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## PREMIER MEIGHEN ON P. E. ISLAND; GOVERNMENT WILL ENCOURAGE COOPERATIVE MARKETING

Charlottetown, July 28—"I want to say this: That the people of Canada are more interested in the honest administration of our affairs than in any bogus talk of the constitution." So Premier Meighen tonight dealt with the constitutional issue raised by Mackenzie King. The Prime Minister crossed over from Picton this morning and his day was a day of traveling and speaking. A few moments after the boat arrived at Charlottetown, he was on his way to Georgetown where, in a sweltering heat, he visited a crowded hall. Tonight he visited two meetings in Charlottetown. Tomorrow he speaks in Summerside.

He referred to statements on the constitutional issue both by Mr. King and by Robert Forke, former leader of the Progressives. Replying to the charge by Mr. Forke that the present government should have completed the work of the session before dissolving parliament, Mr. Meighen declared that he had never heard nonsense so effervescent or so transparent as for a man "who, himself voted that we were not a government, who got most of his followers to vote that we were not a government, to claim that we should have come back in the House and acted as a government, although they had decided that we were not a government. No man fit for office would do any such thing. We did what governments have done from time immemorial. We dissolved Parliament at once."

Gives Tariff Views.

The Prime Minister submitted his views on the tariff as he submitted them in other of the Maritime Provinces. But referring more particularly to the agricultural problems of the Island, he announced the intention of his government, if returned

(1)—To encourage co-operative marketing to the utmost of its power.

(2)—To put the Canadian tariff on farm products from the United States as high as the United States tariff on Canadian farm products.

Talks of Customs Probe.

Mr. Meighen, in Charlottetown, went in considerable detail into the customs inquiry and events which led to the resignation of Mr. Mackenzie King as prime minister and the formation of the present government. He declared that all oaths had been taken by his acting ministers as were ever taken by acting ministers.

"Yet," commented Mr. Meighen, referring to the House of Commons vote which led to his request for dissolution, "yet such was the original prejudice of the Progressives towards the Liberals, such was their idea that they know more law than the officers of the department of justice, that, on the votes being taken, the present Government was defeated by a majority of one. One should never have voted, for he had agreed not to. He made a mistake. The vote on its merits was a tie. However, the vote was legal. It had to be counted. The Speaker counted it and rightly so. Thereupon the House was adjourned and I asked His Excellency for dissolution."

Couldn't Finish Work.

By that vote the government had been declared not to be a government. Not being a government, Mr. Meighen argued, it could not very well go back and finish the business of the House.

Mr. Meighen further emphasized the point that when Mr. King announced his resignation, "he refused my suggestion that before resigning we ought to take some steps to get together to try to finish the work of the session. We were anxious to get what legislation there was through. This he spurned scornfully. He never entertained it for a second."

It was apparent from statement made by Mr. King, the Prime Minister continued, that Mr. King had intended to launch a campaign against the Governor-General. But Mr. King learned his lesson. He found that if there was to be a battle between the representative of the throne and Mr. King "it would be a pity for Mr. King."

And in regard to dissolution, Mr. Meighen contended that his administration had followed precedent. "When Sir Wilfrid Laurier dissolved Parliament in 1911," said Mr. Meighen, "I learned it from a man on the street." Mr. Meighen charged that after the customs probe, a cloud had hung over the King government as black as any which ever hung over an administration; and Mr. King not unnaturally was looking for any issue rather than the report of the customs commission. Mr. King had argued that the term censure would not be found in the Stevens amendment to the customs report. "The word censure is itself not used," caustically added Mr. Meighen, "but the words of the amendment are as plainly words of censure as were

ever addressed to a government in the history of parliamentary institutions."

