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NELSON PARLIAMENT, M. P. P., GIVEN ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION

By the Canadian Clubs of New York and Boston—Reports of Address from Leading Metropolitan Newspapers—Words of Appreciation from Former Prince Edward Man.

The brief, telegraphed reports of the addresses delivered to the members of the New York and Boston Canadian Clubs failed to give an adequate conception of the undoubted success achieved by Mr. Nelson Parliament, M.P.P., the popular member for Prince Edward and speaker-designate of the Ontario Legislature.

Copies of the great daily newspapers of New York and Boston and of a letter from Mr. Douglas Sprague present a more personal and intimate account of Mr. Parliament's reception in the two great cities.

This was Mr. Parliament's first visit, either to New York or to Boston and, naturally, he approached his task with much diffidence and many misgivings.

The men who compose the membership of the Clubs in both cities are among the foremost citizens, whether in commerce or in the professions, for where Canadians have gone they have always risen above the crowd.

The Canadian Club of New York has for its headquarters the whole of the second floor of Hotel Belmont, one of the principal hostels in the city.

Every Saturday, at noon lunch, for a period of four months during the colder season, it is the custom of the Club to invite some prominent public man to address them.

They also, as Mr. Sprague states in his letter, hold evening banquets at monthly intervals with other important guests on other evenings.

Mr. Parliament spoke to the New York Club on Saturday, Jan. 10, for 50 minutes. His members were keenly interested in the new movement that made scrap of one of the most powerful governments that has ever ruled Ontario. The address was followed with the deepest attention and was frequently punctuated with applause. At the end there was a great demonstration of approval.

And then Mr. Parliament had to submit to a perfect bombardment of questions. There were several impromptu speeches and, contrary to the usual custom of dispersing immediately after the delivery of the main address, the greater part of the audience remained until six o'clock discussing the pros and cons of this Farmers' movement that was to them so mysterious and so wonderful in its results.

Mr. Knowlson, president of the New York Sun Publishing Company, presided as chairman. Among the guests were Prof. C. V. Campbell, Ph.D., Henry Timmins of Timmins & Co., 56 Wall street, Chas. E. Gould, Lt.-Col. J. A. Cooper, and hundreds of others of the prominent Canadians of New York City.

The Boston Address

The address at Boston was but a repetition of the success won at New York. He spoke there at the evening banquet on Tues., Jan. 13. More than 300 members were in attendance.

Mr. Parliament was met at the depot by Mr. Freeman I. Davidson, president of the Boston Canadian Club, also a banker and one of the financial magnates of the eastern United States. Mr. Davidson is a Nova Scotian, a cousin of Sir Robert Borden. He has remained true to the land of his nativity and has never taken out naturalization papers in the U.S. Mr. Parliament was entertained at Mr. Davidson's home during his stay in the Massachusetts capital.

Mr. H. Denton White presided at the banquet and among those present were Mr. J. T. Richardson, president of the State Grange, Mr. Evan H. Richardson of the State Board of Agriculture.

Mr. Parliament was also honored by an invitation from the speaker to be presented to the State Legislature which was then in session. At this he was compelled to decline. The interest in Mr. Parliament's address as well as the Farmers' movement in Canada was emphasized by the liberal space given to reports of the speech in the most important newspapers of both New York and Boston.

We give below a few extracts

ed us.

I do not say that he influenced all of us into agreement with the platform of this new organization. There are many hard-shell Grits and Tories who are just as true to their first love in politics as they are to the land of their nativity.

These "new-fangled" notions. Don't you remember Mause Headings, one of Scott's characters, when he is made to say: "A new-fangled machine for digging the corn tree the chaff, that impudently thwarting the will of Divine Providence by raising a wind for your jedsyph's use by human art instead of soliciting it by prayer," etc., is in accord. This is in accord with many of us.

I do not mean to imply that this man advocated the principles of the Farmers' Party, the principles of the Liberals or of the Conservatives. He told us in his way of the principles of the Farmers' Party, and he won us as he talked.

A Man of the People

He reminded me of the representative of Prince Edward in my day, the man whom I helped to elect to your Dominion House—Dr. Platt, of the same school, advanced, with a greater vision for his people and his country, because he is of the people.

