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MEIGHEN ANNOUNCES THE CONSERVATIVE ELECTION ISSUES

The Customs Scandal and Protection Chief Issues in Federal Campaign

Polling Day Is September 14—Premier Asks the People to Declare Upon Record of Stevens' Investigation—Patenaude Gives Meighen Credit for Rapprochement.

Ottawa, July 21.—The issues of the impending election and the grounds on which the new Conservative Government of Right Hon. Arthur Meighen appeals to the country for a mandate were placed before the people at the opening meeting of the campaign in the Auditorium here last night in keynote speeches by the Prime Minister and his French-Canadian associate, Hon. E. L. Patenaude, Minister of Justice and Conservative leader in Quebec.

The questions which the electors will be called upon to decide by the ballots on September 14th—the election date announced—were clearly defined by Mr. Meighen and his French colleagues.

Both leaders dismissed Mr. Mackenzie King's constitutional issue as being no issue at all. Mr. Meighen went at once to the scandal of the maladministration of the Customs Department and put it to the people to declare upon the records of the Stevens investigation, the unanimous report of the Customs committee and the censure passed by the House of Commons on the late Government, whether they could vote to condone and forgive the malfeasance, dishonesty and incompetence that had been revealed and to call back to office the men who were responsible.



RT. HON. ARTHUR MEIGHEN

Revelations Reviewed.

The Prime Minister went at some length into a review of the customs scandal revelations, asking whether or not it would be possible for such conditions as disclosed to have prevailed under a government that was reasonably honest or reasonably competent. It has been thought a year ago that the trouble of the country was due to the fickleness and instability of the Government's tariff policy, but, while that had been true, it was now found that the administration of the Government was such that it was an even greater evil. No matter how rich or vigorous the country might be, it could not sustain such losses as had been permitted through the customs and excise service.

Mr. Meighen declared that the maladministration of the department had commenced with the advent of the King Government to office. The records would be searched in vain for evidence that the King Government found the department in an unsatisfactory condition.

"Do you believe a Government responsible for the loss of millions of money of the Canadian people, responsible for frauds unnumbered, responsible for the wrecking of the livelihood of thousands of our workers by the competition of smuggled goods, responsible in a word for the utter collapse of a great department of state—do you think such a Government should now get a certificate of character and be declared by the electors of Canada to be the kind of government the people want?" asked Mr. Meighen.

The Prime Minister refuted the allegation of Liberals that the customs inquiry was aimed at Quebec, claiming that as many had been affected by the committee's findings who were English-speaking as who were French-speaking.

Would Impeach the Meighen Cabinet For Illegal Appropriation of Money

Winnipeg, July 21.—Illegal appropriation of money from the Dominion treasury by the present administration is charged by the Manitoba Free Press in its leading editorial yesterday. This "gross and arbitrary use of power," in the opinion of the Free Press, should be followed at the next session of parliament by impeachment of the individuals responsible.

The editor says, in part: "The governmental activities of Canada are being carried on today by moneys illegally taken from the Dominion treasury and illegally distributed."

It is explained that parliament at its next session will be asked to ratify these illegal expenditures. There will probably be no alternative to this course; but parliament will perhaps make the occasion a really notable one and establish a salutary precedent by at the same time impeaching the individuals responsible for this sweeping and contemptuous invasion of the powers and privileges of parliament.

HERRIOT CABINET MAY RESIGN WITHOUT WAITING FOR VOTE

Paris, July 21.—The semi-official Havas Agency understands that the Herriot cabinet will resign immediately after the reading of the ministerial declaration in parliament this evening without awaiting a vote of the chamber.

growing out of the fall of the franc. Republican socialists, formerly staunch supporters of Herriot, are the prime movers for the committee. They declare the situation requires something stronger than the ministry just formed.

A STEAMER SINKS AFTER A COLLISION The Crew Are Safe And At Present Remaining on the Vessel.

