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HON. MR. OLIVER FOR EDMONTON

At Enthusiastic Convention, Minister of Interior was the Unanimous Nominee of Liberals.

George Taylor complained of his service to Brockville, where a general meeting of the Liberal party was held by members, especially from Ontario. Hon. Graham had his sympathy, promising to do his best to get the railway bill passed. The debate was resumed. Mr. Clements, East Kent.

Advantages of New Treaty. Dec. 3.—The more the Canadian Treaty is looked into, the more apparent does it become that the advantages are to Canada. It will greatly stimulate trade with France, especially in lines of wood, pulp and dairy and agricultural implements. It also understood that France is making a thorough revision of the tariff along the lines of higher protection so that the contemplated tariff will give Canadian products the new treaty the greatest advantage in the French market. Canadian manufacturers will have an advantage over other manufacturers of France.

N.R. Employees Arrested. Dec. 2.—A separation was caused here by the arrest of Richard Newman, foreman of the sheds, Charles Carroll, shipper of William Williamson, teamster of Richard Robinson's firm, of Grand street, produce dealers, and being charged with conspiring to defraud the C.N.R. Arrests followed investigation into losses suffered by the company recently, and in connection with the arrest is also in Swinton, employed in the sheds. The men were to-day preliminary hearing.

Ingenious Blackmail. Nov. 4.—It was learned that a man named John E. Labatt, Hon. Mr. Cameron, there were several Ottawa people to whom documents were sent demanding money varying from \$15,000 to \$50,000. Some of these men, however, who do not desire publicity and their names are kept secret. Sherwood, a man who thinks Labatt simply had a idea to see how far the scheme would work. He was very ingenious in his manner and for some time he defied the police to locate the man. Labatt may plead guilty, in case he is further prosecuted. He is taken in order to avoid publicity.

Skin Grafting Operation. Dec. 4.—A remarkable skin grafting operation was performed on a man from the city who was injured in the wreck on Sept. 11th, has been in the hospital since and there are some doubts of one from most of the skin and flesh was off, could be saved. However, the skin of the skin of a healthy man was procured he would have a chance. Hearing this a railway man promptly volunteered to give him ten pieces of skin were grafted Reynolds' line.

Marine Bank Directors Sued. Dec. 4.—The suspension of the bank of Ontario was discussed, the statement of the directors against the former directors, malfeasance and negligence of directors, G. R. E. Cookburn, J. McKay, R. D. Perry, Hon. J. H. Harecourt, Thomas Yarmley and John Fleet. All the defendants are for \$157,000.

Liberal by Acclamation. Dec. 4.—The Liberal representatives here tonight decided not to contest the by-election here on the approach of the general election. This means that Carson will be elected by acclamation. Premier of Saskatchewan, is here on to the Mediterranean.

Dramatic Dynamic Explosion. Dec. 4.—A quantity of dynamite stored in Hannan, N.D., in the excavation of the Reservoir construction there, exploded, demolishing the building where it was stored. The shock was felt only fifteen miles away. No one was lost.

Spain's Sovereigns Travelling. Dec. 4.—The Queen of Spain and her son left today on the British ship "Renown" for La Rochelle, France, whence they travel overland to Sebastian.

It Will Justify Itself. Dec. 4.—The Westminister referring to Clifford Sifton's statement, says if the Liberal government will have to be one which is itself as improving intervention, not as schemes of ship subsidies.

Man Died of Heart Failure. Dec. 4.—Theodore Tangway, a man, whose sudden death on Saturday night caused his step-nephew Wagner, to be arrested, was a man whose heart failed, caused by a heart disease, Wagner has been at the hospital.

number present. The convention was probably the largest ever held, not only in Alberta, but west of the Great Lakes. In the absence of Senator Talbot and Mr. Jones, of Calgary, Mr. McGeorge and himself had been delegated to conduct the convention. He called upon Mr. McGeorge to read the names of a committee to draft the standing committees. They were as follows:— George D. McLeod (chairman), Dr. Strong, Sid Otwell (Clove Bar), A. E. Putnam (Excellior), W. A. Wilson (Belmont), Alfonso Lamoureux (Lamoureux), George J. Welbourn (Wintour), Henry Miller (Stoney Plain), Wellington Lee (Lac Ste. Anne), Edward Flynn (Riviere Qui Barre), O. N. Lavallee (Morinville), Michael Hogan (St. Albert), R. Chisholm (Lac Ste. Anne), James Rye (Sunnyside), B. Bouchard (Lac Ste. Anne), J. O. Comeau (Riviere Qui Barre) and J. St. Germain (Morinville). After getting and consultation this committee reported on the following standing committees:—

