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## EVERYTHING POINTS TO A LIBERAL VICTORY IN KINGSTON

### Predict a Majority of Over 500 For Halliday

#### Liberals Confident of Winning Kingston This Time—Votes Swinging to Halliday Every Day—Workers Urged to Do Everything Possible to Roll Up Majority.

Another large crowd of workers appeared at the Liberal committee rooms last night to help in perfecting the organization. In the group were several commercial men, who have been away all week. They were looking for news of Kingston and they had come from other places.

"Well, how did you find things?" one young man was asked who has just returned from the Ottawa Valley district.

"One thing is sure," he replied, "the Liberals are going to win both North and South Renfrew. At least," he continued, "that's the talk I heard up there."

"What about Ottawa?" he was asked.

"The Liberals are confident of two there," he replied.

"Will both Edwards and Chevrier be elected?"

"That is what I am told by men who should know." "It was a bit doubtful," he said, "till Nicholson tuned in from Sudbury. That finished it. The civil servants are going for Edwards and Chevrier in a body."

**What About Quebec.**

Another traveler came along about this time, and after listening a minute or so, volunteered the information that he had been down in Quebec during the past week.

"What do you hear down there?" he was asked.

"Nothing but Liberalism," he replied. "They are all talking King down there. The Liberals are better organized than ever, and some of the majorities will be very large."

"Is there any truth in this yarn about a slump to the Tories, and that they will get eighteen seats?" he was asked.

"Neither saw nor heard anything that would indicate such a change," he answered. "The fact of the matter is," he continued, "everybody seems to be convinced that Meighen can't win, and this impression which is spreading is turning votes to King every day. Everywhere you go you hear the same thing, and no one expects Meighen to get a hundred seats."

**The Situation in Kingston.**

The Liberals are confident of winning Kingston this time. Talk to whom you will you hear the same story. Votes are swinging to Halliday every day, and from most unexpected sources. The fact that Meighen can't win seems to be having a tremendous effect on the Kingston vote. Kingston wants a government

### Halliday Is the Man to Elect If You Want Kingston to Be the Terminal Of the Great Lakes Shipping Trade

At the nomination meeting on Tuesday night, Dr. Ross intimated that for some reason or other Mr. Mackenzie King and his associates were committed to Prescott as the Great Lakes Terminal and that it would be dangerous to elect Jim Halliday from Kingston, as it would seriously jeopardize Kingston's chances of being chosen for this important port.

In the local Conservative paper on Thursday, this idea was elaborated to an extent of a couple of columns, and the vague hints of the doctor were stated to be "facts—not politics." When one states something which is designated as "facts" it is always well to be sure of what one is talking about. This precludes the possibility of the humiliating performance of taking it all back the next day. And that is exactly what our contemporary had to do. Had it sought our advice on the matter we would gladly have given it some confidential information and thus saved the situation for it. But it didn't and so the result was the unhappy contented feat of swallowing itself.

**THE TORY YARN ABOUT PRESCOTT.**

The story that appeared in our contemporary was not a new one. It has been whispered around Kingston for political purposes by prominent Tories for several months. It is to the effect that Dr. Wilfrid L. McDougald, the chairman of the Montreal Harbor Commission, and a close personal friend of Mr. Mackenzie King's, was deeply interested in Ogdensburg and Prescott, and for that reason wanted Prescott to be the terminal. It was stated in the press on Thursday and elaborated to a painful extent, that Dr. McDougald was the financial backer of Mr. King, and for that reason he was the man who would determine where the terminal should be located if the Liberals were returned to power. It was further stated that it was common gossip that Dr. McDougald and his associates had several options on large tracts of land at Prescott, looking to the day when Prescott would be the terminal. It said many other things—all "facts," mind you, not politics—which were supposed to convince the electors that Mr. King was in some way under the thumb of Dr. McDougald, and that the only way to get the terminal for Kingston was to elect Dr. Ross and Arthur Meighen. And all this "guff," if you please, was handed out to the people and labelled "plain, unvarnished facts." Don't miss that. It's rich. All these statements and guesses about Dr. McDougald and his options at Prescott, were "plain, unvarnished facts."

**DR. McDOUGALD DENIES THE STORY.**

Now this story might have gone over big if it had not been that both Dr. McDougald and Mr. King were available, and immediately gave the "plain, unvarnished facts" a knockout blow. A wire was sent to Dr. McDougald at Montreal, briefly stating the "facts," and asking if there was any truth in them. Dr. McDougald replied as follows:

**W. RUPERT DAVIES,**  
 MONTREAL, QUE., SEPT. 10.

**Publisher British Whig, Kingston, Ont.**

Story in Standard newspaper that I am in a position because of intimate personal and financial relations with Mr. King, late Prime Minister, to insist upon selection of Prescott in preference to Kingston as Great Lakes Terminal, and would so insist because myself and associates own or hold options upon lands at Prescott, is categorically untrue. I own no lands at Prescott and hold no options directly or indirectly, nor have I knowledge of any such transactions. I have never discussed this matter with Mr. King or with any one of his Cabinet Ministers. I have no interest whatever adverse to Kingston. As President Board of Harbour Commissioners of Montreal, with my associate commissioners, I discussed this with delegation of Kingston citizens and maintained it to be a problem for solution by transportation engineers and experts, and that Harbour Commissioners of Montreal had no interest for or against either of rival ports.

