

Business Changes Hands

HARRY RICHARDSON TAKES OVER MILTON'S TEA ROOMS

Milton's Tea Rooms has been sold to Mr. Harry Richardson, who took over the business yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. Bell are going to retire from the business. Their untiring efforts and ability has brought this business to its present high standing. Harry Richardson is a very popular and clever boy and everybody will find in him a real gentleman and a man. The many customers of this place are assured of every attention in Harry Richardson and his staff. Harry has been lately employed at Clarke Bros. as traveller, and made many friends in this connection.

PREMIER

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document, a tentative agreement of the candidates for the consideration of the electorate, and if the electorate accept the offer and elect those candidates on that platform the elected candidates, if they have any sense of responsibility as public men, are in honour bound to carry out the planks of the platform.

"That is why the Stewart party present a platform as all political parties have done except Mr. Lea and his followers. And as an evidence that the Stewart Government if elected, will implement its platform, we offer the indisputed fact that they carried out every single promise of their 1923 platform, and if elected they will carry out the promises in the platform which they now present. 'That,' said the Doctor amid further applause, 'is the record of the Stewart party.'

"Contrast that with Mr. Lea's attitude regarding platforms, his repudiation of their 1927 platform, and the fact that he does not wish to be hampered by any promises; that he wants a free hand and his only excuse is their 'R.O.P.' He says their 'record' is the 'platform.' 'What is the record?' said the Doctor. 'It is a record of borrowing, of reckless and extravagant expenditure, and of increased debt. They had upwards of a million dollars of increased revenue more than the Stewart Government had; they borrowed nearly \$100,000 for road machinery ordered over the telephone, they borrowed an additional half million dollars for extravagant expenditures on roads, etc., and they left an addition of a million dollars to the debt. (Applause.)

"In seventy-five years all governments in this Province rolled up a debt of \$2,000,000. In four years the Saunders-Lea-McIntyre aggregation have added one million dollars to the two already existing. And judging by the statements of the Premier and their 'tremendous' Minister of Public Works, they will add another million if given another four years' chance. (Applause.)

"This debt must be paid for," continued the Doctor. "And that brings up to the question of claims. Premier Lea's statement that an increase of subsidy of \$30,000 and \$70,000 obtained by the Liberals balances the \$100,000 obtained by the present Chief Justice Matheson, while Premier is not a fair comparison, because every Province in Canada received increased subsidy when the Liberals obtained \$30,000 and \$70,000 at another time; while not a Province in Canada received a cent when Chief Justice Matheson obtained \$100,000 as the first recognition and payment on account of those claims which we have against the Dominion Government.

"During the days of the Stewart Government we obtained \$40,000 of railway taxation through the persistent efforts of Mr. Stewart and the same chance for obtaining that

Machinery Tenders Still Unexplained By Hon. Mr. McIntyre

amount of money existed during the days of the Bell Government when Premier Lea was Provincial Treasurer, and which was never taken advantage of.

"The \$125,000 of interim payment under the Duncan Commission award was the first recognition of the splendid case made on behalf of this Province by Hon. J. D. Stewart. That is, the Stewart Government obtained \$165,000 of new revenue in their four years of office. What new revenue has the Saunders-Lea Government obtained on the claims question? Not one single cent." (Applause.)

"Premier Lea, in his rosy Capitol Theatre speech, said the proper way to judge the record of a government or individual is by the past.

PREMIER LEA: "Quite correct." DR. MCMILLAN: "Accordingly, we will judge the Stewart Government and the Lea Government, and Premier Lea by their records in the past, and let the electors try it. 'For your years Mr. Saunders and Mr. Lea have told us about the wonderful 'sympathy' they received at Ottawa; but they were never able to bring us what the Province needs most—dollars and cents. And we come to the point where Premier Saunders made the announcement that he had got a special Audit Board appointed to deal with the claims of this Province, and we can prove now what we always said, that this was not a special Audit Board, but three paid officials in the Finance Department at Ottawa, and their report bears out the truth of our statement, because they say that the final and complete arrangement must be made directly between the Provincial and Dominion Governments."

