LIBERALS OF EAST LAMBTON HOLD A RECORD CONVENTION

Biggest Gathering in Years Selects Candidates for Commons and Legislature, and Hears Rousing Addresses.

[By Our Own Man.]

Watford, June 27.—At the convention of East Lambton Liberals held here today, Dr. C. O. Fairbank, Petrolea, was nominated to contest the riding for the House of Commons, and Mr. R. J. McCormick, M. P. P., will again be the standard-bearer of the party for the Legislature. The gathering was the largest in recent years, and completely taxed the capacity of Taylor's Hall. Addresses were delivered by Hon. A. G. MacKay, leader of the Opposition in the Ontario House; F. F. Pardee, M. P., West Lambton; R. J. McCormick, H. J. Pettypiece, ex-M. P. P., Forest; Robert Auld, Warwick; Duncan Whyte, Rosanquet, and others. A resolution approving of the reciprocity agreement was passed amid the greatest enthusiasm. There was not a dissenting voice when the vote was put.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. Samuel Bailey, of Plympton, president of the association. In a brief speech, he congratulated the Liberals of the riding on the excellent convention, and declared that it augured well for the success of the party at the coming elections, both Dominion and Provincial.

When the committee on credentials, composed of Messrs. A. McQueen, Petrolea; J. Morrison, Inwood, and Dr. Brown, Camlachie, had reported on the delegates; President Bailey called for nominations for the House of Commons. Mr. John Morrison promptly named Dr. Fairbank, and the delegates would listen to no other name. The usual complimentary nominations were not made, so enthusiastic were the delegates over Dr. Fairbank. He was tendered the nomination, which he accepted.

Eight Names.

There were eight named for the legislature—Mr. R. J. McCormick, M. P. P., Warwick; H. J. Pettypiece, ex-M. P. P., Forest; Robert Auld, Warwick; Dr. Brown, Camlachie; A. J. Davis, Sutorville; J. Harry Fowler, London; H. Park, Alvinston, and Duncan Whyte, Rosanquet.

Mr. Auld, A. J. Davis, J. H. Fowler, and H. Park retired after making very brief speeches.

Dr. Brown also declined, but suggested that the liberal party take up the question of good roads more energetically, as that subject was of great moment to the farmers at the present time.

"I am glad that Dr. Fairbank was nominated today for the House of Commons," he declared. "The health of this riding politically is not good, and Dr. Fairbank is the man to bring it back to a good state once more."

Mr. R. J. McCormick followed, and declared that he was a candidate. In a short address he reviewed his work in the Legislature during the past three years. He complimented the association on the large turnout of delegates, the largest he had ever seen in the riding.

"I am a Liberal by choice and conviction," said Mr. McCormick. "My conversion dates back to the time when I was quite a lad. I read of the Family Compact, and when I learned that story, I came to the conclusion that the Liberal party was the party nearest to the people, and I have been a Liberal ever since."

Model Schools.

Mr. McCormick spoke of his efforts to have model schools restored. That had been one of the things for which he had contended early and late, and he was glad to see that the Government was convinced that these schools were a necessity. They had not restored all, but by degrees they were returning to the old system, so long advocated by the Liberals. He was in favor of a more equitable taxation of corporations. He stood firm for Mr. Pettypiece's railway taxation bill, and hoped to see it adopted by the Liberal Government as soon as they were in power.

"I am a candidate," he declared in conclusion. "I will abide by the will of the majority, and whoever is selected will have my undivided support."

Mr. H. J. Pettypiece also announced his candidature. The model schools had not been restored as they should be. There should be at least one model school in each county.

"You know full well where I stand on the question of a more equitable taxation," declared Mr. Pettypiece. "I introduced the bill into the Legislature which, had it been adopted, would have brought relief to the people of those provinces who are suffering because of the unjust burden of taxation. I am not going to give up the fight, and will, if I am your candidate, work earnestly and faithfully for this reform."

The speaker outlined the difficulties he had to contend with in the matter of running a Liberal newspaper. The Conservative had fought him with every possible means in order to drive him out of public life. He would abide by the choice of the convention.

