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A KEYNOTE SPEECH.

Right Hon. Arthur Meighen sounded the keynote of the campaign in a great speech delivered in the Auditorium at Ottawa last night. He was supported on the platform by Hon. E. A. Patenaude, Minister of Justice and Hon. Gideon Robertson a former Minister of Labor. The Premier announced that the date of the election had been fixed for Tuesday, September 14th, which means a campaign of a little less than eight weeks duration. Ably and forcibly the Premier reviewed the work of the recent session of Parliament and the events which led up to the dissolution of the House. He declared that there was no British precedent for a government with defeat facing it in the House on a motion of censure ever having been granted a dissolution. To demand a dissolution under such circumstances he said was not to plead for responsible government, but for irresponsible government.

In dealing with the Custom's fraud and the investigation conducted by a Committee of the House the Premier put the whole sordid tale in a nutshell when he used these words: "I ask you again, do you believe a government responsible for the loss of millions of money of the Canadian people, responsible for frauds unnumbered, responsible for the wreckage of the livelihood of thousands of our workers by the competition of smuggled goods, responsible in a word for the utter collapse of a great department of state—do you think such a government should get a certificate of character and be declared by the electors of Canada to be the kind of government the people want?"

This is a pretty strong statement but amply justified by the facts disclosed by the customs enquiry. It should have more bearing with the electors in the pending struggle than any constitutional question which might be raised.

In outlining the policy of his government Premier Meighen promised to open to the Western provinces the markets of Central Canada; to encourage the use of Canadian coal and the employment by Canadian shippers of Canadian ports. He also pledged his party among other things to lay the basis of a practical vigorous and fruitful immigration, which basis shall first of all be employment for Canadians. He will also see to it that every government department does its full duty to the people and accounts for every dollar committed to its charge and he has promised to restore definitely and clearly the principles of protection in the tariff of Canada.

The Premier's speech was clear cut, frank and to the point; there was no halting between two opinions but he placed the issues squarely before the electors in a manner which leaves no room for misunderstanding. His return to power will bring about a consummation devoutly to be wished and that is the restoration of stable government to the Dominion.

BRIAND'S TENTH FALL.

For the tenth time, a French cabinet headed by M. Aristide Briand has fallen. The vote of confidence which had been asked on this occasion called for a greater grant of powers that France has given to a government for many a year. The chamber of deputies drew back at the thought of conferring dictatorial powers upon the cabinet of Briand and Caillaux. To many of the members, it looked too much like an abdication of democracy. It would have been precisely this.

The great war was believed, at one time, to have made the world safe for democracy. As a matter of fact it confronted democracy, or whatever semblance of it Europe may have attained, with problems almost beyond human abilities to solve. Small wonder if some nations in their sorry financial and economic plight, have retired in desperation and as they hope temporarily, to the older scheme of one man authority.

Belgium, only a day or two before France's lawgivers balked at a dictatorship, had by almost unan-

mous consent given unlimited power in financial matters, not to a premier or cabinet, but to King Albert himself. But it is only for a term of six months.

In Italy, Mussolini gains more and more power. No one knows when democracy will lift its head again in Italy.

Sir Francois Lemieux, Chief Justice of Quebec has been selected by the Exchequer Court judges to continue the customs probe. Sir Francois is one of Canada's most distinguished jurists and his appointment will give satisfaction. When a young lawyer he acted as a junior counsel for the defence at the trial of Louis Riel, the half-breed leader of the Northwest rebellion who was convicted of treason and executed. He was presiding judge at the sensational Delorme murder trial in Montreal several years ago.

The date of the Federal election has been fixed for Tuesday, September 14th, which means that it will clear the Fredericton exhibition by four days.

Childhood is pathetically imitative which is probably the reason it is every little girl's ambition to grow up and wear short dresses like her mother.

Diggers in Indiana have come across a petrified man in a stone quarry. It must be hard to be a petrified man.

Those who say Grandma didn't go in for athletics have never pedalled through the hymn book on a parlor organ.

A physician would probably say that they wear furs in July because it is a great relief when they take them off.

