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DEFER UNION GOVERNMENT PENDING FEDERAL ELECTION

Western Liberals Declare for National Government to Follow Election—For Public Ownership—Proposed Plan of Paying for C. N. R. Vigorously Opposed, However.

WINNIPEG, August 9.—The Liberal convention of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, which has been in session here since Monday, was brought to a conclusion at six o'clock this afternoon, when a resolution was carried consolidating as the platform of the Liberal party of western Canada the resolutions on policy which had been adopted.

The work of the afternoon session was important, and resolutions were carried approving of the formation of a national government after the general election; approving of the principle of government ownership of railways, telegraphs and express systems; declaring indefensible the payment of an arbitrated price to Mackenzie & Mann for sixty million dollars of common stock of the Canadian Northern, and suggesting that newspapers and other publications be required to publish at intervals the names of those financially interested in them, and of their responsible editors.

Just before adjournment Hon. Frank Oliver read the following telegram which he had received from Sir Wilfrid Laurier and which referred to the proceedings in the convention on Wednesday:—"Resolutions, as reported in morning papers, are quite satisfactory. Result is very cheering."

The delegates thereupon cheered Sir Wilfrid very heartily and followed for three cheers for the chairman and Mr. Oliver, sang the national anthem and dispersed. Most of them are leaving for their homes tonight.

The convention approved of the principle of public ownership being applied to railways, telegraphs and express systems, and expressed its belief "that this principle should be applied to all such Canadian systems as soon as the financial and economic conditions of the country permit."

The resolution on national government stated that the convention expressed the hope and declared the desire of its members, that, "in the impending election the discussion of issues should be kept on a plane free from all appeals to passion and prejudice in matters of race and creed; and further, that whichever party is returned to power, the business of the government should be carried on by a truly national government, composed of representatives drawn from the different elements and industries of Canada."

MAJOR A. E. BYWATER HAS BEEN APPOINTED RESPONSIBLE POSITION

TO COMMAND SERVICE COMPANY AT KINGSTON

Major A. E. Bywater, of Trenton, who went overseas with the 39th Battalion from this city and has lately been invalided home, not fit for further service at the front, has been appointed to command a special service company in Kingston. The appointment is a most desirable and popular one and the Major's many friends in this locality will be glad to know that he was fortunate enough to secure it.

Major Bywater was very seriously and wounded, soon after his arrival at district.

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FUNERAL OF THE LATE NANCY BEAMISH

The funeral services of the late Nancy Beamish, the five-year-old daughter of Rev. Archdeacon and Mrs. Beamish, was held at St. Thomas' church yesterday afternoon at two-thirty o'clock. The church was almost filled with those who came to give evidence of their sympathy to the sorrowing friends on account of the loss of an unusually bright and lovable child. Many beautiful floral tributes surrounded the casket.

The service was conducted by Rev. Rural Dean Biagrove, B.A., D.D., and he also took charge of the service at the grave-side. Dr. Biagrove was assisted at the church by Rev. R. H. H. Bulteel, B.A., of Roslin, who took charge of the opening service. The psalm was read by Rev. Rural Dean Harris of Marmora, Rev. C. E. S. Radcliffe, B.C.L., of Deseronto read the scripture lesson, Rev. B. F. Byers, M.A., B.D., of Stirling, led the first part of the prayer service and Rev. C. M. B. Ryan, Tweed, the second part. Rev. C. J. Young of Brighton also assisted.

Prof. Wheatley presided at the organ and was assisted by a full choir.

BOOZING AND SCRAPPING

Mr. Ernie Rout and Mr. Jack Gibson appeared before Magistrate Masson this morning after having had a night of penitence in the "cooler." Mr. Rout's left eye presented a sorrowful appearance, occasioned by throwing himself too forcibly against Mr. Gibson's powerful right. He was trying to get away, he explained when the accident occurred. Drunkenness, disorderly conduct and quarrelling were the various charges but in consideration of previous good behavior the penitents were allowed to go with only the customary \$10 assessment for carrying too much booze. This view was no doubt taken on the assumption that the quarrelling and disorder arose from one common source—Montreal, whence the good stuff had been obtained. As Rout had only three dollars on his person, he was allowed to go up on the hill until he could discover the remaining seven. Both were warned that the possession of liquor about their premises from this onwards would be visited by a \$200 fine.

THE CALL FOR MEN

Parliament Buildings
Toronto, Ont., 6th Aug., 1917.

Editor Ontario.—
Ontario needs 10,000 men to assist the farmers to garner her harvest. This need has arisen within the past few days and is largely due to weather conditions.

It is unnecessary to tell you that the world needs every pound of food that we can produce, and that no one dare suggest that Ontario's harvest must not be fully gathered. The Honorable W. J. Hanna, Food Controller for Canada, made this abundantly clear to a meeting of employers of laborers last Thursday. Nothing that we have issued about the need of food in the Homeland and among our allies is an exaggeration of the real condition.

The men needed to harvest the present crop must come from our cities, towns and villages and, in these, from the ranks of those now unemployed. No apology is necessary for asking men under the pressing circumstances of to-day to volunteer for the next few weeks for farm service. The Canadian Manufacturers' Association, the Ontario Retail Merchants' Association, our Boards of Trade and similar bodies are behind the movement to secure these men.

Will you be kind enough to do whatever you can through your editorial and news columns to keep the people of your community fully informed as to the need, and to call upon them in the strongest possible way to help in meeting it? Steps were taken to ascertain the need very accurately before this call was made, and we have the assurance of the District Representatives of the Department of Agriculture that our estimate, that 10,000 men are needed, is not too high.

The Ontario Government will pay the railroad fare both ways for men who volunteer for farm service, and the present employers of these men are being asked to make up to the men the difference in the wages which they may receive from the farmer and those which they are now getting.

