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## Election to be Held Before New Year MEIGHEN CUTS LOOSE FROM FARMERS; IS OUT FOR HIGH TARIFF

### Meighen Will Appeal to People This Autumn on Higher Tariff Question; Dissolution to be Soon

PRINCE RUPERT, Ont., Sept. 2.—Premier Meighen last night said that in his opinion the proper course to pursue was to hold an early dissolution of the Federal Parliament to allow for a full discussion and election before New Year. On the course he said he intended to pursue. Meighen said that the farmers were a growing power and a real challenge to the Government and must be faced. His wishes in the matter of tariff must be learned and the tariff revision made. Redistribution could not be undertaken, lacking a complete census report, and the settlement of the tariff question could not wait so long. "If the voice of the people is the voice of Canada then someone else than myself must speak," said the Premier. Meighen found the Liberal opposition insincere in its support of the farmers misguided. Protection was absolutely necessary, he said, to preserve the national life of Canada. The Premier believed there could be only one issue of the day—Canada's industries must be made self-supporting and independent on the tariff policy of another country, especially a powerful country like the United States. He appealed to the people to get together in the best interests of the country. A thousand people heard the speech, and the Premier concluded his oration on resuming his seat.

### SKIPPER MUCH PLEASED WITH NEW COMMAND

Captain Hooking Says Canadian Marine Steamer Scottish Is Credit to Prince Rupert and Builders.

### WILL HAVE NUMBER OF LOCAL MEN FIRST TRIP

Captain Hooking, of the new Canadian Government Merchant Marine steamer *Scottish*, is certainly proud of his new command. In conversation this morning with a representative he said it was a credit to Prince Rupert, its builders and everybody who had had anything to do with its building. He took her out of the harbor yesterday for a trial trip and was highly satisfied and pleased with the way in which everything responded. Today the *Scottish* is taking on lumber from scows alongside and when this is finished she will commence loading 1000 cases of salmon from the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Co. Captain Hooking expects to sail from this port on Monday. Yesterday afternoon the crew was signed on in the presence of Captain McGoskie. The papers contain the names of several Prince Rupert men, some of them well known. The captain also expressed every satisfaction with the personnel of his 46 man crew.

Among the Prince Rupert men who signed on yesterday afternoon for the maiden trip were Eddie Craggs, who will be an officer in the refrigerating department; J. E. (Happy) Ritchie, Jr., electrician; Fritz Skelton, fireman; Ed. Ross, carpenter; Robert Shrubbsall, able seaman and Albert Palmer, deck boy.

### BOAT SINKS

Local Boat Meets Disaster on Fishing Banks.

The boat *Salurn* was the water's edge on the banks yesterday morning and was completely wrecked. Her crew, including Captain Dan Porter and several men, were brought ashore this morning by the *Salurn*.

The boat was fishing on the banks when her engine backfired and caught fire. Spread by the flames were soon under control and the boat was towed to the shore. The accident occurred off Oval Hill and about 1000 yds from here. *Salurn* is a well known boat and is operated out of Prince Rupert.

### GOVERNMENT WAGES AND SALARIES CUT IN GREAT BRITAIN

LONDON, Sept. 2.—With the technical end of a state of war in Great Britain at midnight last night there came a cut in wages and salaries of all employees of the government approximating half a million pounds weekly.

### Cabinet Reorganization to Take Place Soon Says Ottawa Political Despatch

OTTAWA, Sept. 2.—With the return of Premier Meighen tomorrow, serious preparations for the election will begin. The Premier stands for cabinet reorganization. The changes will probably mean the resignations of George E. Foster, Dr. Reid, J. A. Calder and Doherty, and possibly one or two others. To replace them younger men will be taken in, and in this connection the names mentioned include E. J. W. Stewart, member for Lanark; Captain Manion of Fort William, and H. H. Stevens of Vancouver. New blood may also be sought outside the present members of Parliament. The Premier's emphasis at London on the issue of protection versus free trade may indicate a new alignment of the parties. The election will be fought with four definite groups in the field, Conservative, Liberal, Farmer and Labor.

Dr. Pontin, a leading Eastern doctor, who is touring Canada and United States making inspections of hospitals, was in the city last night. He arrived on the train and left again for Vancouver on the Prince Rupert.

### ITALY WILL TAKE PART IN CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—The Italian Government has formally accepted President Harding's invitation to participate in the Disarmament Conference and the Discussion of Pacific Problems. This acceptance completes the list of nations invited and includes Britain, France, China, and Japan have already replied favorably.

RIGHT HON. ARTHUR MEIGHEN, K.C., B.A.



The Premier announced last night that he will advise the Government to dissolve Parliament and call an election before New Year.

### First Plane To Reach Prince Rupert Came in Last Evening By Train; Will Fly From Here

Not gloriating over the air with her man-made wings, but riding on an ugly old flat car and reduced to the earthly methods of locomotion, did the first airplane ever to come to this city reach here at 5:30 last evening. Thus did the flying machine "Polar Bear," accompanied by her two owners, C. O. Prest and L. M. Bach, arrive in Prince Rupert. The machine is now lying on the car in the yards, where she is being viewed by many curious eyes. Although the "Polar Bear" did make such a humble entry to the city, she is going to redeem herself before she gets away. Aviators Prest and Bach are already preparing to assemble her again and if all goes well she will take off from the new Grand Trunk Pacific dock sometime on Sunday for Ketchikan. The time of her departure will be regulated by the state of the tide for the landing at Ketchikan to be made on the mud flats at low tide. Mr. Prest will fly the plane north and will be followed by Mr. Bach, who will sail on the *Princess Royal* on Monday. When Mr. Prest ascends on Sunday he intends to give an exhibition flight and may loop the loop or do other feats with his machine.

