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A LASTING PARTY

It is seldom that in the middle of a legislative term a party is as enthusiastic and demonstrative as the Provincial Rights are at the present time, as was manifest at the recent convention.

It was prophesied during the election campaign that the name was a Conservative ruse to decoy unwary Liberals. Time has shown that such a statement was false, and while the government supporters would like very much for the Provincial Rights party to meet them on the old party lines, they surely now realise how barren those hopes must be.

Both Mr. Haultain and Mr. Brown vouched for the future of the Provincial Rights party, as a party which must continue to exist even after those rights and liberties, the demand for which gave it birth, have been achieved.

The Provincial Rights party is stronger today than it was during the last campaign, for time has shown; even if in only two years, that by reason of the autonomy settlement conditions are unjust and embarrassing.

Because our lands were surrendered to the Dominion, the government has resorted to direct taxation, and the fuel and lumber questions are beyond our control.

The necessity for legislation with respect to secondary education has made it incumbent upon the government to pass such laws as Mr. Haultain has contended the province should have power to enact, but which according to the governments' constitutional arguments, are contrary to the terms of the Saskatchewan act.

The government is thus submerging in the mysticism of their own entanglements while the Provincial Rights party, under the able leadership of Mr. Haultain, is gaining in confidence, strengthening in unity, and adhering to the principles which gave it birth, and for which there can be no compromise.

FARMERS TO THE FRONT

The farmers of Saskatchewan took an advanced step on Thursday last when they organised a provincial local improvement association.

Stock breeders and grain growers associations have been dealing with the farmers' products—the farmers' and ranchers' means of living—and they might be regarded as a trade organisation. The Local Improvement Association, however, affects public administration, but is without party predilection.

With the establishment of provincial institutions a great change is taking place and probably the most important piece of legislation affecting farmers' interests is to be introduced next session, that respecting municipal organisation. The sittings of the royal commission throughout the province on this question have aroused the ratepayers who are deeply concerned on the projected change. The local improvement councils are

the most representative bodies in the province today, they being close in touch with the ratepayers. Their organisations consider that they should regulate taxation and superintend expenditure. They are awaiting with interest the proposed municipal change, and while preparing their organisation to cope with the new situation, only contemplate assisting the government in working out the best solution that can be brought forward.

This attitude was manifest in the local improvement convention when although the delegates disapproved of the road gang scheme of the public works department, they are willing to give the department a fair trial.

In the case of the direct tax for purposes of secondary education, however, there was an unqualified protest against the principle adopted by the government. This is regarded as an unjust burden in which the towns, villages and cities do not share, while they reap nearly all the benefits. The farmers recognise the fact that for a time the rural school districts will receive a much larger grant for elementary schools than they are getting at present but only at the expense of those who are not in as good a position to contribute as they themselves are. There is sufficient fairness in the average farmer to realise that this money which will reduce the taxes in the rural districts is being paid by unorganised communities where they have not the common school facilities.

As business men the ratepayers in the rural districts know that when these outside districts become organised the general burden of taxation must increase.

It is very satisfactory to note that the convention in protesting against the imposition of this tax did so from the standpoint of general principle, which alone they must recognize in all matters affecting the public interests.

EDITORIAL NOTES

If the Conservative Premier of Manitoba and the Conservative premier of Ontario could agree upon the division of the undivided northern lands, there is little doubt that such an agreement would necessarily carry much weight at Ottawa.—Canadian Courier.

If the Conservative premier of Manitoba and the Liberal premier of Saskatchewan were to get together on this matter they would bring about a solution of the question, but we cannot see where Ontario comes in affecting territory in the vicinity of Fort Churchill. The Courier forgets the statement of Premier Scott that he has an understanding with Sir Wilfrid Laurier on this subject.