Standing Committees. Resolutions—James McGeorge (Edmonton), R. Chisholm (Lac Ste. Anne), Joseph Rye (Sunnyside), Michael Jouda (Edmonton), Jules Chave (St. Albert), Simon Wittner (Spruce Grove), George Stockand (Edmonton), J. H. Dunn (Wabamun), M. F. Webb (Belmont), A. Siger (Spruce Grove), Geo. Ryan (Ray), J. H. Long (Nayaw), Wilfrid Gariepy (Edmonton), Geo. Sutherland (Spruce Grove), John Kennedy (Poplar Lake), O. S. Germain (Morinville), O. Comeau (Riviere Qui Barre), F. Kelly, Angus McDonald (Ray), S. Sibbel (Rosenthal), A. B. Campbell (Edmonton), G. Timmy (Riviere Qui Barre).

Organization—G. E. McLeod (Edmonton), Dr. Strong (Edmonton), Paul Rudyk (Edmonton), George J. Welbourn (Wintour), Wellington Lee (Lac Ste. Anne), Isaac Gagnon, Athabasca Landing, Sid Otwell (Clove Bar), W. A. Wilson (Belmont), A. E. Putnam (Excellior), Henry Miller (Stoney Plain), Alfonso Lamoureux (Lamoureux), Edward Flynn (Riviere Qui Barre), Owen Lavallee (Morinville), Michael Hogan (St. Albert), Fred Deane (Edmonton), Miles McMillan (Ray), Henry White (White Lake).

The first business of the convention was the selection of standing committees, the election of officers and the passing of resolutions. Then came the nomination after which speeches were made by Premier Balfour, Hon. Mr. Cross, W. H. While, candidate for Victoria federal constituency, members of the local legislature and others. It was almost midnight when his gathering closed with a general feeling that Liberalism in Northern Alberta is stronger at the present time than in any past period in the country's history.

The speech of Hon. Mr. Cross was a particularly able effort and was punctuated by frequent applause as he scored telling points in explaining some of the work being done in his department.

Preliminary Proceedings. P. E. Lessard, Premier of the Edmonton Liberal Association, in calling the meeting to order, expressed his great pleasure at the very large

of the officers of the Federal constituency of Edmonton. Confidence in Sir Wilfrid. The resolutions were submitted by Mr. McGeorge, and were all heartily endorsed. The first expressed the confidence of the convention in Sir Wilfrid Laurier. It read as follows:— "Resolved that we, the Liberals of the Edmonton Federal constituency assembled in convention on the 10th day of December, 1907, in the city of Edmonton, hereby express our confidence in Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Prime Minister of Canada, and our appreciation of the statesmanlike position taken by the Dominion government on all questions of public importance. We believe in and we subscribe to the principles of Liberalism as contained in Mr. Laurier's memorable speech delivered in his home constituency, in 1877, and we believe in the fact that Western Canada has witnessed during the last decade under an honest, vigorous and progressive administration, an era of marvellous prosperity and development. By his rare power of eloquent expression, his loftiness of motives, the breadth of his views and his sound and excellent judgment, Sir Wilfrid Laurier stands foremost among the statesmen of the British Empire."

The chairman of the nomination committee reported the following officers:— F.P.A. hon. president—Sir Wilfrid Laurier; Second hon. president—Hon. Frank Oliver; Hon. vice-presidents—Hon. A. C. Rutherford and Hon. C. W. Cross; President—P. E. Lessard; Vice-presidents—John A. McPherson, M.P.P. (Stoney Plain), H. W. McKenney, M.P.P. (St. Albert), J. H. Boyle, M.P.P. (Sturgeon); Secretary—James A. McKinnon, Edmonton; Executive committee to be composed of the above officers.

On motion of Mr. McLeod these names were unanimously adopted as the officers of the Federal constituency of Edmonton.

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RURAL DELIVERY IS IMPOSSIBLE

For West Because of Great Expenditure. Need of Extending Present System.

Ottawa, Dec. 10.—The debate on the address left the quiet rut of the past few days for a short time this afternoon when Mr. Kemp (Con.) of Toronto, rose and launched into a discussion of the proposed amendments to the election laws. Incidentally, he devoted a good deal of attention in attempting to discredit the Hon. Wm. Pugsley's public utterances as to campaign funds. It was expected Mr. Pugsley would follow, but he chose to reserve his statements for a later date, and the debate once more drifted into quiet channels.

