

LIBERALS GATHERED IN RAIN

Platform Meeting in Dundas Town Hall, Instead of Picnic.

Hon. A. B. Aylesworth and Mr. A. G. McKay the Principal Speakers.

Minister of Justice Criticised the Borden Platform and the Maker.

The heavy rainstorm yesterday, which set in early in the morning, spoiled, or rather prevented, what would certainly have been the largest political picnic in this county since the good old days when "Honest Joe" Rymal was a pover in the county. The picnic was to have been held in Dundas Park by the Liberals of the north and south ridings of Wentworth. Great preparations had been made by the energetic committee in charge, and arrangements were made for refreshments for upwards of five thousand people. Jupiter Pluvius, however,

Col. VanVagner, President of the Liberal Association of South Wentworth took the chair. With him on the platform were: Hon. A. D. Aylesworth, M. P., Minister of Justice; Mr. A. G. McKay, M. P. P.; Mr. F. G. Inwood, Toronto, General Secretary of the Liberal Association of Ontario; Robert McQueen, President of North Wentworth Liberal Association; Daniel Reed, M. P. P., for South Wentworth; R. A. Thompson, M. P. P., for North Wentworth; W. O. Sealey, John Bain, ex-M. P.; Warden VanSickle; ex-Warden Martin, of Binbrook; W. M. McClemt, W. H. Wardrope, Watson Truesdale and Mayor Moss, of Dundas.

proved a great disappointment, not only to those who were opposed to it, but to many, very many, of those who voted for a change at the last election. He said that in all probability at the next Federal and Provincial elections the voters' lists, which are now being revised, will be used, and from reports which have come to his hands from many of the ridings, were exceedingly favorable to the Liberals.

Minister of Justice Next.

Mr. Inwood was followed by the Minister of Justice, who began his address with a message from Hon. Geo. P. Graham. He expressed the regret of Hon. Mr. Graham at not being able to be present. Mr. Graham arranged to come to Dundas before the change of affairs in his political life, the change that necessitated his going before the electors of his own constituency. Mr. Graham's entry into the Federal Government has been the subject of much discussion. The leader of the Opposition has criticised the act of the Premier in calling Mr. Graham from the Provincial Parliament to the Federal Cabinet; it was the Opposition's right to criticise. He felt, however, that if the appointment had met with the approval of the Tory leaders and the Tory press it would not have met with the general approval of the country. Further, he considered the appointment an eminently proper one. It does that mean, as Mr. Whitney claims, that there was no Cabinet timber in the Ontario section of the supporters of the Government.

Mr. Borden has also bloomed as a prophet in his turn, said the Minister of Justice. He told the people of Chatham that he will sweep the country at the next elections, and declared that if called upon to form a Cabinet he could form not only one Cabinet equal to that of the Laurier Cabinet, but he could form two—he has so much good material. Comparisons are odorous, but the speaker declared that Mr. Borden in setting himself up as being the equal in mental capacity, experience in parliamentary matters, or the qualities that go to make a real statesman, makes himself positively ridiculous. (Cheers and laughter).

How About Foster?

The leader of the Opposition ought to take the people with confidence and say whether Hon. George E. Foster was the man in whose hands he would put the finances of the country. Mr. Aylesworth recalled the circumstances of the debate in the House of Commons on the Insurance Commission report, and pointed out that at that time Mr. Borden gave the impression that he would cut himself adrift from Mr. Foster. But they had seen Mr. Foster appearing on Mr. Borden's platform, and making speeches in support of his platform, and consequently he thought it was a question of vital interest to the people whether Mr. Borden proposed to make Mr. Foster Finance Minister or whether he intended to have him in the Cabinet at all. Then there was Mr. George W. Fowler and Mr. Rufus Pope. Did Mr. Borden propose to give places to them in the Cabinet?

If Mr. Borden desires to be fair with the electorate, he should name the gentlemen he would have in his Cabinet, so the voters could compare that which Mr. Borden would have with the Cabinet that is.

Mr. Aylesworth then proceeded to criticise some of the alleged planks in the Borden platform, as published a few weeks ago. He described that favoring the "honest appropriation and expenditure of honest moneys in the public interest" as the merest political platitude. As for the principle that the appointment of public officials should be upon considerations of public service and personal character, he invited Mr. Borden to square that plank with the conduct of the Whitney Government. After welcoming the leader of the Opposition as a convert to the principle of the maintenance of Provincial rights, a principle which, he recalled, was opposed by Sir John Macdonald, Mr. Aylesworth took up the election purity plank, and showed that not only was Mr. Borden dealt with by Mr. Borden covered by the present election law, but that it was to the Liberals that that law was due. Personally he declared he had set his mind upon an amendment of the act whereby no man's honest ballot would be spoiled or set at naught by the act of any official at the polls. (Applause.)

Mr. Aylesworth then spoke of the defeat of Mr. Borden in his own city, and of the protests and counter protests entered after the last election. Nearly four years have passed, yet Mr. Borden has not brought the case down to trial. Mr. Aylesworth spoke for over an hour and was given a warm reception, a good hearing, and hearty applause at the close.