**W. L. McDOUGALD.**

**WHAT MR. KING SAYS.**

That was all right, but it did not completely satisfy The British Whig. The Whig has a reputation built up over nearly 100 years of giving the people accurate information on matters pertaining to this city. It always tries to deal in "cold facts." We prefer 'em to the "plain, unvarnished" kind. So we dispatched a special messenger to Mr. King at Napanee last night, with a copy of the paper containing the story, and asked him to tell us how much of it was "unvarnished" and how much of it had had a coat of C. C. Ballantyne's best. Mr. King, at 1.30 this morning, although tired after two rousing and enthusiastic meetings, read the article over carefully and later handed the following letter to The Whig messenger:

**W. RUPERT DAVIES,**  
 NAPANEE, SEPTEMBER 10th, 1926.

**Publisher British Whig, Kingston, Ont.**

I am amazed to learn that The Standard has been intimating that if a Liberal Government is returned to power it will mean the selection of Prescott, in preference to Kingston, as the Great Lakes terminal of the Welland Canal, and still more surprised at the reason alleged, namely, that the influence of Doctor Wilfrid L. McDougald would be used with the Government toward this end.

Dr. McDougald has neither directly nor indirectly ever spoken to me of the appropriate location of the Great Lakes terminal, nor do I believe he would think for one moment of even suggesting one locality in preference to another. In a matter of this importance, the Government would not think of acting, except after the most careful consideration and after viewing very carefully all the important and salient factors having a bearing on the matter.

Should I be called upon to form a new administration I WILL UNDERTAKE NOW TO SAY THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE IN THIS MATTER AN OPEN MIND, and, as the public will expect, it will be guided largely in its decision by the advice of marine engineers and other experts.

Yours very sincerely,

**W. L. MACKENZIE KING.**

**WILL HAVE A BOOMERANG EFFECT.**

The attempt to use the terminal question to defeat Jim Halliday will have a boomerang effect. The broadcasting of half-baked stories and labelling them as facts, always reacts. There are many things in connection with the terminal which have not yet been given to the public, but at the proper time they will be. To try to make capital for the Conservative party out of the matter is ridiculous. The matter was never presented to a Conservative cabinet by a Kingston delegation. It is true that Hon. J. D. Reid and Hon. N. W. Rowell did declare themselves personally as favorable to Kingston, but that was in the days of the Union Government, and neither of these gentlemen are in active public life to-day. When the matter was up on one occasion Sir Henry Drayton distinctly intimated that no action whatever would be taken until the completion of the Welland Canal was in sight.

**WHAT HON. CHARLES DUNNING SAID.**

When the Dr. McDougald yarn was first spread about the streets of Kingston last spring, Mr. J. M. Campbell and the editor of The British Whig made a special trip to Ottawa in connection with the matter and saw Hon. Charles Dunning, Minister of Railways and Canals. Mr. Dunning was told that because of Dr. McDougald's Ogdensburg interests it was said that he was using his influence in favor of Prescott. Mr. Dunning said it was the first he had heard of it, but he assured the two Kingston men that they could rest contented that, so far as he was concerned, the interests of any United States port would not influence him. "It is Canada we want to build up," he said, "not the United States." He

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### Mr. William McCammon is Peevish

Mr. William McCammon is peevish at The British Whig. Mr. William McCammon has declared that he will not give any more information to British Whig reporters.

Mr. William McCammon is license inspector for the city of Kingston and county of Frontenac.

Mr. William McCammon is a paid official of the Government of Ontario, and is directly under the Attorney-General, the member for Kingston.

Mr. William McCammon is peevish because The British Whig published a story regarding liquor being cleared from the port of Kingston.

Mr. William McCammon told a British Whig reporter that if he published anything about it he would refuse to give the paper any more information.

Mr. William McCammon did not tell The British Whig reporter what he was so anxious that nothing should get into print about the C. N.R. car that was on the siding here filled with beer to be shipped ostensibly to United States ports.

Mr. William McCammon is assuming a very high and mighty attitude with The British Whig. He has made a big mistake if he thinks he can tell this paper what it shall publish and what it shall not publish in connection with liquor smuggling, liquor seizures and the failure of officials both Dominion and Provincial to enforce the law.