Mr. Kemp observed at the outset that he believed from eighty to ninety per cent. of the money contributed to campaign funds comes from interested parties, including contractors. The result is, he claimed, that the government in power becomes involved with the people who have done them favors and as a consequence of the system there is considerable corruption which individual candidates are supposed to punish at their own expense.

As the majority of candidates are uneducated, he said, it goes unpunished. The expenses in connection with election petitions on an average, amount to three thousand dollars. Mr. Kemp said he did not understand why in the past there have been no prosecutions under the criminal laws, which make ample provision for the punishment of offenders. They have practically remained a dead letter on our statute books as far as the election corruption is concerned.

New Minister Nails Slander. Touching on Mr. Pugsley's references on the public platform campaign funds, Mr. Kemp said he was glad to see the new minister of public works in the House. He would not doubt undertake to enlighten the members and the country on this interesting subject. After indulging in some alleged rallery at Mr. Pugsley's expense in connection with the dinner which was given in his honor at the Canadian Springs by David Ross, he referred to the predictions made at that gathering that Mr. Pugsley would, at an early date, enter the arena of Federal politics. Mr. Kemp declared the Minister of Public Works was associated with a land and newspaper dealer.

Mr. Pugsley arose and denied he had been associated in such matters with Mr. Russell. He had been one of the proprietors of the St. John Gazette and he sold out his share to Mr. Russell for a cash consideration.

Shoe Pinches and He Squirms. Proceeding, Mr. Kemp went so far as to express doubt as to Mr. Pugsley's ability to procure facts in connection with the Conservative campaign funds for which he claims to have knowledge. The proposal that Mr. Borden should sue for libel in order to establish the falsity of his (Mr. Pugsley's) remarks was preposterous. The minister of public works had stated that in one county in New Brunswick \$25,000 had been spent by the Conservatives if Mr. Pugsley knew this to be true, he could, as attorney-general of the province, have taken action to punish the offenders. It was, Mr. Kemp declared, the worst kind of campaign for a minister to make statements on the stump which he was not prepared to meet in the House. He was surprised that Mr. Pugsley, at a recent political meeting in Ottawa, in the presence of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, had described Mr. Borden as a liar and a hypocrite. If Mr. Pugsley wanted to know the details of the Liberal campaign funds, he should go up to Sir Wilfrid and in his search for information he should not overlook the speaker of the Senate (Hon. Mr. Dandurand). Mr. Kemp hoped Mr. Pugsley would, on the floor of the House, repeat what he had said outside, but he doubted his courage to do so.

Dr. McIntyre Speaks. Dr. McIntyre, Strathcona, followed with a ten minute speech in which he answered the arguments favoring free rural mail delivery advanced by Mr. Armstrong, Lambton. He declared that the figures which Mr. Armstrong submitted put free rural mail delivery beyond the reach of western people. It would be foolish to spend the comparatively small surplus of the Canadian postal department in well settled portions of the Dominion, while the newer districts of the west are calling for an extension of the present system. It is quite evident he said, that Mr. Armstrong knows nothing of the disadvantages under which the new settlers of the west are struggling, or he would not advocate the inauguration of a system which

the dumping clauses in the tariff benefited the foreign exporter and not the Canadian importer. After a general discussion in which Mr. Lake and Dr. Roche took prominent parts, the second division of the session took place, when Armstrong's amendment, regarding free rural mail delivery was defeated 108 to 54. Paquet, Conservative member for Lislet, voted with the government.

BURNED TO DEATH WHILE IN A DRUNKEN STUPOR. Tragic End of Women in Vancouver— Husband, also Drunk, Escapes Death and is Arrested—Searching Inquiry. Vancouver, B.C., Dec. 11.—Mrs. Mary Macdonald, aged 45 years, lost her life in a fire which destroyed her home at 1222 Westwater avenue early tonight. Burned beyond recognition, the charred body was taken from the ruins by a fireman. Her husband, Col. Macdonald, has been arrested. The woman was in a drunken state in the rear of the house when the fire broke out. She managed to escape in a mystery, as she was in a helpless state. Macdonald lived in an old shack at the rear of the box factory, away from the street, and not until the fire had gained great headway and done deadly work was it discovered. The woman was in a drunken state all day and was seen about the shack shortly before the fire. The police are investigating the origin of the fire mystery. Macdonald was taken to the police station last evening at 6:20. This is to allow the business man's mail to be collected and dispatched on the evening train for the east on the C.N.R. The extra clearance on Sundays will be made at 6:45 p.m.

