substance, was utilized and the balance of the package discarded. It first lays a weighty stress upon the change of name or designation of the great ruling party in Canada, which being highly "National" in character has included this as an addition to its party title. To the Patriot this is of greater importance

and a source of more evident worry than any of the crying demands for a reliable name and a dependable public policy for its own party. "A rose by any other name will smell as sweet," and why thus weary its soul because the one truly "National" party chooses to appear in the public eyes in fitting garments and free from deceit?

The Patriot then contrives a big straw man in order to parade its prowess in giving the knock out blow. This straw man it introduces as "A change of policy." But here as usual it has put its foot in it by a transposition of parties. Just a little lapse of forgetfulness perhaps, or possibly uneducated in the unwisdom of firing stoned at concrete structures when you have so many glass houses of your own. Now, the only instances of "A change of policy" in Canada are those of the Liberal party or parties, for there were many of them, which have been most abundant both in Federal and provincial affairs. From the day of the origin of the great Liberal Conservative party in Canada, dating back over a half century, there has been the one outstanding policy of protection and a "Unity and co-operation with the British Empire and the Dominion of Canada." These things are still the embodiment of the Party's program and existence and are to continue as unalterable as the laws of the Medes and Persians. No portion of that policy has been "deliberately eliminated" as falsely stated by the Patriot.

But there has been changes of party policy in Canada, so abundant, so varied and drastic, so frequent and so radical in their purpose and design for vote catching that nothing but the catalogued pages of history can retain their number, for they are almost as the sands of the sea shore which cannot be numbered. In our own little (Bell government circle for instance, how countless were the policies and reforms promised to the electors of the province and how equally innumerable the breaches of these promises? And in Federal affairs, who among our old and middle aged men are there who fail to remember the changing cries of "Free Trade," "Unrestricted Reciprocity," "Tariff Reform," "Free Trade as they have it in England," "Continental Free Trade," "Reciprocity as they had it in 1854," "Tariff Revision Downwards," the "Tariff à la Erastus Wiman" and the saints only can remember how many more? Then alone within the last short year, how many different policies has their leader Mackenzie King alone preached before his different audiences between the Atlantic and the Pacific. Liberals talk of changes of policy; ye gods, such rot!

TEACHERS IN THE NORTH — PARTY GIVEN WELCOME AT HEARST AND COCHRANE.

JACKSONBORO, Ont., Aug. 27.—At Hearst today the teachers who are visiting northern Ontario were given a dinner by the Mothers' Club and the Womens Institutes. In return the Teachers' Committee presented each organization with a cheque for fifty dollars. Kapuskasing was the next stop and here the falls, the town site and the new buildings were the points of interest. The evening was spent in Cochrane, where the Board of Trade arranged motor sight seeing trips, a dance in Lake View Hall and an entertainment in the Baptist church. Last year the teachers' party visited the hub of the north as Cochrane is called here and on both occasions they received a very cordial welcome.

Daily Selections for Guardian Readers

TRUTH NEVER DIES
Truth never dies. The ages come and go; The mountains wear away; the seas retire; Destruction lays earth's mighty cities low; And empires, states and dynasties expire; But caught and handed onward by the wise, Truth never dies. Truth answers not; it does not take offense; But with a mighty silence bides its time. As some great cliff that braves the elements, And lifts through all the storms its head sublime, So truth, unmoved, its puny foes defies; Truth never dies, The lips of ridicule dissolve in dust; The sophist's arguments, the gibes are still; God working through the all-compelling Must, Has broken those who dare combat His will; New Systems, born in wild unrest, arise; Truth never dies, — Western Christian Union.

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 expressed by its correspondents.

The Feed Situation

Sir,—In a recent issue of the Guardian extended reference is made to a letter by Mr. John McCarthy of Johnston's River on ways to assist farmers over this year of feed shortage for live stock, and the suggestion is given that the Government should be very grateful to Mr. McCarthy for showing us how we could purchase all the hay in the Province and store it for the use of the farmers. We try to show proper appreciation of the many forms of advice that are tendered as from time to time on how we can spend money more advantageously in the public interest. It might surprise Mr. McCarthy and other well-meaning men to know that this matter was given careful consideration many days ago when it became apparent that the crop of fodder was below the average and that a reduction of live stock must be made in certain districts at sacrificing prices unless additional feed could be furnished. When the Department learned that contracts were being made by exporters to send hay out of the Province we issued a warning against this practice. Even if the Government were prepared to go into a commercial transaction of this nature there is nothing to prevent dealers to contract and secure this hay. Only yesterday a farmer living in a district where feed from outside will be required told us of driving some distance to a grocer who he learned had hay for sale only to find that he had already contracted with an exporter for his surplus. Our informant did not need assistance to purchase the hay. He was quite willing to pay the market price but if the dealers are contracting for whatever amount may be for sale it does not matter whether a man has money to buy with or not, and we are of the opinion that greater assistance can be given by the co-operation of the dealers than in any other way. A large majority of the people who need hay will require only a small amount and most of them are in a position to make the necessary purchase, but if all surplus hay is "snatched" picked up by exporters any financial assistance that can be given will be locking the stable after the horse is stolen. We realize that a man who has hay for sale should receive the highest market price available and even if the government has the constitutional right to put an embargo on the exportation of our hay to any other Province in the Dominion, as Mr. McCarthy takes for granted we have it would be considered by growers a drastic interference with their rights, but the exporters of this commodity have it within their power to assist very materially. Those who are in need, and a favor extended under such circumstances will not soon be forgotten by the recipient, neither will the fact that an ambitious dealer may have cleaned up all the available hay in a community and left a number of men in dire want be overlooked, and as dealers and farmers must work harmoniously, and as the success of one largely influences the prosperity of the other, we hope that all those who are now contracting with outside buyers will consider carefully what the result of these transactions may mean.