Mr. Meighen turned to the tariff. "We stand just where we stood in 1921 and in 1925," he said. "We stand for a reasonable protective policy for Canada in fiscal matters. We stand for the application, not of a high tariff—I have not said so in my political life—that adjective is just the invention of our political foes in order to get something they can attack. But we do stand for the application of the protective principle thoroughly from end to end of the tariff of this country on all products produced in this Dominion, on agricultural, manufacturing, natural products, on everything. In the interests of Canada we insist upon the application of the protective principle everywhere. It is not important, it is not necessary, that we have a high tariff."

"The only thing necessary is that we have a protective principle consistently in our tariff all the time."

Mr. Meighen urged the importance of the home market. "Keep your home markets strong at all costs," he pressed. "Stand by a sound protective policy reasonably and consistently applied."

Premier Stewart of Prince Edward Island, acted as chairman.

## THE EX-PREMIER SPEAKS AT ST. MARY'S, ONT.

### Declares That Poisoned Liquor is Being Smuggled Into Ontario.

St. Mary's, Ont., July 28—Driven from a park by a heavy afternoon rain the crowd which gathered today to listen to Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King divided into two indoor meetings.

Mr. King addressed both meetings, assisted by Hon. J. C. Elliott and F. G. Sanderson, Liberal nominee for South Perth, and Thomas MacMillan, former member for South Huron.

Premier Arthur Meighen was attacked by Mr. King for making no practical endeavors to give effect to the tariff changes he was advocating on the hustings. In the Maritimes he said that Mr. King had reduced the tariff on automobiles but not on workmen's clothes.

Amendment Lacking.

"Why didn't Mr. Meighen introduce an amendment to that effect?" asked Mr. King. "I would have supported him." It was all very well for the Premier to talk that way now, but there were men in his party who would never support any tariff reduction.

Premier Meighen had said that the Parliament of 1911 had been dissolved by Sir Wilfrid Laurier just as the recent Parliament had been dissolved. "I wish he would talk less about Sir Wilfrid and learn more about him," declared Mr. King, who pointed out that in 1911 the Senate was not sitting at the time of dissolution but when both Commons and Senate were sitting, the representatives of the Crown should dissolve Parliament formally.

"You cannot play fast and loose with the constitution without disturbing the whole country," said Mr. King.

Poisoned Liquor Smuggled.

Mr. Meighen in the Maritime Provinces had said that Mr. King had permitted germ-infested prison-made garments to enter Canada. While he was speaking poisonous liquor was being smuggled into Canada with the result that many were dead today from drinking it, said Mr. King, pointing out that there were two forces, provincial and federal, to combat this traffic.

"If I did what Mr. Stevens did I would blame the government for the murder of those people. That is the way to make a sensation, but I am going to do nothing of that kind. I know how serious the problem is," said the Liberal chief. Those were matters upon which men should get together.

Why Not Saint John?

"I do not believe the people will be satisfied with the investigations of one judge down in Quebec," Mr. King continued. "Where we need that investigation is in Toronto, in the Niagara district, right here in Ontario, where all this poisonous liquor has come in. Why have not the great ports of Halifax, Saint John and Vancouver been investigated. Why was it limited to Montreal? The answer is simple. It is because Conservative members come from those places."

The Liberal leader denied having tried to avoid a vote of censure.

## C. R. HAWKINS JOINS RANKS OF BENEDICTS

(Telegraph-Journal)

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Jean White, daughter of John White, of this city and C. Robert Hawkins, of Fredericton, son of G. N. C. Hawkins, manager of the Bank of Montreal, which took place in New York in the early winter. Mr. Hawkins is a barrister. He served overseas in the Great War and is the president of the newly formed New Brunswick Council of the Canadian Legion in the British Empire Service League. In the last federal election he contested the York-Sunbury county seat opposing R. B. Hanson K. C. Miss White has been a prominent worker in the I. O. D. E. and was for several years treasurer of Loyalist Chapter. She has also been very active in Red Cross work and for three years took charge of the Red Cross nursery at the Saint John Exhibition. Until recently she was manager of the local Hauling shops in the Admiral Beatty Hotel. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins are very popular and they are receiving the congratulations and best wishes of many friends. They will reside in Fredericton.