Sault Ste Marie, July 21.—The steamer Harry Jones, of the Pickands Mather Line, was sunk last night when she collided with the steamer Francis House, of the Pittsburgh Steamship Co., at the mouth of the St. Mary's River. The House was bound and suffered little damage, and was able to proceed on her course to her destination. The Harry Jones sank in twenty feet of water with her stem bent back and her forepeak full of water a short distance above the Detroit coal dock. A tug and lighter left for her last night. The crew of the steamer are safe and still remaining on the vessel.

Evangelist Wants To Be Indicted For the Slaying

Fort Worth, Texas, July 21.—The county grand jury, investigating the slaying on Saturday of D. E. Chipps, a wealthy lumberman, by Rev. J. Frank Norris, nationally-known Baptist evangelist, and fundamentalist, will reconvene here today, faced with a demand from the pastor that he be indicted for the slaying to insure a trial in the slaying in a future. Charged with Chipps' murder in a complaint filed by the district attorney, Dr. Nowlis said he did not wish the grand jury to return "no bill," as it would leave the status of the case indefinite, with a possibility that a future grand jury might indict him.

The Hottest Day Of the Summer

Toronto, July 21.—Ontario and Quebec, from the Great Lakes to the sea has been Canada's hot spot during the last twenty-four hours, and the only relief the weather man promises is in the shape of thunderstorms tonight and tomorrow. Various unofficial temperatures of from 80 to 100 are reported between Windsor, Ont., and Quebec City, with the highest mercury marks recorded in the peninsula of south-western Ontario. Reports from 99 to 95 were general this afternoon. Heat prostration was given as the cause of the death of a man in Brantford this morning.

LADY BEAVERBROOK HOST TO TEACHERS

Guests invited to Meet Lord Birkenhead—Earl's Humorous Speech.

London, July 21.—"I shall never forget the thrill with which I waited to hear my husband speak for the first time," Lady Beaverbrook said in the course of a merry speech Monday evening, when 350 persons, including the forty New Brunswick school teachers who are her guests, Hon. Mr. Larkin, Canadian High Commissioner, Mrs. and Miss Larkin, and most of the other Canadians resident or visiting in London, met the Earl of Birkenhead at her invitation.

Lady Beaverbrook was referring to Lord Beaverbrook's first election campaign in Ashton-under-Lyne, in 1910, when he was elected and sat as Conservative member until 1917.

F. E. Smith was waiting with Lady Beaverbrook on that occasion, and she said she had straightaway christened him "my good looking youth." He is now the Earl of Birkenhead.

The Earl's speech ranged, to quote yesterday's Express, "from the felicitous to the humorous; from the historic to the historic."

"I am no longer a youth; if I ever was I am no longer good looking; but I am, my Lady, still yours," was one of the Earl's earliest sentences.

The New Brunswick teachers with Lady Beaverbrook as host, are devoting this week to London and neighboring centres. The Lord Mayor received them at Mansion House, and they were also entertained at tea at Canada House by Mr. Larkin and his family.

Will Accept Discussion.

Paris, July 21.—After a cabinet meeting this afternoon, Premier Herriot again announced he would appear before the chamber of deputies this evening and would accept immediate interpellation and discussion of his ministry's financial bill. This is in contradiction to reports that his government would resign immediately after reading of the ministerial declaration.

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Protection Resolution.

Assuring the people that the new Government would carry out its duties, pending a mandate from the electors, as far as it legally could, that was giving effect as far as was possible to the will of Parliament passed to legislation before it at the recent session and that it was already acting toward the removal of the cancer of the Customs service, the Prime Minister placed before the country as the platform of his party the protection resolution which he moved in the House of Commons in June, 1925. In that resolution it was proposed that the home markets of Canada should be preserved for Canadian producers, that the British preference should be maintained only insofar as it did not do injustice to Canadians and that the natural products of the Dominion should be manufactured and developed at home for the benefit of Canada, and not exported in their raw form, for the profit of the people of other countries.

Quebec In Active Cohesion.

