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Attended Primaries Elect Officers and Choose Delegates to Nominating Conven- tion; Air of Confidence Marks First Gath- ing of the Workers

then the general elections are declared the Liberal party in St. John city unity will be ready for the fray, and ready to put up a winning fight. Was the sentiment reflected by the primary meetings which were held during for the purpose of organization and the selection of delegates for the county convention.

The thirteen city wards and the four parishes of the county, the met-bowed the readiness of the electors to respond to the first call to arms. meetings were well attended and those present displayed unbounded en- thusiasm and confidence. Prominent in the meetings were those who have borne the brunt of the battle in other elections and who are ready once more to fight their part; equally noticeable was the large number of men new to ward- ings who turned out this time to show their readiness to side the Libera- and to work for the overthrow of the discredited government. Another able feature was the number of men who have not been associated the Liberal party in the past and the number of those whose previous tions have been with the Conservative government. Old timers said that so much ed in supporting the present government. But others said that so much ed rest and the large attendance was quite unusual at the ward primaries.

REPRESENTATIVE OFFICERS,

Each of the wards representative citizens were chosen as officers. There some changes in the organization due to circumstances arising from the which has elapsed since the last elections, but in every case the greatest unity was displayed, and the electors present at the meetings showed an nness to stand shoulder to shoulder in the approaching fight.

Dr. John made a splendid showing at the time of the last general elections. x existing circumstances there was a general feeling that the party will no difficulty in electing the candidates to be chosen at the forthcoming ention.

There are few cities in which the contrast between the benefits derived by the previous Liberal administration and the neglect of the present government has been so marked, and it is felt that this of itself would have an important bearing in deciding the issue.

In the minds of those present at the meetings, however, the big issue was the conduct of the war and the incompetence, graft and partisanship of the present administration in this connection together with the attitude towards Prussianism menacing free institutions in Canada. Prominent in the meetings were men whose families are strongly represented at the front and many whose homes have been bereaved by the loss of those who are now living in the war. TO SUCH MEN THE INSINUATIONS OF DISVALUITY WHICH THE CONSERVATIVE LEADERS AND PRESS HAVE HURLED AT THE MEMBERS OF THE LIBERAL PARTY ARE ANSWERS WHICH WILL BE ANSWERED AT THE POLLS. The county electors of St. John city and county seem to be ready to show their ally in practical fashion by doing their part in turning out of office a government which has shown itself unfit for the tremendous tasks imposed by war.

T TO WIN.

With the nucleus provided by those present at the primaries last evening an effective organization soon will be at work. Warning was given of the possibilities which exist under the new franchise act for throwing votes to doubtful constituencies through government influence and emphasis was laid on the need for steady and consistent work and on the danger of over-confi-

The response to the first call has been so hearty and the tone of the meetings so unmistakable that there can be little doubt of the strength of the principle which the Liberals of St. John city and county will put up for the principles for which the party stands and for the better conduct of the war.

The results of the elections for ward and parish officers and the selection of delegates and substitutes for the convention are as follows:

man Ward,
alrman, J. J. Lelacheur; vice-chair-
man W. J. Magee; secretary, H. A. Ly-
lelegates—J. J. Lelacheur, W. J. Ma-
H. A. Lyman, George Collins, J. E. El-
C. B. Nunn, Dr. R. A. H. H. H. H.
g, G. Heber Vroom, W. A. Knodell,
erbert Green,
titles—W. J. Fitzgerald, Freder-
rison, A. S. Patterson, J. H.

Driscoll, A. S. Jackson, J. H.
Ward.
Chairman, Captain A. G. Porter; vice-
chairman, J. B. Magee; secretary, S. B.
Hedges—A. G. Porter, J. B. Magee,
Smith, A. W. Adams, A. M. Beld-
ridge, C. Allan, Dr. A. D. Smith, H. S.
and H. F. Rankine.
Substitutes—F. J. Roderick, W. P.
Hlan, F. F. Cunningham, Frank
and J. H. Dooly.