"The reciprocity question is the only real issue before the people of this country," declared Mr. Duncan Whyte. "It is a great triumph for Liberalism, and I never felt so encouraged to fight for the cause as I do at this minute. We have the issue, and we have the men to win."

Mr. Whyte severely criticised the school books issued by the Government.

"They promised cheap school books, and they are certainly cheap in make and matter," he declared. "The majority of us farmers are finding out how cheap they are, and have come to the conclusion that the old books were much the cheaper in the long run. They were well made, and the matter in them was good, infinitely better than some of the stuff printed in the present issue."

He was a candidate and would work enthusiastically for the best interests of the party, no matter who was chosen.

The delegates voted, and Mr. McCormick was chosen on the first ballot. The nomination was made unanimous. Mr. McCormick thanked the delegates for their kindness in tendering him the office.

Mr. Fairbank's Letter.

A letter was read from Mr. J. H. Fairbank, ex-M.P., of Petrolea, stating that he was unable to be present. He gave his unqualified approval of the reciprocity agreement, declaring it to be one of the master strokes in the brilliant career of Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

"If reciprocity is wrong, the free list is wrong," he stated. "One cannot be right and the other wrong. If the duty can be taken off one article it certainly can be taken off the others. We cannot remove the obstructions between buyer and seller without benefitting both."

Dr. Fairbank was the next speaker, and dealt briefly with the issues of the campaign. He also thanked the convention for the great honor done him in selecting him as a candidate.

"Many years ago my father was chosen by the Liberals of this riding to lead a forlorn hope, after East Lambton had been shamefully gerrymandered," he declared. "With your assistance he won the riding, and I am now convinced that history is going to repeat itself, and you are going to elect his son." (Cheers.)

"The Conservative leaders wore out their shoes tramping to Washington to get a trade agreement such as we have today," he declared.

"Those trade wizards—Fielding and Paterson—secured for us what both parties have been striving to obtain since Confederation.

"It is interesting to read the speeches of some of the United States senators, who express the fear that this great Colossus of the north was going to flood their country, and completely overturn the poor, weak United States. I think we ought to pass a resolution today to the effect that we do not intend to annex the United States."

Dr. Fairbank paid a little attention to the speech of Mr. Jos. E. Armstrong, M. P., of which he had circulated 8,000 copies in the riding. In it an attack was made on the loyalty of Hon. W. S. Fielding, and Dr. Fairbank branded it as an absolutely untruthful statement.

Mr. F. F. Pardee, M. P., spoke but a few minutes, and congratulated the convention on the selection of two such strong candidates. He felt confident that the east riding would be held for the Liberals at the coming election.

He dealt with reciprocity very briefly, pointing out that both sides of the House were most enthusiastic when the pact was first brought before the House.

"The Conservatives, as well as the Liberals, applauded most enthusiastically when the pact was announced," he declared. "They all knew it to be a good thing for Canada. What has caused their change of front? That is a question that they themselves cannot answer correctly."

In conclusion, Mr. Pardee paid a glowing tribute to the effective work being done by Hon. A. G. MacKay in the Ontario House.

Hon. A. G. MacKay was given a great ovation on rising to speak. It was some minutes before he could commence.

"I am more than glad to see so large a gathering under such circumstances," he said. "You have every reason to be proud of such a large representation of the Liberals of East Lambton.

"I want to pay my tribute to the valued services of your member, Mr. R. J. McCormick. He is a faithful worker, and a good representative. I can say without fear of contradiction that Mr. McCormick is the most popular member in the Legislature on either side of the House."

The speaker dwelt for a short space of time on the necessity of good educational methods. He scathingly criticized the administration of the department of education by Hon. Dr. Pyne, and declared that the schools of the province were badly manned as a result of the Government's unwise policies. In one county alone 34 out of 74 teachers were not qualified, and this fact itself was a sufficient condemnation of their methods of administration.

Hon. A. G. Mackay.

