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JOHN CALDER IS GIVEN UNANIMOUS INDORSATION OF N. OXFORD FARMERS

Agricultural Interests Should Be Looked After by Practical Farmers, Is Candidate's View.

WOODSTOCK, May 11.—John Calder, of East Nissouri, who was the unanimous choice of North Oxford Liberals at their recent convention here, will in all probability receive the seat in the Ontario Legislature vacated by Hon. N. W. Rowell by acclamation. At a big meeting of the United Farmers' Club of Oxford, held here this afternoon, it was unanimously decided to indorse the candidacy of Mr. Calder.

At today's convention not a dissenting voice was heard.

In his address Mr. Calder said he believed that the farmers should be represented by a farmer. He promised that if sent to Toronto he would do his utmost in the interests of his agricultural friends. He thought it would be a fine idea for the farmers' clubs to have a committee composed of three to five members, whose business it would be to discuss the problems of the farmers with the representative from their riding, and let him act accordingly.

Francis Stauffer, who is chairman of the Farmers' Club, stated at the commencement of the meeting that Mr. Calder would be heard, and if his platform was found satisfactory he would be indorsed.

Want a Farmer.

Following the adoption of the resolution indorsing the candidature of John Calder, many of the prominent members of the clubs aired their views on the political situation.

F. Stauffer, the chairman, said only the action of the Liberals in nominating a farmer had prevented an election, for the farmers' clubs were all ready to contest North Oxford with a candidate, who was a practical farmer.

"Party politics have landed the farmers in the position they find themselves in today, and it is now up to the farmers to undo the wrong inflicted on them by the Grits and Tories," said Wm. McLeod, president of the Kintore Farmers' Club.

Don't Forget Flavelle.

J. E. Latimor of East Zorra scored the Dominion Government for appointing J. W. Flavelle to the agricultural and industrial commission, after the United Farmers of Ontario had proposed the names of Col. John Fraser of Brant and E. C. Drury.

John G. McKay of Thamesford would like to have seen a contest in North Oxford between a farmer and a professional man, if for no other reason than to test the farmers to see if they would forget party differences and support the farmer.

John Lillicoe, reeve of Blenheim, in supporting a farmer candidate said the farmer was better qualified to deal with food questions than the professional man. He scored the Dominion Government on the new M.S.A. He accused the Government of spending thousands of dollars a few months ago in boosting food production, and now it comes along with a measure taking away their help, after preparation had been made for greater production.

Had a Resolution.

Following the adjournment of the meeting James Calder of East Nissouri, a brother of John Calder, Liberal candidate, had a resolution which he was going to put before the meeting to the effect that the member for North Oxford (E. W. Nesbitt) be petitioned, "asking him to consider getting in touch a little more closely with the feelings of the electorate at present, or hand in his resignation."

Before Mr. Calder could read the resolution, a number of the members protested that the convention of the farmers' clubs was not the proper place for the resolution to be dealt with, and Mr. Calder bowed to their objections and the resolution was withheld.

JOHN CALDER.

Charles Leaves Italy With Chief of Staff To Talk With Kaiser

AMSTERDAM, May 12.—A Vienna dispatch reports that Emperor Charles, who has been on a visit to the Italian front, departed on Friday for German headquarters. He was accompanied by Baron Burian, Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, and Field Marshal Arz von Straussenberg, Austrian chief of staff.

Laurier and His Lady Celebrate Golden Wedding

OTTAWA, May 12.—In connection with the celebration of the golden anniversary of the wedding of Sir Wilfrid and Lady Laurier, who will have been married 50 years tomorrow, some correspondence has been given out that has passed between the Opposition leader and his supporters in both Houses of Senate and Commons regarding the manner in which the event should be celebrated. The suggestion was made by Sir Wilfrid's admirers that a dinner should be held which would be attended by Liberal members and senators and their wives.

Sir Wilfrid, in reply, expressed his appreciation of the proposal, but stated that in view of the existing conditions, due to the war, it was not the desire of Lady Laurier or himself that the event should be marked by any festivities. The idea of a dinner was therefore abandoned, but tomorrow Liberal Commoners and senators will present Sir Wilfrid and Lady Laurier with a tangible evidence of their esteem in the form of a gold plate.

MAJ.-GEN. MAURICE "FIRED" AS RESULT OF HIS SENSATION

Army Council Retires Offending Officer With Pay.

