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## PREMIER MEIGHEN SPEAKS AT TWO MEETINGS SATURDAY NIGHT BEFORE BIG CROWD OF PRINCE RUPERT PEOPLE

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was history. The speaker said he thought the people of Prince Rupert would agree, however, that events indicated the caution of Sir Robert Borden a little later. The G.T.P. immediately after it had been put into operation had gone into liquidation and if the government had not been the liquidators and supplied the money the whole road would now be a streak of rust and a pasture. The Conservative government believed that the railroad had been built by the wish of the people and that communities had been built up thereon and it was their duty to finish the enterprise. The Conservative government had finished it and when the enterprise had failed as a private enterprise the government had operated it. Other railway enterprises had failed at the same time because railroads had been over-constructed. The Canadian Northern had been saved from bankruptcy by the financial aid of the government.

The systems had been collected together and made into one great transcontinental system. Some Liberals had claimed that they had left the G.T.P. out but the order taking it into the transcontinental system based on the statute had been passed before the Conservatives went out of office and the whole work was done by the government prior to the Mackenzie King administration.

### Asset to Country

The National Railway system of today, as one great railway, was the work of the Conservative government. The system was showing signs of life at the present time and economies of internal management had taken place which would finally result in the railway being an asset to the country. It was nonsense to talk about the Conservative party losing interest in these lines. The national system, said the speaker, was the creation of the Conservative party which would not neglect any community resident thereon but would extend generosity at the hands of the country (applause).

Mr. Meighen said he had been

told that certain building construction had been opposed by the Conservative party. That was true and many Liberals had opposed them, too. But when they found things done it was the business of the Conservatives to make them pay and that was the course he, as Premier, proposed to pursue.

"Anything we can do to put business through the port of Prince Rupert, in fact any Canadian port that will receive cooperation from the government of which I am the head."

### Local Matters

The speaker said he had been approached in respect to several matters since his arrival in the city. One of these matters had been in connection with the providing of facilities for fishermen for the protection of their boats in the harbor. He was not sure whether there had been any amount placed in the supplementary estimates before parliament had been dissolved, but he was following the supply bill of the last session. He could not be sure on that point of the amount but if such an amount had been included the money would be expended for the purpose intended. If not he asked for a mandate from the people before he could spend any money. In regard to the erection of a federal building in the city, Mr. Meighen said he was unable to speak.

He had also been approached with respect to the subject of the issuing of fish trap licenses. This matter had been the subject of a strong representation made to him by Mr. Brady and he (Meighen) thought he would hear more about it from that gentleman in the House of Commons after September 14 (laughter and cheers). It was only by getting on the ground that the real facts of the case could be heard and Mr. Meighen said that he thought the government could justify itself by cancelling these regulations and having the matter thoroughly investigated.

### Fiscal Policy

During the contest of 1921 his government had been attacked because of their fiscal policy and the succeeding government had placed on the free list half of the imports of the country. The Conservative party had then appealed to the country for support on their policy but had been badly defeated. While de-

feated the Conservative party had known very well they had not been defeated on the issues before the people in that election. In Quebec they had then said the issue was conscription and that Meighen was a monster who wanted their sons to be murdered and by this cry the Liberals had swept the province of Quebec. But the platform of the Liberal convention and Progressive convention had not been put into effect. They did not disturb very seriously the general level of the Conservative tariff but had left it just where it was. The result of Liberal administration had been that capital had refused to invest itself in Canadian enterprises but the United States had taken the opposite course. At the end of 1921, when the Conservatives went out of office, the United States had substituted the Fordney tariff and reinforced their position. The year 1923 had been the biggest from an industrial standpoint in the history of the States which had been excelled by business in 1925, and their actual production today exceeded everything in 1925.

In Canada, just as fine a country as the United States, blessed with four bountiful harvests, found itself in four years with 3,000 factories closed and 800,000 of its citizens had gone to another land to live. This, in a few brief words, told the story what a tariff to gain the allegiance of the Progressive votes in the House, and thus maintain a majority for the Liberals, had done for the country.

