

Mr. Speaker and Others Discussed the Political Situation Canada Today

At the Liberal organization meeting Thursday night, W. E. Williams presiding, an able address was delivered by Hon. A. M. Manson, Speaker of the Legislature. He said it was difficult to get into fighting trim, for not even the smoke of the enemy was visible. They did not know whether they were to have a fight or not. There was no lack of inspiration in the gathering he saw before him. He hardly expected such a turnout. After what had happened in recent years, however, he was not surprised that people were interested in the election.

It was an evidence of good judgment that they were there. It was found that people were sticking less and less to party lines than formerly and that was the reason he saw some faces before him. After all there was little to be gained by bitter partisanship.

Mr. Manson spoke of the vision of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the building of the G.T.P. Railway. He and Sir John A. Macdonald were the outstanding figures in Canadian life. Sir Wilfrid carried the vision of the future through all his work. He wished the editor of the Toronto Globe and Arthur Meighen would both come here and get a little of the same vision. The present premier was an energetic man and clever. He had to his credit the War Times Election Act and the Closure, measures which took us back to the time of the Sturges in England. Sir Wilfrid had fought these measures through every step as he always fought autocracy.

Government of Interests.
The present Government, Mr. Manson declared was a government of the interests. They were very strongly prejudiced against the G.T.P. It was the Borden Government that rescued the Canadian Northern Railway from bankruptcy, and paid out ten million dollars for it; yet for a line that had never been subsidized by the people of Canada, except in one small instance, they refused to give a cent.

The G.P.R. got \$800,000,000 of the people's money, Mr. Manson said, which was much more than the National Transcontinental got. The financial interests which were so closely allied to the Conservative administration were opposed to the Grand Trunk Pacific because they were interested in another line. Accordingly the rails were torn up and sent to Quebec and some of them were rusting there today.

Get Behind Railway.
Mackenzie King on the other hand was keenly interested in carrying out the policies of his illustrious predecessor and he had given it in black and white that if ever it was within his power to get behind this railway he would do so. There was no reason to think the railway would not be a success. Omicron was capable of sustaining an immense population and between here and McBride there was room for several million people. The resources were there and intelligent application

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of energy was all that was needed. It was a misfortune that they had not the sympathy of the Government. What was needed was a co-ordinated policy of development in which the Dominion and Provincial Governments would work hand in hand.

The Liberal party is the middle of the road party, said the speaker. Public life was always a matter of compromise. The Meighen policy was a tariff as high as Haman's gallows while the Liberal tariff was that for revenue only. The farmers want legislation for the farmers only. It was impossible to have government of the whole people for the benefits of one class, whether it was the farmer class or the interests at Ottawa.

No Independent.
Mr. Manson thought it possible the people here would be asked to support a man coming before them as an independent. The influence of a man sitting on the cross benches was almost nil. Before legislation came before the house it had already been thrashed out in the party caucus. He advised to look with suspicion on any independent candidate. Party Government had its weaknesses, but it was the best system yet evolved. He asked them to support Mackenzie King, not because he was a Liberal but because he was democratic. He hoped the people here would return one man by acclamation. Should an independent offer, however, it would be wise to look over his records and see what company he had been keeping.

H. F. Kergin, M.P.P.
Bert Kergin said it gave him great pleasure to say that they had a good meeting in Atlin in the interests of Mr. Stork and there were as many present as at that meeting. He believed they would give Fred Stork an almost unanimous vote.

This was the time to do something, Mr. Kergin declared. Until 1916 they were under a curse at Victoria. The Dominion and Provincial Governments had never been able to get together and unite on a policy. This was a good opportunity. Speaking of the ability of Premier Meighen, Mr. Kergin

said he thought he would make a good wildcat.

Hon. T. D. Pattullo.
Hon. T. D. Pattullo said in the east on the street cars and on the streets you could hear politics discussed. The general situation in Canada indicated that Mr. King was likely to get a working majority in the next house. He could find no opinion expressed anywhere that Premier Meighen would be re-elected.

In this district it was to the interest of the people to support Mackenzie King. There was no doubt the largest group in the next House would be the Liberals and next to it the Farmers, the Conservatives with the long name coming third. He confidently expected Mr. King would have a majority in the House, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces would go solidly Liberal. There would be some Liberals elected in Ontario, a few in the prairie provinces and at least a majority in British Columbia. He had good reason for saying he believed there would be a Liberal majority in the next House.

Mr. Pattullo then spoke of conditions in Europe and concluded by urging the people here to use every influence to get a transpacific line of steamers operating out of this port. It would take a lot of fighting but he believed it could be done.

The minister said he told the Reform Club in Montreal and told them British Columbia was fundamentally Liberal. It gave a solid Liberal representation in Laurier's time and there was no reason they could not do it again.

W. E. Williams.

President Williams spoke of the work of Hon. Arthur Meighen in fathering the closure and the Elections Act of 1917 as being that of a political juggler. What policy had he? No policy. He said he was in favor of higher tariff and forgot the fifteen per cent customs tariff which at the present time was added to the other tariff. Men of the west had been very uneasy over the tariff and would like to see the rate reduced, especially on implements and machinery in order to encourage development of resources. However Meighen says, "no, if you do so Canada will walk over bodily to the United States." It was the same old story that was given the people in 1914. "No truck or trade with the Yankee."

Free Nation.

The policy of Laurier, which Mackenzie King is to carry on summed up in the words of the great statesman, "Our course shall be to swing on as one free nation in the British Empire." No man ever did as much for the Empire as Laurier. Events have proved that the Laurier policy was the correct one in the matter of the Canadian navy. If this country had built her own ships under the Laurier program Canada would have had her own yards in operation when war broke out.

"What we want at Ottawa is a statesman," said the speaker, "not a man of the Meighen type. We are not satisfied today but want something better. Take the railway situation as an instance of their work. It shows no common sense or statesmanship. Meighen has not ever been to Prince Rupert and is not working about railways. His policy is 'Let her go'."

"This is the time to put in our best digs. It is up to every man to jump right in and do the best to right the present condition. If we cannot put this over we might as well get out of the country." Dr. W. T. Kergin expressed the opinion that the enemy was on the run but he urged Liberals not to assume the fight was won until the last vote was counted.

Ben Self told of some of the conditions he had discovered under the Meighen administration and urged those who believed in the country to make it worth while.

The gathering broke up with the singing of the National Anthem.

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PRINCE RUPERT LAND DISTRICT—DISTRICT OF COAST RANGE 5.

Take notice that I, T. E. Howe, of Vancouver, occupation partner, intend to apply for a license to prospect for petroleum and natural gas on the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted 1/2 mile south and west of S.W. corner of Lot 1320, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains to point of commencement, containing 640 acres more or less.

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HOWARD DAWSON CAMERON, Applicant.

H. D. Cameron, Agent.

Dated September 14, 1921.

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LIONEL COOK KENWORTHY, Applicant.

H. D. Cameron, Agent.

Dated September 14, 1921.

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JAMES ANDERSON, Applicant.

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HARRY MCINTOSH, Applicant.

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By order,
J. D. MacLEAN,
Victoria, September 15th, 1921.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Private Bills.

NOTICE is hereby given that the time limited by the Rules of the House for presenting Petitions for Private Bills will expire on Saturday, the 20th day of October, 1921. Private Bills must be presented on or before Wednesday, the 9th day of November, 1921. Reports from Standing or Select Committees on Private Bills must be made on or before Wednesday, the 16th day of November, 1921.

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