London, May 12.—The army council having considered the explanations tendered by Major-Gen. Frederick B. Maurice, has decided that he shall be placed forthwith upon retired pay.

The retirement of Gen. Maurice was made known last night by a brief statement from the war office.

It reads as follows:—

"The army council having considered the explanations tendered by Major-Gen. Maurice of a breach of regulations committed by him in writing and causing to be published a letter which appeared in the press on the 7th instant, have decided that he be placed forthwith on retired pay."

The retirement of Gen. Maurice was fully expected. It is believed that the army council has made it impossible for him to write anything more regarding the controversy which he brought to a climax. His side of the case, however, has been circulated in the army and political circles, although the public may not learn it until after the war.

ST. MARYS AVIATOR CRASHES TO DEATH NEAR LEASIDE CAMP

Cadet Noble Johnston Dies in Hospital From Fractured Skull.

TORONTO, May 12.—Cadet Noble Johnston died this afternoon in the Toronto General Hospital from a fractured skull and other injuries sustained earlier in the day while flying near the Leaside Camp.

Cadet Johnston was 20 years of age, and his parents reside at St. Marys, Ont.

He was flying at a height of 500 feet when the accident occurred. He was not accompanied by an instructor. Several other airmen who were flying in the vicinity saw the machine collapse and hurried to his assistance.

The machine was a mass of wreckage, with its nose buried in the ground. Some difficulty was experienced in extricating Cadet Johnston.

UNION MEETING AT POPLAR HILL.

An enjoyable sessions of the union meeting of the Bethel Methodist Church, Ivan Presbyterian, Poplar Hill Baptist and Disciple and Coldstream Friends was held at the Disciple Church, Poplar Hill. The evening's topic, "Missionary Work," was treated under the following heads: China, Africa, India, Canada, and Reconstruction work in France. The collection, in aid of Y. M. C. A. work, amounted to $44.16.

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Government Chided by Supporters for Rushing It.

ROWELL'S "PICK-ME-UP"

Lemieux Says Minister Wants to Advertise Himself in England.

OTTAWA, May 12.—Consideration of the civil service bill in committee engaged the attention of the House of Commons on Saturday at morning, afternoon and evening sittings. There was much discussion of the general principle of the bill, more particularly by Government members, before the House settled down to the business of disposing of the various clauses of the measure.

Several members expressed themselves as not being much in sympathy with the Government's proposal to put the bill through this session, and J. G. Turriff moved that it should be considered by a committee which could report to the House next session. This idea received the support of H. B. Morphy, who expressed his conviction that there was "a nigger in the fence."

Hon. A. K. MacLean saw no reason why the orders-in-council passed by the Government should not receive parliamentary sanction. He said there were really only eight or nine new clauses in the bill.

Discussion Gets Hot.

At times the discussion became slightly acrimonious. Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, while declaring in favor of the principle of the bill, declared that Hon. N. W. Rowell was trying to railroad it through the House, so that he could "go over to London and advertise himself as the saviour of the Union cause at the last election."

The majority of the clauses of the bill were passed before the House rose at 11:55 o'clock.

Consideration of the bill will be resumed on Monday.

J. A. Sexsmith, Peterboro East, was opposed to rushing through such an important measure in the dying days of the session. He urged that the bill be withdrawn for this present and referred to a special committee, which could bring it down in a more satisfactory form in the next session. In the meantime, appointments could be made and the business of the civil service run under the order-in-council.

Leave a Little Patronage.

Referring to the question of patronage, Mr. Sexsmith expressed the opinion that the clamor for the elimination of this evil, applied particularly to large Government projects. The public didn't care so much about the appointment of a man to swing a bridge or run a small country post-office; it was the bigger things that mattered.

T. M. Tweedie was absolutely opposed to withdrawing the bill. Nothing was to be gained, he said, by standing it over to the next session.

W. F. Cowan, Kingston, favored the immediate passage of the bill. He agreed with the former speaker that it might have faults. But what would be the sense of Parliament prorogued session after session if all legislation was perfect.

Mr. Sexsmith asked if the inside and outside services were not being operated as well under the order-in-council as if the bill was passed. He thought that the bill could stand over.

Wants Cabinet Backed Up.

Mr. MacLean thought that the Government should give statutory effect to the principles embodied in the order-in-council. He could not give his assent to the withdrawing of the bill and maintained that members had had considerable time to inform themselves as to its provisions.

