

Hon. W. A. Gordon is Mentioned as Leader

Former Minister of Mines Among Those Named as Possible Successors of Hon. R. B. Bennett.

Ottawa, March 9—Within the next three or four months the Conservative party must organize a national convention to gather the material for a platform and find a leader who will be acceptable to the Maritime interests of the three Atlantic provinces, the racial nationalism of Quebec, the British sentiment of Ontario and the economic radicalism of the West.

Admittedly it is a tall order, in nowise mitigated by the fact that within the next 18 months the rejuvenated party will probably have to fight in a general election.

There will be no dearth of candidates for the leadership; the task of the convention delegates will be to find the best one of the lot. The announcement by Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett that he was retiring had scarcely got about Parliament Hill before speculation began upon the candidates who would seek to succeed him, and those mentioned included all the party veterans and down almost to the latest party recruit.

Many Names Mentioned

So far those who have been mentioned as possible contenders include Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, Dr. R. J. Manion, who was Minister of Railways and Canals in the Bennett Government; Senator A. D. McRae, one-time party organizer; Major M. A. MacPherson, of Regina, attorney-general in the previous Anderson Government of Saskatchewan; Hon. W. D. Herridge, brother-in-law of Mr. Bennett and his Minister to Washington. The names of Hon. Wesley A. Gordon, Hon. J. Earl Lawson, M.P., South York; George Drew, K.C., and Erick Willis, Conservative leader in Manitoba, have been suggested as likely to be nominated. Hon. H. H. Stevens may be the proverbial dark horse.

Not all of these will go to the post, but Dr. Manion, Mr. Herridge, and Major MacPherson may be considered as certain. Dr. Manion was a contender at the Winnipeg convention in 1927 receiving more than 100 ballots out of 1,250. At 57 years, he is still comparatively youthful as leaders go.

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Observing the etiquette appropriate in these occasions Dr. Manion has not announced his candidature though there is no question that he will run. Dr. Manion was being mentioned most frequently in Conservative circles today as the candidate most likely to succeed Mr. Bennett.

Dr. Manion would have been in the present Parliament representing his old constituency of Fort William had not the Reconstruction party leader put in a candidate, who captured sufficient votes to allow a Liberal, Dan McIvor, to win. This strategic blunder on the part of Reconstructionist Harry Stevens contributed to the coolness which has since existed between these two Bennett ministers who were deskmates in the House of Commons between 1930 and 1935.

Those of the party who desire a "New Deal" type of policy will have to be satisfied with Mr. Herridge's brand. From the speeches he has delivered recently it is evidently thoroughly spiced with Roosevelt opportunism, so much so that it will be a stumbling block rather than an asset in his leadership aspirations.

Providing he has ambitions to quit the quiet of the Senate Chamber for the rough and tumble of the Commons once more, Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen probably would have a powerful following on the floor of the convention.

Signs in One Theatre at Kirkland Cause 'Wisecrack'

Someone always comes through with a prize taking "wise crack" about some happening in town. The latest one heard around town is about the Capitol Theatre. And, as W. C. Fields would say, "it's a lily."

When a certain person who was not up to par on his theatre attractions asked what was playing at the Capitol Theatre this week, one of the drug store cowboys answered: "They're featuring a picture called 'Closed for Alterations' with Hill-Clark-Francis in the leading roll." Not to be outdone another of the boys stepped in for his glory and added: "Ya, and as soon as it is finished at the Cap. it is going over to the Strand for a three month engagement. It must be some play."

Refused to Pay for Meal with \$1,700 in His Pocket

North Bay—Percy Kirkman, 61, of Widdifield Township, who refused to pay for a meal in a restaurant here, astonished police shortly after his arrest by producing \$200 cash and \$1,500 in cheques from his pockets.

When he appeared in court charged with fraudulently obtaining food, he was remanded one week for examination.

Boston Transcript.—Beauty expert says women lose their figures only because they are lazy. Try telling that to a plumpish mother who raised eight children.



