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## Haileybury Man Tells of British Premier's Boyhood

MR. JAMES MACFARLANE, WELL-KNOWN PIONEER OF NORTH,  
GIVES INTERVIEW ON BOYHOOD DAYS OF MR. RAMSAY  
MACDONALD, GREAT BRITAIN'S NEW PRIME MINISTER.

At present there is great interest throughout the British Empire in regard to anything and everything concerning Ramsay MacDonald, the new Labour Premier of Great Britain. While the name "Ramsay MacDonald," has been more or less widely known for years, comparatively little has been known about his personality and history until recently. Of course, he was widely known as a Labour Party advocate of prominence, but details of his early life and struggles have been fragmentary. Accordingly, there will be special interest in a recent interview given by Mr. Jas. Macfarlane, of Haileybury, relative to the Premier's boyhood days. This interest will be increased in view of the fact that Mr. Macfarlane is one of the pioneers of the North Land and widely known. He has visited Timmins on several occasions and has prospected in this Camp. His son, Mr. John Macfarlane, (more familiarly known as "Seotty") was for several years a member of The Advance office staff. The Haileyburian gives the following account of the interview with Mr. Macfarlane:—

"An old resident of Haileybury, James Macfarlane by name, has the distinction of being an intimate of Ramsay MacDonald, Labor Premier of Great Britain, during his early youth. They were boys together in the little town of Lossiemouth on the east coast of Scotland, and while not attending the same school, were well known to each other in their young days.

"In an interview with The Haileyburian last week, Mr. Macfarlane, who lives on Browning St., near the western limit of the town in a new house which he built since the fire, gave some interesting particulars of the early life of the British Prime Minister. Mr. Macfarlane is four years older than Mr. MacDonald, whom he speaks of familiarly as "Jimmie." They did not attend the same school, as the MacDonalds belonged to the "Wee Frees" and, while Jas. Macfarlane attended Mr. Grant's school in the town, Jas. MacDonald walked 3 miles each day to

attend the parish school, which, although Presbyterian, was apparently not so strong on religious matters.

"Mr. Macfarlane describes "Jimmie" as being of a very quiet and reserved disposition. He would much rather be alone the greater part of the time but, once persuaded to mingle with the other boys, he was a regular fellow and a leader in all athletic sports. He was very strong physically and had the well known determined Scotch features. In his studies he excelled and, owing to his great intelligence, the Dominion term seldom heard in this country, but which seemed to roll quite naturally from Mr. Macfarlane's lips, took particular interest in him and he far outstripped other youths of his age. His home life was spent with his mother and grandmother and those who knew him then are not at all surprised that he has risen to such heights in public life. According to Mr. Macfarlane, he left his native town at an early age and went south. His wife, whom he married in London, was a well known social worker.

"Speaking from the political angle, Mr. Macfarlane says that the Old Country is perfectly safe in Ramsay MacDonald's hands. His greatest trouble will be in keeping the more radical elements of his party within reasonable bounds. He is a man of sane business methods and sound judgment and Mr. Macfarlane, who is something of a socialist himself, although a former Liberal, declares that he expects to see "Jimmie" MacDonald as the first President of the Republic of Great Britain.

Mr. Macfarlane described the town of Lossiemouth as about the size of Haileybury in its boom days. It is situated at the mouth of the River Lossie, which flows into the Moray Firth on the east coast of Scotland, and from which the town got its name. The practical blotting out of the fishing trade from this and other east coast towns since the beginning of the great war has been the cause of much suffering and has been responsible for a great many people leaving and seeking homes in other parts.

"Mr. Macfarlane has been a resident of Haileybury since January, 1907. He suffered the loss of his home in the great fire of 1922 and has since rebuilt a snug cottage on the West Road near where Mrs. Farr's residence stood. He is quite proud of the fact that the only work done on the new house by anyone outside the family was the electric wiring.

"The progress of Ramsay MacDonald is being closely followed by his friend of his early days whose belief in him is sincere."

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1918—W. Martin, 1 hr. 31 min. Second, F. M. Wallingford, 1 hr. 47 min.

1919—W. Martin, 1 hr. 33 min. 23 sec. Second, Jean Pare, 1 hr. 35 min.