Mr. William McCammon must remember that he is a paid official of the people with specific duties to perform. Just how well or how poorly he is performing them is not a part of this particular story but it will no doubt make most interesting reading when the investigation begins.

Mr. William McCammon must remember that newspapers have a duty to perform to the public just as a License Inspector has, and one of those duties is to keep the public posted on how his paid officials are performing their duties. If these officials refuse to cooperate with the newspaper in exposing law-breaking, and threaten newspapers because they publish a liquor story in which Mr. McCammon says the law is not being broken, it makes one wonder why Mr. William McCammon is so interested in keeping the matter a deep, dark secret.

Mr. William McCammon should realize that newspapers exist for the purpose of giving people the facts, and in this way correcting false rumors that get about without any apparent foundation. The British Whig would like to be able to give the people the correct version of the story that is floating about Kingston just now about Mr. William McCammon's attempt to catch a bootlegger at Sharbot Lake, and missing the bootlegger and the man who was given the money to do the evidence, because the latter slipped out the back door. But Mr. William McCammon won't give information to British Whig reporters these days so we are unable to tell the people whether it is true or not.

Mr. William McCammon can take this as notice that whether he cooperates with The British Whig or not, or whether he refuses to give The British Whig any information when he should happen to make a seizure or not, The British Whig will be ever on the job and will be more watchful than ever in the interests of the people who pay Mr. McCammon's salary and who expect to know what Mr. McCammon is doing to earn it.

**Canada's Wheat Production.**

Ottawa, Sept. 11.—The total production of wheat in the three prairie provinces, as estimated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, is now 375,697,000 bushels as compared with the finally estimated production of 382,959,000 last year.

The United States wins the doubles tennis match, retaining the Davis cup.

**Whig Contents To-Day**

To-day's Whig is full of intensely interesting political news.

Page One speaks for itself.

Page Five tells in a pointed way why Kingston and Perthmouth should elect Halliday.

On Page Seven are given the full facts regarding the Customs Enquiry, published by request for the second time.

On Page Thirteen will be found something interesting about the Meighen-Prescott Circus.

### Liberals Sure to Gain In Various Provinces

#### Will Have 6 to 8 in British Columbia—No Tories Will Be Elected in Saskatchewan, Says Dunning—Ontario Will Elect More Liberals.

"Meighen Can't Win" seems to be the story that is being told all over the Dominion. Following a genuine, unsolicited telegram from Mr. William Harty, Jr., president of the Canadian Locomotive Works, to the editor of The British Whig, which appeared in last Saturday's paper, in which Mr. Harty, as a citizen of Kingston and as a prominent Liberal told of the sweep Liberals and Progressives were going to make in the west, telegrams started to appear elsewhere, including one from the Hon. Robert Rogers, of Winnipeg. The Manitoba Free Press dealt with it in an editorial yesterday as follows:

"Telegrams from Robert Rogers are appearing in Eastern Canadian newspapers declaring that the Conservatives expect to gain four seats in Manitoba, three in Saskatchewan and five in Alberta. This is the time-worn device of claiming everything in sight on the eve of election in the hope of influencing the votes of the feeble-minded. Mr. Rogers is an old practitioner at this game and holds the record for making more wild guesses of this kind than any other Canadian public man. He will lengthen his lead by this last display of his powers of imagination. Last year under conditions far more favorable than those of to-day the Conservatives won ten seats in Western Canada in seven of which they were lucky enough to elect their candidates by minority votes. In this campaign they will do extremely well, and much better than their private hopes, if they hold what they have got. They are threatened with the loss of seats both in Manitoba and Alberta, this prospect in this province being a practical certainty, and this loss is not likely to be offset by any possible gains in Saskatchewan."

**Ontario Gains for Liberals.**

So much for the four western provinces. In Ontario we asked opinions from the western, the central and the northern parts of the province. Below we give replies from Hon. J. C. Elliott, former Minister of Labor, who is closely in touch with Western Ontario; from J. J. Hunter, a well-known newspaperman of Kincardine, and from W. G. Raymond, of Brantford, who has been speaking all over the province:

**Strathroy, Ont., Sept. 10th.**

**W. Rupert Davies,**  
 British Whig,  
 Kingston.

Expect Liberals to win two Essex, West Lambton, West Middlesex, Kent, two Perth, one Oxford, Brant, two Bruce, South Huron, and London. Expect Progressives to win East Lambton, North Huron, South-east Grey.

—J. C. Elliott.

**The Whig.**

Kincardine, Sept. 10.—James Malcolm, Liberal, will be re-elected in North Bruce, increased majority. Last election three-cornered contest with strong Progressive. Now Progressive candidate resigned and supporting Malcolm. Third candidate in field is Independent with socialist views and will not poll 100 votes. Progressives fear they get nothing from Conservatives after Meighen's attack here on Farmers' policy and Malcolm supported their legislation. Bruce factories flourishing and workers will not be stamped as last year. Malcolm for cabinet also gives people confidence.

