

FIRST MEETING OF CAMPAIGN

Conservatives Hold Enthusiastic Gathering in the North Ward

SOME STIRRING ADDRESSES

Confident That R. L. Borden Will Be Returned With a Good Majority

(From Friday's Daily.)

The Dominion campaign in the Conservative interest was opened with an excellent meeting in the Assembly Hall of the North Ward school building, last evening.

Mr. Fred Davis, M.P., was chairman, and on the platform were seated Mr. G. H. Barnard, president of the Victoria City Conservative association, and the following members of the executive committee: Messrs. J. L. Beckwith, D. H. Macdowell, J. Penketh and W. Blackmore.

The chairman remarked that this meeting might be more properly termed a preliminary camp, made with a view of warning the members up for the fray when the struggle began.

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In North Oxford, a Liberal majority of 2,788 at the last general election had been reduced at the bye-election to 338, showing a Conservative gain of 2,450. In North West, the Liberal majority of 962 had been reduced at the bye-election to 494, a gain of 468.

In Ontario, in June, the Liberal party had been practically wiped off the map (applause), and Sir James Whitney was supported by an overwhelming majority. (Applause.)

In Manitoba, as all must be well aware, the Roblin government was strongly entrenched in power, and the Liberal government was only a few days from being overthrown.

The Liberals said that the Conservative party had cabinet timber. Now this was exactly what they urged while the Ross government was on its legs in Ontario, and yet that favored Ontario was today being governed by the ablest and best administration that Ontario had ever had in its history since Confederation.

Why Change is Needed. Many good and sound reasons why a change of government should be made at Ottawa at the earliest possible date existed.

In 1858, in their celebrated platform, the Liberals had announced in favor of free trade and economy. (Laughter.) But what had they done for the country since that time? (Laughter.) And what had they done to show the reality of their pretended zeal on behalf of economy? Well, our taxes were now something like \$12 per head, after twelve years of Liberalism, as against \$5 per head in 1858, under Conservative rule.

Mr. Macdowell, in a brief but telling speech, heavily scored the Liberal party for its record of misgovernment, and especially severe upon Mr. Sifton as the very incarnation of all that was wrong in the history of Liberalism in Canada.

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ment, when he presented his first budget, "that it would not be his policy to make any great change in the tariff."

The Asiatic Question. Their management of the Asiatic question was still another instance of Liberal neglect of Canada's best interests.

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PITTSBURG BANK IS COMPELLED TO CLOSE

Receiver Appointed on Orders of Comptroller of Currency

Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 5.—The Comptroller of the Currency, Robert Lyons, receiver of the Allegheny National Bank, recently failed here, was appointed receiver of the bank yesterday.

The receiver followed an examination of the bank's books by Examiner John B. O'Connell, and found that the bank was insolvent.

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SUCCESSFUL FLIGHT

Wright Aeroplane in Demonstration at Fort Myer

Washington, Sept. 4.—Orville Wright made another flight over the drill grounds at Fort Myer (Virginia) today. He circled the field five times, besides making his aeroplane go to full length before landing directly in front of the tent which shelters the machine.

The flight was four minutes and fifteen seconds, the aeroplane being under the control of Mr. Wright throughout the flight.

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NOTABLES ON C.P.R. LINER

Distinguished Passengers Included Among Arrivals on Empress of India

STEAMER WAS IN TYPHOON Lashed by Tail-End of Hurricane When in Bahsi Channel

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Completing her fifth homeward trip from the far east the R. M. S. Empress of India, Capt. Beetham, reached port yesterday after a fast run.

The white liner missed the recent typhoon which was so disastrous at Hongkong, but was blown off her track by a heavy sea.

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DOG WAS TRAINED THIEF

Paris Urchin Taught Animal to Snatch and Carry Away Purse

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INCREASING ORE SHIPMENTS

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TOLSTOI DENOUNCED BY GREEK CHURCH

Encyclical Issued Urging the Faithful Not to Honor His Birthday

St. Petersburg, Sept. 4.—The Holy Synod has addressed an appeal to all Christians to participate in the celebration next Wednesday in honor of Count Leo Tolstoy's 80th birthday on the ground that honor rendered to a man of his rank is a stumbling block to youth and persons of weak faith.

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PUBLIC RECEPTION FOR VISITING ENGINEERS

Members Canadian Mining Institute to Be Entertained By Government

A delegation of prominent citizens, headed by Simon Lester, president of the Board of Trade, held a conference with Premier McBride and the Hon. Dr. Young at the parliament buildings yesterday afternoon as to the best method of entertaining the members of the Canadian Mining Institute, and the European engineers, who will accompany them on their visit to Victoria on September 21-24 inst.

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THE CANADIAN NORTHERN

William Mackenzie Tells of Progress of Robbery of Construction

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