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The Convention.

The decision of Hon. R. L. Borden to call a national Liberal-Conservative convention is very gratifying to the members of the party in this province, who took the initiative in this matter at their last convention, when they suggested the advisability of such a gathering. At the time some thought the action ill-advised, but the unanimity with which all parts of the country has welcomed the announcement of the convention amply justifies those who advocated such a course.

The convention is a necessity. The Liberal-Conservative party is rich in glorious traditions but the spirit of Canada demands progress, not traditions. The success of the Liberal party since 1896 shows that the electorate of Canada prefer even disreputable authors to able critics. Progress has created new conditions. To meet these conditions the Liberal-Conservative party must present to the electorate its policy—a policy of the party for its representatives, not of the representatives for the party. In addition to formulating a policy it will settle the question of leadership and will place the Hon. R. L. Borden at the head of a united, progressive party.

The organization of such a convention requires a great deal of earnest work and considerable time which precludes the possibility of its being convened this year, which is to be regretted as many matters of vital interest must be discussed this coming session. The earliest period that can be chosen will be June which would be a very satisfactory time for the western delegates and would allow many to utilize a portion of their vacation in attendance at the convention, and would give an opportunity for a greater number of representative men to take part in the deliberations.

It must be a National Convention. With inadequate representation from either East or West it would be worse than useless. To secure a national convention the place of meeting must be carefully selected. If the east will guarantee adequate representation, not only from Ontario, but Quebec and the Maritime provinces as well, we believe that Winnipeg should have the honor. We doubt very much whether they will, and to secure any national convention for many years to come it must be held east of the Great Lakes. We prefer Winnipeg, but believe the most successful and truly representative convention would be one convened in the national capital.

As the convention must be national so must the policy adopted be national; not an Eastern policy nor a Western policy, but a National Policy. Temporary success might result from appeals to provincialism and racialism, Laurier's stock-in-trade, but the Liberal-Conservative party will respond to and encourage the steady, robust growth of a national spirit with a national platform—one for all Canada and not one for each province.

Advocated by the Liberal-Conservatives and essential to the growth of the West are three planks that will meet with the approval of the whole party—the construction of the Hudson's Bay Railroad, a sane revision of the tariff, and the placing of the prairie provinces upon an equal footing with the others. The Conservatives recognize that these are essential to the prosperity of Western Canada, and therefore all Canada, and are steady and consistent advocates of them.

Sir Wilfrid's "immediate construction" of the Hudson's Bay Railway is a joke. The Grand Trunk Pacific Company own the government and they will not permit the building of such a dangerous rival. The only result of Sir Wilfrid's "immediate construction" policy is the discovery that Port Nelson is south of Fort Churchill about two hundred miles. The Hudson's Bay Railway pledge is a near relative of the tariff plank in the 1893 platform.

The West is a unit in demanding control of the public domain and in the demand are supported by the Liberal-Conservative party of Canada. Whatever division there may have been, the united demand of the promoters of the prairie provinces for control of the school lands shows the spirit of the people. Sir Wilfrid succeeded in 1905 in depriving Alberta

and Saskatchewan of their rightful heritage by a wholesale debauching of the electorate through his creatures, whose consciences were saved by offices and emoluments, but today the people of the West have awakened to the fact that their provinces have been deprived of their greatest source of revenue and have been financially crippled.

The Liberal-Conservative party inaugurated the protective tariff to secure the Canadian market for Canadians, but realizing that many of the manufacturers were using the tariff as a means of reducing the consumer's substantial reductions were made during the last few years of their administration. The Liberal party, despite their free trade pledges with which they fooled the electorate, have become so closely associated with the manufacturers that any sane revision of the tariff from them is impossible to expect. To relieve the Western farmer from the position of leading taxpayer in the Dominion will be the work of the Liberal-Conservative party in a tariff revision already advocated by its leading men and journals in all parts of the country.

