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HON. HUGH GUTHRIE IS CHOSEN HOUSE LEADER BY CONSERVATIVES

Ottawa, Oct. 11.—Hon. Hugh Guthrie, K. C., M. P., elected for South Wellington, Ontario, was today elected leader of the opposition in the House of Commons for the forthcoming session of parliament. A caucus of Conservative senators and members-elect chose him as their house leader, pending the national party convention which will be called next year to elect a permanent leader in succession to Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen.

Mr. Meighen's resignation was considered by a caucus assembled here today of Conservative senators and Conservative candidates in the last election, both the elected and defeated. For a couple of hours the gathering debated the possibility of keeping Mr. Meighen as leader. First Armand Lavergne, K. C., who ran in Montmagny in the Conservative interests, declared that Mr. Meighen was the most acceptable leader in his province. In this he was supported by delegates from other provinces. Finally Mr. Meighen asked that his resignation be accepted as final. The gathering adopted resolutions of regret and left it to a committee of elected members to decide on details for the national convention.

Several Voted on.

Senators and elected members then held a meeting and elected Mr. Guthrie temporary leader. Seven names were before the meeting. Several nominees withdrew, balloting proceeded until Mr. Guthrie was declared elected amid cheers. In a brief statement afterwards, Mr. Guthrie said that he had been asked to "fill the gap" and had consented to do so. He realized, he said, that there were several persons who might have made a more satisfactory leader. He had not anticipated the call, but was willing to

undertake the task since his conferees wish him to.

Others Proposed.

In addition to Mr. Guthrie, the following were proposed to the meeting as House leaders: Hon. H. H. Stevens, Hon. R. B. Bennett, Hon. B. R. Manion, C. E. Bell, K. C., (West Hamilton), Hon. Sir George Perley, Hon. Dr. S. F. Tolmie and C. H. Cahan, K. C., M. P., (St. Lawrence-St. George).

Several withdrawals reduced the number of nominations for the temporary leadership to four. These were ballotted on and Mr. Guthrie was elected.

The new leader of the opposition in the House of Commons was born in Guelph 60 years ago. His father, Donald Guthrie, K. C., represented South Wellington in the federal house for six years. Hugh Guthrie was elected in the same constituency in 1900. He is one of the four senior members of the House. He has represented South Wellington continuously since then, first as a Liberal under Sir Wilfrid Laurier, then as a Unionist under Sir Robert Borden and more recently as a Conservative under Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen.

Solicitor-General in 1917.

He was appointed Solicitor-General in 1917 and became Minister of Militia and Defense in 1920. He held this portfolio until 1921, when the Meighen ministry was defeated at the polls. He was reappointed to the ministry of defense when Mr. Meighen took office again last July.

Mr. Guthrie represented Canada at the International Finance Conference summoned by the League of Nations at Brussels in 1920. In the same year he represented Canada on the Imperial War Graves Commission. He is a barrister and has resided in Guelph or Ottawa all his life.

WILL ENGAGE IN MUSKRAT AND BEAVER FARMING

Sackville, Oct. 11.—Sackville men are interested in a transaction consummated recently when lands and lakes, formerly owned by the Missisquoi Marsh Company, became the property of the Missisquoi Fur and Farm Limited a joint stock company with which a number of local men are associated.

The tract consists of about 6,000 acres, of which about 500 acres, all or partially reclaimed are hay growing lands. Part of the Missisquoi property lies in New Brunswick and part in Nova Scotia and constitutes part of the Isthmus of Chignecto.

Fine Hay Crops.

About 25 years ago a company was organized to reclaim the bog lands at the head of the Missisquoi River. A canal over four miles long was constructed. It forms an extension to the Missisquoi River, beginning near Mount Whatley and tapping a series of lakes to the east of Hall's Hill. At one time as high as 500 tons of hay have been cut in a single year on the reclaimed Missisquoi marsh so, from a farming standpoint, the possibilities of new company would seem to be bright.

For Fur Farming.

The hunting privileges on so large an acreage are very valuable, while the most profitable part of the under taking is expected to be muskrat and beaver farming. The Missisquoi marsh and lakes have long been the haunts of muskrats of high quality. It is proposed to protect these for a few years, and with the great possibilities in adding beavers to the list of fur bearers, the chances for the success of the fur end of the Missisquoi enterprise would appear promising.

Among the present shareholders of The Missisquoi Fur & Farm Limited are the following: Senator A. B. Copp, F. T. Tingley, C. C. Avard and H. C. Read, Sackville; William A. Trueman and John Tingley, Pointe de Bute; A. J. Tingley, Moncton and George W. Tingley, Halifax.

WILL MAKE A NEW BOND ISSUE

New York, Oct. 11.—International Paper Company is expected to float an issue of around \$15,000,000 to \$25,000,000 in 6 per cent debentures shortly. Proceeds will probably be applied to expansion of newsprint in Canada. New issue is expected to be an obligation of International Paper Company itself. The last financing was done by a power company subsidiary.

R. L. CALDER TALKS ABOUT MARITIME ILLS

Says That Nova Scotians Like to Chew Apples and Talk Politics.

Montreal, Oct. 11.—"Someone has said that the Nova Scotians love to sit on the country store steps and chew apples and talk politics. That is very true. Eatanswill, with its blue and buff politics, had nothing on Nova Scotia. They will start a Montague and Capulet feud over a \$60 a month customs' job and that is the attitude which will lead the Nova Scotians to agitate and to talk secession hoping that other governments will lift them out of the rut," thus spoke R. L. Calder, K. C., in addressing the Young Men's Canadian Club here tonight.

The Duncan Commission, had brought out that Confederation could not be blamed for the Maritime situation.