Here the Doctor took up the "ideal budget" for ten years which the Lea Government presented to the Audit Board, and corrected the glaring misstatement of Premier Lea that the amounts asked for in that budget were all "increases" instead of an annual budget.

"If Premier Lea asked for the increases as tabulated, he asked for \$1,261,436.71 increase, and not the \$438,000 which they have been claiming as the additional amount they want."

The Doctor then dealt convincingly with Public Health, showing that the Bell Government with Mr. Lea as financial spokesman, refused a grant to the Children's Aid Society, refused to contribute one cent to the greatest public health agency we ever had—the Red Cross Society—and the Saunders Government repeated the infamous record by refusing to pay for delinquent children sentenced to reformatories by the Judges of the Juvenile Court.

The Doctor showed conclusively that Premier Lea never did anything for public health only what we are driven to do by the force of public opinion.

He concluded his remarks by dealing with the question of roads and the statement of the "recanted Progressive" Hon. Horace Wright that all the Stewart Government had to show for their expenditures was two miles of gravelled road.

Public Works Minister Unable To Meet Challenge Of His Opponent, Mr. J. B. McDonald. Conservative Candidates Warmly Received At St. Peter's Bay.

Another triumph was scored by the Conservative candidates at the joint political meeting at St. Peter's last night.

Mr. H. H. Cox, who was first to address the electors, said he did not wish to boast but he liked to talk of his 1927 majority. It sounded nice. He said he did not wish to mix Federal and Local politics.

Voice: "Well don't then." (Laughter.)

Mr. Cox evidently thought it necessary for he entered into a long discussion of Dominion Affairs.

MR. MAC EWEN'S ADDRESS

Mr. H. D. McEwen dealt convincingly with the financial situation. "We raised our revenue not as the Liberals are doing by increased taxation," he said, but by increased subsidy from Ottawa. (Applause.) Are you content to go on increasing the public debt at the rate of 31 per cent per term? I for one do not approve of it. It will sink the province into debt so that it will never get out. (Applause.)

"Mr. MacIntyre makes fun of my travels, at least I did not get lost in New York State and have to hire a chauffeur to get me back as he did." (Laughter.)

"Did they tell you in 1927 that they would buy \$100,000 worth of machinery? No. They knew it would not be popular. They have no policy now. Who can tell what they will do?"

"In spite of the small fry with their equally small talk, let me tell you that Mr. Bennett is a God-send to Canada at the present time."

Mr. MacEwen remarked that the Liberal party was very fond of importing foreign men for Island work. Another example is that the local government sent to Halifax for an Auditor when there was in the Province (near St. Peter's) a gentleman who was a chartered accountant. He applied for the position but was turned down.

Mr. MacEwen concluded his address with some information for Mr. Cox. "It was the Stewart Government which exempted the farmers and fishermen from the tax on all gasoline not used on the roads." (Cheers and prolonged applause.)

Hon. J. P. McIntyre attempted to explain why the accounts tabled re the purchase of the machinery had not been found. He said Mr. MacDonald had been looking in the Public Accounts for 1928 instead of

1929. When he read from these accounts they supported the statement of Mr. MacDonald that the machinery had been purchased from three different companies and not from one company as had been claimed by Mr. MacIntyre.

Putting politics aside, Mr. McIntyre said it would be a good thing for the Province if the party returned to power would cut the rate of registration in half and double the gasoline tax.

Mr. MacIntyre said he did not authorize any increased expenditure on the roads in the past six weeks.

MR. J. B. McDONALD

The ovation tendered Mr. MacDonald when he arose was a marked tribute to his popularity.

"The campaign is now closed," he said. "Mr. MacIntyre has taken his seat, yet he has not answered my challenge as to how the machinery was bought and how the tenders were asked for." (Applause.)

