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CONSERVATIVE CONVENTION

Ottawa, Jan. 24--The committee of fifty on the preliminary arrangements for the Dominion convention of the Conservative party met today in Ottawa pursuant to the call of R. L. Borden, leader of the party and resulted in a large and representative gathering of forty-two members of the party from every section of the Dominion.

G. H. Perley, M.P., of Ottawa, was elected chairman of the committee and A. E. Blount was appointed permanent secretary. After considerable discussion it was decided that the convention should be held in the city of Ottawa on June 15 and 16.

An executive committee was appointed to arrange for the appointment of delegates from every constituency in the Dominion and to carry out all the details incident to the convention. It was decided to ask a committee of twelve citizens of Ottawa to take charge of the local arrangements for the comfort and accommodation of the delegates to the necessary meeting.

A resolution was passed particularly earnestly inviting the press throughout Canada to attend the convention. The committee adjourned

full of confidence that the approaching Dominion convention would be a large and enthusiastic one and result in the greatest political meeting ever held in Canada.

Mr. Borden entertained the members of the committee at a dinner to-night. In addition to the members of parliament and senators who are members of the committee, the following representatives of the various provinces attended the meeting in Mr. Borden's office: Alberta--R. B. Bennett, Hon. J. A. Lougheed. British Columbia--Hon. F. R. Green, J. T. Robertson. Manitoba--Hon. Robert Rogers, M. H. Carroll, M.L.A., Geo. Lawrence, M.L.A. New Brunswick--Senator Wood, G. W. Caspary, ex-M.P., W. H. Thorne. Ontario--H. Corby, Dr. T. Kaiser, Hon. R. A. Pyne, A. E. Kemp, ex-M.P., P. D. Ross. Nova Scotia--J. L. Jamieson, Finlay McDonald, J. W. Regan. Prince Edward Island--J. A. Matheson, M.L.A. Quebec--Chas. Beaubien, J. U. Emery, D. Watson. Saskatchewan--E. F. L. Embury, A. B. Gillis, M.L.A., A. E. Whitmore.

TARIFF REFORM GAINS IN BRITISH ELECTIONS

Next Parliament Will Be In Control of Nationalists --Tariff Reform Popular in the English Counties --Wales Not Solid for Lloyd-George--Scotland Goes Liberal.

Complete returns from 370 constituencies in the British general elections received up to Wednesday night show the following results:

Government Coalition Liberals 133; Irish Nationalists 53; Labour 26; Total 212.

Opposition Unionists 158. Present government majority, 54. Unionist net gain, 58.

London, Jan. 20--A wave of Tariff Reform swept over a majority of the constituencies, mostly county districts which voted for members of parliament yesterday, and the Unionists on completed returns show a total net gain thus far of 58 seats. The state of the parties as shown at 3 o'clock this afternoon was: Liberals 132; Irish Nationalists 50; Labourites 25; Unionists 158.

The Liberal party having emerged with fairly satisfactory results from the conflict with the Tariff Reformers, aided by all the strength of the liquor party in London and boroughs, now goes forward to meet the peers on their native heath, county constituencies. The peers may prove a harder nut to crack than "beer and protection."

In its final phases, the fight resolves itself into a keen fight on the part of the Liberals to get a clear majority over a possible though not probable, combination in some future time after the budget is out of the way of Nationalists and Conservatives.

The total net gains of 58 by the Unionists in 16 Liberal seats. The aggregate gain of the Unionists from 265 elections were 69, while the Labourers had 10 and the Labourites one gain. J. Keir Hardie and Edgell Goswami, respectively the Labour and Liberal candidates for Merthyr Tydfil, were elected by enormous majorities, and the political color of the constituency is unchanged.

Standing Friday Night Unionists 182, Liberals 151, Labourites 30, Nationalists 59, To be Elected 248. Party Gains Unionists 79, Liberals 13, Labor (from Liberals) 2, Net Unionist gains to date 65.

