

CANNIATES CHOSEN YESTERDAY IN 19 RIDINGS

PROVE FARMERS' PARTY OF SOUTH OXFORD NOT DEAD

Delegates At Mount Elgin Elect J. L. Wright To Succeed A. T. Walker.

THANKS ELECTORS

Retiring Member Declares He Was Never Approached Regarding Fusion With Critics.

Special to The Advertiser.

Ingersoll, May 17.—The U. F. O. of South Oxford, at the nominating convention, held in the Foresters' Hall, at Mount Elgin, yesterday, pinned their faith to J. L. Wright of North Norwich. Now that the three parties have their candidates in the field it would seem that the fight is on in earnest. It was nearly 6 o'clock when the convention completed the choice of a candidate, much of the early part of the meeting having been given over to routine and speaking.

The attendance taxed the capacity of the hall, and caused A. T. Walker, the retiring member, to remark in the course of his address that the attendance did not indicate that the party was likely to drop out, as had been rumored, in South Oxford.

Shows Small Surplus.

The secretary, M. M. Kneale, gave a financial statement to the effect that the organization had a small surplus. It was decided to ask for contributions on behalf of a campaign fund, and at a subsequent adjournment an additional \$40 subscribed.

Will Aid Candidate.

In the course of his address which consumed the greater part of two hours, Mr. Walker, in referring to the Drury administration, emphasizing especially what had been done on behalf of good roads, education, agriculture, and other public improvements, stated that he would give assistance to any candidate who would be elected.

Mrs. Ames of Woodstock, president of the U. F. O. of the province, also spoke, urging, in an spirited manner, the party to continue its work.

ASSERTS DEBT GREW UNDER RULE OF U.F.O.

Mark Senn, M.P., Addresses Haldimand Conservatives At Cayuga Convention.

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Cayuga, May 17.—Of seven candidates, Dr. R. N. Berry of Caledonia, was unanimously elected as candidate for Haldimand in the Conservative convention held in the town hall here yesterday. The other candidates nominated were F. R. Lalor, W. C. Robb, E. N. Jones, and J. W. Dunville. Dr. Jacques and George L. Miller of Jarvis, Wylie Hudspeck, Caledonia, all retiring in short speeches in favor of Dr. Berry. The hall was crowded with a most enthusiastic audience, all seemingly confident that the Conservative party would carry the election.

WATERLOO CONSERVATIVES NOMINATE A. W. MERCER

Galt, May 17.—Ex-Mr. A. W. Mercer of this city was the choice of the Waterloo Conservative convention at the Princess Theatre, Preston, yesterday.

ST. THOMAS PLEASED WITH MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE

St. Thomas, May 17.—H. J. Lewis, proprietor of the municipal golf course, just east of the city, announced Tuesday that he was very well pleased with the results of his experiment in operating a public golf course, the patronage from the start being very encouraging.

WELLINGTON LIBERALS PICK AID. FRANK HOWARD

Guelph, May 17.—There will be a three-cornered fight in South Wellington in the coming provincial election. At the Liberal convention here yesterday, which was largely attended, the choice of a candidate was made.

W. S. BEAMISH IS CHOSEN BY KENT CONSERVATIVES

Ridgeway, May 17.—The East Kent Liberal-Conservative convention held here yesterday was fairly well attended, with representatives of the party from every municipality in the riding. The election of officers was followed by a call for nominations.

HURON CONSERVATIVES ELECT WIGLE AT RALLY

Seaforth, May 17.—The heavy rain-fall did not dampen the ardor of the Huron Conservatives, who turned out in large numbers to the nominating convention here yesterday afternoon, in Cardno's Hall.

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SMITH STRONGLY OPPOSES DEFERRING F. O. FINANCE POLICY

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WILLIAM B. CLIFFORD, Liberal standard-bearer in the riding of South Essex.

Mr. Clifford was nominated by the Liberals of South Essex at an enthusiastic convention held on Friday last at Kingsville. The candidate is a prominent farmer at Union-on-the-Lake, and has been active for years in municipal affairs and political activities in the interests of the Liberal party. His supporters predict an easy victory for him at the polls.

Nominations

The following candidates were nominated yesterday:

Liberals.
West Wellington—W. B. Howes.
South Wellington—Frank Howard.
North Victoria—Dr. H. H. Haines.
Addington—William Haines.

U. F. O.
South Oxford—J. L. Wright.
North Oxford—J. G. Leithbridge.
North Perth—Hon. H. C. Nixon.
South Perth—Hon. Peter Smith.
North Middlesex—Harold Curry.
West Bruce—James Johnston.

Conservatives.
West Perth—W. H. Bradburn.
West Wellington—W. C. Chambers.
South Perth—W. H. Mercer.
Haldimand—Dr. R. N. Berry.
North Middlesex—George A. Elliott.
East Kent—W. S. Beamish.
Lincoln—Thomas Allan.
Sudbury—Charles McCrea.

CONSERVATIVE PARTY NOMINATES ELLIOTT

Parkhill Man Selected to Contest Riding of North Middlesex.

Special to The Advertiser.
Ailsa Craig, May 17.—Condemnation of the policy of the late U. F. O. government under Hon. E. C. Drury on the grounds that the Farmers' premier was not "playing fair" with the people of the province was the keynote of the speech of acceptance made by George Elliott of Parkhill after he had been nominated at a mass meeting of Conservatives of North Middlesex at the Ailsa Craig yesterday to contest that riding at the coming provincial election.