During the committee discussion in the legislature on the bill respecting the legal profession and the law society there appeared a tendency to break away from the traditions of the profession regarding fees. It is said that there was a time when it was unprofessional for a lawyer to take a fee and the hood on the gown was designed as a receptacle for whatever donation a client wished to give. Becoming more practical, however, the law has made a provision that a lawyer could collect fees when a month had elapsed after the sending his bill. It was only after hearing various opinions in the legislature that the government decided not to go any further away from traditions than they were under the old Ordinance.

William Bond, sixty years of age was found dead in his bed Young street, Winnipeg. So far as can be learned the man is unmarried and has been a resident of Winnipeg for some time. He had not complained of illness.

HORSES BETTER, CATTLE POORER

Cattle not as good as Last Year but Horses Will Compare With any in Canada—Prizes Well Distributed—Election of Officers

The second annual Saskatchewan Fat Stock Show and sale opened at the exhibition grounds here on Wednesday last. It is regrettable that owing to the storm of a few days previous, many of the exhibits were out of trim through being on the cars for several days. The accommodation afforded by the new exhibition building was, however, commented upon. The number of entries was somewhat over the number last year, and the entries of swine were doubled. The judging of the fat stock took place in the afternoon, the judges George Grey, of Newcastle, Ont., and J. Brice, of Winnipeg. They awarded the grand championship to Neil Martin, Regina, and the pure bred and grand championship to Robert Sinton, Regina, with Miss Prince. The equality of the exhibits was not equal to what it was last year, at least in the opinion of some of the exhibitors.

Prize List

The following is the prize list. Shorthorn steer or heifer, calved in 1904, first second and third, Geo. Kinnon, Cottonwood; fourth A. & G. Mutch, Lumsden.

Steer or heifer calved in 1905 first, second and third, A. & G. Mutch. Steer or heifer calved in 1906 first and second Robert M. Douglas, Tantaloo; third A. & G. Mutch.

Shorthorn cow, first and second, Geo. Kinnon, third A. & G. Mutch. Hereford cow, first second and third—R. Sinton.

Grade steers calved in 1904, first, Neil Martin, Regina; second Peter Hoo, Regina; A. B. Potter, Montgomery; fourth Brown Bros; fifth, Thos. Elliott.

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Grade heifer calved in 1904, first, Neil Martin. Grade cow calved previous to 1904 Brown Bros. Grade champion, Neil Martin. Pure bred champion, R. Sinton. Grand champion, R. Sinton. Grade sheep, first, second and third M. W. Cotton, Tregarva, Sask.

Breeders Meet

In the evening the stockbreeders held their annual meeting. In his address the president, R. Sinton, referred to the successful show of last year. Reference was made to the continued immigration; the bountiful harvest of last season; the good stock market and the railway construction going on. The loss of cattle on the ranges was most regrettable, but the experience will probably result in the provision of shelter of some sort for the future. Owing to the railway companies not being able to furnish cars the cattle industry suffered and the stock were turned back on the ranges and no doubt many of them succumbed during the winter.

The department of agriculture, through Dr. Charlton, bacteriologist, had undertaken to invest the cause of swamp fever and is making good progress. The president drew attention to what the city of Regina is doing to encourage the live stock industry by providing such ample accommodation.

The secretary treasurer, J. Murray, made a statement regarding the finances of the association which are in good condition, there being \$513 in the treasury against \$111 last year. Resolutions were passed that the association take steps to affiliate with the National Live Stock Breeders' Association of the Dominion, expressing approval of the action of the Provincial Department of Agriculture in conducting an enquiry into the causes and methods of combatting swamp fever and urging the department to continue this work at any cost until some satisfactory remedy has been discovered; approving of the action of the Dominion authorities in imposing more stringent regulations upon the importation of horses with a view to preventing glanders; that the annual meeting of the various Canadian breeders' associations be held in the week immediately following the Guelph Fat Stock show, so as to enable westerners more easily to attend; expressing the appreciation of the excellent building provided by the city of Regina for the accommodation for their annual show.

Election of Officers resulted as follows: President—Robert Sinton. Vice-Pres.—A. Mutch. Secretaries—James Murray.

