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Largest Political Meeting Ever Held in This District

About Three Thousand People Gather at Timmins Rink to Hear Addresses by Hon. W. L. MacKenzie King, Mr. Bradette and Others. Ex-Premier Given Welcome to Timmins. Timmins Citizens' Band and Schumacher Pipe Band in Attendance.

Much interest was taken on Friday last in the visit to Timmins of Hon. Wm. Lyon Mackenzie King, recently Premier of Canada. There was a crowd of a thousand or so at the station on the arrival of the 5.35 train to which was attached the private car of Hon. Mr. King. The Timmins Citizens' Band furnished music for the occasion, and the Schumacher Pipe Band added further interest with stirring selections on the pipes. His Worship the Mayor, Mr. E. G. Dickson, gave formal welcome

at the train to Hon. Mr. King. Hon. Mr. King made brief reply thanking all for their kindly reception and complimenting the Timmins Citizens' Band and the Schumacher Pipe Band on their music. The Liberal Party leader said that on his tour he had received many pleasing welcomes but none he had appreciated more than this one at Timmins.

On Friday evening there was a monster mass meeting at Timmins Rink to hear Hon. Mr. King, Mr. Jos. Bradette, the Liberal candidate for this riding, and other speakers. The Timmins Citizens' Band played on the march to the rink, and played several selections in front of the rink before the meeting. The Schumacher Pipe Band also furnished music for the evening.

The crowd at the Rink was the largest ever gathered for a political meeting in this part of the North Land. There were fourteen long rows of benches in the central part of the Rink, with many standing behind in the inside of the rink, as well as the seats along one side and end of the Rink being filled. At the south side of the Rink an elevated plat-

form for the speakers had been arranged. The Rink was artistically decorated with flags and bunting for the occasion. The crowd in attendance is estimated at 2500 to 3000 people, with some optimists making the number even higher. It is certain, however, that it was the largest gathering ever held here at a political event.

Col. R. Murdie, President of the Timmins Liberal Association, presided at the meeting and in introducing the speakers of the evening, he emphasized the fact that all Canadians should be specially interested in the maintenance of right and justice and Canada's rightful place in the commonwealth of nations—the British Empire. He referred to Hon. Mr. King, leader of the Liberal Party, as the particular upholder and defender of right and justice and fighting to prevent Canada being relegated to the position of a colony.

Mr. C. V. Gallagher, Liberal candidate in this riding at the last election, spoke of the inspiration of the large crowd and its indication of the swing back to Liberalism. He believed that Hon. Mackenzie King and the Liberal party had always been the friend of the middle classes. He touched on the reduction of postage, reduced duties, old age pensions and other benefits they had striven to confer on the people. Touching on the split last year in the Liberal party in this riding, he said it had resulted in the election here of the other side. As the Liberal candidate last election he had received a lot of sympathy from good Conservative friends on the situation but he had not received their votes. This year, however, there was no split, and he was personally out to help in the election of the Liberal candidate, so that Hon. Mr. King might have another supporting member to help in the government of the country.

Mr. Jules St. Paul asked Mr. Gallagher, if he thought that two double-crosses made a right, but the question raised so much confusion that the answer could not be heard. The crowd in general wanted to hear the speakers, rather than interruptions.

Mr. Jos. Bradette, the Liberal candidate for this riding spoke briefly, first in English, and then in French. He said that he was sorry that a split had occurred last year, but he was out this year to work so hard for the Liberal party as to redeem any mistake that might be counted as happening last year. In both French and English addresses he assured all that he would devote his closest interest and attention to the welfare of all in the constituency.

A vocal selection by the Male Quartette, Messrs J. T. Heffernan, W. R. Dodge, C. A. Taylor and John Skelly, was much appreciated and enthusiastically encored, the responding number also being well received.

In introducing Hon. Mr. King, for five years Premier of Canada, and leader of the Liberal party, Col. Murdie said that he was the speaker for whom all were specially waiting, and he could tell them more about political matters than any other man in Canada.

Hon. Mr. King was greeted with round after round of cheers. He thanked all for the reception given and complimented Timmins on its progress. Any other place as large and well equipped would term itself a city, he said. He expressed pleasure at the harmony now in the Liberal ranks in this riding. He thought Mr. Bradette had shown a fine, manly spirit, and Mr. Gallagher's attitude was even finer, if possible. "This election is going to be Mr. Gal-

lagher's victory, as well as Mr. Bradette's," he said.

The present election, according to the speaker, was to decide the British rights of the people of Canada. He claimed that Mr. Meighen had usurped power in a way that no other premier had ever done in British history. Referring to the reduced numbers of the Liberal party in the last parliament, he said this was due to so many three-cornered contests. This election, this was to be avoided, and a consequent triumph attained for Liberal principles. He touched on the election cries of last year, claiming they had been dropped by the Conservatives.

Hon. Mr. King said that after the war, Canada had faced difficult conditions like other countries. The Meighen Government, he said, had run the country deeply into debt. In the history of Canada there had been only eleven years when the country showed a surplus, and he claimed that three of these eleven years were during his administration. The Liberal party had reduced the taxation of the country by one hundred million dollars as compared to the Conservative standard. In reply to an interruption, he said that not a cent of the war debt had been paid by taxation under Conservative rule.

