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LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE HEAR DR. TOLMIE AND THE CANDIDATE LAST NIGHT

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such a large and enthusiastic audience before him. The leader referred briefly to the eloquent address of Mr. Brady who had preceded him in speaking. Mr. Brady, he said, by his eloquence and hard work, had already made a name for himself in Ottawa. Nor was he one who was disheartened by certain chastisements which he had experienced through the circumstance of his being a Conservative representative under a Liberal government. Mr. Brady's abilities as a speaker had soon become realized in the East and now he was a much sought speaker who was now taking full advantage of these opportunities that were being put in his way to advertise his home district for which he was such a zealous worker.

Opening to the subject of provincial affairs, Dr. Tolmie indulged in some mild criticisms of the late provincial government. In its twelve years of office, he charged, the public indebtedness had been increased from \$19,000,000 to \$95,000,000 and the per capita taxation was now five times greater than it was in 1916 when the Liberals had assumed power in British Columbia. The per capita taxation of this province was now greater than that of any other province of the Dominion. Dr. Tolmie also charged that the Liberal government had been reckless in the matter of estimates and expenditures. Over expenditures had occurred persistently and there was not a single case known of where a mistake had been made and the expenditure had been within the original estimate.

"Our Liberal friends seem to be very proud of the wonderful times Canada and British Columbia are now experiencing," said Dr. Tolmie. "Now let us look at those wonderful times. In the first place this country has been favored by the Creator with excellent crops for which good prices have been obtained principally because of the improved system of government in Russia under which that country now exports no wheat."

"What is the improved system of government in Russia?" interjected George B. Casey.

Dr. Tolmie passed the interruption off nicely. "I had hoped you would have been able to get the angle," he replied. "I really do not like to tell you it was only a joke."

Dr. Tolmie went on to recount some

of the circumstances accounting for the good times in this country such as agriculture and mining. "And I would say," he asserted "that these circumstances had probably more to do with the improved conditions in this country than either Mr. William Lyon Mackenzie King at Ottawa or Dr. Maclean at Victoria had."

PACIFIC GREAT EASTERN

Dr. Tolmie then proceeded to discuss the Pacific Great Eastern situation. He was rather skeptical about the confidence expressed by Dr. Maclean in his manifesto that the road would be successfully sold to the Canadian National Railways. While Dr. Maclean had been making his statements along this line, it was significant that the minister of railways at Ottawa had said when inquiry had been made that "as to the exact status of the negotiations in British Columbia I have not been advised but I can state that the C.N.R. is not authorized to make any settlement and I am very certain that no deal of such magnitude could be consummated without first submitting it to Parliament. As a matter of fact no such purchase could be made without the approval of this government." He would leave it to the people to judge as to what Premier Maclean had said in this connection.

Regarding the railway lands which Dr. Maclean had said in his manifesto the government hoped to get back, Dr. Tolmie stated that negotiations with this end in view had been instituted as far back as the days of Premier Dunsmuir, past the government of Sir Richard McBride which had made progress in the matter until 1926 when he, Dr. Tolmie, had introduced a resolution in Parliament which had resulted in the appointment of Mr. Justice Martin of Regina as a commission of enquiry and his subsequent recommendation that the requests of British Columbia should be granted. It was ridiculous to say that the Conservatives had never made a move in this direction.

And it was on such premises as the sale of the Pacific Great Eastern and the return of the railway lands, the latter of which had cost more to administer in the last thirty years than the revenue from them had been, that Premier Maclean made his promises for a substantial decrease in provincial taxes. "I would say," declared Dr. Tolmie "that they are rather precarious things upon which to depend."

Premier Maclean had been heralded, Dr. Tolmie said, as a brand new broom which should be given its chance. "As a matter of fact Dr. Maclean has been

a member of the government for the last twelve years and has thus been directly responsible for everything that had occurred in the cabinet and as such he was a very old broom. It will be for you to decide whether this broom with a little new brush tied to the end of the old stick is to continue or if you are to have an entirely new broom."