Directors by classes—W. H. Bryce, Arcola, heavy horses; Dr. Creamer, Qu'Appelle, light horses; Geo. Kinnon, Cottonwood, beef cattle; J. C. Pope, Regina, dairy cattle; A. B. Potter, Montgomery, sheep; James Brown, Ellersboro, swine. District directors—R. W. Caswell, Saskatoon; J. K. Millar, Yorkton; J. S. Potter, Waples Park; Frank Sheuherd, Weyburn; P. M. Bredt, Regina; J. D. Simpson, Moose Jaw; B. J. Wylie, Maple Creek; R. M. Douglas, Tantaloo; and George de Lisle, Lloydminster.

Horses.

By all odds the best part of the show was the horse exhibits. Several eastern horsemen say that this was one of the best horse shows in Canada, in fact the judge, John Grey, after the judging said: "I have judged six times at Ottawa and several times in Toronto, and at a number of other points in Ontario, but for general all-round excellence I have never seen a better bunch of Clydesdales."

WEEKLY REVIEW

C. Skelly a Winnipeg crook has been committed to stand trial by Magistrate Daly of that city on the charge of robbing a railway conductor of \$280. Skelly has a bad reputation, having served time before in Stony Mountain.

The Dominion Mine No. 4 at Glace Bay, N.S., is idle as the result of a strike of eight hundred miners. The men refused to go beneath the surface with non-union men. This led to all the trouble. An early settlement is hoped for.

Jack Dreebody, a young Englishman, well connected, committed suicide in Montreal by cutting his throat. His intimates tell a pathetic story of how he came here from England, leaving his fiancée behind, how he worked and finally went back for her to find that she had married his elder brother. Later on it appears the girl resolved to follow the fortunes of her former lover, and forsook her husband, and is now on her way to Canada.

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The legislature being session today a business was gotten the House rose at noon. The only motion up was that game laws and the appoint four general met with much lengthily discussed.

First Reading Mr. Lamont secured for the bills respecting the court, the actions and to amend the ordinance. Mr. Elliott moved showing all correct this government and persons whatsoever Weissenberg school of tion was agreed to.

Fire Insurance Mr. Wellington moved reading of the bill of Hudson Bay Insurance. There was a short title of the company thought, might be the second reading to by the House and to the standing committee bills and railways.

Wolf Bounties Mr. Motherwell moved reading of the bill of bounties, and explained proposed to declare improvement districts by districts upon to that effect. Persons that in the case of improvement districts would be declared an governor in counties retaining the bounty.

The bounty provided for a coyote and wolf. It was proposed improvement districts bounty, and that should reimburse them of fifty per cent of the bounty.

Mr. Ellis twitted of agriculture or his sion to the principle in view of his speech in opposition to such objection to such by the wolf bounty was a pulatory throughout the local improvement small. While one would bounty another would and local feeling would.

The bill he said, what the difficulty failed it properly.

Mr. Wylie objected was not being made of the conditional sale of a larger amount, (patronage of the time) dollars was the usual and he did not think a lesser amount paid wan.

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Committee Report Mr. Stewart, for the standing orders, recommended that a bill providing for the of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, which was agreed to.

Mr. Sutherland for on law amendments a law, recommended that the legal profession cities be received. This occurred in and the referred to the committee House.

Committee of the The House went into the whole on the bill of the revenues of the territorial purposes, and the bill with amendments course was followed with respecting secondary education, and the two bills on the other party readings on Friday.

University Legislation Mr. Calder moved that do immediately resolve committee to consider with respect to grants city. This motion was and the House referred to committee of the In committee on the det said it had been the appointment of a pro governors instead of a pointment by government made an amendment in settlement of disputes personnel of the university proposed to have a consisting of the president, the chairman of governors.

The bill was reported down for third reading. Game Law The discussion of the to the game ordinance of the whole disclosed interesting passages of the house of the that there shall be no shooting, the season for and kindred birds, plovers, snipe and shore be from Sept. 15 to the total bag for the day.