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CONSERVATIVES WILL REPEAL PROBATE ACT

Liberals "Quit;" Fail To Appear At Mt. Herbert

MacDonald And Kennedy Receive Hearty Reception From Largely Attended Meeting.

Once again afraid to face the voters, the second time in which it has happened in their campaign in the Third District of Queens, Messrs. Mark McGinlay and H. S. Clarke, Liberal candidates for re-election last night were conspicuous by their absence in the joint meeting called for Mt. Herbert Hall by the Conservative candidates Messrs. J. A. MacDonald and Samuel Kennedy.

Packed to the doors by an audience that was distinctly Conservative, another example of the wave of Conservatism which is sweeping the Province, the electors of the district heard the Conservative standard bearers give stirring speeches that brought out the extravagance and incompetence of their four-year term of office. Interrupted quite frequently by friends and rounds of applause as they drove home point after point with undeniable facts, Messrs. MacDonald and Kennedy more than once were assured of nearly one-hundred percent support when they go to the polls on Thursday.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. J. E. Munn who at the conclusion of the meeting was extended a hearty vote of thanks for his capable chairmanship.

Electors Privilege

Mr. MacDonald was the first speaker of the evening. In his opening remarks Mr. MacDonald stated that it was not the intention of the Conservative Party to take any unfair advantage of their opponents but that he had been reasonably assured that Messrs. McGinlay and Clarke would not attend the Mt. Herbert meeting. The Liberal candidates had not attended the Corran Bank meeting either and amid loud applause Mr. MacDonald stated that it was the electors' privilege that those men should be present and give an account of their stewardship and that it was their bounden duty to do so.

Despite their pre-election promise of making expenditure and revenue meet, and despite the fact that when they made that promise they knew the true financial condition of the Province, including the amount of unpaid bills; and also that they had \$150,000 more revenue to work on, an amount that had been secured from Ottawa by the MacMillan Government in the last year they were in power, the Campbell Government had not only failed to accomplish this but had increased the indebtedness of the Province by over a million dollars. (Applause.)

On top of the million and a quarter dollars there was also \$700,000 due on call loans and there Mr. MacDonald said was the reason for the early election, because in order to complete the contracts they would have to borrow two million dollars more. (Applause.) They did not want to disclose the true financial condition of the Province, the speaker stated, until they had received a verdict from the people.

Extravagance Scored

Scoring the extravagance of the Campbell administration Mr. MacDonald went on to give specific examples of this. Tenders for the renovating of the Court House in Summerside had originally amounted to \$14,000, but what do we find? In 1938 \$14,000 more had been allotted and then we find that in the estimates of this year another \$20,000 had been added, making a total of \$48,000 for a job that originally was supposed to have cost \$14,000. This was only one example but there were many more, the speaker stated.

Despite the boasts of the great road work carried on by the Liberals it was a known fact that on the by-roads, bridges and culverts of the Province the Campbell Government had actually spent \$50,000 less than had the Conservatives on this very necessary work, a statement that was received with much applause. Taking the Mt. Herbert road for example Mr. MacDonald stated that the last work on it had been done by the Conservatives with the late Hamund Kelly in charge, and a vote from the audience stated: "Right you are, Gus." Furthermore, the speaker said that with the approval of Conservative leader Dr. MacMillan a proper road would be built. (More applause.)

In the matter of the unpaid bills of the Province, Mr. MacDonald stated that it was impossible to give an answer to this oft-repeated question at the different meetings. It was stated that these unpaid accounts amounted to \$500,000 and this had not been denied by the

Conservatives Are Well Received At Morell Meeting

The people are determined to oust the Campbell Government for their flagrant violation of their election pledges in saddling the taxpayers with millions of additional debt, said Mr. J. P. MacIntyre, Conservative candidate for re-election at Morell last night. Both Mr. Burge and his running mate, Mr. James Leslie received a grand ovation from the Morell voters. Mr. J. P. MacIntyre and Mr. H. H. Cox who also spoke were interrupted frequently by hecklers in the closely packed audience.