PLEASANT HOMES

by Elizabeth MacRea Boykin

TRANQUILITY AND CHARM PREDOMINATE IN THIS TRADITIONAL HOME

Freshness and distinction are achieved by new colour combinations and tints and by smart use of accents rather than by anything spectacular in the furniture—A safe rule to follow if you want your basic furnishings to be of a style that will not go out of fashion.

It's all very well to go in for potent leather curtains or quilted chintz walls if you're a very uptight designer of interiors making a reputation on all the decorative exclamation points you can think up. But if you happen to be a lady creating a pleasant home to live in, you want more comfort and less amazement in your furnishings. More serenity and fewer digests.

That's why we make a low sweeping bow to Joseph Muller, one of the smartest designers of pleasant rooms that we know. He doesn't depend on capers to create a livable interesting place to be at home in. He begins with the personality of the person or family whose room he is decorating and develops a theme that he feels will frame that individual or family most becomingly. Usually he depends on the more enduringly beautiful styles of furniture—18th century English for the most part with an occasional accent of its twin sister Regency—achieving freshness and distinction by new color combinations or tints.

The Air of a Great Lady

We were especially pleased the other day to see what he did in the home of Mrs. James Willmot Ingram, a lovely little white haired person who wears sweeping satin hostess gowns with the air of a great lady.

This home we present today for the ideas it offers to the rest of us in solving decoration problems. For the formula is simple in the extreme yet achieves an effect of tranquillity and charm.

The living room and dining room were carpeted in a soft grey broadloom (not taupe) but a much lighter tone though still in the practical range) and the walls were tinted in a very pale grey, a perfect tint for sunny rooms. White woodwork and white Venetian blinds established a rather crisp accent. Side curtains of yellow were finished across the top with a figured chintz in a lovely range of tones—a ground of gladioli (the peach to apricot toned variety) splashed with soft yellow flowers and very dark green leaves. The same fabric was repeated on a pair of wing chairs flanking the fireplace. . . . The yellow turned up again in cushions for the deep grey sofa and in seats for side chairs. . . . The gladioli tone was repeated in the begonias and fresh gladioli that Mrs. Ingram always has about her. . . . The dark green appeared in the pots of



The wide window makes a pleasant frame for the lineshade desk in a pickled pine finish. Pedestals holding ivy and melow notes of book bindings give a livable air to the room. The side curtains are lemon yellow and the valance is in the figured chintz used on the chairs elsewhere in the room.

trailing ivy and in the huckleberry leaves that she used for accent. Furniture in traditional mahogany made a substantial basis for the design of the room with accent achieved by the use of blonde occasional tables, a pickled pine desk and blonde wood picture frames.

The hall of the house had yellow walls and pale gray woodwork and carried forward the ivy leaf design in a narrow wall paper border just below the molding and above the baseboard. A tall gilt mirror and mahogany Regency chairs supplied the only furniture detail.

The Bedroom

Mrs. Ingram's bedroom was as feminine as her petite figure in trailing satin.

Powder pink walls, an off-white rug, white woodwork and white sheer curtains established the background colors. The bed was upholstered in a dull light green textured fabric and set in a niche made by two closets in corners of the room. An easy chair in the same green was made luxurious by a round needlepoint cushion. Dusty pink moire appeared for window valances and dressing table skirt; while the spread was of the same shade of pink in taffeta. Here again abundant ivy contributed to the design of the room and white porcelain and crystal added accessory notes. A pair of flower primis framed fan shapes hung over bed and chest.

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The living room in the home of Mrs. James Willmot Ingram is a pleasant 18th century room with pale grey walls and light grey carpet, chintzes in yellow, dull green gladioli tones. Accent is achieved by the rather lavish use of greenery.

Huntingdon Gleaner.—At 102 years old, Dr. W. E. Thompson still is practicing physician at Bethel, O., keeping regular office hours and making calls at homes in town and surrounding country. He is particularly proud of having brought 1,800 babies into the world without the loss of a single mother. "The age of man isn't fixed by his years or his birthdays," Doctor Thompson said on his 102nd birthday. "The test is the kind of life he has lived."