### THREE TOWING THE IMPORTER

Observer Could Not Alone Handle Big Freighter—Tow Line Parted.

VANCOUVER, Sept. 2.—The Canadian Observer last night wireless that the tow line to the importer had parted at 9:30 and the Observer was unable to handle the tow line alone and said that the veering of the ship was wild. The Algerine and Canadian Winner were expected to reach the spot at 9 a.m. today.

VANCOUVER, Sept. 2.—(Later.)—It was indicated at the local offices of the Canadian Government Merchant Marine this morning that the Canadian Winner and the salvage ship *Algerine* were now aiding the Observer in towing the Canadian Importer to port.

### LITHUANIA AND POLAND COME TO AN AGREEMENT

GENEVA, Sept. 2.—The dispute between Lithuania and Poland regarding Vilna has been settled by the two countries agreeing to Lithuania as one district of Kovno, which will be independent and the other Vilna, in which the Poles will supervise the administration.

### Premier Oliver to Meet Committee on Municipal Taxation

PORT ALBERNI, Sept. 2.—Premier Oliver promised the convention of municipalities that he would meet a committee and work out a basis of future taxation in the best interests of the province and municipalities. "If we are to solve our difficulties the province cannot thrive if the municipalities are bankrupt, and the principle works both ways," said the Premier. "You ask us for provincial revenue, and when we ask you how we are to compensate ourselves you say that is the government's business."

The Premier suggested that municipalities had not taxed unproductive land equitably. President Loutel denied the spirit of hostility. The municipalities would solve the province's problems if given the chance. He characterized the mill rate imposed by the Government as "one of the rawest things ever put up to intelligent people."

### FRED STORK READY FOR THE FIGHT

Says Announcement of Dissolution Best Thing Government Done for Northern B. C.

Fred Stork, the Liberal candidate for the Skeena Riding, when seen this morning expressed himself as glad to hear of the Premier's announcement.

"The Premier's situation," said Mr. Stork, "is somewhat anomalous. Leading a Government as he does that received its mandate for purely temporary purposes, long since past, and with a Government hardly even in name a union Government, the Premier has done to office on the pretence that he must wait redistribution before going to the country. Now, immediately after a census, he precipitately rushes to the country, realizing, no doubt, that the seven By-Elections that he is faced with can bring him nothing but a further diminished majority. Anomalous and precipitate as the Premier's conduct is, the people of Canada will welcome the opportunity and the people of Northern B. C. particularly will be glad of a chance to re-establish representative Government at Ottawa and put the affairs of the country in the hands of those who will deal with the tremendous problems facing Canada, in an honest and businesslike manner. "I am ready for the fray. I venture the opinion that the verdict will be conclusive and that Mackenzie King will have the opportunity of forming a Government before New Year's Day. The Premier's decision is the best thing the Government has done for Northern B. C. in the last ten years."

### Conservatives Silent

Several local Conservatives were interviewed and asked if they would wish to make a statement but each declined. One man said he had not yet heard from Colonel Peck, who was expected here with Hon. S. F. Tolmie to open the exhibition and until then he would have nothing to say.

Mrs. V. W. Smith, who has spent some time visiting in the city, returned last night to Vancouver.

### SHOOTING AT WILLIAMS LAKE

Angus Black Charged With Crime and Is In Jail.

VANCOUVER, Sept. 2.—A special despatch to local newspapers from Williams Lake, B.C. says John A. Atchison of Harpers Camp, a returned soldier, was shot, it is alleged, by Angus Black of Williams Lake late Wednesday night and died yesterday. Black was arrested and is now in jail at 150 Mile House on the Cariboo Road.

### NEIL MACLEAN WILL TOUR THIS COUNTRY

EDMONTON, Sept. 2.—Neil MacLean of Glasgow member of the British House of Commons is expected to visit this city early in October and may also lecture at other cities in the west. Arrangements for the event are in the hands of the Labor Party here.

### FRED RIFFOU BACK FROM HOSPITALS IN EAST; HEALTH BETTER

Fred Riffou, who has been at the Brant House Hospital at Burlington and the Christie Hospital at Toronto for the last six months, returned to the city last night. He is much improved in health having had his leg straightened considerably by the hospital treatment. Fred says there were ten thousand camped around the ten-mile beach at Burlington during the recent hot spell.

### ALBERTA HARVEST EARLY THIS YEAR

EDMONTON, Sept. 2.—With wheat cutting ended with the end of August, the harvest of 1921 is the earliest on record in the Edmonton district, except that of 1905, which was somewhat earlier. In the more northerly parts of the district there are reports of wet weather which is delaying ripening. But even there the harvesting conditions are earlier than usual.

### RICE CLAIMANT FOR LIGHTWEIGHT TITLE

GENEVA, Sept. 1.—Ernie Rice, claimant for the European lightweight title, arrived here to seek a bout with Benny Leonard for the World's title.

### CRIMEA

ED AT VANCOUVER

Woman was 93 Years Old when she Came to Canada in 1862.

### CRIME IN FISH

UGHT BOTH COASTS

VANCOUVER, Sept. 2.—A description of total catch of sea fish on both coasts for July is reported by the Department of Fisheries. The total catch for the month was 561,118 hundredweight, valued at 904,461 hundredweight, against 84,374,659 hundredweight for the month of August, against 25,857 cwt.