"But this is all the criticism of the government I am going to engage in. Now I hope to give you a few constructive ideas for the betterment of conditions in British Columbia," continued Dr. Tolmie.

"I am a firm believer in the principle that the operation of any government should be for the benefit of the people who live here and pay taxes. In spite of the great extent and resources of this province, still we have only 600,000 people living here." He referred at length to the various resources of the province.

"Here in Prince Rupert," continued the speaker, "we have the natural outlet for Northern British Columbia, a port which is already excellently equipped. The question is how can we help this port. While fishing and shipping have been the mainstay of the port up to this time, the development of great country behind you should bring you a much greater measure of prosperity. Large areas close to your railway have practically no population at all. Land settlement intelligently and methodically carried out will receive the hearty approval and assistance of the Conservative party."

Further outlining Conservative policies, Dr. Tolmie asserted that it was the intention of the party to lower taxation by having a larger number of people in the country, taking care of the home markets first and then developing the export trade; the assurance of a satisfactory market for the producer before he was asked to produce; the principle of the manufacture of natural resources at home, and federal assistance in trunk road building.

Referring to roads, Dr. Tolmie declared that the time would come when three transprovincial highways would be necessary in British Columbia—one running from Vancouver through the south of the province; the second by the Cariboo route, and the third through this part of British Columbia from Prince Rupert. As far as the Prince Rupert road was concerned, Dr. Tolmie stated that it would be the purpose of a Conservative government to carry it on as finances would permit. He felt that a thorough survey was necessary in order that the best route should be followed, opening up, if possible, such areas for settlement as might be available.

The giving of a railway outlet to the Canadian National for the Peace River was another matter of importance to Prince Rupert, Dr. Tolmie asserted. He stated that he had not been one of those who had voted against the Prince Rupert elevator. He had favored the elevator here in order to give this port and railway a chance for development.

Dr. Tolmie urged the development of better relations and trade east and west in Canada rather than north and south to the United States. Thus the railways of this country would be given a better chance for development.

The speaker referred briefly to instances of where the Conservatives had worked for the betterment of Labor conditions.

Replying to the bogey that road work here would stop if a Conservative government were elected, Dr. Tolmie stated that it would be carried on just the same.

The speaker also asserted that, if the Conservatives were returned to power, there would be nothing such as putting present civil servants out and replacing them with good Tories. Such employees as were useful and efficient would most certainly retain their positions.

Dr. Tolmie urged that the young people of today should be given such education as to better fit them for the work of the province. He believed that there were already ample lawyers and doctors here.

In the matter of immigration, all nationalities should receive equal treatment except, of course, the Asiatics which would not assimilate. It was also necessary that conditions should be made as attractive here as in the United States.

CONSERVATIVE POLICY

"If the Conservative party assumes the reins of office it will be our policy to give clean, honest and efficient government," concluded Dr. Tolmie. "It will be our policy to receive a dollar's value for every dollar spent. It will also be our policy to take the police control out of politics and it will be our policy that government and business should go hand in hand, with a fair deal for all and favors for none."

In closing, Dr. Tolmie paid tribute to the capabilities of the local candidate, J. H. Thompson, to effectively represent this constituency.