It is hardly necessary to point out that if there is a world shortage of food, the men who are fighting for us cannot be allowed to go hungry. The shortage will be felt right at home in this land of plenty, if export facilities can be provided to take the food overseas.

In the face of these conditions, no condemnation to strong can be placed upon those at home who refuse to seriously face the need and do their best to meet it.

Yours faithfully,
Albert H. Abbott, Secretary.

LARGE MARKET PRICES HIGH

Potatoes Cheaper—But Eggs and Butter are Still on the Rise.

(From Saturday's Daily.)
Belleville market was one of the largest in many moons even though farmers are right in the midst of one of the busiest seasons in years, with all the harvest ripened at once and help at a premium.

The array of fruits and garden vegetables presented a most attractive appearance. As far as The Ontario could discover no bargains were offering in any line. The sellers asked good prices and the buyers seemed willing to pay them.

Eggs were offering in great abundance but the price didn't seem to sag on that account. Sellers were firm in demanding from 43 cents to 45 cents a dozen.

Butter maintained the high standard established last week, although considerable quantities were exposed for sale. Quotations are 48c to 50c the pound.

Potatoes are cheaper but nothing to get excited about. Some very nice lots were offered—large, smooth and free from disease. One lone seller wanted 60 cents a peck but the others were all willing to take 50c or \$2 a bushel. Farmers are now too busy to dig potatoes and offer them by the bag but when they do commence we may expect a sudden drop. A dealer informs us that the crop generally is excellent, free from fungus and promises a first-class yield.

Not many chickens were offered. Prices ranged from \$1.25 to \$1.75 a pair, with old fowls selling at \$1.00 to \$1.25 each. One offering of ducks was seen, the price asked being \$1.20 each.

Raspberries were on sale in great quantities. The appearance of the goods was fine. The reds sold at 15 cents. The blues at 2 for 25c, uniformly. Considerable quantities of Missouri currants were on sale. Prices were 14c to 15c a box. Red currants are pretty well done now. One lot was disposed of at 2 boxes for 25c.

The cherry season is also pretty well over. Some late Montmorencies were on sale at \$1.25 a basket or 2 boxes for 25c.

Considerable amounts of ripe home grown tomatoes were in evidence. But there was no standard quotation.

String beans could be had at 5c a quart measure.

Cabbages were selling at 5c a head or 3 heads for 10c, depending on the size. Cauliflower ranged from 5c to 15c each.

Green corn was offered for the first time today. Mr. C. A. Knight of the 6th of Thurlow had 18 dozen ears of the early Golden Bantam which he sold in a few minutes at 25 cents a dozen. Others asked 20c to 30c for the same kind of goods.

Green apples, still rather small in size were offered in small lots. The prices were from 25c to 40c peck.

Green cucumbers for pickling could be had at 50c a peck. Large size were selling at 12c to 15c doz.

Hay is a big crop and the quality is fine this year. Only four or five loads were on sale this morning. The sellers wanted \$10 a ton. Baled hay is selling around \$9. Hay in the field is worth about \$5 a ton.

Quotations for grain are merely nominal as yet. Old oats are selling at 75c to 80c, new oats, none offering. Prices will be 45c to 50c. The recent severe heat has wrought serious damage to the oat crop which gave fine promise at the middle of July. The weight of the threshed grain will be light. Wheat, both spring and fall will give good returns from a large acreage sown. Barley is fine and plump and will yield heavily. The acreage to buckwheat is very large and the crop now promises a big return.

Local wholesale meat quotations are as follows:
Hogs, live \$15.50 to \$15.75.
Hogs, dressed \$22.00
Beef, dressed, hinds \$16, fores \$14
Lamb, \$23.00
Mutton \$18 to \$20.
Veals \$15 to \$18
Two lots of young pigs were on sale, the owners, asking \$10 a pair.

BURIAL AT WINNIPEG

The funeral of the late George H. Pope, took place in Winnipeg on Sunday last. It was at first thought that the interment would take place at home in this land of plenty, if export facilities can be provided in Belleville Cemetery, but other arrangements prevailed.

LT.-SCOBELL NOW IN FRANCE

Officer Commanding 235th Battalion Has Been Transferred to Imperial Forces.

The Ontario has received the following very gratifying letter from Lt.-Col. Scobell, late commanding officer of the 235th Battalion, who has just received a commission with the Imperial forces and retains his rank. Col. Scobell made a host of friends during his residence in Belleville:—

Royal Overseas Officers' Club,
London, July 24, '17.

The Ontario,
Belleville,
Gentlemen.

I am leaving for France Sunday, having been loaned to the Imperial Army. I hold my rank, but my pay is reduced. I had the opportunity of returning to Canada, but refused absolutely and fought hard until I landed this position. I am still and will continue to be paid by the Dominion Government, but will be attached to the Imperial Army for duty.

All the Belleville boys are well and will be leaving for France in the near future. The 235th Battalion was the best disciplined battalion that ever came into Sandling Camp. I was highly complimented on the physique and discipline of the men. Some of my officers are already in France.

I have been in three air raids since I landed. Was in the big one on London a few days ago, and while it is a pretty sight to see 25 or 30 machines in the air in perfect formation, yet you feel so helpless you want to get under the earth. You see the bombs falling and you imagine the next one will get you. I fancy they have them checked from coming over London again. I sincerely hope so at any rate. To see little children and women blown to pieces makes your blood boil.

I don't know yet what battalion I will be attached to or whether I will be in France or Belgium, and won't know till I arrive there Sunday.

We often think of the good people of Belleville and of all their kindness while in their midst. Every man has a warm spot in his heart for Belleville.

Yours truly,
S. B. Scobell, Lt.-Col.

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