Mr. Patenaude went at the outset to the matter of his present association with Mr. Meighen, recalling his statement last autumn that he was free of control of Mr. Meighen as he was of Mr. King, and declaring that that statement was made in a situation then existing in which the Conservative party had to an extent lost contact with its Quebec section. That situation, he stated, was now ended "in the rapprochement for which Mr. Meighen was mostly responsible. By his spirit of give and take, the Prime Minister had enabled Mr. Patenaude's province to range itself once more along with the other provinces in active cohesion with the party in the other provinces. There were now no divisions among Conservatives of Quebec, said the Minister of Justice, but instead all were under the one banner.

The Quebec leader then spoke to the actual text of his address. The text was that "there is no hope for a country that is unable to provide itself with a stable government."

Stable government, he insisted from first to last, was the issue before the country, the issue on which the welfare of Canada rested.

The Prime Minister and his French-Canadian colleague were given a fine reception. Undaunted by the intense heat, a huge crowd of the citizens of the capital and environs were early in attendance to acclaim the leaders and to hear the questions of the election discussed. The Auditorium, the largest building of the kind in Ottawa and affording accommodation for five thousand people, had little vacant space in it.

On the platform with the leaders were many distinguished Conservatives including Sir Robert and Lady Borden, Sir Henry and Lady Drayton, Mrs. Meighen, Sir George Perley, Hon. J. D. Chaplin, Minister of Trade and Commerce; Hon. E. B. Ryckman, Minister of Public Works, and others. Mrs. Meighen was presented with a bouquet from her women admirers.

The opening speeches were delivered by the Ottawa candidates Ste-

MR. KING TO OUTLINE LIBERAL CAMPAIGN

In a Speech at the Ottawa Auditorium on Friday Evening.

Ottawa, July 21.—Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, the Liberal leader, accompanied by Hon. Ernest Lapointe, former Liberal Minister of Justice, and by a number of other Liberal ex-ministers, will formally open the Liberal campaign by a speech in Ottawa at the Auditorium, Friday evening, July 23rd. The meeting will be held under the auspices of the newly organized Ottawa Liberal Association, of which P. D. Wilson is president.

At this meeting Mr. King will outline the coming Liberal campaign, and his speech, being the first of the campaign, will be the Liberal text book for the coming fight.

Resplendent Won Irish Oaks.

Curragh, Ireland, July 21.—Resplendent, owned by D. Sullivan, won the Irish Oaks to-day from the field of seven. Aga Khan's Lady Lawless was second and P. D. Cullinan's Leonora was third.

TORONTO MAYOR RESIGNS.

From Board of Control to Protest Against Land-Purchase.

Toronto, July 21.—Stating that his action came as a protest against the land policy of the commissioners, and was brought about by their decision yesterday to purchase five acres of land from the Canadian National Railway at \$30,000 per acre, Mayor Thomas Foster, chairman of the Toronto Harbor Commission, tendered his resignation as a member of that body to the Board of Control this morning. The controllers refused to accept the mayor's resignation.

Fine Brick Residence Is Burned at Cardinal

Prescott, July 21.—The handsome brick residence owned by James Leacy, at Cardinal, was totally destroyed by fire of unknown origin on Monday, together with the furnishings, which include several valuable antique pieces.

The house was unoccupied at the time of the fire, as Mr. and Mrs. Leacy left early in the morning to attend "old home week" in Brockville. The loss is heavy. The residence was formerly owned by Senator J. D. Reid, of Prescott.

WILL VISIT CANADA

Sir James Craig and Family Will Sail on August 10.

London, July 21.—Sir James Craig, First Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, with Lady Craig and his son and daughter, will sail for Canada on the S.S. Doric on August 10. They will travel right across Canada to Vancouver, and plan to stay in the Dominion for two months, returning in October.

WILLINGTON PROMOTED.

Made Knight Grand Cross, St. Michael and St. George.