Standing Saturday Night Unionists 217, Liberals 180, Labor 32, Nationalists 64, Total 493. Party Gains Unionists 100, Liberal and Labor gains 17.

London, Jan. 21--The results of the county polls so far declared, have accorded to a prominent Liberal, according to it. It is not denied that the results are very serious. If the Conservatives should win another 30 seats, the balance of power would be in the hands of the Nationalists, and some Liberals do not deny that the position of affairs in that case would be one of great difficulty and gravity.

The Liberals attribute their defeat in the counties--first, to the landlords warning their employees that if the Liberals are returned they will be dismissed; second, the persons have been doing everything possible to prevent a settlement of the educational question on national lines. The success of the industrial contests led the Liberals to hope for a series of victories in the agricultural constituencies, but results show they have good reason for disappointment.

From returns available to date of the forty odd seats which voted yesterday, it is evident that the Unionists considerably improved their position. The counties continue to go strongly for them. Yorkshire and Lancashire are still strong for free trade, but elsewhere in Great Britain the cause of tariff reform has made considerable gains, and it is highly significant that these have not been confined to English counties, but are confined to English counties, but are well represented north of the border, and even in the little principality. On the day's polling the Unionists gained ten straight seats from their opponents, while in South Belfast the official Unionist candidate won that seat from the independent Unionist, who represented it in the late parliament. This effectually disposes of the disruption tactics of certain disgruntled Ulster Tories, who were not content with the programme of official Unionists. Even more significant is the defeat of T. W. Russell, who represented South Tyrone in the late parliament in the Liberal interest, but who was yesterday defeated by the Unionist candidate, A. L. Horner. K. C. Russell is one of the most interesting of political personalities. A

Scot by birth, and Irish by adoption, he is accused by the Unionists of having betrayed their party when he was occupying a position of confidence recently. He was appointed by Mr. Asquith, vice-president of the Irish Department of Agriculture.

Grayson Defeated The solitary success of the Liberals on the day's polling was the wresting of the Colne Valley division of the West riding of Yorkshire from that notable and even notorious Liberal member and Socialist, Victor Grayson. Their worst defeat was in the Saffron Walden division of Essex, where the chief whip of the party, the Right Hon. J. A. Pease, was beaten by Col. Proby. The Liberal whip had a majority of 1268 at the last general election, and is personally very popular, but he was swamped by the country vote. Serious riots followed the announcement of the election of the Unionist.

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WORST WRECK IN HISTORY OF C. P. R.

Soo Express Wrecked Near Spanish River--Part of Train Burned and Part in River--Seventy-five or More Killed--Many Bodies Not Recovered.

North Bay, Ont., Jan. 21--A terrible accident occurred this afternoon on the Soo branch of the C.P.R., 37 miles west of Sudbury, when Express No. 7, en route to Sault Ste. Marie, was derailed, taking heavy toll in death and injury to passengers.

The express was speeding along with a good passenger list when suddenly, without warning of any kind, several of the cars left the rails and plunged down a steep embankment, two of the cars going into the Spanish river, adding death by drowning to the horrors of the railway accident.

A diving car is partially submerged and a first class car is almost wholly under water. The death toll cannot even be estimated at present, but every indication points to one of the worst fatalities in the history of Canadian railroads.

Fourteen passengers were enjoying lunch in the dining car when the accident happened, but it is stated that they all got out safely. About twenty-five passengers were in the first class car. It will not be known how many were killed until the diver, who is being rushed on a special train from Sault Ste. Marie, arrives at the scene.

Twenty passengers at least were in the second class car, which took fire and burned, adding additional horrors to the terrifying spectacle. How many escaped from the fiery furnace of death is not known as yet, as there is no telegraphic communication with the wreck at present.

The accident happened between one and two o'clock this afternoon, and when the cars left the rails, tearing loose from the front part of the train, the crash of timbers, the groaning of girders and twisting steel was specially followed by the cries of the injured and the moans and lamentations of the imprisoned passengers in the shadow of death, as the water of the Spanish river filled the doomed car.