The thirty-five thousand dollars which Mr. McCarthy claims is spent for Agriculture and which expenditure he points out could be dispensed with nicely, and no farmer would suffer, is being used for the express purpose for which it was voted by the Legislature, and the large number of farmers who share direct and indirectly in the benefits occurring from this distribution may not see eye to eye with him in this respect. Further, at this time of the year undertaking for its entire disposal have already been made.

When it became apparent early in the season that we were liable to have a feed shortage, and when at the same time on account of heavy after planting shipments of grain and expected large wheat crops in Western Canada, price of mill feed struck a pre-war level and bran could be purchased for \$30 per ton and other concentrates equally low, the Department thought it wise to advise any who was likely be short of feed to consider the purchasing of mill feeds to supplement hay shortage, and a number of farmers' organizations and Creamery Companies took advantage of the opportunity and made purchases at very favorable prices. When we became aware of the fact that the hay was still being sent out of the Province, and having a very accurate knowledge of the requirements of certain districts we thought it proper to advise shippers of the seriousness of sending Hay out of the Province so early in the season before farmers who were in need had an opportunity to purchase. Whether this is too childish as Mr. McCarthy assures us, to be taken seriously we will leave to the public to decide, and we would advise all farmers to immediately take stock of the amount of supplementary feed that will be necessary for them to secure to carry over their stock until next spring, and endeavor to make contracts for their supply before any further quantity of it is exported. Officers of our Department during the past two weeks have covered

all parts of the Island judging standing fields of grain and potatoes and from close observation and careful inquiry have a pretty accurate knowledge of feed conditions. We are satisfied that by carefully husbanding the amount of fodder grown in this province this year that we will have sufficient to carry over the largest part of our breeding stock, and we strongly advise every farmer to endeavor with every means within his power to winter as many animals as he can. The market for ordinary cattle is ridiculously low. In fact all packing houses are doing whatever they can to discourage the killing off of thin and unfinished stock. Quebec and Eastern Ontario are in a very much worse condition than we are in respect to feed and for this reason prices of dairy cattle will be correspondingly high and good stock hard to obtain next spring. Cull carefully the poorest individuals but retain as many as possible for the best breeding animals.

We are, Sir, etc., Department of Agriculture.

Others' View Points

Yukon History.

(Vancouver World)

The Yukon has found its poet but it has not yet found its historian. Of course there are books that tell of the discovery of gold twenty-five years ago and give all sorts of dry facts and statistics but what I would like to see is the sort of story that can be written only by a man who was familiar with events when the newspapers of the later 'nineties first reported them.

A good deal has been written in more or less scattered form about the work of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police in the Yukon, but not a history of the great crimes committed, and the marvellous work done by the force in running down criminals who had lost themselves in cities thousands of miles away.

A typical story comes to my mind. Two men left a roadhouse on their way "out," travelling companions. Months afterwards a dispute among some habitues of the trail led to the discovery that only one of them had arrived at the next roadhouse. The rumor reached the Mounted Police, who proceeded to investigate. Somewhere on the trail they found slight, but unmistakable proof that murder had been done, these being two metal buttons in the ashes of a camp fire.

The pursuit of the murderer, who had had a long start, was taken up. He was eventually tracked down and brought back to Dawson. But capturing the man was one thing and proving his guilt another. Witnesses had to be sought and brought thousands of miles and the cost to the government was said to have run into six figures.

But neither expense nor the enormous difficulty of piecing together the case for the crown deterred the authorities or the Mounted Police and the quest was maintained relentlessly until the murderer expiated his crime on the scaffold.

Authorities.

(From an Exchange.)

Little Nellie told little Anita what she terms only a fib.

Anita: "A fib is the same as a story and a story is the same as a lie."

Nellie: "No, it is not."

Anita: "Yes, it is, because my father said so, and my father is a professor at the university."

Nellie: "I don't care if he is. My father is an editor, and he knows more about lying than your father."

A Coming Visitor.

(From the Springfield Union.)

The announcement that Admiral Beatty, created an earl since the battle of Jutland, will come to the United States in the fall, promises a closer acquaintance with one of the most dashing figures of the war. Handsome as any movie actor who ever cocked a cap over one eye and posed as a fighting admiral, he has more of the qualities which go to make a popular hero than Admiral Jellicoe. What is more fundamental, professional naval opinion supports his daring rather than Jellicoe's caution in the unending controversy as to how the battle of Jutland should have been fought. It is a significant commentary on Beatty that the most serious charge against him during the war, was brought by an arm-chair critic who wanted him court-martialed for taking too great risks, and getting away with it, in the earlier battle of Heligoland. But the leaders who are court-martialed are seldom those who take risks and succeed.

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