In the old days the host showed you views of a lot of places on his stereoscope that he now gets you on his six-tube set.

It is said there is now a "row on over the division of the ladies in Abd-el-Krim's harem." Well, at that they must feel all cut up.

When the past gives up all its secrets, it will no doubt be discovered that war and six per cent interest were invented in the same age.

China has only one automobile for every 31,871 inhabitants. Well, maybe it can be done, but there certainly must be some crowding.

We read somewhere the latest style in London is the "musical frock." Rings on her fingers and bells on her clothes.

A fashion writer says "modern dress styles are designed to give freedom of movement." And also a view of the movements.

The supreme example of vanity is a parent trying year by year to make his child just what he is.

And now an orator tells us the baldheaded man is the mainstay of the nation. Also of the hair-grower industry.

There are reasons for believing that Mussolini is trying to revive the "Me and Gott" idea.

Some men waste a lot of valuable ingenuity thinking up things to pray for they know they can't get.

Married in Cambridge, Mass.

A. Frederick Richard son of the late Hon. A. D. Richard of Dorchester was married at Cambridge Mass., on Sunday last at St. Peter's Church to Miss Helen Sherman Chase daughter of Prof. George Chase of Bates University Lewiston, Me. The groom is well known here. Some years ago while attending the U. N. B. Law School in Saint John he played defence on the hockey team of the university. He and his bride are now on their honeymoon in the West Indies. He is practicing law in Boston.

Engineers have determined that the modern automobile in proportion to its weight, is eight times more powerful than a locomotive. This statistic, so far, has not been unusually demonstrable at railroad crossings.

The Capitol. "Madame Behave" is the photo play at the Capitol for Wednesday and Thursday. It is a laughable comedy in which Julian Eltinge the female impersonator has the leading role.

* THROUGH OUR SIEVE *

Legs are not news any more. They are history now.

Lima Beane says the safety-pin is safest when closed, like the human mouth.

It is not improbable that the young people of the present will be the reformers of the future.

Blah seems to have taken the place of eloquence since oratory went out of style.

We don't mind weather changes when they are in our favor.

Even the best men have to die before a fair report of their value to mankind is published.

"If there is no hereafter," remarked the Man on the Car, "then the frequent week-ends we read about end everything."

What has become of the old-fashioned picture postcard that carried the tantalizing legend, "Wish you were here?"

Somebody is putting part of the blame for divorces upon the small modern home. Probably the trouble starts when husband and wife try to get into the breakfast nook at the same time.

Twenty psychologists have declared that dress is the cause of man's irritability. Twenty M. D.'s would have found man's liver to be the cause of his irritability. Frequently we think unripe cantaloupes, under-boiled eggs and laundries have as much to do with man's irritability as anything.

PASSPORT FREEDOM HELD UP BY RUSSIA

Geneva, July 20—There is now only one reason why passports cannot be generally abolished and people cannot travel freely again from one country to another, as they did before the war. That reason is: Soviet Russia, with its international revolutionary plotting and propaganda.

Such—not publicly, but in executive session—was the finding of the second international passport conference which has just been held in Geneva under the auspices of the League of Nations. Thirty-eight governments and numerous international economic organizations attended.

The conference recommended a handy general type of passport to be valid several years without renewal; abolition of exit visas; two years' validity of entrance visas as a single fee not to exceed \$2, and the simplification of frontier control so as to minimize delays.

NOTICE to CONTRACTORS

Sealed tenders for the rebuilding of the New Maryland road will be received by the City Engineer, Fredericton N. B. up to five p. m. Thursday, 27th July 1926, said tenders may be left at the City Clerk's office.

Further information concerning the work and quantities also tender forms may be had on application to the City Engineer.

A certified cheque for the sum of One thousand dollars must accompany each tender. This cheque will be forfeited in case the tenderer fails to complete his obligations.

The committee does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

P. H. CURRIER, Chair. of Roads & Streets Committee. Fredericton, N. B., 21st. July, 1926.

CONSERVATIVE CONVENTION

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