Stanley Ward.
Chairman, Francis Kerr; secretary,
Ralph McCormack.
Delegates—Francis Kerr, Joseph Kien-
man, John McManamin.
Substitutes—Francis Kerr, Scott, Joseph
Dinn, Ralph McCormack.

Lansdowne Ward.
Chairman, Joseph Dryden; secretary,
Maurice Delaney; vice-chairman, Frank
Watson.

rd.
 1st. man, K. J. MacRae; vice-chair-
 1st. Dr. C. F. Gorham; secretary, Tim-
 O'Brien.
 Delegates—Harold S. Climo, T. O'Brien
 J. Mahoney, Daniel Connolly, Dr. W.
 Wallace, Dr. C. F. Gorham.
 Substitutes—James Murphy, John Bain
 H. S. Taylor.

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offer Ward.

Chairman, Thomas Foley; vice-chairman, William Morris; secretary, George Iarding.

Delegates—Thomas Foley, H. Campbell, N. T. Colohan, George Chamberlain, G. Iarding, James Leechin, John Jarvis, W. I. MacKenzie, Lawrence Evans, Harry McLeod, George Good, William Morris.

Substitutes—Bernard Gallagher, Michael Isaacs, William Devitt, George Iarding.

Sydney Ward.

O. W. Chesley, chairman; John Iarding, vice-chairman; F. J. Alexander, secretary.

Delegates—John Stevens, F. J. Alexander, O. W. Chesley, John Iarding, W. E. O'Brien, Sterling Lord, Frank Ross.

At the conclusion of the nomination of delegates the chairman made a short address thanking those present for the honor conferred on him. Raymond Stanley Elkin and William Ryan also made short speeches.

William Ward.
Chairman, Timothy Collins; vice-

Brooks Ward.
Chairman, Edward P. Scully; secretary, W. J. Watson; vice-chairman, Raymond Elkin.

Del-gates—Patrick Walsh, Fred. Kee, Richard Lee, Paul McDade, Dea Coholan and John White.

Substitutes—Walter Lowe, J.

Motorists and Business Men Testify Unsolicited to Improvements

Fredericton, Sept. 27.—Hon. P. J. Ven-
lot, minister of public works, returned
to Fredericton last night and today is at
his office devoting his attention to an
accumulation of correspondence and
other business. He just completed a
fortnight's tour of various sections of
the province and he is now arranging to
visit Charlotte, Carleton and Victoria
counties. While he has inspected the
various suspension bridges of those counties
he will have visited every county of the
province in connection with the business
of his department.

While it has been found impossible to
start work in every section needing at-
tention plans are being laid for the

necessary attention early next year. Hon. Mr. Veniot's work in connection with highway improvement throughout the province has been generally recognized. Motorists who travel over sections of the highway while the improvements are in progress encounter conditions which make high speed impossible but such conditions endure for only a brief time and are followed at once by improved conditions.

The minister of public works this morning, as evidence of the good work being done showed your correspondents an extract from a letter from one of the largest business firms of the province expressing deepest appreciation of the excellent work being done on the roads in all sections of Northumberland county.

Motorists Not Unreasonable.

A leading merchant of St. John, and an ardent motorist, after thanking the minister for his work on the highway writes:

"I do not believe you will find the average owner of a machine unreasonable. We feel we have not had careful or adequate expenditure in the past years. When I say adequate I mean comparison with our resources which are known to be limited compared with other areas and this continued condition naturally..."

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Public condemnation begins to develop.

Thus A. C. T. is a great difference of \$4,000,000,000, and has been raising crops of men have been seen for liberty and democracy.

The committee, Mayor Hayes presiding, and Councillors Howard and Golding present, met with Director Armstrong of the commission, who is in charge of the commission, and the matter was discussed, taking up nearly the entire afternoon. Ultimately, the plans of the commission were approved, and an agreement was drawn up and signed by the mayor, the councillors and the director. The commission agrees to share all expenses in making additions and alterations to the building, but the director believed that it will go close to \$300,000.