Provincial Politics. Mr. A. G. McKay, M. P. P., complimented the Association and county on the magnificent meeting. He said he was not in the best of trim for a political speech, as since the adjournment of the House he has been busy with his private business. At the outset he desired to testify to the worth of his late leader—Hon. Geo. P. Graham. In his opinion there was never a leader who had more unanimously the confidence of his party. Mr. McKay then proceeded to deal with the mining laws passed by the Whitney Government, and showed

how on the question of royalties the Hon. Frank Cochrane had changed his view and had come round, to some extent at least, to that advocated by the Liberal Opposition before the Act was passed. The Province of Ontario, he maintained, ought to be honest with its capitalists and with the men who invested their money in mines, and what should have been adopted was a graded royalty tax. Ability to pay would be the main determining factor in the assessment. One fact that ought to be kept in mind amid all the criticism of the Ross Government was that of the \$110,000,000 collected and disbursed during the Liberal regime none could say that a single dollar had been misappropriated. The Whitney Government when they took office proclaimed that they were going to unearth things, but their search for anything wrong in connection with the financial administration of the late Government had been in vain.

Spoils System in Earnest. The greatest mistake the present Provincial Administration had made, in his opinion, was that, notwithstanding their pledges, they had in many respects introduced the spoils system, and in this connection Mr. McKay cited the case of the license inspectors, claiming that in the Toronto instance the Government had been condemned out of the mouths of leading men in their own ranks. Turning to the question of education, Mr. McKay declared that he did not think there ever was in the Dominion a local Government, or any other Government, that had paid so little regard to

KING COMES HOME.

MONARCH OF THE PLAINS IS RETURNING TO CANADA.

A Great Task Will be the Collection and Shipping North of the Pablo Buffalo Herd to Its New Home Near Edmonton.

Missoula, Mont., Sept. 10.—The roundup of the famous Pablo buffalo herd preparatory to moving them to Canada has commenced. The final payment of \$70,000 by the Dominion Government to Mr. Pablo was made yesterday morning by Messrs. Howard Douglas and A. Ayotte, the Government agents, who are here to superintend the unloading. There are 350 head, including the outlaws which defied all attempts to secure them last June in the mountains, and the task of corralling and loading will be herculean. The difficulties are greatly accentuated by the fact that grasshoppers have cleaned the Flathead Range out, and many of the herd have crossed the Powder River and are now scattered in the ravines over the Pondera Mountains. Mr. Pablo has gone in quest of them with fifteen Mexican cowboys. The buffalo will be driven back across the river down to Ravalli, twenty-seven miles below, at which place they will be loaded. It is estimated that it will require two weeks, with the loading gangs working fifteen hours per day. Every animal has to be put in by a separate block and tackle after a stall has been built for it in the cars.

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GRADE UNCHANGED.

STATEMENT OF SUPERINTENDENT SMITH AT CALEDON.

Inquest Into Death of Wreck Victims Continues—Engineer Had Inspected Curve Last Fall—Number of Witnesses Were Heard.

Caledon East, Sept. 10.—Road Superintendent A. L. Smith, of the C. P. R., stated to-day that no alteration in the level or grade of the horseshoe curve had been made since last fall. At that time the track curve had been renewed and inspected by the engineer. The inquest before Coroner Allison was proceeded with, and comparatively few witnesses were examined. An adjournment was made till September 24. One witness, Hugh McMahon, of Caledon, said that when the train approached the horseshoe it appeared to be going somewhat faster than usual, and also that the speed was increased after the slow board had been passed. Joseph Stephenson, of Markdale, stated that the train had left that place at 7.55 a.m., and minutes had got to Orangeville in forty-five minutes. "It was travelling like a streak of lightning," said the witness. He noticed a slackening before the horseshoe was reached, but there was no sign of a break after that. Joseph Ferguson, a farmer, living near the scene of the wreck, said he thought the train was running away. Mr. Angus MacMurchy, C. P. R. solicitor, and Superintendent Smith denied the report that Engineer Hodge had been drinking prior to the accident. A number of witnesses who gave evidence at Toronto were also heard.

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LUSITANIA LEADING.

The New Cunarder Making 23½ Knots an Hour.

Queenstown, Sept. 10.—The steamer Haverford, which arrived here to-night from Philadelphia, reports that she passed the Lusitania at 7.30 a.m. on Monday and the Lucania three and a half hours later. It is calculated that if the Lusitania continues this same rate of gain she will reach New York between twenty-two and twenty-four hours ahead of the Lucania. London, Sept. 10.—The Cunard Company has received a wireless message from the Lusitania, stating that the vessel ran 561 knots from Daunt Rock lightship to noon Monday. As the Lusitania passed Daunt Rock at 12.10 p.m., this position shows she is travelling at the rate of 23½ knots an hour.

BRIDGE VICTIMS' BODIES.

Five More Were Recovered at Quebec Yesterday.