The late Hon. J. J. Whitney was the ablest public man that Canada ever had," he asserted, "and if we follow in his footsteps and work together for the common good of the province, we will assure ourselves of brighter days ahead for Conservatism in this district."

Col. W. H. Bartram of Parkhill served as chairman of the gathering, and after withdrawing his name from the list of candidates, referred to what he called patronage in the U. F. O. ranks.

"The Farmer government," he declared, "is very good at getting friends of the members into good positions. There are a number of friends of the party hanging around for political 'plums.'"

King Hodgins, of Lucan, declared: "The need change at Toronto and the Conservative party is the proper agency to bring this about. The Provincial Legislature is badly in need of housecleaning and Hon. Howard Ferguson is the man to wield the broom."

P. A. Gahan of Strathroy also withdrew in favor of Mr. Elliott, addressing the convention urged that the Liberals and Conservatives of Ontario get together to defeat the U. F. O.

"The Farmer Legislature," he averred, "is now in shreds and patches and it has botched everything it has spent all its funds in the treasury, but always has taken good care to look after its own interests."

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Premier Reviews Government's Work

Delivers Address At West Middlesex U.F.O. Convention—J. G. Leithbridge, Present Member, Nominated To Contest The Riding.

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Mount Brydges, May 17.—An ardent defence of his present stand on the timber commission and the provincial hydro-railway system and an enthusiastic commendation of the work of Hon. Manning Doherty, minister of agriculture in the late government, were the main items in the speech of Hon. E. C. Drury, prime minister of Ontario, in speaking before the nominating convention of West Middlesex U. F. O. constituents in the town hall here yesterday.

The hall was crowded to capacity, with party representatives present from the remotest corners of the riding for the purpose of selecting a nominee to contest the seat of West Middlesex in the coming election.

Leithbridge, of Glencoe, the present U. F. O. member in the Ontario Legislature, was nominated and will seek to retain the seat for the Farmers in the next government.

The voting for a candidate was conducted by the ballot system, and the results were announced by the U. F. O. members. Leithbridge was the victor, with a majority of more than 130 votes over his nearest competitor.

Waterworth, of Mossa, both very prominent workers for the cause of the United Farmers, were runners-up in the primaries, and both commented Mr. Leithbridge upon his selection, assuring him of their best support in his impending campaign throughout the riding.

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DOUBTS COUNCIL ABLE TO APPROVE DEBENTURE ISSUE

Ald. Judd Questions Power To Sanction \$20,000 For Fair Board.

BELL WILL EXPLAIN

Mayor Promises Treasurer Will Show Action Legal At Next Session.

While Ald. Albert Judd questions the power of the city council to sanction another debenture issue of \$20,000 for the Western Fair, Mayor Wenig promises that he will have City Treasurer Bell at the next session to explain to the contrary, and that their action has been perfectly legal.

This point was introduced for consideration during last night's gathering of the finance committee, when a deputation from the board of education presented a formal request for a \$70,000 debenture issue for an addition to the Technical School.

No action was taken after a prolonged discussion, other than to refer the entire proposal to the council for further consideration and a decision, if possible.

Trustee Edwin Smith, chairman of the Technical School committee, explained that they would have included this request in their estimates if it had been possible at that time to determine the precise number of additional students expected September next. Maintenance costs, interest, sinking fund, etc., for the proposed construction was included in the estimates, he said, and the actual cost this year to the city would be \$14,642.95, as the previous year's should be, as customary, one-half of the cost.

As an alternative plan, the trustees had considered the renovation of a King street residence, their own property, at a probable cost of \$2,420. The deputation pointed out that this undertaking would not be as satisfactory as the actual addition to the school. They propose four new rooms and a basement, which would be necessary, they say, to accommodate the normal increase in attendance after the holidays.

Mayor Wenig questioned what the council's stand should be in view of their adopted policy of pay-as-you-go. Mayor Wenig protested that this debenture issue would exceed the amount of retiring issues for this year.

"I suppose you are aware," Ald. Judd commented, "that your action last night with respect to the Western Fair issue did not come within the scope of the council."

Mayor Wenig maintained otherwise, declaring that this question had been carefully considered yesterday. H. G. Crawford, entomologist of the division of field crop and garden insects, who is stationed in this city in connection with the federal investigation of the European cornborer pest.

L. S. McLaine, chief of the division of foreign pest suppression, is also in the city in connection with his inspection of Western Ontario regarding the extermination of the cornborer and the inspection of nursery stock.

A. B. Baird of the natural control investigation, Frederickton, N. B., was also transferred to St. Thomas in connection with this investigation, as has also A. W. Fowler and A. Finnamore, federal insect pest inspectors.

"You won't be able to open up the question without a two-thirds vote of the council," reminded Ald. Burdick, referring to the resolution passed by the council that they "live within their means."

The committee, after a long discussion, recommended the purchase of two light Ruggles fire trucks with pneumatic tyres at a cost of \$3,175 each, despite the opinion of Fire Chief John Atken that a heavier type of equipment would be most suitable for the purpose designated—service in the outlying halls.

Ald. John Greer opposed the purchase. "Are you sure that you know what type of car you wish?" he questioned. "I think you are buying by instinct. I cannot support this move, and I think that none of us are fully conversant with the technique of the machines to vote intelligently. I do not know enough myself to over-ride the opinion of the chief. I think the opinion should have further consideration."

Ald. Judd concurred in this, that the chief's opinion should have careful consideration.