

Working Out The Details For Election Now Interests

Understanding Reached is There Shall be No Distinction Between Liberal and Conservative Candidates Supporting Union Government

(Staff correspondence of The Toronto Globe.)

Ottawa, Oct. 12—Now that union government is achieved, interest is centering to a large degree upon the working out of the complicated details connected with the selection of candidates for the coming election, the administration of the election machinery, etc. With the bulk of Conservative and Liberal candidates already in the field representing the two great parties, and with political predictions and prejudices still strong throughout the country, the question arises as to who is to drop out, or who is to be the government candidate, or how the choice is to be made between nominees candidates in each constituency, should both adopt the union government platform. A story which went the rounds today, to the effect that the sitting members of parliament supporting the Military Service Act, which was the vital thing leading to union negotiations, should have acclamations, has no authoritative basis. As a matter of fact, while details in regard to the question of candidates have not yet been finally agreed upon, the understanding reached with the Liberal leaders who have gone into the government is that there shall be no distinction between Liberal and Conservative candidates pledged to support the union government. In cases where a constituency has two great candidates, one Conservative and one Liberal, both can run on an equal footing so far as government influence or imprimatur is concerned. In that case, while political affiliation may influence the vote in favor of one candidate or the other perhaps to a deciding extent, the personal equation will also be an important factor. It is believed that the best elements will vote for the best man, thus leading to the best personnel in the new parliament. In many instances it is believed that candidates and their followers will endeavor to get together, drop politics and agree among themselves on the union candidate, thus insuring his election against a possible anti-conscriptionist and anti-government candidate. It is recognized that in a majority of the constituencies, having regard to human nature, this would be very difficult of consummation. With a view, however, to giving assistance along this line it is proposed to appoint two representatives of the government for each province, one Liberal and one Conservative, who can be called into consultation at the request of the local men in order to help straighten out the question of candidates. For the province of Ontario the names of Hon. Dr. Reid and F. F. Pardee are suggested. These two "election supervisors" for each province will also be given charge of the selection of returning officers, enumerators, etc. The general principle agreed upon is that in carrying out the election there will be, as far as possible, even-handed justice for Liberals and Conservatives. The government influence will go only for union government candidates as against anti-union government candidates. And in cases where two union government candidates are running in the same constituency they will be left to fight it out between themselves. Patronage is Cut Out. One important benefit of union and non-partisan government is already manifest. The patronage burden is being lifted from the shoulders of the ministers. There is a ready answer for all seeking the influence of their geographical minister to do something affecting another department of state. The answer is that patronage has been cut out, and that each departmental head must decide questions of policy and appointment solely in the interests of the state. One illuminative case in point was drawn to the attention of your correspondent this afternoon. One of the new ministers received a telegram this afternoon asking him to intervene to prevent the sending of a battalion for the winter from one city to another. The reply was that any such application must be made direct to the Militia Department, where it would be dealt with solely on the ground of military efficiency and economy. It is this very cutting out of political pull and patronage that is now causing very strong protests from a number of interested politicians and contractors now here, against the whole union scheme, which they declare, is impracticable and will not last more than two or three months at most. One thing, however, is certain. The ministers of the new government, having experienced the worries and evils of the patronage system, especially in

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METHODIST HOME MISSION PLANS

Standing Committee Fixes Grants For N. B. And P. E. I. Conference At Meeting In This City

A meeting of the standing missionary committee of the New Brunswick and P. E. Island conference of the Methodist church was held in the board room of the Centenary church, this city, yesterday morning and afternoon. The committee is composed of the following ministers and laymen: Revs. J. L. Dawson, Charlottetown (P. E. I.), president of the conference; George Steel, D.D., superintendent of missions; Thomas Marshall, Fairville, and W. H. Barracough, now of Moncton, and Col. F. S. Moore, Charlottetown; Dr. J. M. Palmer, Sackville; J. M. Lemont, Fredericton; J. A. Bruce, Summerside; Mayor R. T. Hayes, and F. T. Barbour, St. John.

MURRAY MAKES NO STATEMENT

Just Confirms Announcement That He Will Not Enter Government —C. H. Cahan Will Not Run

Halifax, Oct. 18—Premier Murray, when seen by the Canadian Press representative at the Halifax Hotel, tonight, confirmed the announcement from Ottawa that he had declined to accept a portfolio in the union government. When asked if he would state his reason for declining to accept a portfolio the premier declared that he had no statement to make.