### Bitter Experience

The people of Canada had learned from that bitter experience, and that experience had sunk home, and on the same appeal in the last election the Conservatives had carried six provinces, even up in one, and lost only two. In Quebec again the old question of conscription had been revived and that the speaker was the enemy of the province and would bring about a war with Turkey to get the sons of Canada murdered.

"Do you believe that the Liberal party today stands against the Protective system?" asked Mr. Meighen. A member of the government in that election, in Quebec last fall, denounced the speaker for not being a higher protectionist. The Liberal policy of the country should be to hold the resources of the country to be developed by the people of the country instead of shipping out the assets of our Dominion and then boasting about our exports. If Canada was going to ship out the natural wealth of her mines and forests and ship out the fit workers to migrate to the American Republic, then the sooner we raised the white flag and told them we were an annex of theirs the more honest to ourselves we would be.

### Definite System

Mr. Meighen stated the country wanted a definite protective system applied on all our products and placed on a stable footing that the workers can know definitely that their wages cannot be taken from them by legislation and when that was done Canada would surprise the whole world. The principal of a protective policy did not merely apply to manufactured goods but applied to everything even to transportation. Protection was necessary for the transportation routes to see that they carried the products of the country and to see that the lines to the south did not attack our trade. With respect to the agricultural industry the Canadian tariff should be put as high as the American tariff. There was no reason in the world why the United States should shut out our surplus production and allow \$149,000,000 of the products we raised to be sold here against the farm production of Canada. That was unjust to Canada.

