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Critics of Hon. Mr. King Get Some Rude Jolts

(Moncton Transcript)

The critics are having a hard time with Mackenzie King, who is beating them on every count. At first they were so sure he didn't amount to anything, that they declared positively he could not even get elected in North York. Satisfied on that score they said: "What then is the use of considering him seriously as a possible Premier?" So they counted his out of the running altogether.

In the discussion of the railway policy they refused to pay any attention to what Mr. King said on the subject; for the critics declared that he was not the real leader of the party any way. No, they were quite sure that Sir Lomer Gouin was the man. They were so positive on that point that they refused even to discuss the matter.

Well, the elections passed off and it was seen that not only Mackenzie King carried North York, but that he had done so by over 1,000 majority, the biggest in the history of the riding. A majority rolled up with three candidates in the field. Had he been pitted against the government candidate alone, the majority would have been more like 2,000.

More than that, the election returns showed that Mackenzie King was the Premier-elect with enough supporters behind him to assure him practically a majority in the House of Commons. So there was no question about who was the leader of the Liberal party, or as to who would be the Premier.

These were jolts enough surely for the critics, but the worst was yet to come. After election night not only was nothing more heard about Sir Lomer Gouin being Premier; but some of those who had declared him to be the real master of the Liberal party then began to spread around the report that he might not even get into the cabinet.

All Propaganda

All this has demonstrated how far

the critics have been out. As a matter of fact, the greater part of the reports they have been emitting about Mackenzie King, have been propaganda pure and simple, designed merely to disparage him in the eyes of the people.

Mackenzie King having done so well in spite of his critics, and in spite of the most obvious attempts to discredit him, it may be taken for granted that from now on he will do equally well, and have just as full measure of success. If he did so well when the odds were against him, surely he will make quite as good a showing now that fortune has smiled on him.

Mackenzie King, despite what some may say, is not having any difficulty in forming a cabinet. He has at his disposal an abundance of talent, and when he has completed his task will present to the public the best Cabinet that the country has had since 1896. But he is not satisfied with getting around him the required number of able men. Knowing that during recent years the country has suffered greatly from unrepresentative government, large and important sections of the Dominion not having been really represented in the administration, he has decided that this shall cease. So he is doing his utmost to make his cabinet fully representative.

The King regime should be one of the most successful that Canada has ever had. The people want it. As a matter of fact, in a House of 235, the only real opposition will be that of the Conservatives, about 50 in number. No matter what the attitude of the Progressives may be on coalition, or fusion, the Progressives cannot very well oppose a truly Progressive government, even if they were disposed to do so.

In the meantime, it may be taken for granted that the critics by this time will have acquired a healthy respect for Mackenzie King. After all he can afford to disregard them utterly.

Some Girl Skaters Have Donned the rousers

(New York Sun)

Behold the trousered skating girl, last and gayest recruit of the feminist army. While clergymen have been thundering against socks for women and the anti-suffragists, led by Representative Alice Robertson, have concentrated all their energies on conserving the home and the skirt, the skating girl has glided gracefully over prejudice and entrenched herself in a perfectly good trousered skating suit.

A few women have appeared in trousered skating suits in other seasons, but this year the fashion is not an occasional one, but seems to be gaining universal favor. Girls and women who go to the rinks find others there in their trouser suits and promptly decide that the next time they go skating it will be in bifurcated garments also.

The ideal trousered skating suit from the real skater's point of view closely resembles a riding habit. Girls who ride are using their costumes for this purpose. It is better to have the trouser leg long and somewhat closer fitting below the knee, as in a riding habit, skaters aver, so that it will tuck neatly into the top of the skating boot, than to wear knickerbockers with heavy stockings. Some girls wear the heavy stockings also over the long, close fitting trouser leg because they want to get a costume effect or for greater warmth, but this is not necessary for good looks.

Experts Approve Trousers

Skating instructors, who are by no means feminists as a rule, but who firmly believe that woman's place is in the home when she is not on ice, blandly approve of the trousered skating suit apparently without the

shadow of an idea that they are there by abetting the emancipation of the downtrodden or doing anything else of cosmic moment.

"The trousered skating suit is neater than the skirt", said one instructor "especially when the unemployed limb, as we call them here, is elevated in the air as in figure skating."

A young woman in a short plaid skirt illustrated the instructor's point perfectly. As the unemployed limb ascended even a rather unobservant onlooker received an impression similar to that which kind hearted people feel on seeing fashionable little children in their kneeless stockings. The young woman skater, the onlooker surmised, might feel the cold dreadfully when out on a pond, where every puff of wind would elevate her skirt.

Sweaters and knickerbockers are not advocated by the most correct instructors as skating costumes for young women, as they have a rather informal appearance for city rinks and park skating, although they might do very well on country ponds. The correct coat is the park riding coat, or a top coat of similar length and structure.

"Than such a costume what could be neater?" demanded the instructor who had defended the trousered skating suit.

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