Ottawa, Oct. 18—It is officially announced that word was received by the prime minister, this afternoon, from Premier Murray of Nova Scotia, definitely declining to enter the union government. The reasons for Premier Murray's action will, doubtless, be announced by him at Halifax, but means which little is known here as to the reasons for his decision. As to what will now be done by the prime minister in regard to a Liberal representative from Nova Scotia, it is uncertain. There is a suggestion that either Hon. W. S. Fielding or A. K. Maclean, M.P., will take the place reserved for Premier Murray, but probably no decision will be reached until Hon. F. B. Carroll returns to the capital tomorrow morning. Sir Robert Borden, naturally, was consulted in regard to filling up the maritime province Liberal representation.

Mr. Cahan Withdraws. Montreal, Oct. 18—C. H. Cahan, K.C., Conservative candidate for parliament in the district of St. Lawrence-St. George, this city, at a meeting in the Monument National tonight announced that he would withdraw from the field in favor of Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, the minister of marine and fisheries in the union government at Ottawa.

The retirement of Mr. Cahan does not leave the field to Hon. Mr. Ballantyne alone, as Alderman Waldon, an anti-conservative "win-the-war" candidate, still remains.

For Digby-Annapolis. Weymouth, N. S., Oct. 18—At a largely attended convention of the Liberal Conservative Association this afternoon, delegates from the Annapolis Digby county constituency unanimously selected A. L. Davidson, Conservative member for Annapolis, to be the "win-the-war" candidate in the forthcoming election. H. B. Short was reappointed president of the association, and L. M. Swaby, secretary.

Like Our Potatoes

Montreal, Oct. 18—Because people in Toronto are demanding Green Mountain potatoes, which have to be carried from New Brunswick, the price of these spuds has gone up, said Thomas A. Ward, potato merchant, today.

Mr. Ward contended there are plenty of potatoes in Ontario seeking a market. Just because they are not blessed with the name Green Mountain, they cannot find buyers, and are consequently selling at \$1.55 and \$1.60 laid down in Montreal.

Toronto people are wasting precious freight space and coal, hauling them 1,000 miles. Green Mountain variety sell at \$2.16 to \$2.25 a bag.

"Here is a chance for the food controller," Mr. Ward declared. "Let him place an embargo on New Brunswick potatoes shipped to points west of Montreal."

Ottawa, Oct. 18—The food controller reports the following prices paid today for potatoes, quotations being on the basis of a 90 pound bag in each case: Toronto, \$1.60; Montreal, \$1.97 to \$2.25; Quebec, \$2.02 to \$2.25; St. John, \$1.62 to \$1.75 for Prince Edward Island stock and \$1.75 to \$1.87 for New Brunswick white stock.

The Quebec market is reported unsteady, with potatoes scarce.

PRICES MUST COME DOWN. Washington, Oct. 18—Food Administrator Hoover announced today that, subject to co-operation from the farmers and retailers, the corn has now been turned in high prices for food. He said retail prices had not come down to conform to wholesale reductions, and that was a matter for public sentiment to correct.

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Summerside districts in their plans for the continuation of summer school work. The committee adjourned to meet again in March, 1918.

ENJOYABLE CONCERT.

St. James street hall was filled last evening to its full capacity to hear one of the finest colored concerts that has been given in St. John for some time. The concert was held in order that money might be raised to buy Christmas boxes for the St. John colored boys who are now in France as members of No. 2 Construction Battalion. Their efforts were not in vain as it was learned that more than \$50 was realized. The concert opened up with a tableau representing France and England. This tableau was exceptionally good and reflects much credit on those taking part. The singing was of an excellent quality and the harmony is rarely surpassed by many of the trained singers of the city. Little Miss Mary Penny was perhaps the best soloist of the evening. Her singing was especially good and she won the favor of the audience. The following took part in the programme: Mrs. Alfred Carty, Mrs. Ethel Tyler, Mrs. M. Holmes, Miss Rebecca Edison, Miss Mary Penny, Mrs. Sadie Walker, Miss Agnes Sadler, Mrs. Helena Sadler and Herbert Nichols.

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