

INDEPENDENT NOMINATED

The Farmers' Party convention for the Regina Dominion constituency was held in the Y.M.C.A. auditorium at 1.30, August 2. The advisability of running a farmer candidate independent of both political parties was the subject under discussion. R. M. Douglas, Strassburg, was elected chairman. A large attendance from all parts of the constituency showed the feeling of the farmers in relation to the two political parties as at present constituted. There was absolutely unanimous denunciation of the wholesale sacrifice of farmers' interests by both political parties to organized capital.

The following resolution, moved by R. Fletcher, Lake Centre, seconded by Angus Grant, Lumsden, was passed unanimously: "We hereby express our opinion that the time has now come when we farmers should draw together and unite our forces upon securing the demands of the farmers at Ottawa, in 1910, so that we may become a political force in this constituency, and further, that in order to accomplish our object we select a farmer as our representative in Parliament who will more closely represent the great agricultural interest of this great province, as it is the basic industry. And further, we believe that our interests would be best served, and our representative, if elected, would best represent us by being elected by the free, independent electors of this constituency, independent of and apart from either of the present political parties."

It was further moved by B. W. Greenfield, seconded by M. DeKinzy, "That we form a league of men that will promise to vote and support only an independent candidate to support the platform of the Ottawa delegation of 1910." Carried unanimously.

The following executive was appointed: President, M. DeKinzy, Sunset; vice president, R. Fletcher, Lake Centre; secretary treasurer, D. Ross, Strassburg; Messrs. J. A. Smith, Pengarth; A. T. R. Daniels, Bethune; A. Grant, Lumsden; B. W. Greenfield, Stoneycroft; J. Robinson, Mareton; H. H. Keyes, Pense; J. Bate, Belle Plain; R. R. Tegart, Rouleau; A. E. Cutler, Rouleau; R. Cooper, Tregarva; J. Cornish, Wascana; W. Styan, Pengarth, and A. Colven, Disley.

The nomination of a candidate followed, and Mr. Richard Fletcher, a well known farmer of the Strassburg district, was selected. His short address following his acceptance of the nomination was an admirable fighting speech. It was received enthusiastically by the farmers who have taken this matter in hand, and mean to put it through to a finish. Substantial subscriptions to the campaign fund were given by those present, and Mr. Fletcher goes to the fight realizing that he has the backing of the great mass of the farmers in the Regina constituency.

The executive committee meets to night to perfect details of organization, and the farmers' campaign will soon be in full swing. Announcements of meet-

ings throughout the country will be made at once.

DAVID ROSS,
Sec. Treas. Executive Com.
Regina, Sask., Aug. 2, 1911.

MR. ROSS WANTS EXPLANATION

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"The Political Situation"

"We had a call the other day from Mr. David Ross, of Strassburg, secretary of the provisional committee of the Western party, when the political situation was fully discussed between this gentleman and a member of the executive. Mr. Ross is very enthusiastic, and is determined to go ahead. Whether he is right in his views or not is a matter of opinion, but at this juncture the executive of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association deem it inadvisable to proceed to name candidates for any election without the mandate of the annual convention. Signed, J. L. Middleton, Asst. Sec'y."

I do not understand why the executive should authorize the publication of the statement that they deem it inadvisable to proceed to name candidates for any election without the mandate of the annual convention when they were not asked to take such a step.

DAVID ROSS.

Strassburg, Sask.

NEW RAILWAY PROBABLE

Chicago, Aug. 4.—The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad company is believed to be contemplating an in-

vasion of Canada for the purpose of placing itself in a position to handle some of the big increase in traffic going between the two countries as a result of the possible Canadian reciprocity agreement. This is reported to be the object of a trip now being made to the northwest by A. J. Earling, president of the St. Paul road, and Percy Rockefeller, one of the directors. Mr. Earling has

SUCCESSFUL REVOLUTION IN HAITI

Port au Prince, Aug. 2.—The revolution in Haiti has triumphed. President Simon fled the capital today, and took refuge on board a Haitian cruiser, formerly the yacht American. With him are his wife and children and a number of followers. The 17 Decembre, the cruiser, lies in the harbor tonight, and it is believed Simon is awaiting the arrival of a foreign merchantman, on which he can take passage for St. Thomas, D.W.I., or Jamaica. On all sides the capital is invested by followers of Gen. Firmin, one of the revolutionary leaders. The city itself is in the hands of a committee of safety, and there is no general disorder. Tonight numerous shots were heard, but these are believed to have been fired only in celebration of the overthrow of the Simon administration. Foreign interests are believed to be secure. None of the foreign warships have landed blue-jackets. The departure of the aged president was not without disorder, however, for as he was embarking at the

wharf there was a riotous demonstration, in which the former president's chamberlain, Deputy Prime of Jeremie, and five other persons, were killed, and Clementina Simon, his daughter, and six other persons were wounded. The injuries of Miss Simon are slight.

A UNIQUE TRIP

Superior, Wis., Aug. 4.—Travelling around the world with a dog team for a wager of \$10,000, William Brown, of St. John's, Newfoundland, has arrived in Superior, having completed all of the trip except the distance between here and Newfoundland. According to the terms of the wager, which was made with a sporting club of St. John's, Brown must go around the world with a dog team in five years. He left there on Christmas day, 1906, and expects to cover the distance in time to win his wager. His team consists of five dogs and a wolf.