Mr. Burge told the electors that had the Campbell government lived up to the platform on which they were elected, he had no doubt that this Province would have been well governed during the past three and a half years. It was the overwhelming desire of the electors for a balanced budget that elected them and if they had kept the wishes of the people they represented, they would not have added to our indebtedness by over a million dollars a year.

Changing conditions in the Province necessitates from time to time an increase in revenue to make ends meet, and when such a discrepancy occurs, the Liberals have tried to square the accounts by increasing taxes, while the records show that the Conservatives have done many times to the Federal Government reminding them of their obligation to Prince Edward Island and that they received the required financial assistance.

The speaker dealt at some length with the Probate Act, pointing out that on the estate of \$1500 fees and other costs will run as high as \$450 and in no case would be less than \$150. The act also allowed the executor to sell the property in order to settle all indebtedness. The only way in which they could have bungled things in a worse manner could and should be an asset on ordinary account. We have a sinking

BRITAIN SEEKS ACCORD WITH SOVIET RUSSIA

(By The Canadian Press)

The Foreign Affairs Committee of the British Cabinet was reported today (Wednesday) to have approved a note offering to fight for Russia if she were forced to oppose an aggressor in fulfilling guarantees to any of the small nations on her western border.

Informed London sources said the British proposed that Russia guarantee to fight to preserve the independence of Poland, Rumania, Estonia, Latvia and Finland.

Great Britain and France would help in carrying out her guarantee, it was reported. They already have committed themselves to fight for Poland and Rumania, as well as Greece and Turkey.

The note was said to represent considerable concessions to Moscow who had turned down previous British proposals because they did not include all the nations on her western border.

The British answer, to be sent to Moscow today, to a Soviet response received Monday, was determined upon when Russia's Foreign Secretary Viscount Gostomirsky made a diplomatic gesture which sources close to the French Foreign Ministry considered "almost a slap in the face."

After having asked postponement of the League of Nations Council session at Geneva until next Monday so the Assistant Soviet Foreign Commissar, Vladimir Potemkin, would have time to be there, Moscow suddenly announced her Ambassador to London, Ivan Malsky, would be her representative at the Geneva meeting.

Foreign Secretary Viscount Halifax of Britain and Foreign Minister Georges Bonnet of France, both planning to attend the council sessions, had hoped to be able to iron out with Potemkin the differences which keep Russia from joining the British-French Anti-Aggression Front.

Britain meanwhile was engaged in a 20-year-old Palestine problem in connection with publication today of her government's plan for settling it.

Troops patrolled strategic points throughout Palestine as feeling among both Jews and Arab extremists ran high in anticipation of announcement of a plan neither proper nor desirable, and upon their leaders to be ready for "any sacrifice."

Of four northern European countries which were offered military aid by Hitler, Denmark alone was expected to accept in replies to be delivered today. Norway, Sweden and Finland were expected to say tactfully that they saw no necessity for entering such agreements.

Swing Is Solidly To Conservatives In 2nd Queen's

Messrs Bell And Bethune Given Rousing Reception By Huge Meeting At Cornwall.

Sentiment at Cornwall last night for the final joint meeting of the campaign in the 2nd District of Queens was strong for Conservative candidates, Messrs. R. R. Bell and D. F. Bethune. Neither of the Liberal candidates, Hon. B. W. LePage or Mr. Angus McPhee, appeared at a hearing or volume of applause that would be comforting to them on the eve of the election. In fact both gentlemen at times failed to hold the attention of the meeting sufficiently to maintain good order and chairman George Boyle had to come to their rescue on more than one occasion.

The large hall at Cornwall was packed to the doors and many were unable to gain admittance. Even space on the platform was at a premium before the meeting ended.

First speaker was Hon. Mr. LePage, followed by Messrs. Bell, McPhee and Bethune with Mr. LePage in a ten minute rebuttal.

Mr. Bell in an outstanding address dealt in detail with the Conservative platform, pointing out to the electors the benefits to be derived from the policies therein outlined, the correction of abuses which have crept into the legislature and the halt to the heading Liberal administration.