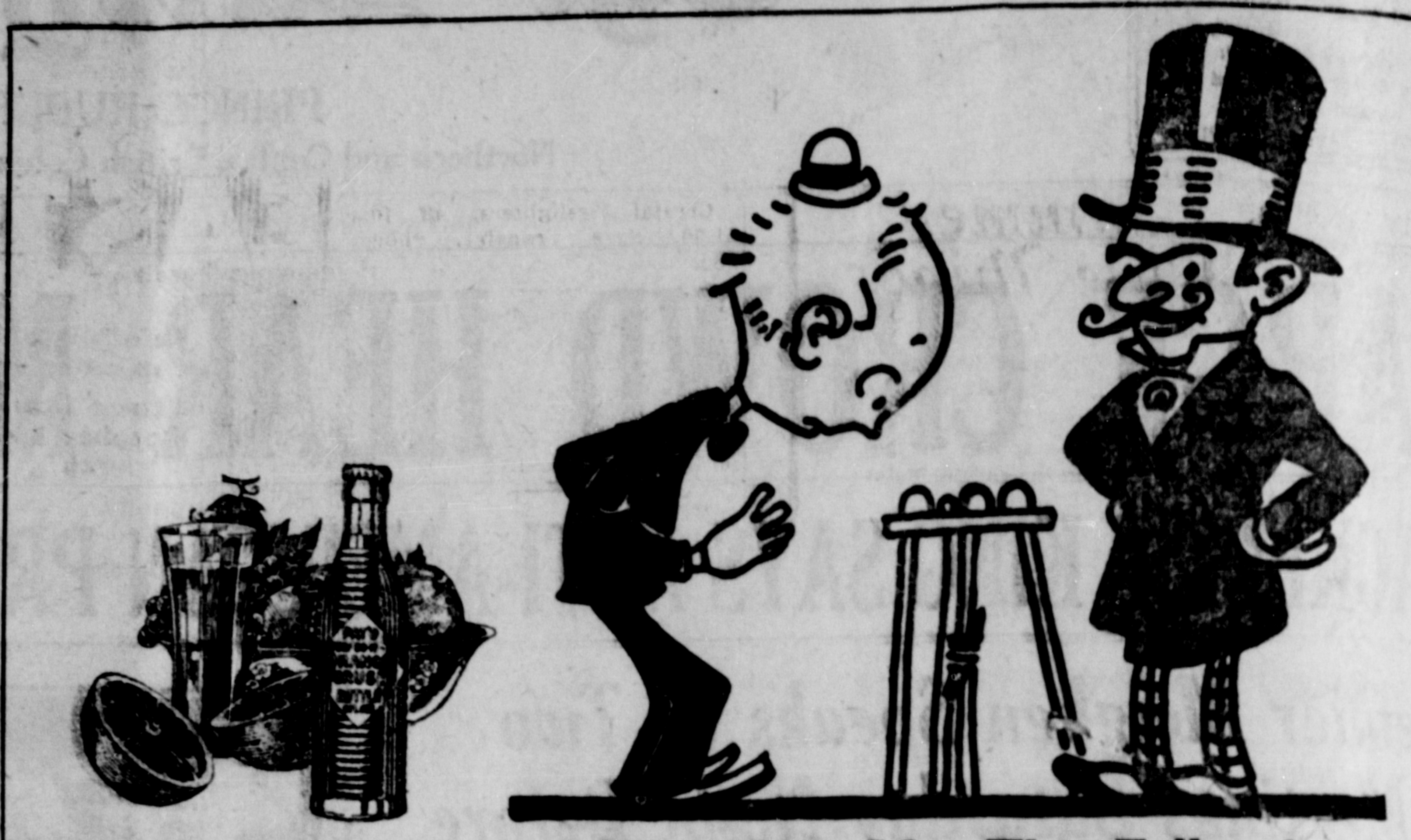
### Customs Scandal

Referring to the customs scandal the speaker said the Conservatives had not attacked the King administration on the score of administration incompetency. Mr. Meighen said he had been a member of the government for some nine years past and no one who had not been a member of parliament had any realization of how vast the government mechanism is. No matter how honest the heads of departments may be they cannot keep in such close touch with all details as the head of a commercial business could. While error is bound to creep in and fraud is bound to creep in, still there was one thing no government could excuse and that was the moral degeneration of a government department within itself and allowing a large department of state to become permeated with wrong doing and to come in col-

lusion and connivance with the criminals but were themselves making a business of the very illicit traffic they were sworn to exterminate and destroy. The minister himself had made it a business to sell seized liquor to his political friends, made in illicit stills, and had also signed an order that no illicit still in his country was to be touched. The liquor had been sold to the Canadian distiller at a few cents a gallon, they being responsible to pay \$9.03 per gallon if used. Man after man had gone into the witness box, business men of all shades of politics, and had said they could add to their business 20 per cent more in employees, some said 50 per cent, and some said 100 per cent. If the customs department were honestly administered, one man had said that in his whole line of business he had not employed one quarter the number of people he could have employed if the customs department had been honestly administered.

**Amounted to Nothing**  
In face of those assertions the late Prime Minister had come into the west and had tried to make the people believe the adverse customs report had amounted to nothing. The Liberal government stood convicted by a committee appointed by itself, namely four Liberals, one Progressive, or five Liberals convicted by them of the rapid degeneration of the most vital department of the government.

"I say that is the verdict of the five Liberal members of that committee," said Mr. Meighen. The speaker had the verdict in his hands and no clause of the whole report had once been read by the ex-Prime Minister in any one of his speeches in the present campaign. There was not a line in the whole report but reflected upon the government of Mackenzie King. The whole moral degeneration of the customs department had been compassed within the four years of the Mackenzie King government. Smuggling had become a veritable profession and that operating right under the eyes of the customs officials with the approval of the leading officials of that department. The evidence had disclosed further that products made by United States prison labor had been smuggled into the country. It would be infamous, said Mr. Meighen, to make Canadian labor compete with the prison labor of the United States. These goods had been imported not in limited quantities but in hundreds or tons, imported by the connivance and approval of the heads of departments. Goods had been imported illegally with the approval of high officials who had been made rich at the expense of the honest laborer and honest storekeeper of our country. The report showed up the officials as unfit for their positions and that these officials were not only in connivance and collusion with



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