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A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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JEWELERS.

Successful Liberal Convention

Held in St. John.

A. B. Copp, M. P. P. Appointed Organizer to Prepare The Provinces for Next Election. Clubs to be Formed in Every County.

The provincial liberal convention called by Hon. H. R. Emmerson was opened in Berryman's hall, St. John on Thursday evening with a large attendance of prominent members of the party from all parts of New Brunswick. It was called to order by the Minister of Railways, who said that in his call he had but one object. It was simply a straightforward call to the liberals to confer for the good of the party and to form a real go-ahead active organization. A good many people wagged their heads at him and thought it must mean that there would be a federal election. He was not surprised at this in view of the history of the past, as it has been customary to organize only on the eve of an election. There is no election in prospect in the near future so far as he knew. The call had no connection with provincial politics. There is no election in provincial politics so far as he knew. Continuing, he added that neither was this a local government convention, but a federal gathering. He himself was a supporter of the local government. He had decided that the time had come to meet and thoroughly organize, not only in every county but in every parish and in every district. It was to be a working and not a talking convention. Mr. Emmerson congratulated his hearers on the large attendance and wished all a happy Christmas season, and that in the future they could look back on this convention as a pleasant one with nothing but bright and pleasant memories. He spoke of the prosperity of the country and said that the I. C. R. was prosperous, too. The New Brunswick Liberal Association, he said, had as president Senator G. G. King, and if Mr. King was in the meeting he should then take his chair. Mr. Emmerson referred again to his reasons for calling the convention at this time, and he then left the meeting in the hands of his hearers.

As Senator King was not present at the moment, Dr. E. T. Gaudet, of St. Joseph's one of the vice-presidents, took the chair.

There was much talk of forming resolutions and nominating committees, but nothing was done.

The meeting then appointed R. E. Armstrong, of the St. Andrew's Beacon, as secretary.

Senator King having arrived he took the chair, by request.

It was decided, on motion, to organize a Liberal association as already outlined.

It was agreed that each accredited delegate have a vote.

The following speakers addressed the meeting: Mayor Sears, John T. Hawke, F. B. Carvell, M. P. P.; Hon. C. W. Robinson, M. P. P.; Dr. E. T. Gaudet; Hon. Francis J. Sweeney, surveyor-general; P. J. Veniot; Alex. Rogers, ex-M. P. for Albert county; Daniel Gillmor; J. F. Tweedale, M. P. P., Victoria county; R. E. Armstrong, of the St. Andrews Beacon; I. N. Car-

penier, M. P. P., and C. M. Leger, M. P. P. Each of these speakers championed the cause of liberal principals and paid high compliments to Hon. Mr. Emmerson, for the results of his administration on the Intercolonial Railway.

After the speeches, which were received with loud applause, the meeting adjourned till Friday morning.

The New Brunswick Liberal Convention opened in its second session Friday morning at 10.35 o'clock in Berryman's Hall, which was filled to the doors, many additional delegates having arrived this morning. Senator G. G. King was in the chair. Hon. H. R. Emmerson spoke briefly in opening. This was to be a business, not a talking convention, he said, but this evening's session had been reserved for a grand "experience meeting." He was convinced that the most effective form of organization was the establishment of clubs in every parish in the province. Organization would be the work of the official organizer, and having established organizations in every parish, his visits should be continued to be paid regularly to each. Club rooms should be organized in each case—a club room where the workers may gather and discuss matters. The card system also should be adopted, in order to the keeping of "tabs" up on every man in each section, and thus in the whole province. Mr. Emmerson assured his hearers that he would be happy to do anything in his power toward the furnishing and making attractive of the club rooms advised.

A nominating committee composed of a representative from each county was appointed and retired to nominate the officials of the organization.

In the interim thus created, Hon. Mr. Emmerson moved, seconded by Mr. C. J. Osman, that a committee of three be appointed to consider the appointment of a provincial party organizer, and to report recommending a suitable man for this appointment. The committee was named to consist of Col. H. H. McLean, St. John; Hon. L. P. Farris, Queen's; Hon. W. P. Jones, Carleton county. Mr. P. J. Veniot here rose to state that in his opinion the counties in which on account of mixed population, and for other reasons, an organizer was most needed, no member to represent them in the committee. Hon. Mr. Emmerson thereupon amended his motion so as to include in the committee J. B. Goggin, M. P. P., of Kent; O. Turgeon, M. P. P. It was impossible, he added, to have a paid assistant for the organizer, as that official would have to devote his whole time to the work, and consequently to be well paid. In counties where an assistant was required someone would be appointed by the liberals of that county. The motion as amended was passed. Mr. Emmerson then asked each county to appoint its representative on the provincial executive committee.