—J. J. Hunter.

**Brantford, Ont., Sept. 9th.**

**Rupert Davies,**  
 British Whig,  
 Kingston.

Liberals will carry all former seats and Brant, Norfolk, Elgin, North Oxford, South Oxford, North Perth, Kent, East Essex, North Wellington, North Grey, Muskoka, Northumberland, Prince Edward-Lennox, both Ottawas. They are confident of substantial majority in Brantford, West Elgin, London, East Hamilton. Have personally visited twenty ridings. The spirit of unity, enthusiasm and increasing admiration for our honored leader Mackenzie King is everywhere wonderful.

—W. G. Raymond.

**Regina, Sask., Sept. 9th.**

**W. Rupert Davies,**  
 Editor The British Whig,  
 Kingston, Ont.

Your wire regarding prospects western provinces. Have no doubt at all that we shall have larger number

### The Big Meeting To-Night

Everyone interested in the candidature of Jim Halliday should turn out at the Big Liberal Rally in the Memorial Hall tonight at 8 o'clock. The Hon. Vincent Massey and Col. Andrew Thompson are the chief speakers, and Mr. Halliday will also address the meeting. The chair will be taken by the president of the Kingston Liberal Association, Mr. William Harty, Jr., who has just returned from a trip to the west in the most optimistic frame of mind regarding the chances of the Liberals in this campaign.

Kingston is fortunate in having the opportunity of hearing two such outstanding men as Hon. Vincent Massey and Col. Thompson. Mr. Massey resigned from the presidency of the Massey-Harris Company, and the directorship of several banks, last Fall in order to run as a Liberal candidate in Durham. It was his first entry into public life, and though he was unsuccessful by a few hundred votes, it was truly predicted that he could have won easily this time. Mr. Massey is not in the fight this time in his own interests, but is in it to do everything he can towards putting back into power the government which gave the people of Canada the Robb Budget, and other beneficial legislation. Mr. Massey has been mentioned at different times, in connection with the post of Canadian Ambassador to Washington, and it may be that if the King government is returned he will receive this appointment for which he is admirably fitted.

Col. A. T. Thompson, is one of the most entertaining speakers in Canada. For many years he represented Haldimand in the House of Commons, but of late years has been practicing law in Ottawa. The Colonel is well known in Kingston. He is leaving Mr. Mackenzie King as Napanee this afternoon and motor to Kingston for this meeting. Col. Thompson has been touring Ontario

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### Montreal Standard Expects Tories to Lose Eight Seats Previously Held in Ontario

#### Lord Atholstan's Paper Believes Ontario is Not as Good Picking for Conservatives as Last Election—Better That There Should Be Reasonable Division of Opinion.

"Ontario Begins to Balance," is the title of a leading editorial of the Montreal Standard of September 4th, a paper owned by Lord Atholstan. It reads as follows: "Although Ontario has never gone as solidly Conservative as Quebec has gone Liberal still it has shown pronounced Conservative leanings from time to time. At the last general election Premier Meighen captured sixty-eight seats out of eighty-two, but that was the flood tide and in the course of nature the ebb may be expected to follow. It is probably within the mark to say that if Premier Meighen cannot make up a loss of eight Ontario seats somewhere else he will not stand as well numerically in the coming parliament as he did in the last."

"Like Jethro, who waxed fat and kicked, the Conservative party in Ontario has perished; had it too easy. Besides, there is a growing feeling throughout the province that it is bad business for Ontario to become a political bloc for any party. It is better for everybody that there should be a reasonable division of opinion. It does not escape even the most casual observer that there is a crack in the thoracic—the thoracic being a large bass lute string with telephone wire and the rift to correspond. The rift shows, for example in Fort Arthur, where J. J. Carrick, formerly a Conservative M.P., opposes the official party candidate on the ground that he is for stable government for Canada whatever party gets in. This impudence of weeds and twinedes puts Mr. Carrick ahead of both parties in common sense and good judgment and heralds the day when the government of Canada will be regarded as business management and not as a party squabble."

"However, as we have just said, all the candidates are not as far advanced as Mr. Carrick. They are most of them fond of their 'groups'—even the Progressives, who have had some pretty hard lessons lately. Toronto is the sign of the times that is viewed with most alarm by the Conservative party managers. For many years Toronto has been regarded as the impregnable citadel, the very donjon keep of Conservatives in Ontario. It was even said that Toronto would vote for a yellow dog if it got the Conservative nomination and the nomination was just another name for the election. Toronto has been so much in love with the Conservative party and so much out of love with the Liberal party that it got the worst of it from both—that it favors the Liberals who regarded it as hostile, and no new post offices and customs houses and other things from the Conserva-

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