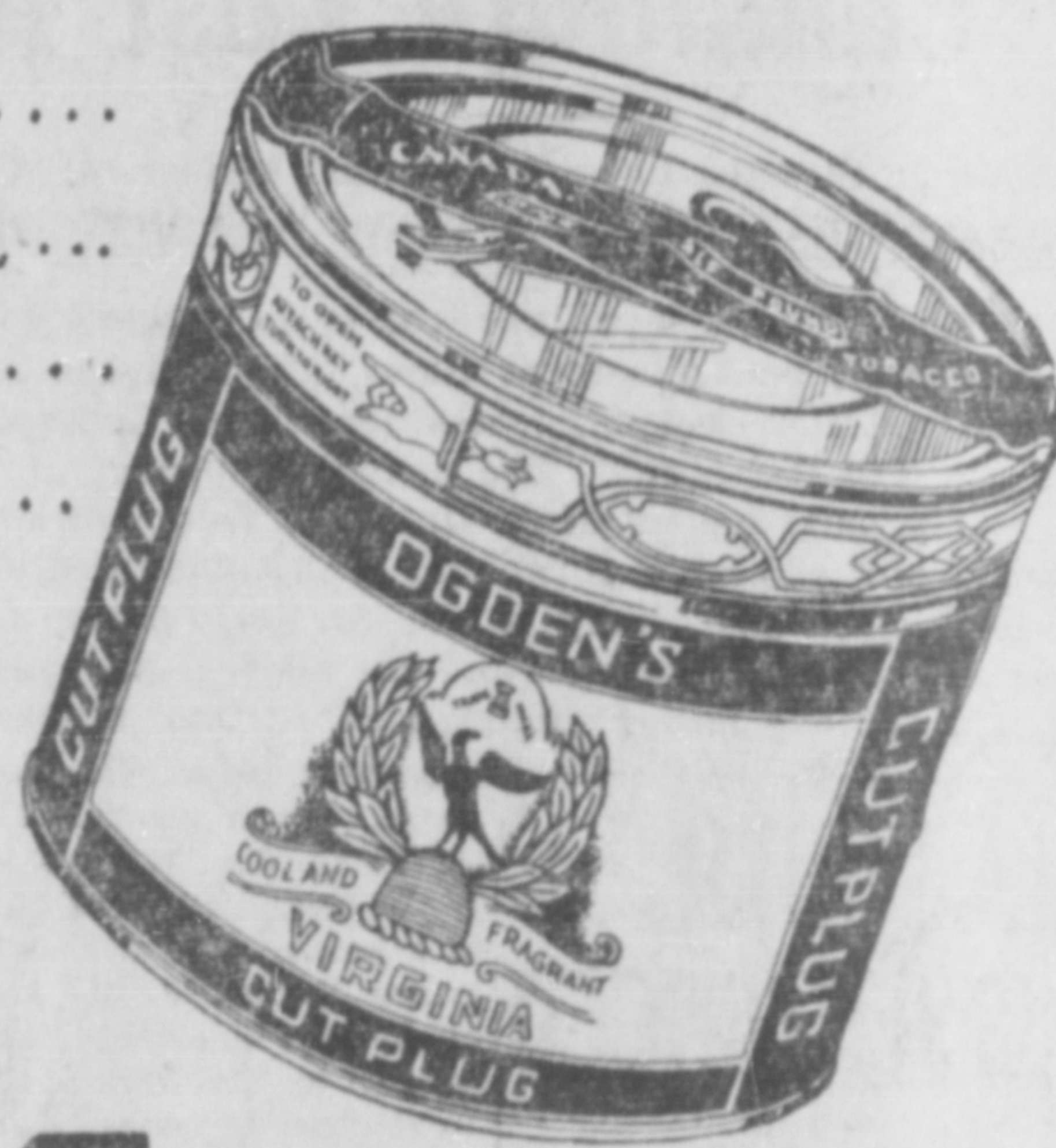
OTHER SPEAKERS

Joshua Hinchcliffe asserted that the Liberals, instead of being such champions of Labor as they proclaimed themselves, had but delayed as long as possible legislation for the benefit of the laboring classes and the women. Dr. Tolmie himself had depended on the labor of his own hands and he felt that, with him as Premier, the laboring classes of the province would be secure. The speaker referred to legislation for the benefit of labor which had been passed by the former Conservative government, their greatest achievement of all having been the Workmen's Compensation Act. He declared that many items of social and working men's benefit legislation that the Liberals now boasted of would have been in effect as far back as six years ago if the Liberals had not opposed them.

