

Riverina Movement.

MR. W. M. CAMPBELL
THE GLEN
BRUNGLE



Lyons Endorses Riverina Movement

Promises Federal Convention

Riverina Objective in Sight

MR. LYONS' MELBOURNE SPEECH.

AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION

"What is our policy? To restore confidence in the community by facing up to our obligations and putting our house in order, to alleviate unemployment, to assist the primary producer without whom there can be no progress in this country, to encourage industry generally, to protect the workers by tribunals free from political interference, to protect the owners of industry from constant and petty interference which they suffer from time to time.

To-day, and I say this to a city audience, it is essential that the man upon the land should be encouraged. We have lived for 30 years under this Constitution of ours. In its earlier years it satisfied the aspirations of the Australian people. But as time goes on defects are found in every constitution. To-day certain sections of our community find certain aspects irksome. They feel that this Constitution does not give them full play in their aspirations and local activities. In my little State of Tasmania there is that dissatisfaction, in Western Australia and South Australia and even here in Victoria, but it is in the outer portions of Australia such as Riverina, in the movement represented by that Australian patriot, Mr. Charles Hardy, jun., that one finds it most. These people feel that the time has come for them to have a greater say in the government of their own district and a greater control of their own activities.

My sympathy is with the people upon the land; for I come from a State where there are no great industrial centres, and where all the people more or less are on the land. Unless all sections of the community are happy and contented under our Constitution you cannot have a great nation. Unless these sections are governed with their consent you cannot have a united nation as we understand it.

If the time comes when we shall share in the government of this country in a more direct way than we do to-day one of our first acts will be to call together a convention for the purpose of reviewing the Constitution in these aspects, particularly with regard to these outlying portions of Australia.

City and country are being drawn closer and closer together in the face of a common danger, and I know that your sympathies are with the country people, and that you will do everything to help them out of their difficulties. I believe that you will do something to help Mr. Hardy and his followers to a position where they will have something more to say in government than they have to-day. (Applause).

RIVERINA MOVEMENT

GUNDAGAI.
21st APRIL. 1931

Dear Sir or Madam.

Mr. J. Graham, Executive organiser of the above movement, held a Public Meeting at Gundagai on Thursday evening last the 16th inst, for the purpose of inaugurating the movement in Gundagai District. Mr. Graham fully explained the aims and intentions of the movement to those present- about 100 Adults- representative of the Town and District.

It was resolved to form a Branch of the " RIVERINA MOVEMENT" at Gundagai, and the following organising Committee's were duly appointed to thoroughly organise the Town and District for the " MONSTER RALLY", which it is proposed to hold at Gundagai in about two weeks from date.

Mr. Chas. Hardy, leader of the " RIVERINA MOVEMENT", and other prominent Executive men will be in attendance and the movement will be lucidly explained in every detail.

You were appointed a member of the provisional Committee as shown below, and it is hoped you will do your best to boost the movement in every way, this can best be done by inviting your friends and fellow electors, regardless of party to attend the "MONSTER RALLY " the date of which you will be advised later.

It is intended to hold a meeting of the organising Committee, also the Ladies Auxilliary Committee at an early date, you will be notified to attend- it is hoped that you will accept the position to which you have been elected and I hope to receive your acknowledgement thereof and intimation that you will assist in every way possible.

Gents Organising Committee.

Messrs:-

R. T. Beatty
J. J. H. Gardiner
J. O. Robertson
B. Wilson
O. A. Collins
N. C. Pyemont
F. A. Dodds
W. Holman
Jas. Robinson
D. H. Roberts
J. W. Corkhill
J. A. Chandler
C. E. Butcher
M. A. McLeod
L. F. Rower
W. F. McGruer
C. J. Fraser
J. S. Arnold
Dr. G. O. Robertson
R. R. Knox
W. M. Campbell
S. G. Shepherd
B. Minter
L. J. Johnson
P. C. B. Joyce

Ladies Auxilliary Committee.

Mesdames:-

R. R. Knox
J. O. Robertson
G. O. Robertson
J.A.L. Thompson
F. A. Dodds
Jas. Robinson
A. E. Lindley
J.J.H. Gardiner
G. W. Tremlow
G. C. Morrison
L. M. Boyton
S. Hunnings
A. Armour
S. G. Davis
A. Hunt
Miss. M. Robinson

J. J. H. Gardiner
Hon. Secty. Pro. Tem.