What's in a name? The Conservatives of the West have found that many of the new electors judge by names not knowing the deeds. The terms Conservative and Liberal have no significance except as designations for two parties. The Toryism of Canada today finds its exponents in the Liberal cabinet. Sir John A. Macdonald recognized the weakness in the term Conservative and always demanded that the party be designated Liberal-Conservative. We can assure the members of the party in the East that National or Progressive would be a more attractive and intelligent name to the new settler whether from the United States or Europe.

Names under Liberal rule have not indicated policy or secured redemption of pledges, as has been seen in the attitude of that party towards the 1893 platform, and in their treatment of Alberta and Saskatchewan, but to the new settler, who knew not our political history, the term "Liberal" has certainly been attractive. The adoption of a progressive, national platform by our party should result in the adoption of a significant designation and above all, in the redemption of each and every pledge when the opportunity occurs.

Slender Resources.

In commenting on the refusal of the Saskatchewan government to contribute a sum of money to the Selkirk Centennial, the Free Press acknowledges our inability to assist owing to our "limited resources." Rather an injurious admission by a journal that supported the Federal Government in depriving the province of the richest domain in Canada. If our resources are limited the fault is due to the Free Press and its political friends who crippled the future of the province that they might exploit our public domain for their personal benefit. If justice had been given this province, the Free Press could have used "magnificent resources," instead of "slender resources."

Editorial Notes.

Who is going to play "Gaston" to "Alphonse?"

Why not appoint "Lawyer" Calder Attorney-General?

What will the G.T.P. ask for at the coming session?

Watch McBride make a Whitney sweep in British Columbia.

"Uncle" Fred Borden has dropped Sifton, Hyman and Emmerson from his visiting list.

Brodeur should secure Sir Wilfrid's musket as a portion of the armament for his new navy.

Motherwell gave the farmers sympathy.

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SPRIT OF THE PRESS.

The people of Manor have discovered that Scott's election railway was a portable invention.

Scott's acceptance of the autonomy terms made it possible for a remittance man to live in a remittance province.

There is a boom in prince Albert. They have aroused enough energy to advertise a civic scandal. That neck in the woods must be going some.

If Duncan Marshall hadn't taken that job in Alberta, he would have been first choice as a mate under "Cap" Sullivan in Brodeur's navy.

With the appointment of Mr. Turgeon to the Bench, the great question is who will have the pleasure of saying: "After you my dear Alphonse."

According to Calder the provincial Government can handle the school lands to better advantage than the Federal Government, but the other public lands are entirely different.

After reading the report of Messrs. Courtney, Bazin and Eyshe would the Leader allow Mr. Brodeur to have the spending of twenty cents let alone twenty million dollars.

A despatch from Ottawa states that Premier Murray will succeed Sir Frederick Borden as minister of militia. With the loss of his whiskers and his seat "uncle" Fred will be all in.

When the Liberals were returned to power in 1896, in the language of an American congressman, they had two courses to pursue: "to do their duty by their country, or to do their country by their duty." They chose the latter.

With the school lands, In our hands, What care we for the price Of Morang's books; Our Jabel's crooks, We'll give the boys a slice.—Calder's chorus.

The ease with which signatures can be obtained by public petitions is exemplified by an amusing recent case in Toronto where a city engineer signed a petition for a public work as a ratepayer, and when it came before him officially he reported against it.

Messrs. Tatlow and Fulton members of the McBride cabinet have resigned owing to a disagreement on a question of policy. It would be a long time before a member of the Saskatchewan government would resign for such a reason. Indeed, if some of the present members of the government knew what its policy is, it is all they are capable of doing.

A Beautiful Picture.

Pure and elevating indeed is the beautiful picture entitled "The Soul's Awakening" offered this season to readers of the Family Herald and Weekly Star of Montreal. No parent can look upon "The Soul's Awakening" without feeling that it must have a place in the home. "The Soul's Awakening" will touch the heart of mankind. It will soften the sentiments of the wayward, the cruel, the indifferent, the wanton. Religious men and women will feel an ecstasy, the indifferent will be brought to stop and ponder, the hardened will admire its beauty, even if they feel no companionship with it and all will agree that it is a beautiful picture for the home, the home of the poor and rich alike.

