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PREMIER MACKENZIE KING ADDRESSES HUGE CROWD AT THEATRE ON WORK OF GOVERNMENT; TOUCHES LOCAL ISSUES.

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Congratulates Pattullo
Premier King congratulated T. D. Pattullo on his splendid leadership of the Liberal party in British Columbia and predicted that his ability and determination would rapidly lead him to the premiership of British Columbia. "By the time I come here again," said the Premier amid applause, "I think I may be able to say that that was one prophecy fulfilled."

The Prime Minister also alluded to the untimely death of the late F. G. Dawson, a loss which the Canadian National Railways and the country as a whole shared with Prince Rupert. "But despite the loss, we will all have to try to do better so that, in the end, we may gain."

Premier King then settled down to give the audience a review of Canada's development during the Liberal administration since December, 1921. At that time there was great depression and, with the country heading rapidly toward bankruptcy, there was almost a desperate feeling. No money had been raised by taxation to liquidate the huge war debt and the new government came into office faced with a mortgage of \$140,000,000. The year before a deficit of \$92,000,000 had been added to the debt. First there had to be a balancing of accounts or there would be no credit or prosperity for Canada. Economies were effected and for a time additional taxation was necessary. Bit by bit the country was placed on an even keel and the government began to have surpluses until last year accounts were in such shape that it was possible to reduce the public debt by eight-one million dollars.

"Year after year, we have been able to reduce the debt and, more than that, we have been steadily reducing taxes," declared the Premier. "It was a harder task than had been faced by any previous government of Canada. In the matter of the routine services of government, the cost today was less than in the regime of Sir Robert Borden.

The Premier went on to show how the income tax had been reduced and how the tariff, sales tax, tax on receipts and checks and postage had been cut. Speaking of the tariff, the Premier stated that despite reductions of duty on industrial implements and motors, those industries in Canada were never more prosperous than they were today.

Launching upon a discussion of the transportation situation, the Premier told how he had been met all the way from the Alberta boundary with demands for a Pacific Ocean outlet for the Peace River. He realized that that had something to do with the reputation he had received. Speaking of Prince Rupert's fight for the outlet, the Premier said: "You are going about it the right way. To get what you want it is well to let everybody know it." It reminded him of the situation generally in regard to the railways in Canada when the Liberal government came into office in 1921. He told how the several bankrupt lines had been amalgamated, a suitable president secured and a board of directors appointed to administer the system free of political interference. He lauded the record of Sir Henry Thornton.

Laurier's Vision
In the appointment of the board of directors, Prince Rupert had not been forgotten since the government had in mind the carrying out of the visions of Sir Wilfrid Laurier for this port and line. "And we are still anxious to have that vision realized to the full," he declared. The Liberal government had also demanded that Labor be represented on the board.

Whereas, in the first year of consolidation, there had been a deficit of eleven million dollars on operating expenses, this year there was a surplus of \$50,000,000.

The Premier told how the Liberal government had restored the Crow's Nest Pass rates to put shipping to the Pacific Coast from the prairies on an equality with the eastbound route. He also told of progress that had been made in branch line construction in spite of opposition from the senate at first.

"Cannot a government that has done all this," asked the Premier, "be entrusted to do what is right in the matter of subsequent developments?"

Speaking of Prince Rupert's claims to being made the Pacific Coast outlet for the Peace River, the Premier said that he did not believe in making promises which might bind his cabinet or Parliament beyond the statement that the selection would be made on that basis of sound business as no one wanted to see a railway started that would become stranded during construction. The intention was to make the two great systems partly responsible so conversations had been held with the heads of both the C.N.R. and C.P.R. railways. They had been urged to hurry up their surveys as the government did not intend to have unnecessary delays. "Unless they can agree on the best way out, the government will see to it that the right measures are taken toward bringing about the necessary

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extensions and improvements," the Premier declared.

Honest and Sincere
"I hope you will feel that I am at least honest and sincere in the matter," continued the Prime Minister. "I think you can safely leave it to us to do our best for Prince Rupert and the people of B.C. as a whole." (Applause.)

The Premier dealt briefly with local legislation that had been enacted or encouraged by the Liberal government. Old age pensions had been introduced and British Columbia had been the first province to take up the offer of the Dominion government, the most of the other provinces having since fallen in line.

Though tariff had been reduced, the Premier declared, manufactures and industries throughout Canada had increased greatly. He gave figures to show great expansions in British Columbia from 1921 to 1928 in the production of the agricultural, mineral, hydro-electric, manufacturing and new construction industries. The country indeed was going ahead by leaps and bounds while there was also great expansion in trade.

"Trade with the Orient has increased greatly and, as the years go by, it is inevitable that more of it will go by way of Prince Rupert. This port cannot be denied since it has advantages such as being the shortest route. As the trade increases, this route is bound to be used to greater extent."

Japan had now become Canada's third best customer, being second only to Great Britain and the United States.

Premier King revealed some interesting figures with regard to growth of trade at this port. Exports had increased from \$1,700,000 in the fiscal year of 1924 to \$19,700,000 in 1929 while imports had decreased from \$1,260,000 to \$1,080,000. Shipping tonnage had increased from 474,000 tons to 630,000 tons. "These figures are remarkably good," said the Premier, "when everything is considered. And these figures but correspond with those for Canada as a whole. Each year, I would venture to say, this community will share more and more in the prosperity of the Dominion."

Home Markets

Regarding Mr. Bennett's talk of home markets, Mr. King wondered how it would work if there were nothing but home markets. "If we have the world markets, the home market will take care of itself. The National Policy was a thing of fifty years ago and may have been all right in those times but would not do today when the whole situation had changed. What was needed now was a policy that would help to get the world markets for Canada, a country which had no peer in natural resources. Only in what Canada sent to other countries, could its own purchasing power be measured.