"If Mr. J. D. Stewart had not been in the Legislature, the Liberals would have borrowed \$500,000, instead of \$300,000 as they did. They also wished to increase the interest on the bonds, but Mr. Stewart prevented it. Of course the interest problem is nothing to Mr. MacIntyre. He says you just put so much in a box out of the revenue received every year, and in a few years you will have enough to pay off the debt. Well, that does not always work. When we came in we found the Bell Government all we found in the little box was an I. O. U. for \$185,000." (Laughter and applause.)

Mr. MacIntyre came in for his share of the criticism which Mr. MacDonald was bestowing on the whole Liberal party.

"The Minister of Public Works says he gave orders that no extra work was to be done on the roads approaching the election. Do you believe that? If he did, it only goes to show that Mr. MacIntyre has lost control of his department. His orders have not been obeyed." (Tremendous applause.)

Mr. Cox spoke local politics very little during his rebuttal. He said as Mr. MacEwen had secured jobs for several Liberals in the past few weeks, what chance had the Conservatives of getting jobs from him if he were elected?

Mr. Daniel Mullens was the chairman to whom is due the splendid order.

Election Notice

Both Political Parties have agreed through their executives to conduct an absolutely clean election in Charlottetown and Royalty on Thursday next. The use of money or other means will be discountenanced by both parties, and they have agreed to use every means to carry out this arrangement and to see that the law shall be strictly adhered to. 792-8-5

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"The Liberal Government, as we know, was elected. What has it done to implement that plank in its platform? They had plenty of revenue to waste, and they had the opportunity, if they had embraced it, of getting a great deal more revenue by securing a settlement of our subsidy claims at Ottawa. They did nothing and they absolutely ignored that plank in their platform.

LIBERAL PLEDGE IGNORED

"In that campaign we made no promise with regard to Old Age Pensions. We had, in the last session of our term in the Legislature, the satisfaction of being able to take our platform of 1923, on which we had been elected to power, and showing, clearly and conclusively, that we had fulfilled every one of our promises. Has any member of the present Government attempted to show that the Liberal platform of 1927 has been implemented in the same manner? Such an attempt would be ridiculous in view of the manner in which that platform has been ignored. But they devised an ingenious idea this year, in line with most of their legislation adopted at the last session of the Legislature, for the purpose of helping them in the coming election. They sent out authority to their highway superintendents to take a census of all those who were eligible for Old Age Pensions. Why was that done? Has it been followed by anything in the way of pensions legislation? Has anyone received old age pensions since that census was taken? Are they saying anything today about old age pensions? Not a word! But you easily see what it was intended for. There are many people in the Province, aged and infirm people—who do not follow the newspapers, who are not as well acquainted, perhaps, as some of the rest of us, with public affairs, and it is so easy for representatives of this Government to come along and by asking 'are you eligible for Old Age Pensions?' to leave the impression that it is the intention of this Government to put such legislation on the statute book. It is an excellent canvas—if you want to stoop to that sort of thing.

THE CONSERVATIVE POLICY

"We have always believed in Old Age Pensions. You have no doubt seen the pronouncement made by those in power at Ottawa, since the Budget was delivered, that just as soon as this financial crisis is over, just as soon as conditions become normal, the plank adopted by the Conservative party at Winnipeg when Mr. Bennett was chosen as its leader—the promise to assume 100 per cent of the cost of old age pensions as a federal responsibility—will be carried out. In the meantime the Federal Government, desirous of going as far on the road as possible towards implementing that pledge under present economic conditions, has increased the federal payment of old age pensions to 75 per cent of the total cost in order to enable all the Provinces to take advantage of the scheme.