London, July 21.—Viscount Willington, who is to succeed Baron Byng as Governor-General of Canada, has been appointed by His Majesty a Knight of the Grand Cross of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, the London Gazette announces today.

MASONIC GRAND LODGE

Ontario Membership Increased by 3,000 Last Year.

Fort William, July 21.—Encouraging increases in membership and scope of activities and deeper interest in the craft were reported in the address of Grand Master J. A. Rowland, Toronto, before the Masonic Grand Lodge of Ontario meeting here in annual session today. The membership in the jurisdiction was now 110,000 as compared with 107,000 at May, 31st, 1925, and the prospects were bright for an increase in the current year.

HAGEN WINS ANOTHER

American Golf Champion Does Some Sensational Fitting.

Delaware, Water Gap, Pa., July 21.—"Water Hagen," American professional golf champion and former open title holder, today won another golf crown—the eastern open championship, in winning the eastern title here yesterday. Hagen played some of the most sensational golf in hitting a new world's record of 132 strokes for the first 36 holes in his first two rounds. He failed by one stroke of equalling the world's mark of 274 for 72 holes.

MAYOR OF RENFREW LIBERAL CANDIDATE

For Riding of South Renfrew—Hon. Thos. A. Low Retires.

Renfrew, July 21.—J. L. Murray, mayor of Renfrew, was nominated standard-bearer of the Liberal party in South Renfrew riding at a party convention here yesterday. Hon. T. A. Low, former Minister of Trade and Commerce, was offered the nomination but refused, announcing his retirement from active politics.

Ottawa Conservative Candidates.

Ottawa, July 21.—Hon. Dr. J. L. Chabot and Stewart MacKenzie, members of the House of Commons in the last Parliament, were unanimously nominated Conservative candidates for the city of Ottawa in the coming election. Ottawa elects two members.

THE LIBERAL OUTLOOK DOWN IN NOVA SCOTIA

Is Most Promising—Meighen Government Has Antagonized Many Supporters.

Halifax, N.S., July 21.—The Liberal outlook in Nova Scotia is most promising, local Liberals state today. The Meighen government has antagonized some of its strongest supporters by its hasty actions, namely the dismissal of twenty customs officials, and the appointment of twenty-eight Conservatives to fill their places, and the dismissal of the two secretaries of the royal commission to enquire into the case of the Maritimes. The appointment of W. A. Black, as minister of railways has failed to have the desired effect locally, as it is recognized that his appointment is a temporary move with a view to consolidating the vote in the coming election. What Nova Scotia would prefer is the portfolio of marine and fisheries.

POLITICAL LEADERS READY TO START OUT

On What Will Likely Be A Very Sharp Election Campaign.

Ottawa, July 21.—With the delivery of Premier Meighen's inaugural speech last night, a fifty-five-day political campaign has been officially started. From now on until election day on September 14th, prime minister with few intermissions will be engaged in a speaking tour from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

In two days' time, former Premier Mackenzie King will also make his keynote speech in the capital. Mr. King, like the prime minister, will conduct a coast-to-coast tour. The campaign gives every evidence of developing into one of the sharpest waged in Canadian political history.

HALF MILLION ACRES OF LAND IS BURNED

Ten Thousand Fire Fighters Busy in Blazing Montana Forests.

Missoula, Mont., July 20.—A pall of smoke arising from the embers of the forest and brush fires that have eaten their way across half a million acres of land, shrouded the northwestern part of the United States to-day while an army of fire fighters strove desperately to stem the advance of the most disastrous conflagrations that have beset this section of the country in a decade. Hundreds of widely-scattered blazes were being stubbornly resisted by at least ten thousand men comprising regular forestry employees, government troops and hastily recruited volunteers.

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Franc Low in New York.

New York, July 21.—The French franc, for the first time in its history, sold below two cents in the New York foreign exchange market yesterday. Under world-wide lack of confidence, inspired by the muddled political situation in Paris the rate continued its downward course, and at the close of trading, stood at 1.93 3-4 cents, its lowest point for all time.

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