Hon. Mr. LePage's statement that the "finances of the Province were never in better position" was drawn to the attention of the

Public Accounts Reveal More Buried Expenditures On Liberal "Cheap" Highway

Further Analysis Shows Roads Being Built At Extravagant Cost of \$25,000 Per Mile

Sir,—In furthering my investigations into the costs of the Campbell Government's so called "cheap" highways, I unconsciously stumbled upon these well concealed and I might say purposely hidden facts.

In the Public Works Report 1938 page 263, the following item appears:—

Project T 1—Paving—Summerside to Tignish ————— \$196,419.37

On pages 29-30 of the "Chief Engineer's Report I find that this money was spent for the "preparatory work and paving of 12.9 miles of road, showing an average cost of \$15,226.30 per mile for this work. On inquiry and investigation I found out that this was the contract described as from "Summerside to Inverness School."

In the Public Works Report 1938 page 263, the following other item appears:—

Project T 1—36—Subgrading—Summerside to Inverness School ————— \$90,832.10

On pages 29-30 of the "Chief Engineer's Report I find that this money was spent for the sub-grading of 1.6 plus 7.7 or 9.3 miles of road, showing an average cost of \$9,766.89 per mile for this work. Thus we have the total cost per "finished" mile of the work on this project or contract as follows:—

Preparatory work and paving ————— \$15,226.30 per mile
Sub-grading ————— 9,766.89 per mile
Total cost per mile ————— \$24,993.19

In arriving at this total I just took the figures as shown in the "Chief Engineer's Report" and did not include any unpaid amounts such as 10 per cent still due contractors for paving and gravelling, etc. Had these amounts been paid in full the total cost of the finished road per mile for this section would be well over \$25,000.00.

In trying to verify these figures in the Public Accounts I was amazed to find that on page 76—Appendix 9—the accounts of the two paving contracts were given as a total as was also the sub-grading costs. I was lead to believe that this was done to deceive so that the enormous cost per mile as I have shown above would never be revealed. The Public Accounts should have shown what was paid for the Curran and Briggs contract and the Storms Company's contract separate. This is why I say I unconsciously stumbled upon these well concealed and what looks to be purposely hidden facts.

It may be true that some of the paving work cost less per mile than the section which I have mentioned. But that is something we will never know until all bills and ac-

ROYAL LINER APPROACHES QUEBEC CITY

QUEBEC, May 16—The Empress of Australia, bringing Their Majesties King George and Queen Elizabeth to Canada, was about 20 miles below this port at 11:10 p. m. EDT tonight.

At that hour the light-house keeper on the shores of the little village of St. Jean, Island of Orleans, reported to the Signal Service Agency at Quebec that he would see the lights of the royal yacht and her accompanying escort of four naval craft.

The light keeper at St. Jean said the vessels were about five miles below station when he was 14 miles east of the port of Quebec.

The Empress is scheduled to anchor off St. Jean for the night and then cross up the river to Quebec harbor tomorrow morning.

(By R. K. Carnegie, Canadian Press Staff Writer)

ABOARD R. M. S. EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA, May 16—The King and Queen, accompanied by their Majesties' children, are on the royal yacht and her accompanying escort of four naval craft.

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Pledges Party To Wipe Legislation Off The Statutes

Bradalbane Tenders Enthusiastic Ovation To Dr. MacMillan And Party Candidates.

Assurance that on the return of the Conservative Party to power, at the very first session of the Legislature, the Probate Act of the Campbell Government will be wiped off the statute books of the Province was given at the Bradalbane meeting last night by Hon. Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan.

The Conservative leader's statement was received with cheers and enthusiastic applause from all parts of the hall, indicating the strong public sentiment against this oppressive legislation.

The meeting was overwhelmingly Conservative in feeling, the Liberal candidates, Messrs. Stewart and McKay, getting such a poor reception that on more than one occasion the chairman, Mr. Malcolm Stewart, had to intercede on their behalf.

Messrs. MacKenzie and Beaton, on the other hand, received an ovation from the audience, which cheered and applauded their speeches as well as those of the Conservative leader who followed the candidates.

Efforts on the part of Mr. J. W. McNaught, law clerk in the employ of the Campbell Government, to defend the Probate Act proved as ineffective as the noble efforts of the Liberal candidates.