Wealth was produced, he explained, by land (including natural resources, such as the mines, lumbering, agriculture and fishing), together with capital and labour. To help production of wealth he figured the best way was to make the instruments of production as cheap as possible. He instanced the taking off of the duty on mining machinery as a sample of Liberal policy. The customs charges, he said, had not hurt, because the manufacturers to-day were doing a bigger business in agricultural implements than ever before and employing more people.

He referred to the income tax reductions made, the reduced postage rates, the abolition of the tax of receipts, and other things accomplished when in office. He praised Timmins for its splendid schools and educational facilities. Touching on the progress of Timmins he referred to the great growth in the postal revenue and showed what the people saved through the reduced postage.

"What about a post office?" an inter-rupter called out. "You ought to have had a post office long ago," was Hon. Mr. King's reply, qualified only by the suggestion that he could not promise a post office for the town, because he would be accused of trying to buy votes.

Hon. Mr. King promised further reduction in taxes, if returned to office. He also commented on the improved condition of the National Railways, changed from a deficit to a surplus, and touched on Canada's favourable balance of trade of four hundred millions. He accused the Conservatives of opposing the Old Age Pensions bill, which he asserted was defeated by a Tory Senate. Hon. Mr. Meighen, he claimed, was trying to bluff the people.

Touching on the "Customs Scandal," Hon. Mr. King said it was mostly Tory officials who were concerned. He claimed that the Liberals had inaugurated the clean-up and that Hon. Mr. Stevens had published the charges while the investigation was in progress. There was not a word in the report of the committee against Hon. Mr. Boivin's administration, said Mr. King. He explained the Aziz case by saying that the case was held up because there was doubt as to whether the accused came under the law as to the amount of goods smuggled, and whether he was not entitled to special consideration for assistance given the Crown. The case was held up for a few weeks at the request of one of the members of the House, and then was taken up and the man went to jail. He said that Hon. Mr. Boivin's health and strength no doubt were impaired by the imputations unjustly cast at him.

Hon. Mr. King explained his side of the case in regard to dissolution of the House. He felt that if he could not carry on then Mr. Meighen couldn't. He thought the King would not have taken the stand the Governor-General did, though he had

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only the highest words of commendation for the Governor-General. He instanced the case of dissolution granted to Ramsay MacDonald, though defeated in a vote of censure, as a proof that Hon. Mr. King should have been granted dissolution. He suggested that Mr. Meighen had "put it over" the Governor-General in attempting to form a Government. Mr. King roused some amusement by his description of the autocratic and sham type of Government the Meighen cabinet was in his eyes. "Your Mayor wouldn't attempt to carry on under those circumstances," was one of the speaker's illustrations.

The big hall resounded with cheers as Hon. Mr. King concluded a lengthy and sustained address.

Mr. Langlois, of Montreal, representing Hon. Mr. Cardin, made a spirited appeal in French, touching on the issues of the day. He was followed by Mr. Frank Cahill, of Pontiac, who spoke briefly but to the point.

The meeting closed with the usual cheers and enthusiasm.

HORSE MADE FINE TIME FROM COCHRANE TO TIMMINS

The Cochrane News last week tells of the good time made by Mr. Gignac of that town in driving a horse from Cochrane to Timmins. The News says: "Mr. Gignac, race horse dealer, of Cochrane, went to Timmins on Sunday with one of his horses. He left Cochrane at 5 a.m., and came back at 11 p.m. That a very nice for a horse, making 144 miles in a little over fifteen hours."

ANOTHER RESPITE GIVEN FARMER BEFORE JAIL TERM

Some weeks ago The Advance had reference to the case of Albert Laroux, a Chelmsford farmer, who was sentenced to seven days in jail for driving a car while drunk. Laroux's jail term was deferred for two weeks to allow him time to get in his hay crop. Last week he appeared in court ready to start the jail term, under the agreement, but it was then discovered that his hired man, Louis Cote, was also in the hands of the police on a vagrancy charge, so that there would be no one to look after the farm if Laroux started his jail term. Accordingly, Laroux was granted a further week's leave of absence from his jail term, in order that he might complete the garnering of his hay crop. Apparently in the Sudbury district, justice is sometimes tempered with accommodation.

NEW COMMITTEE ROOMS FOR THE CONSERVATIVES

The Liberal-Conservative Party has secured new headquarters on the ground floor on one of the main streets, the new premises being those formerly occupied by Logan's Luncheon and more recently by the Imperial Cafe. The rooms are about opposite the New Empire Theatre and are very conveniently located for the general public. Mr. Geo. A. D. Murray is in charge of the rooms, and anyone desiring information or assistance in regard to election questions will be sure of ready and courteous help at any time by calling at these rooms. Until ground floor premises could be secured the Conservatives were using the old Oddfellows' hall, above the Fifteen Cent Store, but last week were able to secure the more desirable quarters on Third avenue, opposite the New Empire Theatre. Large signs on the front make the rooms easy to locate.

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