STRAIGHTFORWARD PROMISE

"In view of these facts and of the great need of taking advantage of the Old Age Pensions Act in this Province, we purpose, if returned to power, introducing such legislation as will enable us to do so. I know it will take some money to make up the 25 per cent which this Province will pay until such time as the Federal Government is enabled to take over the responsibility for the full amount, but I also know that as much money as will be required—and more—has been wasted every year during the past four years by the administration now in power in this Province.

"I believe, by carrying on the Government in a careful and economic way as we did in the past that we will not have very much difficulty in financing the Old Age Pensions scheme.

"We feel that Premier Bennett, in accord with Conservative practice, has gone as far as he could possibly go at the present time, in implementing his platform with regard to Old Age Pensions, and it is up to us now to see that the aged people of this Province receive the benefits of this legislation—benefits which they have not been able to receive under the Act as adopted by the late Liberal administration at Ottawa despite the assurances of the members and supporters of the Government now in power in this Province, in the last provincial campaign." (Loud applause.)

TEACHERS' PENSIONS

Mr. Stewart was asked by Mr. W. L. McLean whether the Conservative party had considered the payment of old teachers' pensions, if returned to power.

Mr. Stewart: "I may say that I drew the attention of the present Government to this matter when the legislation regarding teachers' pensions was before the House. I feel, myself, that the old teachers are not receiving justice. I have already been waived upon by some of the older teachers who are retiring and I have promised them that, if elected, our Government will give the matter consideration, because I feel that they have been unfairly treated in the pensions scheme which the present Government has adopted." (Applause.)

its success is an encouraging augury for the future.

DEATHS

CARMODY—At the Prince Edward Island Hospital, on Monday, August 3rd, 1931, Josiah Carmody, in his 74th year. Funeral leaving his late residence, 10 Park Street, at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 6th, for St. Paul's Church, service at 2 o'clock. Interment People's Cemetery.

MACKINNON—At the Prince Edward Island Hospital, on Tuesday, August 4th, 1931, Reuben E. MacKinnon, age 43 years. Funeral from his late residence at Fairview on Thursday, August 6th, service starting at 3:30. Interment New Dominion Cemetery.

Miss Pearl Costello, let 65, was a visitor to the City.

Mr. King Protests Too Much

(Toronto Mail and Empire)

In a three and one-half hour speech on the Beauharnois report Mr. Mackenzie King labored to salvage what he could from the wreckage of a great party. The odds against him were tremendous. He spoke as a driven man, but with courage worthy of a better cause. He marshalled his arguments with considerable skill in a hopeless effort to minimize the lasting effects of a far-reaching disaster. Throughout his whole effort it was remarkable that only about one-half of his followers supported him at intervals by applause.

It was quite characteristic of him that he devoted the first two hours of his speech to generalities. He lugged in the Duncan report, expatiated upon his own personal office habits and contended that the Government had taken every precaution to protect the national interest in the St. Lawrence River. He went so far as to argue that the permit for the undertaking was not issued until it could no longer be withdrawn. Over and over again he denied the existence of any outside political influence, the inevitable inference being that the Beauharnois promoters paid out half a million dollars in alleged legal fees to the Government's friends and \$700,000 in campaign gifts to Mr. Mackenzie King's personal and party friends merely as friendly gestures. The Opposition leader declared that he never met Mr. Sweeney and that Senator McDonald never talked Beauharnois to him until after the fatal order-in-Council was passed. So far as Senator Hayden was concerned, he described him as the chief organizer and treasurer of the Liberal party, and as therefore the proper recipient of campaign funds.

The Opposition leader did not attempt any denial that his party organization had received upwards of \$700,000 from the Beauharnois stock fund. Virtually acknowledging that his managers must have had used the money, he insisted that the huge donations did not affect the Government policy. It is, nevertheless, a matter of record that the promoters got what they were after. Mr. King was at great pains to explain his own attitude towards the party organization. This was a point to which he returned again and again. Ever since his election as leader of the party in 1919 he had deliberately abstained from all knowledge of how his campaigns were financed. He held that the leader of a great party had no time for such matters. He said that in taking this course he followed the example of all the great party leaders in England, except Mr. Lloyd George, whose personal control of his party's funds had destroyed that party perhaps irrevocably. The speaker overlooked the fact that Lord Beaconsfield was the first of all political leaders to set up a modern party organization. In proclaiming his own personal innocence of his party's guilt, Mr. King went so far as to suggest that the present Prime Minister knew where his campaign fund came from. In response to this taunt, Mr. Bennett acidly replied: "The receiver of stolen goods has always been regarded as a criminal."