Quebec, Sept. 10.—Slow progress so far has been in the investigation into the bridge disaster by the Government commission. The only witnesses examined up to the present have been officials of the Quebec Bridge Company, and no evidence has yet been adduced that would shed any light upon the causes of the disaster. The witnesses that have been called both yesterday and to-day have been giving evidence of a preliminary nature dealing with the contracts between the companies, the officials and their duties, and the responsible parties on the works. No questions have yet been put as to the cause of the disaster. Mr. Holgate, the Chairman, stated to-night that he expected the inquiry would last at least ten days. Seven more bodies of bridge victims

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HON. A. B. AYLESWORTH, Who gave a stirring address at the Liberal meeting in Dundas.

recognizing the urgent needs of Mother Earth and disregarding the arrangements of the good Grits, proceeded to send the gentle rain, which falls on the just as well as the unjust. The down-pour had the effect of keeping thousands, who intended to attend the picnic, at home. It did not, however, dampen the ardor of the few hundred moving spirits, and when the committee, at noon, decided to declare all the sports and games off, the faithful agreed that the speech-making part of the programme should go on. Arrangements were hurriedly made for a mass meeting in the Town Hall—that being the largest available place where a gathering would be sheltered from the rain. Long before the appointed time—2.30—there was a goodly crowd in the Council Chamber, many of those present having driven through the rain from the uttermost parts of the county—the south and east parts of Binbrook. Notwithstanding the rain, there was a considerable number of Hamilton Liberals went out on the 2.10 cars on the H. & E. Railway. Among the Hamilton people present were: Adam Zimmerman, M. P., Ald. Perregine, Ald. Kirkpatrick, Dr. Philip, A. Ballantyne, Wm. Vaughan and Frank Woolcott, secretary of the Liberal Club. It was nearly 3 o'clock when Lieut.

Welcomed by the Mayor. When Mayor Moss arose to deliver an address of welcome, the gathering numbered four or five hundred, including thirty or forty ladies. In a few well chosen remarks his Worship welcomed not only those who were announced to speak, but also all the other persons present. The gathering, he said, was an important one, representing, as it did, the greatest interest in Canada—the agricultural interest. He welcomed them not only on account of the beauty and importance of the town, but also on account of the primary object of the gathering—to diffuse knowledge. General Secretary Inwood was then called upon—he made a short but stirring address, and expressed his regret that rain had spoiled the picnic, but felt pleased that it had not prevented a gathering. He felt sure the Tories of the riding had prayed for rain, and there was some comfort, at least, in the belief that one of their prayers had been answered. He said the outlook for the Liberals of Canada was very bright, that the Laurier Government would undoubtedly be returned to power at the next general election, and that it was more than probable that the electors of this Province would turn out the Whitney Government, which has failed to fulfill many of its promises, and which has



R. A. THOMPSON, Liberal member for North Wentworth in the Ontario Legislature.

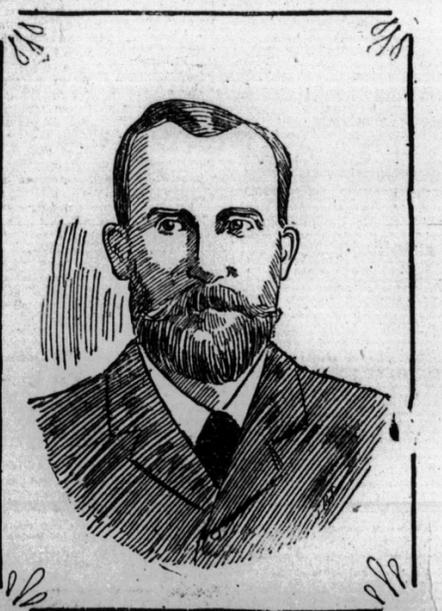


W. H. MOSS, Mayor of Dundas, who presided at the Liberal meeting yesterday.

the first principles of local government as the present Administration, and as an instance of this he pointed to their attitude in relation to the funds of the University of Toronto. He was for the "open door" policy all along the line in connection with the University of Toronto.

Mr. McKay concluded with a reference to the vacant leadership of the Liberal party in Ontario. "If," he said, "the spirit of true Liberalism is abroad—and I believe it is—then it does not depend on one leader or another to carry the cause to success. If that spirit prevails we will find a leader, and as in the past we have been united, I believe that when we make our selection we will again be united. There is no conflict between the Liberals of Ontario and the Liberals of Ottawa over the taking of Mr. Graham to a larger sphere. We wish Mr. Graham success in his new field, and knowing him as we do, we have every confidence that when he goes to Ottawa he will 'make good' there as he 'made good' in Ontario." (Applause.) As it was nearly six o'clock when Mr. McKay concluded it was decided not to call on any more speakers. Mr. D. Reed, M. P. P., proposed a vote of thanks to Messrs. Aylesworth, McKay and Inwood, and the motion was seconded by Mr. R. A. Thompson, M. P. P., and was heartily carried.

CASTORIA.
 Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*
 John Jackson, failing in an attempt at suicide in the Toronto cells, demanded a good dinner.



DANIEL REED, Liberal member for South Wentworth in the Ontario Legislature.