

DIARY OF THE MONTH.

1913.
December.
- 1 **MR. ARTHUR HAWKES, MR. G. G. S. LINDSEY, K.C., TORONTO** and **MR. J. C. WALSH, MONTREAL** on Canadian autonomy versus Centralization at PERTH in South Lanark campaign.
 - 2 **TWENTY MILLION DOLLAR** bond issue at London announced by **HON. W. T. WHITE**; London cables state that Canada's methods are severely criticized in British press.
 - 3 **CUSTOMS REVENUE** for November shows decline of nearly \$1,500,000 compared with November, 1912.
 - 5 **SOUTH BRUCE CONSERVATIVES** file petition against election of **MR. E. TRUAX, M.P.**
 - 6 **DECREASE OF NEARLY \$1,000,000** shown in Government financial statement for November, compared with November 1912.
 - 7 **SASKATCHEWAN LEGISLATURE** unanimously resolves to demand from Dominion Government control of provincial school lands and rescission of the C.P.R. tax exemption.
 - 8 **HON. RODOLPHE LEMIEUX, M.P.** at Young Liberal Club at Montreal on **HIGH COST OF LIVING.**
 - 9 **SOUTH LANARK** and **MACDONALD BY-ELECTION NOMINATIONS.**
 - 10 **CANADIAN TWENTY MILLION DOLLAR LOAN** reported a failure, eighty-three per cent said to be left on Underwriters hands.
 - 11 **HON. MR. CROFTERS** at HALIFAX reported as saying cost of living due to too much prosperity.
 - 12 **Immigration of labour by coast and Southern frontiers** into British Columbia prohibited until March 1914, to give government time to shape a policy on oriental labour.
 - 13 **HON. G. P. GRAHAM, M.P.**, at Aylesworth Liberal Club, KING CITY, ONT., advocates "Free Food" Policy.
 - 14 **HON. W. S. FIELDING** tendered banquet by Liberal Clubs of MONTREAL upon assuming Editorship-in-Chief of MONTREAL TELEGRAPH. **WALTER C. MITCHELL, K.C.**, President of Montreal Reform Club, in chair. **SIR WILFRID LAURIER** reiterates policy of "Free Food" and states that if Liberals were revising Tariff, all revisions would be based on careful inquiry into conditions by Commission composed of Minister of Finance, Minister of Trade and Commerce, Minister of Customs and Minister of Labour. Speeches by **HON. CHARLES MARCIL, E. C. SMITH, K.C., P. EINFRET,** and **ANTONIO PERREAULT.**
 - 15 **MANITOBA LEGISLATURE** opens at WINNIPEG.
 - 16 **MR. N. W. ROWELL** at Niagara Falls Canadian Club on **IMPERIAL RELATIONS.**
 - 17 **LUNENBURG LIBERAL ASSOCIATION** at MAHONE, N.S.; addresses by **E. M. MACDONALD, M.P.**, and **A. K. MACLEAN, M.P.**
 - 18 **KINGS COUNTY (N.S.) LIBERALS** meet at Kentville, N.S. Speeches by **F. B. CARVELL, M.P., H. H. WICKWIRE, M.L.A., A. M. COVERT, M.L.A.** and **A. E. WALL, ex-M.L.A.**
 - 19 **SOUTH LANARK** and **MACDONALD BY-ELECTIONS.** **SOUTH LANARK** consequent upon death of **Hon. John Haggart**, March 13, 1913.
DR. A. E. HANNA (Gov. C.) 1907.
LT. COL. J. M. BALDERSON (Ind. C.) 1773.
ARTHUR HAWKES ("Canada First") 65.
Plurality for Hanna—69.
Maj. over Balderson—134.
Representation Unchanged.
 - 1911 1908
HON. JOHN HAGGART (C) 2233—1133 **HAGGART** (C) 759
G. F. MCKINN (L) 1087
 - 20 **MACDONALD**, consequent upon unseating of Alex Morrison (C) on October 12, 1913.
ALEX MORRISON (C) 3855—916.
DR. WYLES (L) 2939.
Representation Unchanged.
 - 1912 1911
A. MORRISON (C) 3534—794 **W. D. STAPLES** (C) 2956
A. L. RICHARDSON (L. L.) 2740 **J. S. WOODS** (L) 2795
 - 21 **MR. ARTHUR MYERS**, Leader of Opposition in **NEW ZEALAND PARLIAMENT**, endorses Government's plan of local fleet units for Naval Defence.
 - 22 **SIR WILFRID LAURIER** addresses University Students at Toronto on "The Growth of Democracy".
 - 23 **DOMINION COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURE DEPUTATION** waits upon Premier Borden and Cabinet at OTTAWA; demands free wheat and flour, free food, free agricultural implements, and increase of British preference to fifty per cent as step toward free trade with Mother Country, and general tariff reduction.
 - 24 **DELEGATION OF ONTARIO FRUIT AND LIVE STOCK MEN** oppose these requests.
 - 25 **DEPARTMENTAL COMMISSION** to investigate High Cost of Living appointed by Government; **MESSES. JOHN MACDUGALD, C. C. JAMES** and **E. H. COATS.**
 - 26 **SOUTH BRUCE LIBERALS** enter counter-petition against **WELLINGTON D. CARGILL**, defeated Conservative candidate.
 - 27 **DOMINION GRANGE** at TORONTO passes resolutions calling for tariff readjustment, proper distribution of Federal aid to Highways, referendum on naval question, etc.
 - 28 **INLAND REVENUE RECEIPTS FOR NOVEMBER** show decrease of \$72,067.
 - 29 **PREMIER BORDEN** and **HON. MESSES. WHITE, DOHERTY, NANTEL, CODERRE** and **G. P. GRAHAM** at Montreal Commercial Travellers banquet.
 - 30 **DOMINION TRADE AND LABOR CONGRESS** issues circular condemning **HON. T. CROFTERS**, Minister of Labour, for refusing a board in the **NANAIMO COAL STRIKE.**
 - 31 **HON. MACKENZIE KING** at Twentieth Century Liberal Club, STOUFFVILLE, ONT., on review of year in Federal Politics.
HON. G. E. FOSTER leaves for England to attend Dominions Trade Commission.
 - HON. H. F. MACLEOD**, formerly N. B. Provincial Secretary, returned by acclamation as Federal member for **YORK, N.B.**, to succeed **O. S. CROCKET, M.P.**, appointed to the Bench.