"I have advocated, and still do advocate, a revision of the assessment act," declared Mr. MacKay. "When the amendments were being considered some time ago I suggested that the various municipalities be given the option of assessing improvements. Under the present system the thrifty man, the man who works and saves, and improves his property, is assessed for these improvements, a principle which, to my mind, is not proper nor right. No government has the right to tax the perspiration of a man's brow, or the energy, hard work, the economy of a toiler. The thrifty man, under the present system, must pay for his thrift, while the sloven is allowed to go free. I suggested to the Government that municipalities be given the option of taxing improvements as they saw fit, but the Government would not listen. I still contend I am right, and I am sure that you agree with me." (Cheers.)

Mr. MacKay dwelt with the tour of Mr. R. L. Borden through the west, where he spoke on the question of reciprocity. When he was at Qu'Appelle, Hon. Mr. Haultain, Conservative leader in the Saskatchewan Legislature, was not on the platform. When he reached the constituency of Mr. Lake, a Conservative M. P., the latter found it convenient to be absent. At still another town, Mr. Tait, a Conservative member of the Saskatchewan Legislature, led a delegation of grain growers with reciprocity badges on, and demanded that Mr. Borden favor reciprocity. At a constituency in South Alberta, all that Mr. Borden could get Mr. Heron, one of his lieutenants in the House, to say, was that he had not said that he was going to vote for reciprocity.

"The west is solid for reciprocity, and Mr. Borden is finding that fact out now," he declared.

"Every farmers' journal in Canada is for reciprocity," continued Mr. MacKay. "Every farming journal in the United States is opposed to it. The reason is very obvious."

"The farmers in the northern part of Western Ontario have lost $50,000 because we have not had reciprocity in natural products. Just 625 carloads of hay, of 20 tons capacity each, have gone to the United States, or 12,500 tons in all, during the past nine months. Had the farmers not been compelled to pay $2 a ton duty, they would have received $50,000 more for their product. That argument cannot be answered by the Opposition."

Mr. MacKay dwelt at some length on reciprocity, pointing out the many advantages that would come from the adoption of the agreement.

A resolution, moved by Mr. H. Park, Alvinston, and Dr. Brown of Camlachie, expressing the confidence of East Lambton Liberals in the leadership of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. A. G. MacKay, and their unswerving faith in the reciprocity agreement, as proposed by the Dominion Government, was carried by a standing vote, amid the greatest enthusiasm.

The meeting concluded with cheers for the candidates, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. A. G. MacKay and the King.

MR. F. S. MEARNS ELECTED

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the loudest praise for the manner in which the members have stood together.

His report in part is as follows:

A Tribute to London.

It gives me pleasure to welcome you to grand camp. We meet in a city honored by a name of special significance in the great British Empire of which we form a proud part, and of historic significance to Canada, for here, on the banks of the Canadian Thames, our first lieutenant-governor, the sagacious and patriotic Simcoe, had designed to establish the capital of the infant colony known then as Upper Canada, and now as Ontario.

London has grown and thriven with the Province, and is now the centre for an extended tract of fertile country, in which are situated a large number of camps of our association. It is, therefore, most fitting that the grand camp should meet here at this time. One element that should enter into the choice of a place of meeting is the good that may result in the district in which the meeting is held. I hope, therefore, that from this grand camp there will go out an influence for good in Western Ontario. I also hope that Western Ontario men will make themselves felt in our meeting, and go forth from among their brethren, stimulating and to stimulate.

We meet here under very favorable circumstances—the most favorable in the history of the association. In looking over the work of the past two years the delegates will find cause for rejoicing—I might almost say triumphant rejoicing.

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Our history as an association has vindicated the claim that Scotsmen are a hard-headed business people. It is unnecessary to recall the fact to the older members that the association was formed on a basis which, while perhaps the only one available at that early time, was soon found to be entirely inadequate for the purposes of our business, but as it became clear to the members that changes were necessary, these changes were brought about. Sometimes, it is true, only after strenuous effort, but, we are pleased to think, none the less sure and certain. Thus, while the outlook was in doubt at last grand camp, today the clouds have rolled away, and we are already in a position to feel the benefit of the wise course then adopted.

The Situation Now.

