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Splendid Hearing For Conservatives At Clifton Meeting

One-Time Liberal Stronghold Enthusiastically Applauds Hon. J. D. Stewart And Conservative Candidates Messrs MacKenzie And Wigmore.

BEGINS SURVEY OF PORTS

Sir Alexander Gibb Has Conference With Saint John Mayor.

(Canadian Press)
SAINT JOHN, N. B., July 22.—The preliminary survey of the devastated west side harbor front and the harbor in general, was completed today, by Sir Alexander Gibb, eminent British port authority, and his assistants. The party will leave Saint John by the Bay of Fundy route boat tomorrow morning for Halifax to continue their survey of Canadian ports. They are expected to return to this city in September. An informal round-table conference was held in the mayor's office today. After the meeting, his worship stated: "We put forward to Sir Alexander and his assistants the ideals and aspirations of the city in relation to the reconstruction of the west side docks, the general harbor development, including the proposed harbor bridge, and matters of like interest. The talk was purely informal."

SAINT JOHN, N. B., July 22.—The final chapter in the preliminary arrangements relative to the reconstruction of sufficient port facilities at West St. John to accommodate this coming winter's shipping activities, was closed this afternoon with the endorsement of the arrangements by prominent shipping men of Canada at a special conference held here. Representatives of the various shipping lines which utilize this port arrived in the city at noon and went into

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS ETC.

- *"Show and Dance Forrest Hill Hall Monday. 7630-7-22-21."
- *"All parties having potato bags belonging to us kindly return, P. J. Noy & Co., 7643-7-22-31."
- *"Ice Cream Festival and Dance, Maplewood School, Thursday, July 23rd. If not fine, Friday, 7656-7-23-11."
- *"Come to the Ice Cream Social and Dance in Cardigan Head School Thursday, July 23rd. 7632-7-22-21."
- *"Ross' Mills, Vernon River, will close July 28th until the new crop. 7603-7-21-31."
- *"Whoopie!" Ice Cream Social at Grahams Road Hall, Monday, July 27th. If not fine will be held Tuesday. 7654-7-22-31."
- *"Reserve Wednesday, August 12th in the Golden Jubilee Celebration and Grand Tea Party at St. Peter's. See add later. 7413-7-14-tt61."
- *"Come to the Lawn Party at Bonshaw Thursday night, July 23rd. If not fine first fine night following. 7683-7-22-21."
- *"The O'Leary Orchestra will furnish the music at the big dance in Richmond Hall, on Thursday evening, July 23rd. Good order and refreshments. 7626-7-22-31."
- *"The parishioners of St. Anthony's Church, Bloomfield, Lot 5, will hold their Tea Party on Tuesday, August 4th. Come and enjoy yourself. 7612-7-21-61."
- *"Hurrah for St. James Church Sunday School Picnic, Stanhope Beach Lane, Thursday, Cars at Schoolroom at 1.30 sharp. Bring the children and a basket. Baking, sports and a good time for all. The services of car owners will be appreciated. 7622-7-22-21."

The flowing tide of Conservative sentiment was plainly evident last night at the largely attended political meeting at Clifton, strongest Liberal poll in the First District of Queens, at which the Conservative speakers were enthusiastically received. The popular party candidates, Messrs Walter MacKenzie and Thomas Wigmore made a splendid impression and scored aggressively over their opponents, Hon. Peter Sinclair and Hon. Allan Stewart, Mr. Garrett Campbell, Grahams Road, presided capably and impartially.

Hon. J. D. Stewart, Conservative party leader, supported Messrs MacKenzie and Wigmore in a challenging speech in which he took up, clause by clause, the League of Nations platform of 1927, showing the Government's sorry failure to implement its pledges.

"And this is the Government," Mr. Stewart taunted while the audience applauded, "that is now appealing on its record!"

Frankly Mr. Allan Stewart admitted that federal politics were not in issue in the present campaign. Both he and his colleague Mr. Sinclair, however, injected federal matters into the debate.

A "NO POLICY" GOVERNMENT

"Premier Lea and his party do not purpose to tell the people what they intend to do," declared Hon. J. D. Stewart. "They are not going to bind themselves to any platform. They may do what is right; they may do what is wrong; but they are not going to bind themselves; they are not making any contract with you and therefore they are not liable to you in any way if they should be re-elected to power."