Col. Currie was unable to see why the House could not adjourn until autumn. Failing this, he said, there were plenty of matters for Parliament to consider and the extension of the session for a few weeks would not cause much protest. The bill, he claimed, was the result of continued agitation by Government employees. Under it, the right of appointment would go to the civil service commission.

"And how are the appointees to be chosen?" he queried. Answering his question, he intimated that postmasters and customs house officials in the various constituencies would be consulted and would virtually make the appointments. "Isn't that patronage?" he asked. "I think it is about time we called the appointing commissions."

Nineteen Commissions Now.

"On counting up, we have found nineteen of these commissions carrying on work in Ottawa. The Government is becoming nothing more than a rubber stamp, and it is time for it to sit up and do something."

Col. Currie then referred to experts brought here some years ago to investigate and make recommendations regarding the civil service. He said that one of these recommendations would have been adopted, but certainly not more than one.

"Why?" asked Mr. Currie. "Because the organization of the civil service is so strong that the Government could not do anything."

Col. Currie thought that the ministers should be given power to dismiss employees if necessary, and declared that he could name two or three civil servants in Ottawa, who had made themselves very offensive. He said the civil service was not "true," and he hinted, was always giving information to the Opposition as to what the Government was doing.

A Six-Months' Trial.

The colonel thought that the order-in-council should stand for six or seven months, and by that time members would know whether the new system was good or not. If it did not work the order-in-council could be cancelled, he said.

Mr. Lemieux did not think Col. Currie was backed up by his own friends in the stand he took. He did not think the prime minister himself was much enamored of the bill or he would have been in his seat, backing up the minister. He maintained that the pledges made by Sir Robert Borden, regarding civil service reform could not be taken seriously, and in this connection commenced to read an article regarding statements made by the premier at Halifax in 1911.

"What paper are you reading from?" asked T. M. Tweedie, West Calgary.

Mr. Lemieux—Just a refresher.

Mr. Tweedie—I wouldn't be ashamed to give the name of the paper—"

Mr. Lemieux—You are too fresh.

Deputy Speaker Boivin ruled that Mr. Lemieux should not be interrupted and the member for Maissonneuve, continuing, said that Sir Robert Borden gave another pledge in 1917.

Premier Breaks Pledges.

Mr. Lemieux claimed that the premier did not carry out the pledges made in 1911 or 1917, and in connection with the latter, spoke of the appointment of Mr. Acres as postmaster in Ottawa. He alleged that five or six more appointments were also made by the prime minister on the eve of the passing of the order-in-council.

Mr. Lemieux then made reference to Hon. N. W. Rowell, stating that the president of the council was endeavoring to railroad the bill through, as he was anxious to go to London and "advertise himself as the savior of the Unionist cause at the last election."

Mr. MacLean asked if the member was in favor of the bill, and Mr. Lemieux replied that he indorsed the principle, but thought railway employees should come under the act.

Mr. MacLean retorted that he had given a reason why these men could not be considered, whereupon the Opposition members laughed heartily.

Nettles Col. Currie.

Mr. Tweedie declared his surprise at the attack which had been made by Colonel Currie on the civil service. He had called members of that body thieves, and his statements were an insult to all civil servants.

Colonel Currie protested to the chair, saying that the language of the member for Calgary was unparliamentary, and should be withdrawn.

Deputy Speaker Boivin requested that Mr. Tweedie accept Colonel Currie's statement that he had not referred to civil servants in any such way and the member for Calgary consented to do so.

Colonel Currie then continued, speaking, and elaborted his explanation of his attitude towards the civil service.

Mr. Tweedie, who evidently considered that he had the floor, rose and protested.

Colonel Currie also remained standing.

"It is not necessary for you to rule in this case," he told the chairman. "You know that the member for Calgary is out of order."

A Hint To Be Good.

Mr. Boivin ruled that Col. Currie was entitled to speak, but he asked particularly that the member for Simcoe, as well as other members of the House, confine their remarks to the clause of the bill under consideration.

Col. Currie protested that he or any other member had a right to discuss the ruling of the chair. As the member for Calgary seemed to be anxious to speak, he would now give him an opportunity. He then sat down.

Clause 2, which had taken up all the morning and part of the afternoon, was finally carried.

