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August 8th Date of Historic Gathering to Honor Canadian Prime Minister Mackenzie King

The offices of the National Liberal Federation in Ottawa, headquarters of the Federal Liberal Party, are a scene of intense industry these days. But not because the feverish activities of an election campaign are under way. The current hustle is concerned with arrangements for the National Liberal Dinner to be held in Toronto on August 8th, to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Mackenzie King's selection as leader of the Liberal Party in Canada.

Invitations to this event have been sent through the officers of more than a thousand local Liberal clubs to every Liberal Party supporter in the country. Liberals of humble estate and Liberals who have gained eminence in Canada's public life will make the pilgrimage from every province to pay personal tribute and homage to the Leader of the Party.

Big Family Gathering

Liberals hope to make the Toronto banquet a vast family gathering, free of formality and red tape. Despite the fact that the dinner will be held in Toronto's most luxurious hotel, and with the Prime Minister and other national dignitaries present, the admittance tickets bear the important information "dress informal". According to National Liberal Federation officials, the majority of the guests will be ordinary workers in the Liberal Party's vineyard and personal admirers of Prime Minister Mackenzie King—men, women and young people. But the head table will present a most notable gathering of Canadian public figures. The entire federal cabinet, prominent Liberal senators and M.P.'s, provincial premiers and cabinet ministers, privy councillors and eminent professional and business figures will be present. Chairman of the dinner meeting will be the Prime Minister's warm personal friend and colleague, Rt. Hon. Ernest Lapointe.

Euler is Honorary Chairman

Primary responsibility for the organization and direction of this unprecedented national undertaking rests with a committee of parliamentary members. Honourable W. D. Euler, Minister of Trade and Commerce, is national chairman, and Senator Norman P. Lambert, Chief Liberal Organizer, is honorary secretary.

In each province, one member of the House of Commons has accepted the responsibility of directing the pilgrimage. The responsible M.P.'s are: Prince Edward Island, A. E. MacLean, M.P.; Nova Scotia, K. J. Cochrane, M.P.; New Brunswick, Burton Hill, M.P.; Quebec, Lt. Col. Thomas Vien, M.P.; Manitoba, W. G. Weir, M.P.; Saskatchewan, Fred Johnston, M.P.; Alberta, Honourable Jas. A. MacKinnon, M.P.; and British Columbia, Olof Hanson, M.P. To look after Ontario, a special sub-committee has been set up under the chairmanship of Lt. Col. William Mulock, M.P. for North York.

Starts Twenty-First Year

On August 8th, Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King will commence his twenty-first year as chieftain of the Liberal Party. On August 8th, 1919, the National Liberal Convention, meeting in Ottawa, concluded its deliberations with the voting for a party leader. On the first ballot, Mackenzie King had a commanding majority over the other three candidates, W. S. Fielding, George P. Graham and D. D. MacKenzie; but not sufficient to gain election under the convention rules. On the second balloting for the same four candidates, Mr. King's majority increased; but not sufficiently. Before the third balloting, Mr. Graham and Mr. MacKenzie retired. After the third balloting, the chairman, Honourable Charles Stewart, announced: "I hereby certify that a total of 914 votes have been cast on the third ballot, and under the rules, Honourable W. L. Mackenzie King has received a majority of the total ballots cast; and I hereby declare Mr. King elected by this convention".

Thus commenced a career of national political leadership which has involved to date, twelve years in the Prime Ministership of Canada and eight years as Leader of the Opposition.

Other Leaders of 1919

At the time of Mr. Mackenzie King's elevation to the National Liberal Party Leadership in 1919, the national leader of the Canadian Conservatives was Sir Robert Borden,

and the leader of the Unionist Liberals was Honourable N. W. Rowell. Provincial party leaders of that day were: Alberta, Conservative, A. F. Ewing; Liberal, Honourable Charles Stewart; British Columbia, Conservative, Honourable W. J. Bowser; Liberal, Honourable John Oliver; Manitoba, Liberal, Honourable T. C. Norris; (no Conservative Party in Legislature). New Brunswick, Liberal, Honourable W. E. Foster; Conservative, Honourable J. A. Murray; Nova Scotia, Liberal, Honourable G. E. Murray; Conservative, W. L. Hall; Ontario, Liberal, H. H. Dewart; Conservative, Honourable Sir W. H. Hearst; Farmer-Labour, Honourable E. C. Drury; Prince Edward Island, Liberal, Honourable J. H. Bell; Conservative, Honourable A. E. Arsenault; Quebec, Liberal, Honourable Sir Lomer Gouin; Conservative, Arthur Sauve; Saskatchewan, Liberal, Honourable W. M. Martin; Conservative, Donald MacLean.

In Great Britain, the party leaders were: Coalition, Rt. Hon. David Lloyd George; Liberal, Rt. Hon. H. H. Asquith; Unionist, Rt. Hon. Andrew Bonar Law; Labour, William Adamson. Party leaders in South Africa at that time were: Nationalists, J. B. M. Hertzog; South African party, Rt. Hon. Louis Botha; Unionist, Hon. Sir Thomas Smartt; Labour, Hon. F. H. P. Creswell. In Australia, the Australian National party was led by Rt. Hon. W. M. Hughes, and the Labour party opposition was led by Honourable F. G. Tudor.

