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JOHN LEE TELLS KENT LIBERALS HE DIFFERS FROM ROSS GOV'T

Opposed to their Stand on the School Board Question, the Extension of Railroad Property and Referendum.

ADMIRES MR. WHITNEY.

Says the Conservative Chief-tain Has the Courage of His Convictions—A High Tribute.

John Lee, M. P. P. of Highgate, has been again selected as Liberal candidate to contest the riding of East Kent in the coming provincial elections.

This was the decision arrived at by the Liberal convention held in Thamesville yesterday afternoon. It is understood, however, that considerable difficulty was experienced in settling upon the candidate. As is generally the case in an event of this character there were scores of aspirants for the position and a considerable amount of diplomatic work was necessary on the part of the chief workers of the Liberal party in the riding to pacify those who were not generally desired for the position and who were soon to be classed in the "also ran" list of candidates.

The delicate work of the day's proceedings was done secretly in the morning. Among those who were mentioned for the position were Geo. Johns, M. Campbell, ex-Warden C. L. VonGuten, James Rutherford, Angus Gillander, Jonas Gosnell, and E. E. Parrott. Mr. Lee, the present member for the riding, was generally looked upon as the first choice, but until noon yesterday Mr. Lee positively refused to say whether he would run or not and his supporters were under the impression that he would not stand, being assured of it by Mr. Lee himself. This left some of the "would-be-to-be" candidates in a very peculiar position, as they did not wish to oppose Mr. Lee in the race for the candidacy, yet were anxious to have the names go before the meeting of Mr. Lee would not accept. Mr. Parrott was strongly supported by the prohibition element and Mr. Rutherford's supporters from Blenheim and Harwich were doing all in their power to put forth the claims of their candidate.

Finally, before the convention was called, Mr. Lee stated that the only condition under which he would accept the nomination was that it be the unanimous choice of the meeting. At this Mr. Johns quietly dropped out from the contest and a number of Mr. Lee announced his intentions too late for Mr. Rutherford to withdraw his name, however, as he had evidently pledged himself to do so, he would make an effort to secure the position. He had understood until yesterday that Mr. Lee would not be in the contest, and otherwise, he said, he would not have entered the field. Mr. Lee held that he did not want to prevent anyone else from obtaining the nomination, but if it were offered to him, he would accept it.

The convention opened at two o'clock in the Opera House with about 300 delegates present from Camden, Orford, Howard, Harwich, Zone, Dresden, Thamesville, Ridgetown, and Blenheim. Among those present were the following from Chatham: O. L. Leavitt, E. E. Parrott, J. G. Kerr, W. A. Hadley, and John A. Walker. Mr. W. Rowell, a prominent barrister and Liberal, of Toronto, was also present and delivered an address after the candidates had been named. Mr. Rowell was in Chatham on business and was invited to the meeting by John Lee.

Those who occupied seats on the platform when the convention opened were President R. L. Gosnell, Secretary H. D. Smith, M. W. Rowell, J. G. Kerr, W. A. Hadley, Angus Gillander, John Lee, ex-Warden C. L. VonGuten, and J. H. Hewitt. Messrs. Denholm, Dresden, James Brown, of Thamesville; Smith, of Ridgetown, and Gillander, of Orford, were appointed a credential committee.

The by-laws of the convention of the East Kent Liberal Association were read and after a few amendments were made passed.

One of the clauses amended was one referring to the giving of notices of meetings to appoint delegates to the conventions. Walter Mills moved an amendment to the constitution—which gave no stated time as to these meetings—that the notices be given six days before the convention and three days before the meeting for the purpose of electing delegates.

Mr. Gosnell did not agree with this and thought that they should be given as near to the date of the convention as possible.

"In this way," said he, "the candidates for the nomination will have no time to go around among the delegates to canvass them for their support. I am strongly against this street canvassing before the convention and such practices as these, which were in evidence on the streets

DR. McCULLY TURNED DOWN

A very unpleasant feature of yesterday's East Kent Liberal Convention was the discourteous and disgraceful treatment accorded—designedly, his many friends say—Dr. J. McCully, ex-Reeve of Harwich, by the machine organizers.