One wonders how the publishers of the Family Herald and Weekly Star of Montreal can afford to give such a beautiful picture to all subscribers. The paper alone is big value at one dollar a year, and the picture is earned by worth double that amount. The price of the year's subscription to the Family Herald and Weekly Star is one dollar and every subscriber gets a copy of "The Soul's Awakening," size 10x24 inches, just as soon as his subscription is received. No Canadian home can afford to be without it.

Minard's Liniment Cures Burns, etc.

of the Ottawa Free Press, chief organ of the Government at Ottawa, is an invasion of the terms of the autonomy act. The Albertan says it isn't but that is only because it defied the autonomy act at the time and now hates to admit it was in error.

The Alberta government was wrong in ever letting the school lands be kept out of its control. It is now right in trying to get them back. And it will be right in each further step it may make to retrieve its former betrayal of this country. That is all there is no matter.

(New York Evening Post)
When we consider that Hudson did not discover New York Bay, but that Verrazano did; when we consider that Fulton did not invent the steam boat, but that Fitch did; when we consider that Bell did not invent the telephone, that Gutenberg did not invent the printing press, that Morton did not discover anaesthesia, that Darwin did not discover evolution, that Shakespeare did not write 'Hamlet,' that Homer did not write the 'Iliad,' that Galileo did not say "And still it moves," that Wellington did not say "Up guards and at them," that Washington did not win the battles of the revolution, that Robespierre did not create the reign of terror, that Nero was not a monster, that Cleopatra was not beautiful—when we reflect that history is embellished with the titles of usurpers and that true merit lies unchronicled in the grave, let us address a word or two of apology to that much berated enemy of the truth, the newspaper. If history with a thousand years' leisure at her disposal, cannot find out just who set up a new throne or pulled down an old one, let us forgive the reporter if he misapprehends the Christian name of the prominent citizen who was thrown from his automobile at 2.30 a.m.

WILL BE A BIG CONCERN

Cockshutt Obtain Control of Frost & Wood Co.—Will Now Have Full Line of Implements.

One of the biggest deals of recent years in relation to the agricultural implement industry has just recently been completed, by which the business of the Frost & Wood Co. in western Canada, together with all their present stocks and warehouses at Regina, Winnipeg and other points pass into the possession of the Cockshutt Plow Co., Limited.

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Formerly the Cockshutt Plow Co. dealt in plows, disc harrows, drills, etc., but from this time forward by reason of the amalgamation it is placed in a position to handle harvesters and haying tools and machinery and can now furnish a farmer with a full line of farm implements throughout.

Winter Fair.

There was an important meeting of the Winter Fair board on Tuesday of last week with the following members present: President R. Sifton, A. B. Polver, Montgomery, president of the Swine Breeders' Association; P. M. Brett, president of the Cattle Breeders' Association; Alex. Mutch, of Lumsden, president of the Horse Breeders' Association, and F. T. Skinner, Indian Head, president of the Sheep Breeders' Association. The principal business before the meeting was that of revising the prize list for the winter fair to be held the week of March 20, 1910. Several increases were made in the sheep and swine classes, and in the latter it was decided to have all animals shown according to breeds, though judged as bacon types. There will be a prize for the best pen, open to all breeds, to bring all classes of animals into competition. The cattle classes remain about the same, but there are a few changes in the horse classes. Percherons will have a class by themselves instead of showing with the Shires and Suffolk Punch as formerly. There is also to be a class for five year old Clydesdale stallions, the large number of entries in the aged class last year necessitating the breaking of the class. The value of the prizes throughout will be somewhat increased. In the mare classes the former brood mare and yield mare classes are merged into one class for all mares.

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