Province Wide Feeling

"Wherever I have gone from Tignish to Souris," said Dr. MacMillan, "I find the same feeling. The people want to hear the issues of this campaign discussed, and the opinion of this meeting just reflects what we are meeting all through the Province, that the people are waiting on the 18th of May to get rid of the Campbell Government which does not represent Liberalism in this Province."

"You have heard the representative of this Government speak to you. What do you think of their report of their stewardship?" he asked. "What have they done for you under the Government, that has been so kind to themselves?"

Voices: "Nothing." (Applause.)

Dr. MacMillan corrected a statement Mr. Stewart had attributed to him with respect to the late Premier LePage. He said that no one had a warmer personal regard for Mr. LePage than he had. When the Liberal party lost Mr. LePage to Quebec, he said, he added, "And I will say to my friend Mr. Stewart that if he was 100th as good as his late father-in-law, he would have been a good deal more than it did in the last four years."

Dr. MacMillan referred to the fact that Mr. Stewart had said that the Government had come to the meeting to defend the actions of the Government in passing the Probate Act which he analyzed in detail, pointing out the expense involved in its provisions.

"Where," he asked amid applause, "were the representatives, that they did not protest when that measure went to the House of Commons? What protest did they make?"

Voices: "That is right."

Dr. MacMillan also dealt with the National Park and Road Acts, referring to Mr. McNaught's statement in defence of expropriating the land without allowing right of appeal to the courts, a dangerous provision in the Campbell legislation respecting farm rehabilitation.

He also reviewed the maladministration of the Probate Act under the present regime, the audience warmly applauding as he drove home his accusations.

Children of the Governor-General's staff members will be present with their parents on arrival at the Royal Party at Government House, it was learned here tonight.

Youngest member of the five is six-year-old O'Donnell Redfern, son of A. S. Redfern, Secretary to Lord Tweedsmuir, and Mrs. Redfern. Others are Melodie and Raymond, children of Col. H. Willis O'Connor, an aide-de-camp, and Mrs. O'Connor, and Janet and Thomas Stewart, children of H. R. Stewart, second assistant secretary to the governor-general, and Mrs. Stewart.

Royal Program For Wednesday

(By The Canadian Press)

Canada, the province of Quebec and the City of Quebec join today in formally welcoming the King and Queen to Canada. The day's program is one of the most strenuous on "Their Majesties' itinerary. Here it is:

10:25 AM, R.D.T.—Greeted aboard the Empress of Australia by Prime Minister Mackenzie King.

10:30 AM—Landing. Presentation of lieutenant-governor of Quebec, members of Dominion cabinet, and assembly and their wives.

11:25 AM—Reception at legislative buildings. Address of welcome by Premier Duplessis, Presentation of members of legislative council and assembly and their wives.

12:30 PM—Luncheon at Chateau Frontenac as guests of Canadian Government. Address by His Majesty over National network of Canadian radio stations.

2:35 PM—Motor drive to points of interest, including National Battlefields Park.

5:30 PM—Tea at Spencerwood, residence of the lieutenant-governor.

8:10 PM—Dinner at Chateau Frontenac as guests of the lieutenant-governor and the executive council of Quebec.

NO NEED FOR PROBE

LONDON, (C P)—Questions were asked in the House of Commons regarding the gland treatments being given certain British football teams. Health Minister Elliot denied there was necessity of an investigation.



TORONTO, May 16—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	34	62
Vancouver	46	60
Edmonton	54	67
Regina	56	64
Winnipeg	36	54
Toronto	51	64
Ottawa	50	62
Montreal	48	66
Quebec	44	68
Saint John	38	56
Halifax	36	52
Charlottetown	36	46

FORECAST

Maritime East: moderate to fresh winds; partly cloudy and cool. High tide this morning at 9:04 and tonight at 10:04.

Sun sets this evening at 7:24 and rises tomorrow morning at 4:29.

New Moon May 19, 12:26 A.M.

Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

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Leave Borden 9:45 a. m. 1 p. m. Tormentilla 11 a. m. 3:55 p. m.

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