A solid membership has been maintained. There has been no great defection. No two thousand members have been lost, no two hundred; and I would be out of reckoning only by fewer than a dozen, were I to say that even twenty were not lost to the association on account of the increase in our rates. How was this marvellous result achieved? In our honest foreboding we probably did not take into full account the calibre and quality of the men who have stood at the head of this association these many years, not for profit or gain, but because they were filled with a patriotic pride in doing their duty by their countrymen, and in keeping our flag free and unfurled before the world.

If I were to search for a proof of the love which the leal Scot bears to his race and the honor of his fellow-countrymen, I could not find a better one than in the zeal, the devotion, and the brains bestowed on our cause and interests by the brethren who have worthily won and retained your confidence these many years.

In concluding, the grand chief thanked the brethren most heartily for the splendid support they have given him throughout his term of office.

Grand Secretary's Report.

The report of the grand secretary, Lieut.-Col. Robertson, contained many interesting figures. He showed that when he took over the office in 1893 there was a membership of 4,500, and the finances were not in any too strong a condition. Enormous advances have been made, and the membership now amounts to 7,387, with a total insurance of $5,646,250 and a reserve fund of $317,120.25.

The grand treasurer's report, read by Alex. Hay, gave a detailed account of the affairs of the order and showed its present standing.

The report of Grand Medical Adviser Dr. Thomas Wyllie was in part as follows:

Some Statistics.

"I have examined during the last biennial period 2,257 members. The average age of those admitted to our association was 27 years. During the same time there have been removed by death 139. The average age of those was 57 years. The number of examinations declined was 19, and the causes of such rejections were: Unsatisfactory family history, 5; personal history, 10; under age limit, 3; over age limit, 1. A number of examinations were returned whom the applicants did not wish to be rejected, hence the reason for the small number of rejections reported. The death rate per thousand for the whole membership per annum during the period of two years has been 8½, which I consider a very small mortality at this age of the association.

CANADIAN CONTINGENT IN GRAVE PERIL

London, June 27. — Today the Prince of Wales, Princess Mary and Prince George visited the overseas soldiers' camp at Chelsea and inspected the different contingents. The Prince of Wales specially asked where the different companies of Canadians came from, and begged a button from Col. H. H. Maclean's tunic, a request promptly complied with. All the commandants gave him their badges, whereupon Prince George demanded similar gifts. The South African soldiers gave their peculiar lion's roar, and the Canadians gave the royal children three cheers, with a tiger, and sang "O Canada." Hon. Lewis Harcourt visited the camp later today. Tomorrow the Canadians go to Windsor Castle, and the officers will take tea at Eton. Lord Strathcona dines the officers and their wives at night.

On Friday the King presents the coronation medals at Buckingham Palace, and on Saturday the Canadian camp will be struck at 1 o'clock, the soldiers embarking on the Empress of Britain from Liverpool at 7.

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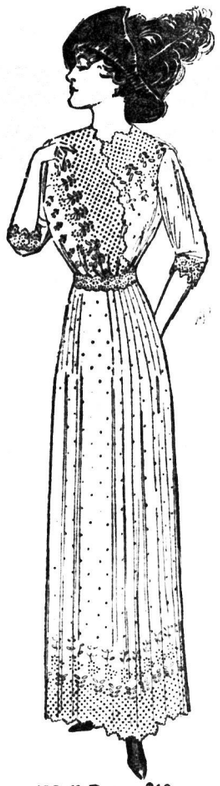

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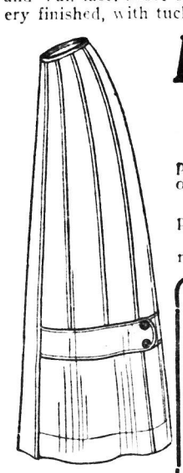

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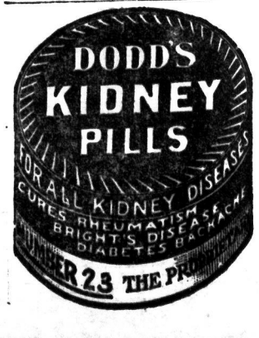
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