Mr. Bennett's policy was one of stirring up prejudice against the United States. There was nothing to be gained by fostering prejudice and ill-will, the Premier declared, but to foster goodwill was one way of promoting the peace and happiness of the world.

The trouble with Mr. Bennett and the Conservatives was that they looked upon trade as a matter of warfare while the Liberals looked upon it merely as a matter of exchange. It was all nonsense this talking of somebody being defrauded by any exchange. On the contrary in international commerce as well as in personal buying and selling, both parties to the deal would benefit. Discontinuation of sales to the United States or other countries, as Mr. Bennett suggested when he talked of Canada being deprived of its birthright, would mean there would be no markets. Industries would close down for lack of orders, no men would be employed and Canada would have no purchasing power. The United States, as a matter of fact, paid Cana-

dians money with which they could buy things they wanted which were made in Canada.

Canada, the Premier said, was buying a much larger quantity of raw material from the United States than she was selling to the States. The truth was that both countries were benefitting from the trade as was evidenced by the great growth of manufactures in Canada. Indeed Canada was selling more manufactured goods per capita than was the United States.

Beneficial Policy

The Liberal tariff policy was framed not for the benefit of or to please one group of interests but for the benefit of the people of Canada at large. What the Conservatives wanted was not to protect the home market but to get a monopoly on the home market. Then up would go the prices, the cost of living would increase and implements of production would cost more—and Canada would not be able to get into the world markets on account of high costs. It was up to Canada, instead of doing this, to work instead to win the home markets.

The Conservatives had seized upon a threatened tariff raise in the United States to demand higher tariffs in Canada. Even yet the United States had not raised the tariff and no one knew what would be done. The Canadian Parliament would have been a bright looking lot if it had taken Mr. Bennett's suggestion and kept in session awaiting the result of the United States deliberations. A "cool-headed" attitude was needed, not a "red-blooded" one as Mr. Bennett had suggested, whatever that might be. (Laughter.) Threats would do no good. The Liberal idea was to be friendly, not provocative. "But if they do make a tariff which affects us adversely, we will make changes to protect ourselves. We have told them that. Nothing has been done offensively but in the straight-forward British way." As a matter of fact, England would be more affected by a change in United States tariff than Canada and it had not even been mentioned in the British general election.

What would have been said, if he (Mr. King) had gone to the United States to see Mr. Hoover with a view to bringing about better relations as Premier Macdonald had done Mr. King wondered. "Is it not time that we, too, were reasonable and sensible?"

"I stand by Canada all the time but I am also ready to stand by policies which will keep down enmity between the English-speaking peoples. The peace and happiness of mankind depends much upon that. Ex-Premier Baldwin said he would have gone to the United States just as Premier Macdonald had done.

"I for one always want to see this country a part of the British Empire. It is best for its good, strength and unity that it should be so."

Trade and Peace

At the same time, the Premier declared, world trade could not be separated from world peace. There was always the human as well as the commercial equation.

Premier King dealt with the complete autonomy that had been attained for Canada as a member of the British Empire. "We love Britain none the less because we take on the station and the duties of a self-governing nation," he said.


Dealing with the Fraser River salmon treaty Premier King said the government was ready to put the bill through as soon as the Conservative members from British Columbia, the province vitally affected, were ready. When it had come up at the last session, those Conservatives had raised another American scare. They could not miss a chance to stir up a little more enmity towards the United States. "But, if they (the B.C. Conservative members) do not want it, then it will stay where it is—unpassed," the Premier flatly declared.

"I would always fight against annexation with the United States as being bad for Canada and the British Empire. I would also oppose Canada being completely independent. There is everything to be gained by a strong Canadian nation under the British flag. But in the interests of the British Empire, it is better that we would realize United States is our neighbor and try to live with the Americans in a neighborly way. To understand our neighbors we must have them understand us. Our security lies in the goodwill of the countries around us."

Regarding fish traps, the Premier said that the present policy would continue until public opinion called for its being changed. Requested aids to navigation would be taken up with the minister of marine and fisheries in the hope that there would be success in getting the right thing done speedily.

Referring to Herbert Marler the Canadian minister to Japan whom Mr. Bennett had dubbed a "glorified commercial traveler," Mr. King said he only wished there were more like him. As he had stood and watched the sun set that evening over the waters of the Pacific Ocean and realized that in Prince Rupert, he was closer to Japan than he could be anywhere else on this coast, he had been prompted to send a message of greeting to Mr. Marler. The people of Japan would hear of that message and would think of Prince Rupert.

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Another ovation was given the Prime Minister as he took his seat after a two hour address.

Olof Hanson, Liberal candidate for Skeena River, who was the first speaker of the evening, said he had no intention of taking up any of the audience's time. He said that it was a business government Canada had today and Mr. King had proven himself a great businessman. He was proud to be a supporter of the best government Canada had ever had. He would be glad to do all he could even if it took his entire time, to further the interests of this city and riding.

Mr. Baldwin, the Premier's secretary, spoke humorously of his duties. It had been with considerable trepidation that he had assumed his office but he was glad to say for Premier King and his ministers that he had found them a hard working and honest lot of men, all of whom were trying to do a good day's work decently. It had proved itself a magnificent administration, whose fine work had surprised the world.

At the conclusion of the meeting, three hearty cheers for His Majesty the King were given on proposal of Premier King. Mr. Pattullo proposed three cheers to Premier King which were also given with gusto. It was no reflection on His Majesty and the Prime Minister, it three cheers for the Prince Rupert—Peace River outlet, proposed by Ald. Theo. Coltart, were even a mite more enthusiastic. For, after all, that was what a lot of people had turned out to hear about.

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