Mr. Calder is a former Crown prosecutor of Montreal and counsel for the judicial commission inquiring into customs affairs throughout the country. Mr. Calder was discussing Maritime ills with particular reference to Nova Scotia.

Lack of Adaptation.

"Another defect," he said, "was lack of adaptation. There is a tradition almost Chinese down there. The hour of the Maritimes was in the middle of last century when steel replaced wooden ships. They allowed that hour to pass. With their coal and iron they could have, and would have, been the greatest shipwrights and master-builders in the world."

Lack of team play and co-operation were cited as one more defect of Nova Scotians. "There is an awful howl," he said, "if somethings goes to Saint John or to Halifax, from one or the other of the ports. Instead of dividing they would sooner do without anything at all."

"All the fishermen are in the hands of fishing combines. They should get together and salt and barrel their fish, and the same with the apple industry."

No Sympathy With Any.

Mr. Calder said he had no sympathy with the Maritime cry of "provincial rights." Confederation could not be blamed for the ills; but ever since Joseph Howe had proclaimed that Confederation would swamp Nova Scotia, the people there believed him. The Duncan commission, said the speaker had brought out that Confederation could not be blamed. All promises of Confederation, he maintained, had been kept. Only one prophecy has not been fulfilled, and that was an economic one.

Two Classes, He Says.

"There are two classes of Nova Scotians," said Mr. Calder. "They are those who go and who write to others to go, and those who stay and grouse because they can't go themselves."

It was the duty of the schools to evangelize the return of the basic industries and he warned that much the same applied to Quebec and Ontario. "While the Nova Scotian has become intellectually developed," said Mr. Calder, "he has become physically lazy."

Mr. Calder declared that "at the risk of being pelted with stones and rotten eggs," he would repeat in the Maritimes every word he had said this evening.

JOURNALISTS ARE ENJOYING CAMP LIFE

Newcastle, Oct. 10.—The spirit of the press made itself felt in Newcastle this afternoon when about fifteen of the most prominent newspapermen of Canada, representatives of the Canadian Press and the Daily Newspaper Association, alighted from a private car at Newcastle station en route to the camp at Renous, where they are to be the guests of the publishers of The Telegraph-Journal of Saint John. On their arrival they were met by the owners of the camp, J. D. McKenna and H. P. Robinson, president and vice-president of the New Brunswick Publishing Company, Ltd. T. F. Drummie, general manager of the N. B. Publishing Company, Ltd., accompanied the party from Quebec. The party left at once for the camp at Renous. They will travel part of the way by motor but as the camp itself is deep in the forest, a lengthy tramp across the famous hunting trail will have to be made on foot.

Old men, old in a baseball way, seem always to be the shining lights in a championship game. But this should not discourage the youngsters they'll be old someday.

CANADIAN FOOTBALL RULES AT LAST UNIFORM

Football fans in Upper Canada are so tickled over getting the rules of the game approximating a single basis that they have to tell about it. The Toronto Globe says:—

Gridiron fans in this part of Canada had a foretaste of their favorite autumn game last Saturday, but the season will get its real opening today when the principal teams of Ontario and Quebec go into action. Today's card presents: University of Toronto at McGill, Ottawa at Hamilton, Montreal A. A. A. at Argonauts and Hamilton at University of Toronto (O. R. F. U.). It is a matter for genuine congratulation that after years of confusion owing to various sets of playing rules, the game will be played this season from Vancouver to Montreal under a uniform code. East of Montreal the game has not achieved popularity. Rugby is also being played in British Columbia, where the United States code is also being tried by the University of British Columbia because most of its games are with teams from across the border. The Canadian code is eschewed because of the great distances to be travelled to get games. Rugby, the Canadian game and the United States game are struggling for supremacy on the Pacific Coast. In spite of the differences of opinion as to the desirability of the various codes on the Pacific and Atlantic coasts, the Canadian game as played in the Intercollegiate, Interprovincial, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and other unions is in the ascendant, and the day seems to be not far distant when all others will make way for it in Canada.

BIG POTATO ACREAGE IN P. E. ISLAND

Charlottetown, Oct. 10.—The potato crop in Prince Edward Island this year promises to be a very good one. The acreage planted for seed potatoes 9,000 is just 2,000 acres more than last year and is the largest area the province has ever had producing seed potatoes.

Less than 50 per cent of the fields planted to Green Mountains have been passed by the inspectors but 95 per cent of the fields growing Cobblers have been passed.

The Clobber yield, moreover is exceptionally good this year, and some farmers are getting 400 bushels to the acre.

A good market is expected this year, and a good price is anticipated. With proper transportation facilities available the seed potato growers of this province should have a very successful year. Most of the potatoes are being sold through the Potato Growers Association.

HAS A GOOD WORD FOR QUEBEC LIQUOR LAW

(Financial Post.)

"While extremists on one side say that the governmental sale of liquor amounts to a compromise with the devil, other extremists believe that prohibition or temperance ordinances are tampering with God's natural laws, yet, both prohibitionists and anti-prohibitionists agree that the operations of the Quebec Liquor Commission is bringing about real temperance in the province and prohibitionists believe that the active measures taken to reduce the consumption of wines and beer, is a big step in the right direction."

"The commission continues on its way; the consumption of wines in Quebec is increasing and that of hard liquor decreasing. A large portion of the sales of hard liquor must be purchased and consumed by visitors rather than residents of the province."

"Coupled with what seems to be a pretty general feeling of satisfaction in the province about the liquor situation is the fact that the commission turned over net earnings to the provincial treasury during its last fiscal year of over \$5,000,000. Of this sum, \$3,500,000 came from the sales of liquor and the remaining sum came from licenses."

Diner—Two eggs poached medium soft, buttered toast not to hard, coffee, not too much cream in it.

Waiter—Yes, sir. Would you like any special design on the dishes?

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