## TOURISTS' DUTY FREE PRIVILEGE IS CURTAILED

Thousands of American tourists visiting Canada and making purchases in the shops of Montreal, Toronto, Saint John and elsewhere in the excitement of being able to bring home \$100 worth of goods free of duty, will be disappointed this summer by the evident determination of the Treasury Department to bar that concession in all cases where the tourist has been in Canada not more than three days. That appears to be the present policy of the customs officials of the Treasury to allow no such exemption in cases where persons have made quick trips over into Canada for the express purpose of making such purchases free of duty, or where they have gone to Canada only for several days.

While it was insisted by Treasury officials that there had been the policy of the Treasury, it was explained that a recent decision by the United States court of customs appeals at New York city had strengthened the hands of the Treasury and would now enable Collectors all along the border, particularly at Rouse's Point, N. Y., and at Detroit, to carry out with greater vigor the rulings that were issued a few years ago on the subject but which had not always been rigidly enforced.

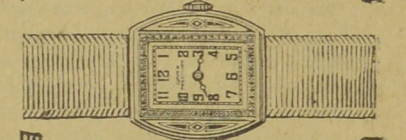
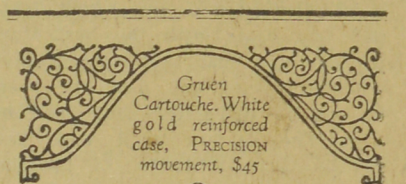
## ROYALTY IS ECONOMIZING

Brussels, July 29—King Albert and Queen Elizabeth are eating economy bread the same kind as used by the most humble peasant in Flanders; everybody's doing it and the saving to the country is estimated at f. 10,000,000 a month.

"I was not asking the Governor-General to be retained in office. I was taking the only honest course. Unless the business of the House was to be carried on honorably we should go to the country and let the people decide. That was the attitude I took in asking His Excellency for dissolution."

Mr. King said that with the advent of prohibition in the United States a whole new problem of smuggling grew up along the international border. The government accepting the advice of the Commercial Protective Association to suppress the traffic and strength the laws and making smuggling indictable.

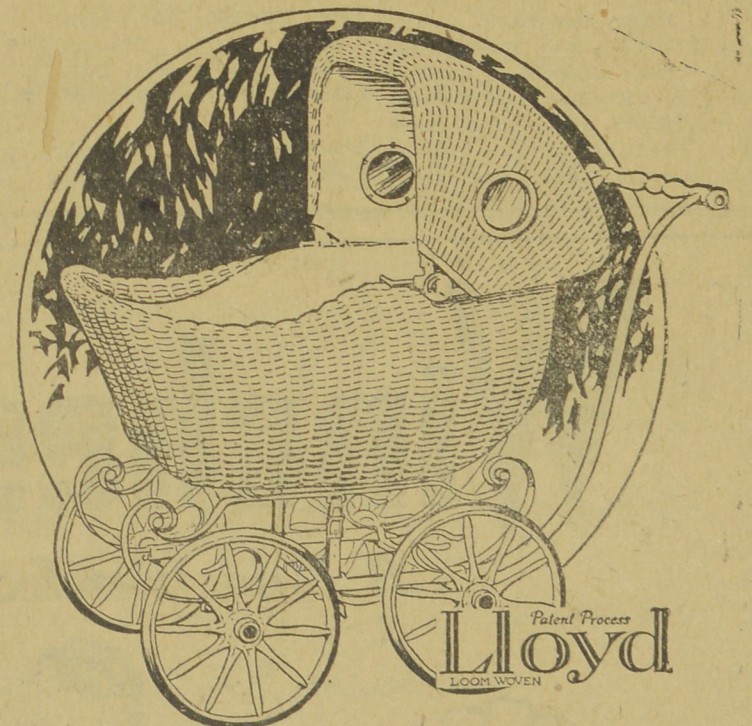
Mr. King repeated his promise of three judges to probe customs affairs from coast to coast if the Liberal government was returned to power.



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