While admitting the general truth of the committee report, the Liberal chieftain complained that it referred in terms of condemnation to individuals. He protested against what he called the unwarranted action of a House of Commons committee in passing censure on members of the Senate. He regarded this as a violation of long established constitutional courtesy. It must be added that in these criticisms of the report Mr. King was passing judgment against his own representatives on the committee, who were Sir Eugene Fiset, Hon. Ian MacKenzie and Mr. S. W. Jacobs.

Still protesting his personal innocence and throwing the blame for the scandal on his own personal friends in the party organization, Mr. King took the ground that the Liberal party was no more to be held responsible for the ill deeds of the influential members than a father whose son had gone wrong. He admitted that hearts on his own side of the House had been broken by the recent revelations and that the Liberal party now stands in the valley of humiliation. He wound up by calling for a general investigation of party campaign funds on both sides. The purpose of this suggestion is, of course, to distract public attention from the present inquiry. It should be feasible to place a check on campaign contributions, but the Government's present task is to get on with the cleaning up of the Beauharnois mess.

A great engineering undertaking has to be saved from ruin in the national interest, and restitution of funds improperly deflected from that enterprise should be secured in so far as that is possible. We look to see certain Senators expelled from Parliament, and we look also for criminal prosecutions in the courts of certain highly-placed individuals whose names have become prominent in this unpleasant episode.

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lected families. May I now say a few words in connection with Empire trade. I am firmly convinced that by trading with the units of our great Empire we can help bind still closer the various sections of that Empire. We met and learned to respect our brothers from all quarters of the Empire while on service. There is no way we can cement that friendship into an unbreakable Empire chain but through the exchange of products. The British Empire Service League has ever been foremost in organizing Empire Shopping Weeks and advancing every opportunity of trading within the Empire. Let us as a body and as individuals ever keep before us this ideal, so that we may inculcate into those who come after us the necessity of Empire buying. Have any body of men a better right to speak on this subject than

Auxiliaries which are doing a splendid service. To them we owe a debt of gratitude. I hope that during the coming year all the Branches will have Auxiliaries organized, so that next year they too may have a Provincial Organization, which will meet at the same time as our Convention does, so that some central and joint function may be possible. I would respectfully suggest that the Presidents of the two Auxiliaries already organized take some steps in the near future to bring this into realization.

We have opened a Provincial financial account. Into this account the per capita tax of the various Branches is deposited and remittance sent to Headquarters. This is the correct procedure as will be shown in the Honourary Treasurers Report.

May I point out that the constitution of the Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L., states that men who have served and are of good character may be admitted into this great Association. I have no hesitation in saying that I feel we have let slip into our ranks some who might better not be members. Again men who join this Association with a view of getting a job or position and then fail to pay their dues should not be kept on the roll. It is impossible for any Branch to function as it ought to unless those enrolled not only pay their dues, but take a lively interest in the objects and aims of the organization.

While it is not our place to take into our ranks those who do not conduct themselves as returned men should do, yet it is our duty to try and help them as former comrades to regain a position and state which will command the respect of the public. We should also ever be willing in so far as we can to assist in the relief of their neglected families.

