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## MR. ANGUS McLEAN FAVORS RECIPROCITY WITH THE U. S. IN ALL PRODUCTS OF FOREST

Bathurst, N. B., Aug. 19—Speaking at Belledune last night in support of the Conservative candidate for Gloucester county J. S. Dumas, Angus McLean read the following statement, which was handed to the press today:

"I have been accused of being a renegade Liberal. I deny this allegation.

"I am first, last and all the time simply a business man attempting in my humble way to do my part in removing the obstacles that stand in the way and prevent our Maritime Province producers from securing their fair share of the prosperity that we are entitled to enjoy.

"I am not bound in any way to any party. In supporting Mr. Dumas in this election I am doing it of my own free will and without a pledge of any kind from either Mr. Dumas or the Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen from which I shall personally receive any benefit.

"The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen has pledged himself if returned to power to remove at least some of the obstacles that we are now working under and assist us to reach the markets of the world with the products that are natural to our province. The late government of Hon. Mackenzie King has absolutely failed in giving us the relief asked for and that is absolutely necessary for our progress and prosperity.

Put Up to King Cabinet.

"This matter is one that was definitely put up to Mr. King's government three years ago and nothing was done. But moreover the Hon. J. A. Robb, who was then minister of trade and commerce, flatly refused to consider it, claiming that the Americans had to come to us for their fine grades of paper the same as they had done for their newspaper. Hon. E. M. MacDonald, minister from Nova Scotia, was also consulted and urged to take action to secure the removal of the United States tariff from all kinds of paper made from chemical woodpulp, but he also failed to do anything. Now if there is any one thing that we have in abundance in New Brunswick and also in Nova Scotia, it is spruce trees suitable to produce high grades of paper. It is the duty of our government to secure us the markets so we can sell the finished article rather than the completed as at present to ship our raw pulp to the different markets of the world, there to be manufactured into the finished article.

"What we want and need to give work to our people is the finishing of this process here.

"Owing to the failure of the late King government to secure us these markets is it not time for us to try and see what Mr. Meighen can do. I venture to assert that if you elect Mr. Dumas as your representative to go to Ottawa supporting Mr. Meighen he will work for our interests in this matter and I here make the assertion that there is no other industry that can be developed in New Brunswick that can compare with the manufacture of fine papers in giving employment at good wages the year round. It will also build up consuming centres to use the products of our farms and fisheries.

Brief to Commission.

"I would like you to study the brief we presented to the Duncan Commission at Saint John on Aug. 4 in which we set forth fully the advantages of this industry as compared with the lumber industry.

"Reference has been made to my having in common with Dr. Baxter advocated reciprocity with the United States in all products of the forests. This is a policy I have consistently advocated for years. I do so because I consider it would be greatly to the advantage of Canada if this could be brought about. It certainly would mean the complete manufacture into the finished article in our own country. That is what I claim we need and I further believe it is quite possible of attainment. In any case, nothing can be hoped for from a government who will not even try to secure it for us.

"Hon. Mr. Robb claims that there has been a tremendous increase in the trade of Canada. If you will look up the records you will find that practically all of this increase is in pulp and paper and in grain from the great north ground and we claim that this is because of conditions over which we as individuals have no control, but which could be corrected by an active same trade policy on the part of our Dominion Government to assist the Maritime Provinces.

Verdict Given.

The Mackenzie King Government has been tried by as impartial a jury as it is possible to secure by a jury composed of an equal number of Liberals and Conservatives and the unanimous verdict of that jury is that

they have been guilty of gross maladministration which cost the citizens of Canada millions of dollars. It has been proven beyond a doubt that the leader of that government, Mackenzie King, himself, knew of the irregularities in the customs department long before they were brought up in the House of Parliament, and the people responsible were not punished or removed by him, nor were effective steps taken to stop the irregularities. It is that same government, with a few exceptions, that party is asking the people of Canada to return to power on September 14. If I felt myself under any obligation to explain my reason for supporting the Meighen government and Mr. Dumas in this campaign this of itself, to my mind, is ample justification.

## THE PREMIER IS CAMPAIGNING IN ALBERTA

Portfolio of Finance is Held by a Western Man for the First Time in Canada's History.

Wetaskiwin, Alta., Aug. 19—"I hope," said Premier Meighen, "that you consider me a Westerner."

The Prime Minister was speaking today at an afternoon meeting in support of the candidature of C. H. Russell, Conservative candidate in Wetaskiwin. In Wetaskiwin there are two other candidates in the field, S. G. Tobin, Liberal member for the division in the last Parliament and William Irvine, who sat in Parliament from 1921 to 1925 as a Labor member from Calgary.

Mr. Meighen pressed the point that never in any government of Canada had western representation been so powerful as in the present government.

Interest in Farming.

"Do anyone of you believe," questioned Mr. Meighen, "that I am one of the big interest people of the East ready to grind the last dollar out of the farmers of the west; if you do certainly you should support no party of which I am the leader." Mr. Meighen declared that he himself had greater interest in western farming than any man who had been in the House of Commons for the past 18 years.

"I have more to gain by the success of agriculture in this western country than any man who has been a member of the house in the last two decades," Mr. Meighen added.

Portfolios in West.

He referred to the portfolios held by westerners in his government. For the first time in the history of the country, Mr. Meighen said, a westerner was minister of finance. And it was the minister of finance who was charged with the tariff schedules with the whole matter of tariff administration.

He referred incidentally to the two other candidates in Wetaskiwin. He humorously spoke of Mr. Irvine as having come down on Ottawa much as Saul of Tarsus came down on Jerusalem, breathing threaten-

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Opposes Rail Fusion.

Mr. Meighen was emphatic as in previous meetings through the west that he was against amalgamation of the Canadian National with the Canadian Pacific Railway and that he had no intention of abrogating the Australian treaty, although he proposed to revive it in such a way as to preserve the Canadian market for the Canadian farmer. "What would I have done with the Australian treaty, you ask?"

Would Raise Tariff.

"I would have raised the tariff on butter, cheese, eggs, hay, vegetables and fruit, on all farm products, right up as high as the American tariff today and I will say to the rest of the world, you will find it just as hard to get into the Canadian market and compete with our farmers as you make it for us to get into your market. Then I would give Australia concessions in that market just as she has them today. How do I know because she did sign a treaty along these lines and the Commonwealth Parliament approved it. But, added Mr. Meighen, the King government because it needed Progressives, had changed the treaty and opened the Canadian farmer to Australian competition.

## NEW SPUDS SENT OUT FROM AROOSTOOK

Houlton, Me., Aug. 20—The first carload of new potatoes to leave Aroostook county this season were shipped today by A. R. Merithew, a local dealer. The first of last year's new crop left here just one week earlier.

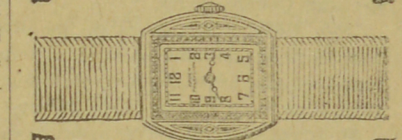
Farmers were paid \$2.50 a barrel for the "tubers." General digging will not begin for two weeks. The acreage is less in the county than last year, but with good weather conditions for the remainder of the growing season the yield per acre is expected to be large. Potatoes have set numerous this year.

## MECHANICS ALONG ROAD IN SWEDEN

Stockholm, Aug. 20—Patrolling automobile mechanics who will aid drivers stuck on the roadside are now being sent out into the country district about Stockholm by the Royal Automobile Club of Sweden. They also act as guides and advisers about road conditions and if a motor stall or a tire bursts they help in making repairs. Their hours are from 8 to 11 in the morning and from 2 to 7 in the afternoon. On Sundays and holidays more of them are sent out than on ordinary week days.

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