The wing is to be built on the east side of the main building, and will accommodate forty soldier tubs, and will be built on the main building, which have been the chief matter in holding up negotiations. The director's office is to be a separate building, and the building is to be built on the main building next Tuesday. It is not expected that the report of the commission will be made until the agreement has already been executed, and besides the committee from the commission.

Mr. Armstrong's Visit.

S. A. Armstrong, of Ottawa, speaking to The Telegraph last night, said that he was also here in connection with the local armory hospital which has now been opened for the reception of the returned wounded soldiers in New Brunswick. Asked as to the moving of the headquarters from here to Fredericton, he replied that this "was far away yet." He told a reporter that he had visited the armory for a short while yesterday.

A slight accident occurred last night at the corner of Union and Sydney streets when a five passenger automobile, driven by

when a five-passenger automobile, driven by Mr. Boyaner, skidded in taking the turn and hit the curb. The front spring was broken and the left front wheel was badly bent. The car was towed away to the garage. The automobile skidded on account of the pavement being wet from the water of the street sprinkler.

ally has made the average man doubtful of results, one trouble being to get continued effort. I appreciate the courtesy with which you have received my somewhat long letters and assure you of my appreciation of the excellent work you have been able to do and the very business-like way you are planning for the future."

Work Done in Westfield.

An extract from a letter from another leading citizen of St. John in regard to the work being done between Westfield and St. John follows: "I can assure you that everybody will appreciate the work you are doing in the Westfield section and we fully realize the difficulty you are facing year with regard to getting labor to get the work done and the weather conditions, also the many years of neglect that the roads have had."

Referring to a certain bridge the same writer states: "I am sure you should be attended to by your predecessors many years ago." The writer of this letter was an ardent supporter of the former administration.

Ottawa, Sept. 27.—After Oct. 1 the wholesale fruit dealers of Canada will do business under strict supervision of the federal government, says a new vegetable committee has definitely decided upon the policy of registration and inspection of all fruit and vegetable shipments from all persons engaged in the trade as to turnover and profits. J. Hastings Johnson, chairman of the committee, said today that the new regulations, which Johnson, dominion fruit commissioner, stated that they were confident that the new regulations would be accepted by the public by eliminating the food speculator.

"If it is found that any wholesaler is taking any improper advantage of the public his license may be cancelled and his business indefinitely suspended," Mr. Johnson said.

The decision of the committee is the result of a long and bitter struggle extending over several weeks. The committee's inquiries in the west have not yet been completed.

A list of the wholesale fruit dealers now being prepared and instructions for the new regulations will be issued in the course of the next few days.

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Public condemnation of those who regard the war as a chance to make big profits is virtually unanimous. But opinion begins to divide when an attempt is made to identify these war profiteers.

Thus A. C. Townley, President of the National Non-Partisan League, the new farmers' party, says, "There is a great difference between our patriotism, the patriotism of the men who toil that the profiteers may have \$4,000,000,000, and the patriotism of the men who make the billions. While the farmers and other producers have been raising crops to feed the armies of liberty, making ships, and munitions, and implements of war, a lot of gentlemen have been spending their ample leisure in announcing their patriotism. When you work sixteen hours a day for liberty and democracy, you have not much time or will to waver the flag. . . . If we were to put in as much time waving it as they do, the whole world would starve to death."

On the other hand, the New York World in criticizing this same league of farmers declares that "Every speaker in that interesting assembly holds that, although dollar wheat in time of peace was considered ideal, the cereal cannot be profitably grown today unless the government price is \$3.00 a bushel."

In the very interesting leading article in "THE LITERARY DIGEST" of September 29th, all phases of the subject of war profiteering are shown by quoting leading American newspapers and men like Herbert Hoover. The subject of war profiteering are shown by quoting leading American newspapers and men like Herbert Hoover. are :

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