"Do you think they are the proper people to have in power, who

hold themselves without any responsibility, and do not give you any assurance as to what they will do? Their chief campaign so far has been criticism of the Bennett Government. It is time enough for them to criticize Mr. Bennett or any one else for non fulfillment of promises when they have implemented their own promises made four years ago." (Applause.)

Brought up on a farm, the son of a farmer, the Conservative leader challenged his opponents to explain why an attempt was now being made to introduce class prejudice into the campaign. The people are being asked to vote for Premier Lea because he is a farmer, "Is a poor farmer better than a good doctor, or a good merchant?" Mr. Stewart asked. "It is not merchants, it is not lawyers it is not doctors, it is not farmers you want, but men capable of performing public services, whatever their profession may be."

The League Government's failure to implement its platform pledges with regard to old age pensions, subsidy settlement, appointment of a supervisor for the Farmers Institutes, promotion of cranberry and other small fruit growing, encouragement of the canning industry, enforcement of the Prohibition law, etc., was scathingly denounced by Mr. Stewart.

Answering the Liberal criticism that he had said the opportunity of obtaining a subsidy settlement was gone, Mr. Stewart, amid applause, said: "Yes, it is gone—gone for them, and they won't get another chance!"

"Which of the parties that are now facing you do you believe is most likely to secure a subsidy settlement which will ensure that revenue so necessary to the Province, without additional taxes?" he challenged.

"They have cluttered up the Statute Books with statutes of no value and which they are not attempting to implement," he declared, instancing the legislation passed to provide for an educational plebiscite, and for a Board of Education.

Amusement at the expense of Mr. Sinclair was occasioned when Mr. Stewart proved conclusively that the unpainted bridges referred to by the Liberal candidate were in that condition under the Bell Government, and not under the Stewart administration.

LIBERAL INCONSISTENCY

The old age pensions plank, Mr. Stewart pointed out, was put in the Liberal platform of 1927. They did nothing about it for four years. Then when their time was up they went about taking a census and now they say "we will pay old age pensions too." Yet they admit they have no platform and no such policy has ever been officially enunciated by their party." (Applause.)

Mr. Stewart dealt fully with the facts in connection with the grant in lieu of railway taxes, which the Liberals in 1927 contended should be apportioned to the city and towns. They included that as a plank in their platform and ignored it absolutely until the last session of the Legislature when they passed an Act—not that the towns should receive a specified sum but that the Governor in Council should decide the amount. In other words they took the matter completely in their own hands.

"I am informed," Mr. Stewart continued, "that that money has not been paid yet to Charlottetown."

BEAUHARNOIS SCANDAL INVESTIGATION

Hon. W. L. King Denies He Knew Anything About the Payment of His Expenses By Beauharnois, But Admits Senator McDougald Paid His Bermuda Hotel Bill.

(Canadian Press)
OTTAWA, Ont., July 22.—Positive denial that his hotel bills while on a trip to Bermuda had been paid by the Beauharnois Company was made in the House of Commons today by Rt. Hon. MacKenzie King, Leader of the Opposition. Rising on a question of privilege, Mr. King stated that certain newspapers had interpreted evidence given before the Beauharnois Committee of the House of Commons by Senator Wilfred Laurier McDougald as bearing the significance that these bills had been paid by the Beauharnois Company. Mr. King quoted headlines from the newspaper in his hand to this effect. Such an interpretation was absolutely incorrect.

"Mr. Speaker, I rise to question of personal privilege," said Mr. King. "The press of yesterday and today in reporting upon the proceedings before the select standing committee investigating the Beauharnois project has in certain quarters placed its own interpretation upon the evidence which was given there. I have in my hand one public article bearing the following heading: 'Beauharnois paid bills of ex-Premier King.' 'MacKenzie King's jaunt to Bermuda with Senator financed by Beauharnois.'"

"I just wish to say Mr. Speaker, that no bills of mine were ever paid by Beauharnois. I had no connection whatsoever with Beauharnois in any way with respect to any matter of travel or anything else, and also I did not make the trip to Bermuda with Senator McDougald, as one might infer by reading the heading of articles appearing in some newspapers of yesterday and today.

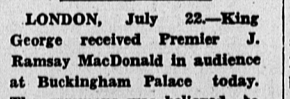
"The statement upon which these articles are based is a voucher presented yesterday to the committee

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LONDON, July 22.—King George received Premier J. Ramsay MacDonald in audience at Buckingham Palace today. The summons was believed to be in connection with the seven power conference on the German financial crisis.