Clause 3, dealing with the appointment and salaries of civil service commissioners, was next taken up.

Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux thought that the salaries of the commissioners might be raised. At the present time the chairman of the commission received $6,000 a year, and two other members $5,000 each. The commissioners had jurisdiction over deputy ministers, and Mr. Lemieux stated he knew of at least four deputies who were earning more than the commissioners.

Mr. MacLean said that the commissioners had no jurisdiction over deputy ministers, and Mr. Lemieux replied that they had jurisdiction over the whole civil service.

Why Overlook Soldiers?

Col. Currie again suggested enlarging the commission by the appointment of two more commissioners to represent the returned soldiers. Mr. MacLean said that the proposal to enlarge the commission would not be favorably received by the Government at the present time.

Capt. Reed agreed with Col. Currie as to representation for returned soldiers, while Mr. Pedlow, in favoring the extension, suggested that a woman be appointed to the board. This suggestion was also concurred in by Mr. Lemieux.

Col. Currie again rose with the intention of impressing the minister with the necessity of representation of the soldiers.

Mr. MacLean admitted that it was quite likely the work of the commission would necessitate its enlargement at some future date, but he did not think it would be advisable for a year at least. He had no objection to the appointment of a woman when the enlargement took place.

When the clause relating to the appointment of technical officers was next under discussion, Hon. Jacques Bureau expressed the opinion that "the bill makes it too easy for a deputy minister to secure an official under this clause. All he has to do," he said, "is to send in a requisition for a certain man."

The minister replied that in the end the decision would rest with the civil service commission.

Must Request in Writing.

Hume Cronyn moved an amendment to the effect that the deputy minister should make his request in writing, giving his reasons. The amendment was accepted by the minister.

Fred Pardee thought there should be some provision whereby vacancies in a district could not be filled by applicants from other districts. "I am in favor of civil service reform," Mr. Pardee said, "but I am certainly not in favor of men being shipped from Ottawa to fill positions in my constituency which could be filled by men there."

D. D. MacKenzie observed that to object to a man from another district was "protection gone mad."

Colonel Currie objected to a clause in the bill which forbids a civil service employee from showing partisanship in Dominion or provincial elections. The clause, Colonel Currie thought, was too drastic and the term "partisanship" should be defined. The clause was allowed to stand.

The bill was still in committee when the house adjourned at midnight.

HAMILTON JUDGE MAY BE HEAD OF CONCILIATION BOARD

Third Member Will Be Chosen by Crothers.

The minister of labor will name the chairman of the conciliation board to inquire into the dispute between the London Street Railway and its workers over an increase in wages.

F. H. McGuigan and Chas. Ferguson, the two members of the board named by the company and the workers respectively, had until Saturday to agree upon a chairman. Their negotiations were considerably delayed because Mr. McGuigan was busy on an arbitration case. The result was that the time limit for them to agree passed before they were able to come to an agreement. This passed on Saturday night, and the appointment of the chairman automatically reverts to the minister.

It is expected that he will make the appointment some time this week. It is just possible that Judge Snyder of Hamilton, if he will accept, will be the man chosen. He was chairman of the board which dealt with the Toronto Street Railway case last year, and has on numerous other occasions been chosen by the minister for such posts.

CALL ON MARSHALL TO RESIGN TO SECURE TEST VOTE OF PEOPLE

South Dorchester Farmers Opposing Government Action Bitterly.

AYLMER, May 11.—A largely attended and thoroughly representative meeting of residents of South Dorchester was held in the township hall, Lyons, last night to discuss the problem of "carrying on" if the Government continues to take the men off the farms without making any attempt to replace them. Reeve Malcolm McVicar was in the chair, and among those who spoke were W. J. Boyce, S. P. Charlton, Charles Martin, George Hamilton and Councillor Moore. All expressed themselves as dumbfounded at the course of the Government was pursuing.

Up to Marshall.

A resolution, passed by the meeting, said, in part:

"Therefore, as producers of food and feed, who have honestly tried to carry out our part as we were urged to do, we demand to know why the Government has made this sudden change, and we hereby call upon our present member in the Dominion House, D. Marshall, who himself made these promises, both in private and in public, that bona fide farmers would be exempt from military service, to stand by this promise, and as a protest against the order-in-council cancelling exemptions to tender his resignation to Sir Robert Borden, and ask him to open this constituency of East Elgin for a by-election, that we may test the matter out in a true democratic manner to see if the electors agree with the breaking of the pledged word.