Of all the above-named party leaders of 1919, only one—Mr. Hertzog—has paralleled Mr. Mackenzie King's twenty years of uninterrupted service as recognized and undisputed leader of his group. All the others have passed from the scene; through death, retirement, defeat at the poll or reduction of party status.

Four men have seen service, to date, as leader of the Conservative Party in Canada since Mackenzie King assumed the Liberal leadership. They are: Sir Robert Borden, Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett and Honourable Robert Manion.

Service Under Five Monarchs

Although Mackenzie King has been leader of the Liberal Party during two decades, his years as a Canadian public servant go back much farther. In 1900, he was appointed as Deputy Minister of Labour by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and thus has been in the public service under five monarchs; Victoria, Edward VII, George V, Edward VIII and George VI.

Programme Details Yet To Come

The details of the evening's programme for the great Liberal gathering of August 8th, have not yet been made public. It is expected, however, that the two main features will be the speech of presentation of the Party's token of affection and loyalty, and the Prime Minister's address in reply. The National Committee has not yet announced who will receive the enviable honour of maning the presentation speech.

Party Conclave in Order

The date of the Mackenzie King's anniversary celebration falls at a most suitable time for Liberal Party stalwarts who will wish to get together to discuss the Party's chances in the forthcoming election campaign. Although no official party meetings have been called, the opportunity will be ideal for the exchange of views between Liberals from the Maritimes and the West and British Columbia and the central provinces. Party organizers from every province will be on hand and their opinions will be eagerly sought by those who are interested in the national political picture. While no date for the next federal election has been mentioned, there will undoubtedly be an increase in speculative excitement as Liberals from all over the country get together in Toronto on August 8th, to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of Mackenzie King's leadership. Tickets for this important national event may be had by applying at once to J. E. Smith at The Liberal Office, Richmond Hill.

Better to have people say, "Imagine such people in a little house like that!" than to have them say, "Imagine such people in a fine house like that!"

Thornhill District News

Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Ball of Thornhill visited Mr. and Mrs. Leuty of Port Hope on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald and Miller Donald of Toronto visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howell, Thornhill on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Pratt of Toronto visited with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Pratt, Thornhill on Sunday.

Mrs. Lavery and son George, of Toronto and Miss F. Clubine of Thornhill visited friends at Laskay on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harrison and daughter Mary Margaret and Mrs. Wells of Thornhill spent Sunday at Bolton.

Dr. and Mrs. L. R. Marwood and family of Thornhill visited Mr. and Mrs. Gordon of Elora on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Bowes of Maple visited with Mr. and Mrs. R. Summerville of Thornhill over the weekend.

Mr. Barry Gordon and Miss Betty Jordan of Elora visited Mr. Alex. Henderson, Thornhill on Sunday.

Miss Doris Farr of Thornhill is spending a week's vacation with Mr. and Mrs. G. Jack at their summer cottage at Cobocok.

Rev. R. K. Perdue of St. Nicholas' Church, Lakeview, Ont. and Rev. J. H. Colclough of Trinity Church, Thornhill, exchanged parishes for the Sunday morning services.

Master Ralph Nuttall of Thornhill is spending a vacation with Mr. and Mrs. John Henderson of Orangeville.

Miss Margaret Cox of Willowdale visited Miss Evelyn Dean of Thornhill on Monday.

Mary Ellen Findlay of Thornhill left on Tuesday morning for Kirkland Lake where she will spend a vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Findlay.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Armstrong, Langstaff, are holidaying at Leonard's Beach, Lake Simcoe.

Fisherville girls softball team played Thornhill girls at Fisherville on Friday. The score was 21-11 in favour of Fisherville.

Newmarket girls baseball team

played Thornhill at Newmarket on Monday with the score 17-10 in favour of Newmarket.

BIRTH

MARWOOD—On Wednesday, July 19, at the Grace Hospital, Toronto, to Dr. and Mrs. L. R. Marwood, Thornhill, a daughter.

Mr. S. S. Findlay of Thornhill spent the week-end with a party of friends at Pidgeon Lake on a fishing trip, when his skill was rewarded by the catch of a 16 lb. Maskinonge.

SOFTBALL NOTES

Last Thursday evening the Aurora ball club played a scheduled game with Richmond Hill in the local park and the home team won out by a score of 7 to 2. Stong, pitching his fourth game in as many nights, pitched a good game for the B-A boys and aided by some timely clouting was able to chalk up a victory against the younger Aurora boys.

Tonight Sutton greenshirts pay a visit to the local park and Richmond Hill boys are out to redeem themselves after the 4-3 defeat suffered in Sutton over a week ago.

Turn out and give the boys your support and see two evenly matched teams.

League Standing

	P	W	L	T	Pts
Newmarket	11	9	2	0	13
Sutton	11	7	4	0	14
Richmond Hill	11	7	4	0	14
Aurora	10	3	7	0	6
King City	11	0	11	0	0

Remaining Schedule Games

JULY	
20—Sutton vs. Richmond Hill	King vs. Newmarket
25—Richmond Hill vs. Aurora	Sutton vs. King
27—Aurora vs. King	Richmond Hill vs. Newmarket
AUGUST	
1—Sutton vs. Aurora	King vs. Richmond Hill
3—Aurora vs. Newmarket	Richmond Hill vs. Sutton
8—Newmarket vs. King	Aurora vs. Sutton

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