The Weather Etc

TALK IS CHEAP, UNTIL YOU HAVE TO TAKE IT BACK!



TORONTO, July 23.—Moderate southwest winds, cloudy and probably a few scattered showers.

Temperatures

Maximum	75
Minimum	68
High tide this afternoon at 5.31	
and tomorrow morning at 5.06.	
Sun sets this evening at 7.34 and rises tomorrow morning at 4.39.	
Full moon Wednesday, July 29, 8.48 a. m.	

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

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Mackenzie King's Millionaire Friends

NEW HOOVER PLAN IS TALK IN LONDON

Delegates At Seven Power Conference Electrified By Report of New Washington Move to Solve the German Problem.

LONDON, July 22.—The finance ministers of seven nations struggled for six continuous hours tonight with the first steps to restore stricken Germany. The results of their deliberations will be submitted to the seven power conference in plenary session tomorrow, and the day closes in a mystery as profound as any that ever surrounded a great international conference.

As the delegates continued their task this afternoon, London was suddenly electrified by word from Washington of a new Hoover plan. According to the story, the plan has already been submitted in London by Henry L. Stimson, United States Secretary of State. Yet in both British and American circles here it is denied that Stimson has submitted any new plan. At neither of today's sittings it was stated,

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Sensational Disclosures Of How The Public's Resources Were Battered On By A Crowd Of Greedy Profiteers Close To The Elbow Of Hon. Mackenzie King

The Liberal organ in recent months has earned the reputation of being "The Great Suppressor," because of its notorious practice of withholding from its readers information that reflects upon its party or its administration. Recent instances are the Falconwood Skeleton Scandal, the Mr. W. McL. Clarke optimistic review at the Board of Trade, the Russell Clark intervention in Prohibition Cases. But the worst and most glaring instance is that of the suppression of all details of the Beauharnois disclosures which are the sensation of Canada, and declared to be the worst political scandal that has ever blackened the records of Canada. Details have been given daily in the Guardian, here it is intended merely to summarize a few of the disclosures:

Immediately before last election the Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, then Prime Minister, went to Bermuda, accompanied by Senator Haydon, his "Minister of Elections," and Sir Henry Thornton, President of the Canadian National Railways. He met there Senator McDougald, his bosom friend and confident. It was generally accepted the party had gone to talk over election plans and prospects, and now the Beauharnois Scandal Investigation discloses that the cheque to pay the expenses of Mr. King and Senator McDougald was issued by Beauharnois. Mr. King denies that he knew anything of this payment except that when he went to pay his bill at the Bermuda Hotel the clerk told him Senator McDougald had paid it.

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Premier Contradicts His Own Statement Re Election Pledges

FRENCH FLIERS REACH MOSCOW

(Canadian Press)
MOSCOW, July 22.—The French aviators, Joseph Lebriz, Marcel Doret and Rene Mesmin, came back to Moscow today, eight days after their attempted non-stop flight from Paris to Tokyo ended in failure in the middle of Siberia. The three had a spectacular escape from death when their motor failed in a storm and they took to their parachutes. They intend to make another try over the same route as soon as possible.

Drought Serious In Saskatchewan

(Canadian Press)
MONTREAL, July 22.—About a hundred thousand residents of Saskatchewan will have to be fed by the Provincial and Federal Governments during the coming winter. Livestock to the number of 15,000 head will have to be taken from drought areas to spots where the feed is more plentiful. Yet Saskatchewan will recover its lost wealth, according to Hon. Howard McConnell, Provincial Treasurer and Minister of municipal affairs, who is in Montreal today to consult with officers of the Royal Bank of Canada. Out of the 302 townships in Saskatchewan, 75 will require federal and provincial relief during the coming winter, according to Mr. McConnell.

"The drought has been so bad," he admitted, "that even potatoes have not grown in some sections of the Province. That is why we have to feed so many people through the winter. It is without doubt the most severe rainless spell that the west has had since the beginning of the century."

Ignoring His Contradictory Statement at Egmont Bay, Premier Lea Again Shifts Into "High Gear" At Borden, Claiming Implementation of All His Pledges "To The Letter"—Conservative Candidates, Amid Warm Applause, Score Government's Incompetency And Irresponsibility.