The nominating committee made the following report, which was adopted by a standing vote: Mr. A. O. Skinner, president; Mr. O. Turgeon, 1st vice-president; Alex. Gibson, jr., 2nd vice-president; R. E. Armstrong, secretary; C. J. Osman treasurer. The executive committee's additional members are to consist of the following: Madawaska, Cyrien Martin, M. P. P.; Victoria, Jas. Porter; Carleton, Hon. W. P. Jones; York, W. T. Whitehead; Sunbury, Dr. James Peake; Queens, Hon. L. P. Farris; Kings, Hon. A. S. White; St. John city, Thos. McAvity; St. John county, Jos. Lee; Albert, Alex. Rogers; Westmorland, C. S. Hickman; Kent, Jas. D. Irvine; Northumberland, S. W. Miller; Gloucester, P. J. Bryne, Restigouche, Jas. Reid; Charlotte, D. Gillmor. Hon. Mr. Turgeon of Gloucester,

chairman of the committee to consider an organizer, here reported that the name A. B. Copp, M. P. P., of Westmorland, had been fixed upon to fill this position, that further, an assistant organizer would be appointed when the organizer should reach a French county. This assistant would be either of French extraction or a man speaking the French language.

Hon. Mr. Emmerson moved the appointment of a financial committee to arrange for the government and management of the association. As representative of the different sections of the province he nominated Mr. J. H. Hickman, of Dorchester; Mr. A. W. Adams, of St. John, and Mr. Warren C. Winslow, of Northumberland. Seconded by Mr. Barnes, M. P. P., this motion was carried.

Senator King, chairman, here called upon several prominent liberals who had been present at the opening session to address the meeting. Premier Tweedie, the first speaker, said that on his recent visit to Washington, with Hon. Wm. Pugsley, they had found a great change in the ideas of public men toward Canada. Senator Elkins, of West Virginia, had particularly expressed his surprise at Canada's growth. But, continued the premier, it must not be forgotten that the west was not the only part of the Dominion. Every great nation must have a seaboard. As the Atlantic seaboard, these provinces were thus playing an important part. Some sections, however, were asking too much of the Dominion government, forgetting its difficulties. In this category he would except Kings. He was proud to-day to be associated with the Minister of Railways and Canal, to whose efforts it was largely due that the feeling against the retention of the I. C. R. by the government had been allayed. Among the substantial gains which had accrued to the province through the action of the Dominion government might be counted the \$130,000 subsidy granted to it by the recent council of the provincial premier, with Sir Wilfrid Laurier. New Brunswick was now in a brilliantly solvent condition, and her bonds sold better than those of almost any other province.

Hon. Mr. Emmerson here moved the invitation to the platform of Hon. A. C. Blair. During the speaker's last connection with Mr. Blair in his constituency they had not seen eye to eye, but the issue then debated was now decided and dead and had great pleasure in inviting Mr. Blair to the platform as a life-long supporter of the liberal government.

Mr. Blair said that he felt very much at home, although he must confess that he had strayed very far from "old habitation." His most prominent reason for being glad to be present was that his friend was his successor—that he had vacated his late position. This was, however, a question of the past, because the people of the Dominion had decreed that he and his supporters were wrong. He had associated with the opposition because he had thought that that party was even more in error than was the government. When the struggle of the Dominion election should come on he would heartily aid Hon. Mr. Emmerson.

The business sessions of the New Brunswick Liberal Association were brought to a successful termination on Friday afternoon. There was a large attendance of delegates, and much enthusiasm was aroused.

On invitation of Hon. Mr. Emmerson Mr. Charles Marcell, M. P. for Bonaventure, addressed the meeting at the opening. He made an eloquent speech. After complimenting Mr. Emmerson on bringing the I. C. R. into first class shape, he said that he was glad

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