ORGANIZATION AND EDUCATION.

CANADIAN Liberalism was never stronger in fighting spirit or in unity of purpose. A strong opposition in Parliament never confronted a weaker Government. And in so far as the ministerial forces are weak in argument, policy and in cordial public support they must place their main reliance on machine politics and organization in the constituencies. For this they have ample funds and a skilled master of political machine manipulation in the Hon. Robt. Rogers.

That is the one force which Liberalism must meet at the next election on as even terms as honesty and fair play will allow. In everything else the battle is already with the Liberal Party throughout Canada. All that is now needed to insure success and a return to power, when the next appeal is made to the electors, is thorough and effective organization in each constituency. The good work of Liberals in Parliament and its effect on public sentiment must be supplemented by equally good work in the constituencies. Under present conditions there is not a single constituency in Canada that should be considered as hopeless from the Liberal point of view.

What is needed now most of all is for the local Liberal organizations in each riding to take advantage of the opportunity afforded by a good cause, and a well prepared public sentiment. The example of the organization perfected by Mr. Reuben Truax, the Member-elect for South Bruce in the recent by-election, and the signal success which attended that organization, and the thorough personal canvass which was one of its main features, should prove a stimulus to Liberal candidates and workers all over the Dominion.

The Central Information Office, at Ottawa is prepared to actively co-operate with the local organizations in each constituency, along educational lines, but to further the educational work local organization is equally necessary.

Education and organization must go hand in hand if the educational work is to produce its best results. The voters' lists in each constituency is the starting point. Personal canvass and the personal word in season to the individual voter who may be started at this present opportune time towards a reasoned and well-grounded support of Liberalism must supplement the written appeal. The ground is prepared, the seed is ready, the harvest is sure, if the work of organization is perfected in each riding. For that the Liberal party must rely in the last analysis on the willing enthusiasm and steady persistent effort of men in each constituency who believe in the cause they represent and who are willing to give it loyal and active support.

This is the psychological moment for completing an effective and thorough organization in every constituency.

"Trust my experience. I never felt more confident than I do at the present time. I am not as young as at one time, but for this cause I will find enthusiasm and the vigour of youth as I have never before. And let me assure you, and believe me, it is true, that justice always prevails in the end."—*Sir Wilfrid Laurier at Fielding Banquet, Montreal, December 9, 1913.*