Diver Sent For The train was just approaching a large steel bridge spanning the river when the accident happened. The cause, whether a broken rail or a broken truck, may never be known, as the track is torn up.

Conductor Thomas Reynolds was injured, but ignored his hurts and did everything he could to mitigate the sufferings of the injured passengers. Physicians were hurried to the scene from Sudbury as soon as word was received, and a wrecking train, with General Superintendent Giuliano, arrived here from North Bay, arrangements were made to rush a diver on a special train from Sault Ste. Marie, to recover the bodies from the submerged cars, and he is now at the scene with full outfit.

The injured were rushed to Sud-



W. J. Robertson, Armprior, travelling auditor, C.P.R.

Patrick Kinegan, Bruce Mines. Tees, Bruce Mines. E. G. Bommels, Lisbon, N.D. Elderly woman, unidentified. Middle aged woman, unidentified. Thomas Aunsan, Blind River, Ont. Unidentified boy, 12 years old. Hiram Johnston, Montreal, president of Hiram Johnston Co. Ltd. Dr. Whitehead, Powassan, supposed to be Indian doctor. George McDougall, electrician, Cop-

percliff. Mrs. Stankle, Shawville, Que. Joseph Kelly, Leavenworth, Wash. W. Lavery, C.P.R. fireman, North Bay.

Geo. McKellan, travelling auditor, C.P.R. Dr. McClellan, V. S. Sudbury. Joseph Marott and Laredref Hoppl, are listed as missing.

Sudbury, Ont., Jan. 23--Appalling scenes greeted the eyes of many heart broken relatives and hundreds of sight seers at the Spanish River bridge today, when 18 bodies of the wreck victims, were fished from a first class coach. The bodies were speared with pointed poles giving a gruesome effect.

Engineer Treiford and train crew, with the exception of Conductor Reynolds, escaped injury. The nearest telegraph station to the wreck is Nairn, five miles distant, but officials are arranging for direct communication. Details from the scene of the accident are slow and meagre.

The estimated number of dead is fifteen, but may be more. The list of injured is growing. The names are not available but are expected soon. Mrs. Houde, of Sault Ste. Marie, in- jured, has since died. Thos. Hay, C. P. R. claims agent, reported badly in- jured, has wired his family that he is safe. Passengers from the east- bound Soo express are being transferred around the wreck, as the bridge is considered unsafe which will cause considerable delay to traffic.

The Dead

Montreal, Jan. 23--The following is the official list of the dead, issued by the C.P.R. tonight: Father Challou, Dorval, Ont. J. Henault, Matheson, Ont., died in Sudbury hospital, January 22nd. Mrs. C. Houde, Soo, Ont., drowned in diner.

Taratorf Hoppe. Geo. McIlhenney, North Bay, Ont., C.P.R. fireman. George McLaughlin, Barrie, Ont., farmer 22 years old from Anton Mills, Ont., died night of January 22nd in Sudbury hospital.

Nick Nikolanko, 150 Walley Street, Lawrence, Mass., died on way to hospital. John Resback, North Bay, Ont., C. P.R. fireman. S. J. Saunders, Orillia, Ont., commercial traveller, drowned in diner. Body taken to Sudbury.

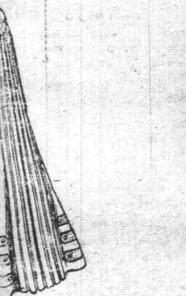
Zonnum Spinkie, going to Chisholm, Minnesota, died in Sudbury hospital, January 22nd. T. H. Watt, Renfrew, Ont., or some place in Montana, drowned. Body taken out of diner and sent to Sudbury.

Unknown man, Italian or French. Bosenza, foreigner. Rev. Mr. Childerhouse, North Bay, Ont., superintendent of Presbyterian Missions.

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