Although one of the longest and strongest party workers and former vice-president of the Liberal Association, he was given no notification of the meeting, nor shown any consideration thereafter.

It is said that this slap at the energetic and able Doctor was delivered because, at the former convention, he had favored the nomination of George Johns as against the manipulations of the machine.

The Doctor's friends are very indignant at the treatment accorded him and he alluded to it himself on the platform.

of Thamesville to-day, should be stopped.

Dr. McCully—if that is the case the delegates from Harwich are stronger in their principles than those from Orford. I feel sure that it would not make any difference in Harwich when the delegates are appointed. They are men who can hold to their convictions no matter how often they are approached by prospective candidates. And any man who can't resist this canvassing on the street has no right to belong to this convention.

Mr. Lee—I don't think it good policy to appoint the delegates too soon before the convention.

Mr. Mills—Then we could amend the matter by calling the meeting not more than five days and not less than three days before the convention.

Jonas Gosnell—I would move that it be not more than one day before the convention.

The matter was finally dropped at fixing the date of the meeting at not more than three days before the convention. Mr. Gosnell's motion being ruled out of order.

Another clause which caused some discussion was as to when the convention should be called. The constitution appointed the first of the month the day for the convention.

Dr. McCully took exception to this as time this would necessitate the holding of a convention on the first of April.

"It would be a very unpleasant thing," said the doctor, "if we should call a convention on All Fool's Day. It would make us the laughing stock of the entire community."—Laughter.

His objection remained unnoticed. Blenheim was also added to the places for holding conventions so that they will be held in Blenheim, Ridgetown and Thamesville.

A voice—Why not add Dresden? Answer—voice—And Highgate.—Laughter.

At this point Dr. McCully, the ex-vice-president of the association, was invited to the platform and the invitation was greeted with loud applause.

The doctor arose to his seat in the audience and remained standing, shaking his head vigorously until the applause subsided.

"No," said he, "I will remain where I am. The last time I was at this convention I was voted off the platform and I will remain off it until I am officially put there again."

Mr. Gosnell then proceeded with the nominations. Before doing so, however, the advisability of holding a strictly Liberal meeting and excluding everyone but delegates, including The Planet representative, was discussed among the officers, as it was evidently the feeling throughout the meeting at the time that the selection of the candidate would result in a political "scrap." The Planet reporter, however, was allowed to remain in the hall. The contemplated wrangle did not materialize.

After introductory routine the following names were submitted in nomination:—

JOHN LEE, Highgate, by John McKerracher, Howard, and R. P. Wright, Dresden.

JAMES RUTHERFORD, Blenheim, by Andrew Denholm, Blenheim, and Malcolm Campbell, Howard.

ANGUS GILLANDERS, Zone, by Mr. Webster, Zone, and Dr. Wiley, Dresden.

JONAS GOSNELL, Orford, by Dr. McPhail and John Crossby, Highgate.

E. E. PARROTT, Harwich, by Richard Young and James Laird.

JOHN COUTTS, Thamesville, by Jas. Brown, and John Handy.

DR. WILEY, by C. L. VonGuten and Angus Gillanders.

DR. McCULLY, Harwich, by Jonas Gosnell and John Lee.

BRITISH AND BURGHERS NOW "SPARRING FOR TIME"

Both Sides Anxious to Avoid Risking Decision to Break off Present Peace Negotiations.

PROPOSITIONS DEFINED

Cable Between London and Pretoria Kept Clear for Official Despatches—Early Result Looked for.

London, April 16.—The British cabinet held another meeting to-day for the purpose of considering a communication from the Boer representatives who are now in Pretoria, and a message from Lord Milner, the British High Commissioner in South Africa. The session was extremely brief.