After briefly referring to his activities at Ottawa which he could face anyone and say had been carried out faithfully, assiduously and courageously, J. C. Brady, M.P., declared dramatically



When you're ship wrecked on the Ocean and there's not a sail in view when your biscuit box is empty you are in a sorry stew one thing short of rescue that will fill your urgent need your old pipe full of Ogdens will prove a friend indeed



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that the great need of British Columbia was for a change of government which would conduce to the betterment of the people as a whole. Dr. Tolmie was regarded as a statesman, thinker and constructionist not only in this province but throughout the Dominion as a whole. He was a man of whom Canada could well feel proud. The government of this province during the past few years, he asserted, had been but a drag on the wheels of progress and, throughout the length and breadth of British Columbia; people were wondering why a province, so rich in its resources, should still remain stagnant. He referred to the patronage system which he described as a degradation of the people. Mr. Brady paid tribute to Mr. Thompson as a business man and as a public servant such as on the school and hospital boards. The people would make no mistake in choosing him. "Opportunity is knocking at your door. It is in your hands now. If you fail it will be not you but it would be your children and theirs who will suffer because you have not been equal to the occasion of teaching your government that it is responsible to the people."

The meeting closed with three cheers for Dr. Tolmie and Mr. Thompson. During the evening there were piano selections by Miss Irene Morrison.

watch the petty doings of puny men and see how they strut and feel important.

It's great to be a dictator or a woman.

It's a queer election if there is only one possible winner.

It's a good election speech if the people remember it afterwards.

It's great to be the general public just now and hold the fate of politicians and statesmen in our hands.

And Jake says its great, yes, sir, sree, it is just grand to be the Man in the Moon.

Ten Years Ago in Prince Rupert

JUNE 23, 1913.

Fairview Cemetery was a lively place yesterday afternoon when it was thronged with busy groups gathering spaghetti and paper manufacturers, intended to apply for a lease of the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted at the S.W. corner of S.T.L. 5247P; thence 42 degrees 30 minutes West (Astronomic) 1360 ft.; thence North 35 degrees 30 minutes West (Astronomic) 1800 ft.; thence North 22 degrees 30 minutes East (Astronomic) 800 ft.; thence North 28 degrees North 60 degrees East (Astronomic) 950 ft. more or less, to an intersection with the high water mark of Allford Bay; thence following the said high water mark southerly to the point of commencement, save and except one island containing one acre more or less and another island containing 0.25 acre more or less—the whole containing 112 acres, more or less.

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Efforts of the I.W.W. to stir up trouble in British Columbia in connection with the logging of airplane spruce have been frustrated by the government.

F. H. Mobley, M.L.A. returned yesterday after a visit to the northern portions of Atlin constituency.

LAND ACT

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY TO LEASE LAND

In Prince Rupert Land Recording District and situate on Moresby Island adjacent to Allford Bay—Skidgate Inlet—Queen Charlotte Islands. The Pacific Mills Limited of Vancouver, B.C., occupation pulp and paper manufacturers, intends to apply for a lease of the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted at the S.W. corner of S.T.L. 5247P; thence 42 degrees 30 minutes West (Astronomic) 1360 ft.; thence North 35 degrees 30 minutes West (Astronomic) 1800 ft.; thence North 22 degrees 30 minutes East (Astronomic) 800 ft.; thence North 28 degrees North 60 degrees East (Astronomic) 950 ft. more or less, to an intersection with the high water mark of Allford Bay; thence following the said high water mark southerly to the point of commencement, save and except one island containing one acre more or less and another island containing 0.25 acre more or less—the whole containing 112 acres, more or less.

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By Parker Samuel Bonney, Applicant. Dated April 16, 1923. 161

Man in the Moon

It's a long road that has no turning.

It's a poor politician that has no comeback.

It's a long skirt that reveals no knees.

It's a long life to those who are bachelors.

It's a surprise to Prince Rupert when it rains.

It's a pleasing victory that follows a hard contest.

It's a great life if you don't have weak knees.

It's a great thing to live, if you only feel that way.

It's fine to sit here in the Moon and



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