RECORD IN MONEY ORDER BUSINESS

Post Office Issues \$2,200 in Orders in One Day. Increasing Mail Facilities.

A record in the money order department of the Edmonton post office was established on Monday. The business amounted to \$2,200. The previous record for any one day was \$1,400, showing an increase of \$800. It required five sheets of foolscap to record the business. This order was for comparatively small amounts, a large portion of the orders being drawn for the old country, the last mail for England before Christmas closing yesterday.

Increasing Facilities. Five additional drop letter boxes have been installed in the city, raising the total number to thirty. The new boxes have been placed at the corners of McDougall and Jasper, Elizabeth and Kintore, the C.N.R. depot on First street, Seventh and Hardisty and Fourth and Hardisty. Up to the present the letter boxes have been cleared twice each week, day and once on Sundays. In future there will be three clearances each week day and two on Sundays. The third clearance will be made at 5:45 p.m. of all boxes, except the five east of Fourth street on Jasper avenue, which will be cleared at 6:20. This is to allow the business man's mail to be collected and dispatched on the evening train for the east on the C.N.R. The extra clearance on Sundays will be made at 6:45 p.m.

To Handle the Rush. The post office staff will be increased by five for the Christmas rush. The new men will be used to assist the carriers, as well as inside work. Already there is some Christmas mail moving, and Postmaster May is preparing for the heavy work which devolves on his office during the holiday season. The post office in its present location is in a better position to handle its business than ever before. The office is arranged so as to facilitate rapid work.

Did He Fall Off Train? Montreal, Dec. 10.—Captain F. H. Isaac, en route from London to Victoria, left last evening by a C.P.R. pullman and was found this morning dead beside the track two miles west of Montreal Junction. He had plenty of valuables on his person and a diary containing his daily movements and many letters to prominent westerners, including one to the Frontiersmen of the World in British Columbia, signed by Roger Poock, the well known English writer. His papers show he was a member of the United Service club. The cause of death is a mystery.

Protests Against Political Agitation. Munich, Dec. 11.—Considerable of a local sensation has been caused by the resignation from the German Naval League of a member of the Bavarian executive committee of the Bavarian branch league. The action of the league is understood to have been dictated by his desire to protest against the active political agitation league, and later his disagreement with Major General Keim, managing director of the league and other leaders in matters of policy.

Attempted Murder in Manitoba. Grand View, Man., Dec. 11.—Jas. Tillson, of the Bird Tail Valley ranch, was shot in the Riding Mountains near his home, evidently with intent to murder. He was conversing with a party of four hunters on the hill, when two other hunters appeared on an other hill fifteen yards away, and fired four shots in succession point blank, one bullet passing through Tillson's leg. The murderers then fled. Constable Allen, of Bertle, was in the mountains at the time, and is now endeavoring to trace and identify the culprits.

Big Canadian Government Loan. London, Dec. 11.—Arrangements are concluded for the Canadian government loan which will be shortly offered to the public here. The total is \$1,500,000, and is for five-year bonds at par with 4 per cent. interest.

Lord Kelvin Seriously Ill. London, Dec. 11.—Lord Kelvin, the noted scientist, has been in bed two weeks from a chill. His condition has become serious. He is eighty-three years old.

P. E. LESSARD

Widely Known Edmonton Merchant. Elected President of the Edmonton Federal Conservative Administration by the Convention. Mr. Lessard is also President of the Edmonton Liberal Association.

HON. FRANK OLIVER

Secretary of the Edmonton Young Liberal Club, Elected Secretary of the Edmonton Federal District Liberal Association by the Convention.

The adoption of the resolution was moved by Wilfrid Gariepy in a brief, but eloquent speech, and seconded by Angus McDonald, Ray.

Confidence in Hon. Frank Oliver. The second resolution expressed confidence in Hon. Frank Oliver. It read:— "Resolved that we, the Liberals of the Edmonton Federal district in convention, express our unbounded respect and gratitude for and confidence in the present Minister of the Interior, Mr. Oliver came to this country when Edmonton was only a trading post and the C.P.R. across the western plains a thing of the future. The difficulties of a pioneering life left untroubled his faith, courage and public spirit, and as soon as 1883, we find him at the service of his fellow citizens as representative for Edmonton and district in the local House, where for many years he proved a most useful, energetic and enlightened friend of the people. In those days of hard struggle, his name was closely associated with several enactments of far-reaching effect, some of which are yet on our statute books and remain as monuments of his devotion and foresight. None of us will ever forget the splendid and so successful battle waged in 1886 by Mr. Oliver on behalf of Liberal principles and honest government. His election as member for a

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