1920—W. Martin, 1 hr. 28 min. 19 sec. Second, F. M. Wallingford, 1 hr. 41 min. 2 sec.

1921—W. Martin, 1 hr. 26 min. 13 sec. Second, A. Belek, 1 hr. 35 min. Third, D. Goudis, 1 hr. 36 min.

1922—W. Martin, 1 hr. 33 min. 50 sec. Second, Walker, 1 hr. 45 min. 56 sec. Third, C. E. Myers, 1 hr. 48 min. 10 sec.

1923—W. Martin, 1 hr. 14 min. 45 sec. Second, John Landers, 1 hr. 21 min. 20 sec. Third, Victor Bissonette, 1 hr. 28 min. 25 sec. Fourth, Wm. LeClair, 1 hr. 28 min. 50 sec.

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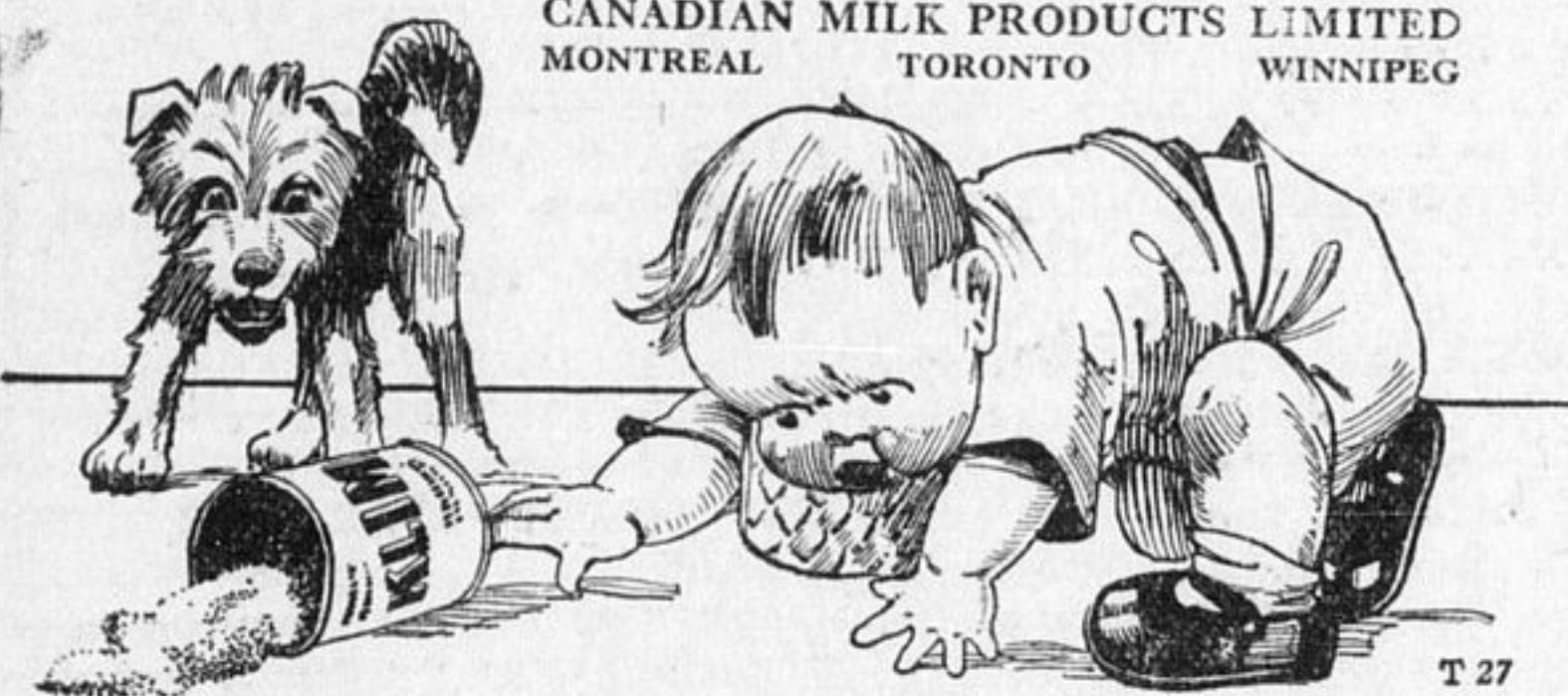
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