Premier Lea at the opening meeting at Borden in his own district of 4th Prince, flatly contradicted the statement he made at Egmont Bay on Monday night when he said that they had fulfilled their promises eighty percent, by announcing at the beginning of his speech that the Liberals had "fulfilled to the letter every pledge in our program." All have been carried out. We amended the prohibition act for better or worse. We have fulfilled every promise to the letter of the law."

The meeting was distinctly Conservative, the Conservative candidates being given a wonderful reception. They were given round after round of applause as they tore the Liberal platform to shreds showing up the extravagance, incompetence and insincerity of the Lea Government in not fulfilling their pledges of 1927.

Mr. Lea in his speech said: "It is the record of performance that we come to the country on. The people have not forgotten their promises and would not be influenced by a new batch."

Mr. J. F. Arnett was on the platform. The speakers in order named being Hon. Mr. Lea, Hugh Morrison, Hon. Horace Wright and Heath Strong, B.

Prorogation Next Week

OTTAWA, July 22.—The Beauharnois committee of enquiry of the House of Commons may terminate the taking of evidence tomorrow night. While there are several witnesses to be examined, indications this evening were in that direction. Prorogation of Parliament is now that of Wednesday of next week. The most important legislation remaining to be brought down are the unemployment and relief measures, which may provide \$50,000,000 contribution from the Dominion.

IS HECKLED

In his rebuttal speech the Premier was badly heckled when he tried to answer Mr. Heath Strong's remarks on finance. As he turned his back on the audience to address Mr. Strong, cries of "turn around, face the people" were heard. Mr. Hugh Morrison and Mr. Heath Strong carried all before them as they dealt with the issues of the day and cited instance after instance of broken pledges of the Liberal party. They were frequently cheered during their able debates on subsidy claims, road work, finance, prohibition pledges and old

COMMITTEE HEARS FURTHER EVIDENCE

Senator McDougald Has Poor Memory For Matters In Connection With Beauharnois Deal.

OTTAWA, July 22.—Stoutly resisting all suggestions that he had exerted influence in political circles at Ottawa with a view to securing administrative approval to the Beauharnois project, Hon. W. L. McDougald today continued his evidence before the special House of Commons Committee investigating the ramifications of the Colossal Power Company.

This was Senator McDougald's second day as a witness, and his testimony occupied practically all of the morning and afternoon sessions. He was discharged shortly before adjournment, following a grueling inquisition at the hands of Peter White, K. C. (committee counsel, and members of the committee visits to Ottawa, the expense of which were charged up by the Senator to the Beauharnois Company, gave Mr. White the occasion to enquire as to the purpose of such trips. In the light of the Senator's insistence upon his having interviewed no one in particular, Mr. White asked facetiously if the money was paid in order to treat Mr. McDougald to a sight of the Parliament or that he should listen to the carillon.

Taking the Senator back to the year 1927 Mr. White sought to establish that Mr. McDougald was interested in Beauharnois at that early date. This the Senator categorically denied. Legal fees charged to the company by the firm of Geoffrion and Prud'Homme, who were the company's lawyers, were drawn to the Senator's attention. They showed the law firm billing Beauharnois on account of telephone conversations and interviews. Synchronizing with these were bills charging Hon. Walter Mitchell of Montreal, and R. O. Swezey, for similar service. In view of that circumstance, would the Senator deny that the interviews and telephone calls concerned the operations of Beauharnois?

Senator McDougald's reply was to remind counsel that he was at that time chairman of the Montreal Harbor Commission, that there were developments proceeding in Montreal in which the commission was directly concerned, and that although his memory failed him with regard to particulars, the services indicated were in all probability connected with these.

"Do you suggest he (Mr. Geoffrion) was speaking to you about Beauharnois business?" asked Mr. White.

"It might have been Beauharnois business, but it was not my business," replied the Senator.

Further charges to Beauharnois from Geoffrion and Prud'Homme for services rendered in telephone interviews, with Senator McDougald, were read in detail to the Senator, but in each case he expressed his inability to recall them.

ENGLAND HAS COLD SUMMER

(Special to the Guardian)
LONDON, July 22.—While Canada has been sweeter in heat waves England's summer has surpassed itself in going toward the other extreme. It was 4 degrees below freezing at Hampstead Heath today and Londoners for the past few days have been huddling around fires warming their beds with hot water bottles. Many nights last December were warmer than last night. When the temperature of 4 degrees below freezing was reported at Hampstead and other parts of the country the weather bureau thought at first a mistake had been made. Investigation proved that frost and low mercury were only too real.