After the cabinet meeting Lord Salisbury, the premier, had an audience of King Edward at Buckingham Palace, and stayed to lunch with His Majesty. The latter afterwards went to Sandringham.

Later it was asserted that the communication from Lord Milner considered at the cabinet meeting contained the first clear statement of the attitude of the Boer leaders, who hitherto had not agreed on the peace terms they would accept.

The St. James' Gazette predicts an early public announcement of the progress of the peace negotiations. The paper says there is little doubt that if the British and Boers arrived at an understanding on the main points of the proposals, peace will ensue, the banishment proclamation will be withdrawn, and minor points like re-stocking the farms, will be referred to a board composed of British and Boer representatives.

The Associated Press has excellent authority for saying that up to a late hour to-night there have been no definite developments in the matter of the Boer-British peace negotiations. The Associated Press learns that Lord Milner, British High-Commissioner in South Africa, has defined certain propositions upon which peace may almost immediately be secured, but the Cabinet is said to have disagreed on the merits of Lord Milner's terms at its meeting to-day. "Sparring for time," best describes the present status of the negotiations, neither side being willing to risk a decision which would break off the present conference. An agreement may be reached at any moment, but this is more likely to be the result of semi-independent action by Lord Milner and Lord Kitchener at Pretoria than the rather involved conditional decisions at London. The broad lines of Great Britain's terms are now known to the government representatives at Pretoria. Upon these representatives the cabinet is apparently shifting the responsibility of taking advantage of all opportunities, provided no cardinal principles be sacrificed.

The government has ordered that the cable and telegraph lines between London and Pretoria be kept clear to insure the most prompt transmission of Lord Kitchener's messages.

There is good reason to believe that the Boers are vigorously demanding a representative government, and that this demand is opposed with equal vigor by the British representatives. It is understood that the Boers strongly object to the long delay proposed by Great Britain, before a representative government be granted the former republics, and that they also insist that the number of Boer seats in the council be specified. It is expected that the cabinet will reconvene to-morrow to discuss the matter further.

MINERAL BATH

Yesterday was a record-breaking day at the Sanitarium," said Manager McCoig, to The Planet this morning. "We were kept busy all day, especially in the evening. A large number are taking a course of baths, and are being greatly benefitted. A cinder and gravel driveway is being made on the west side, and all the old approaches will be replaced next week by granite sidewalks. The western side sidewalk will also be moved outside the trees.

KENT MAN GOES

Clinton Wilson, a member of "C" company of the 24th Regiment, was in London yesterday, where he passed the examination for the next Canadian contingent. He returned last evening to say good-bye to his many Chatham friends and left to-day for London to enlist.

DR. W. H. TYE WAS CHOSEN

Dr. William H. Tye, of this city, has received a despatch from the Canadian Militia Department, tendering him the appointment as Surgeon in the Fourth Contingent, Canadian Mounted Infantry, which sails for South Africa shortly.

The text of the despatch received by Dr. Tye is as follows:—Ottawa, April 17.—Pleased to say Minister of Militia recommends your appointment as Surgeon-Captain for South African service. Do you accept?

COL. NEILSON.

When interviewed by The Planet in relation thereto Dr. Tye said he could not yet state definitely as to whether he would be able to accept the proffered commission.

If he should decide to accept, Dr. Tye will have to leave his local practice during his absence, a period of one year.

LIGHT SERVICE.

Manager P. S. Coate, of the Chatham Gas Co., was in Detroit yesterday and notified the manufacturers to take out the three gas engines they installed for the Company, as they were not giving satisfaction.

The dynamos are being removed to-day and placed in the steam plant until other and satisfactory gas engines are secured. This, Mr. Coate believes will improve the service.

The company is devoting much effort and expense to the improvement and perfecting of the plant. Unfortunately they have been unable to do this as rapidly as they desired, but the result will be eminently satisfactory to their patrons.

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Tommy Burns carried off the honors at the New York races yesterday, winning two races.

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