Will Petition.

"Furthermore, if Mr. Marshall will not tender his resignation in this way, we must, and do, conclude that he has agreed with and approved of the action of the Government, and we agree to ask the electors to prepare petitions asking him to resign his appointment as our representative in the House of Commons at Ottawa."

F. H. Orris, George Demaray, Reeve McVicar and Councillor J. A. Moore were chosen a delegation to go to Ottawa.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

ANOTHER DROP IN BUTTER EXPECTED

Oats dropped to $2.70 a cwt. on the market this morning. Seventy-five loads of hay reached the square last week, selling from $12 to $14 a ton. Hay was slow on the market, and only a few loads were offered.

Butter is easier and is expected to drop in price in a short time. Creamery butter is retailing from 52c to 53c a pound, and dairy, pound rolls, at 47c a pound. Eggs are firm, retailing at 40c a dozen.

Live hogs remain at $20 a cwt. Dressed hogs are firm, selling at $26 a cwt.

Poultry is scarce, chickens selling from 33c to 35c a pound, retail.

There is no change in the price of butchers' meats.

Grain, Cwt.—			
Oats, per cwt.	$2 70	to	$2 75
Grain, Bushel—			
Wheat, per bu.	2 10	to	2 12
Oats per bu.	95 1-5	to	97 9-10
Vegetables—			
Celery, per doz.	50	to	80
Cabbage, per doz.	75	to	1 50
Home-grown potatoes, per bag	1 75	to	1 90
Rhubarb, per doz.	40	to	50
Carrots, per bu.	35	to	50
Parsnips, per bu.	50	to	60
Radishes, doz bunches	50	to	60
Turnips, per bu.	30	to	40
Onions, per bu.	1 25	to	1 25
Beets, per bu.	50	to	50
Green onions	30	to	30
Hay and Straw—			
Hay, per ton	12 00	to	14 00
Straw, per ton	7 00	to	8 00
Dairy Produce, Retail—			
Butter, creamery, lb.	52	to	53
Butter, dairy, lb rolls	47	to	47
Butter, crocks, lb.	47	to	47
Eggs, per doz.	40	to	40
Dairy Produce, Wholesale—			
Butter, creamery, lb.	50	to	50
Butter, dairy, lb rolls	45	to	45
Butter, crocks, lb.	44	to	45
Eggs, crate lots, doz.	37½	to	37½
Eggs, basket lots, doz	38	to	38
Poultry, Dressed, Retail—			
Chickens, per lb.	33	to	35
Ducks, per lb.	25	to	28
Geese, per lb.	24	to	28
Turkeys, per lb.	33	to	35
Live Stock—			
Hogs, per cwt.	20 00	to	20 00
Fat sows, cwt.	17 00	to	17 00
Small pigs, pair	15 00	to	18 00
Butchers' Meats—			
Dressed hogs, cwt.	26 00	to	26 00
Beef, per lb.	17 00	to	20 00
Veal, per cwt.	16 00	to	20 00
Heifer beef, cwt.	20 00	to	22 00
Lambs, per cwt.	30 00	to	32 00
Hides and Wool—			
Wool, unwashed, lb.	60	to	60
Wool, washed, lb.	70	to	70
Calfskins, per lb.	15	to	19
Country hides, lb.	8	to	9
City hides, lb.	9	to	10

LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, May 13.—Cattle—Receipts, 13,000; market strong; beeves, $1015@17 50; stockers and feeders, $9@12 85; cows and heifers, $6 90@14 25; calves, $8@14.

Hogs—Receipts, 54,000; market slow; light, $17 20@17 85; mixed, $17 15@17 85; heavy, $16 25@17 60; rough, $16 25@16 60; pigs, $14@17 25; bulk of sales at $17 35@17 70.

Sheep—Receipts, 18,000; market weak; lambs, native, $15 25@20 50; sheep, $12 25@16 50.

Toronto, May 13.—The market at the Union stockyards this morning was steady for all lines. Trade was very active. Receipts, 4,631 cattle, 706 calves, 1,897 hogs and 72 sheep.

Cattle—Exporters, choice, per cwt, $14@15 25; do, medium, $13@14; do, bulls, $11@11 75; butchers, choice, $12@12