GOOD SHOWING

Ottawa, Aug. 4.—The financial statement of the Dominion for the first four months of the fiscal year shows the following: The income for the four months was \$40,309,171, an increase of \$4,753,732, as compared with last year. For July the increase was \$1,748,939. Expenditure on consolidated fund account for the four months was \$23,002,686, an increase of \$958,609 compared with last year. Expenditure on capital account for the four months was \$4,644,799, a decrease of \$1,152,538. With over \$50,000,000 of supply voted by Parliament, before the dissolution, and an expenditure so far of about \$28,000,000, the government still has about \$25,000,000 available to carry on the administration until the new parliament meets in October. The public debt on July 31 was \$327,181,427, a decrease of a million and a half, as compared with the same date last year.

SURE WIND-RAISER

The ship had lain becalmed in a tropical sea for three days. Not a breath of air stirred the mirror-like surface of the sea, and the sails hung limp from the yards like drapery carved from marble.

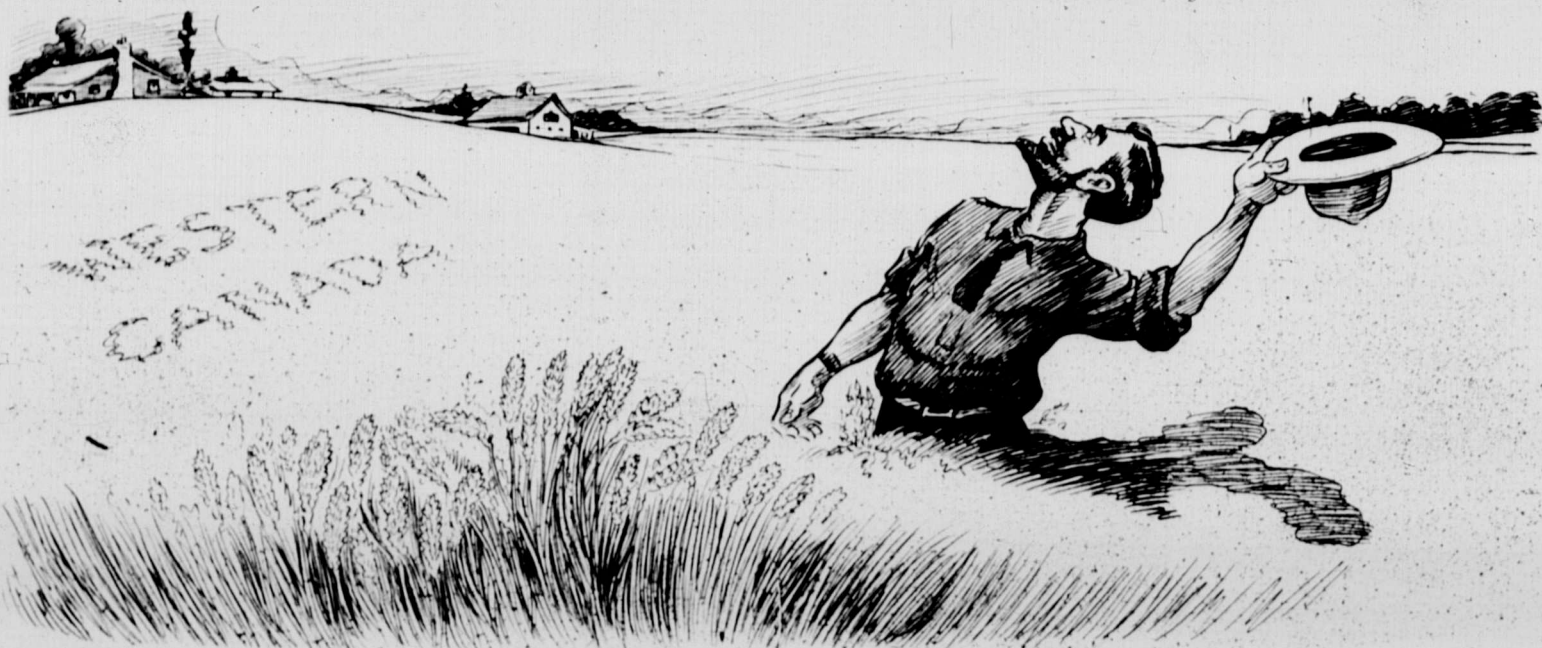
The captain resolved to wait no longer for wind. He piped all hands on deck, and requested all passengers to come forward.

"I must ask all of you," he said, "to give me every match you have."

Wonderingly all obeyed. The captain collected every match on the ship in this manner. Then he threw them overboard; all but one.

Then he took his pipe from his pocket and filled it with tobacco. As crew and passengers looked breathlessly on, he struck that one match—the only one aboard—and attempted to light his pipe with it.

Instantly a furious gale swept over the deck. It extinguished the match, but filled the sails, and the good ship plunged merrily forward on her course again. The sacrifice had been awful, but successful.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.



Keep it up, old man. You're doing first rate