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CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE—NEW COTTAGE 7 rooms with sewerage. Lot 100x30. Apply at Guardian Office. 795-8-5-31

TO LET — LARGE DOUBLE front room, furnished, good locality. Apply Guardian Office. 7927-8-5-11

WANTED A MAID FOR GENERAL house work, No washing, Apply 137 Spring Park Road or phone 545-L. 801-8-5-31

TO LET — TWO NICE ROOMS for light house keeping. Rent reasonable. Apply Guardian. 7925-8-5-2

AUCTION SALE OF PROPERTY two seventy-six Sydney Street Twelve o'clock, August seventh Also one good work horse, slobber wagon, harness, etc., and house hold effects. 7926-8-5-3

THE CENTRAL GUARDIAN

THE REGULAR meeting of the B. I. S. is postponed till Wednesday, Aug. 12. 796-8-5

BEN'S BUS to New Annapolis. 799-8-5

SAINT DUNSTAN'S parish picnic at Scotchfort, Aug. 12. 794-8-5

THE COMMITTEE of the Highfield Cemetery are holding a Festival and Tea on Thursday, August 13th in the field next to the Cemetery. All interested are asked to take donations. If not fine will be held on Friday. 793-8-5-51

ALL CONSERVATIVE WORKERS meet tonight at Committee Rooms. 796-8-5

WORTH'S DRUGSTORE, Prince Street will be the only drugstore open this afternoon and evening. 7920-11

ATTEND THE SMOKER in the Conservative Committee Rooms tonight at 8 o'clock. Everybody welcome.

ENJOYABLE REUNION — The war veterans' smoker and reunion at the Armouries last night was a splendid success. Returned men from all parts of the Province were present and a most enjoyable evening was spent in exchange of reminiscences and in meeting old comrades. Headed by the Legion Band, the veterans paraded through the streets during the evening. Last night's reunion was the first of its kind attempted in this Province, and

ENTRIES FOR LIVE STOCK, ETC. for Provincial Exhibition should be made without delay. Early entries make it much easier for the staff and assist the management in many ways. J. W. Boulter Sec'y. Prov. Exhibition Assn.

ENTRIES — ENTRIES — Please make your entries for livestock, etc., for Provincial Exhibition right away. You will help the staff and make it easier for everybody. J. W. Boulter, Secy. Prov. Exhibition Assn.

IN MEMORIAM

In memory of my mother, Mrs. Finlay Matheson, died Aug 6, 1929. She will never be forgotten. Never will her memory fade. Loving thoughts do often linger around the grave where she is laid. Inserted by Mrs. Charles Larter. 800-8-5

POLLING CENTRES

- Following are the polling centres for Charlottetown and Royalty, as given in the Returning Officer's Proclamation:
Ward One West, corner of Pownall and Dorchester Streets.
Ward One Central, George V. Moore, Queen St.
Ward One East, John McDonald, 22 Hillsboro St.
Ward Two West, Samuel Donovan, Queen St.
Ward Two East, Corner Prince and Dorchester Streets.
Ward Three West, 113 Richmond Street.
Ward Three East, Cor. Prince and Brafton.
Ward Four West, Can. Legion Building, Grafton Ct.
Ward Four Central North, E. F. Acorn, Great George St.
Ward Four Central South, John Cameron's Barber Shop, east side Great George St.
Ward Four East, Mrs. McEwen, 124 Weymouth St.
Ward Five West, Brighton Poll A. North River Rd.
Ward Five West, Brighton Poll B. Doucette's Store, Spring Park Rd.
Ward Five West, 7 Upper Queen St.
Ward Five West Central South, Currie's Garage, 93 Euston St.
Ward Five West Central North, 49 Elm Avenue.
Ward Five East, Central A North, Corner Alley and Elm Ave.
Ward Five East Central A South, Wheatley's Store, Great George St.
Ward Five East Central B, 8 School Street.
Ward Five East A, 8 Upper Hillsboro.
Ward Five East B, Adam Johnston, 214 Euston St.
Royalty West, John McMurrer, North River Rd.
Royalty Central, Seymour Gregory, St. Avards.
Royalty East, John Dooley, St. Peter's Rd.