Milverton Sun.—Funny things sometimes get into want ads. Here are a few instances: "Wanted, a cow giving four gallons of milk daily; none other need call." This from an aged Negro: "The podnership resistin' between me and Mose Skinner is here with resolved; dem what de firm will settle wid me; dem what de firm owes will settle with Mose." Sounds like Amos 'n Andy, doesn't it? Finally this: "Lost, purse by lady with initials on back."

North Bay Nugget.—Can you imagine a department of government issuing a cheque for nine cents on which the recipient would be expected to pay 10 cents for changing at a bank? Such is the efficiency of administrations.

Barrie Examiner.—One thing sadly needed in Canada today is that all those who spend the taxpayers' money should, in so doing, be as careful as they are when paying bills out of their own pockets.

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Premier Chamberlain Explains His Attitude

(From GLOBE and MAIL)

Prime Minister Chamberlain's speech opening the defence debate in the House of Commons may not qualify his "deal" satisfactorily for those with a political investment in that issue. But to all reasonable men, of whatever persuasion, it should be more than reassuring. His declaration on behalf of democracy allows for no interpretation of a peace-at-any-price policy. Its message to the European encampments was in their own language, and cannot be construed as anything but qualification of the terms on which Britain will negotiate. If negotiations should fail, her armament programme, already well in advance of the estimates, will be pushed harder than ever.

That is hardly the talk of a Government which is preparing to knuckle under. Anything that has been said for peace by Mr. Chamberlain's critics, since realities compelled them to drag their pacifist programme under the shelter of rearmament, has not been nearly so clear as this. Dictators with a reputation for frankness should appreciate its candor, if any one can. He was equally candid in stating the reasons for and the conditions of any agreement.

"I have to deal with a world in which dictatorships exist. I have no interest in other systems of governments, except in so far as they react on other countries. I have no bias in favour of nazism, fascism or bolshevism, because all of them seem to be inconsistent with what is all-important to me, because it is the root of my political creed—that is, individual liberty. . . . Our desire for peace does not signify willingness to purchase peace today at the price of peace hereafter; nor can we forget our moral responsibility to our people or to humanity in general. We cannot divest ourselves of an interest in the world."

How far does that differ from the position the Prime Minister has been accused of deserting? It does not swear allegiance to something which does not exist, that chimerical thing collective security. Instead, it promises the only means by which collective security can ever be obtained: a Britain strong enough to make her weight felt in Europe and to attract the co-operation of those nations which, like herself, exist on the liberty of the individual.

How different is this from the new "foreign policy" the Labor Opposition adopted last September? The "collective security" the British National Labor Council espoused at that time was "an emphatic superiority of armed force" with which "a Labor Government Council (may be) in a position to

make a powerful appeal to the Fascist States." The slogan was "Strength for Peace," with Britain supplying the strength. Given the superior force, how would it appeal to the Fascist States: by war, or by agreement?

It may be that the Opposition was misunderstood last September. It very often is. But its criticisms of the Government policy and its amendments to justify rearmament as the reinforcement of collective security will not be. The better the Prime Minister's intentions become known, the more obvious is it that the Opposition has no programme beyond one of blanket criticism, and which, as things have developed, is less and less able to justify. Far from deserting democracy, Mr. Chamberlain's policy should, if it achieves anything, bring democracy's retreat to a halt.

Only Compromise for Making Error in Paper

(Readers' Digest)

The Springfield Republican, edited by Samuel Bowles, which rarely made a mistake, once reported the death of a citizen who was very much alive. He came into the editor's office later in the day to protest.

"I'm sorry, but if the Republican says you're dead, then you are dead," insisted Bowles. The only compromise he would make, after long discussion, was to print the man's name in the birth notices the next morning.

Globe and Mail.—After that Vienna speech, Mr. Hitler's task is to put the "schusch" in Schuschings.

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