In writing this letter I am but fulfilling a promise made some time ago to myself to write you of our Club, and extend to those who come to our City occasionally to join with us in promoting its main object for existence, viz., to promote friendly and social intercourse among Canadians, the entertainment of prominent Canadians, to encourage amicable relations between the peoples of the United States and Canada, etc. This I have intended to do, but the visit of your M.P.P. has brought this good intention to a climax, therefore, in closing, permit me to congratulate the Old Home County, Prince Edward, my old Home Town, Ameliasburg, in having such a man as Nelson Parliament, M.P.P., as representative in the Ontario Legislature.

Officers are Men of Standing

The Canadian Club has always been popular with its membership. It numbers among its Past Presidents, and I will justly add, the present presiding officers, men of large business affairs in this city. The names of these men have enhanced the standing of the Club; however, like Canada herself, while the Club was progressive, true to tradition, with a membership proud of their nativity, the war put the Club upon the map. It brought the members into closer relationship with many Canadians outside membership.

Through it they found a means of helping, of doing "their bit" or "carrying on", and this Club surely "carried on" its work successfully for the sufferers in the Halifax disaster, by assisting men who returned from the front via New York. It provided a fund for the wives and children of the men who left this city and state and enlisted in one of your Companies for overseas. Many other works did the Club do, but this letter is not a report but a message to the home folk prompted by a visit of one of your noblemen.

Hold Monthly Banquets

Monthly banquets, dinners we call them, are given to the Club members and their friends. During the war the attendance was large, so large that it was necessary to engage one of the largest banquet halls in the city to accommodate the dinners. Notable men of Europe, Canada and these United States have addressed the members and their friends at some of these dinners. Those in attendance were in proper mood to receive the message delivered. During the four years of the war our interest was intense, our blood ran warm, each and every heart beat true to victory and none were neutral. We listened intently to your Premier, Sir Robert Laird Borden, Lord Northcliffe, Hon. T. P. O'Connor, the Irish Nationalist, John R. Mott, Maj. Chas. W. Gordon, Sir Wm. Howard Hearst, James W. Gerard, Wm. Howard Taft, James M. Beck, and many others of national and international reputation.

Interested in the Farmers' Movement

Since the armistice, during the days of contemplated reconstruction, and the foundation of the League of Nations, the unrest of the peoples, the demand of labor and capital, the foundation of new parties both here and there, interests, and none more than the Farmers' Party of Ontario.

This interest in the latter was intensified through our lack of knowledge concerning its "platform", therefore the committee appointed to secure speakers for the Saturday noon-day luncheons, decided to invite the representative for Prince Edward, the Hon. Nelson Parliament, to come to New York and address us. His subject was "The Farmers' Party in Ontario."

A Talk That Held the Audience

It is unnecessary in this letter for me to attempt to report any part of his talk to this Club. I say talk, for that it was, and through talking Mr. Parliament held his audience as no other audience was ever held by a speaker who has heretofore addressed

Education is Stressed

In order to combat the modern tendency on the part of the sons and

daughters of farmers to withdraw from agricultural pursuits and seek the cities the new Ontario government plans to establish a system of vocational schools, following the lines of the Danish schools, and those established in the Middle West of the United States.

"They will be country high schools," he said, "and their aim will be not only the routine education which is now available, but to instill into the minds and hearts of country boys and girls a love of agriculture, and of nature and of the country. The public schools and universities will continue to operate in those who so desire for the various professions; the new schools will fit them for agriculture and occupations other than professional life. Trade and commerce speak for the glory of the country, but the real backbone, the stamina of the population is still found in a contented rural population."

The good will which has always existed between the United States and Canada formed the keynote sounded at the banquet of the Canadian Club of Boston last evening in the Boston City Club, where Hon. Nelson Parliament, Speaker of the Ontario Legislature, delivered the principal address.

This international good will, characterized as a matter for the greatest pride on the part of both Nations, was emphasized both by Mr. Parliament and Rev. A. A. Rideout of the Blaney Memorial Baptist Church in Dorchester, a native-born Canadian.

"The record of both the United States and Canada," declared Mr. Parliament, "in proving as they have done for the past 100 years that they can live peacefully side by side without a single fortification along their boundary is a notable one. What we have done for the past century we can do for the next, and a greater mingling between the peoples of the two countries is highly desirable."

Mr. Parliament recounted the origin and history of the Farmers' Party in Ontario, founded some five or six years ago for the reason that the farmers felt themselves insufficiently represented in Parliament under the conditions then existing. This party has increased, he said, until in the election last Fall it had more than 50,000 members and, with 45 farmers elected to the House, it became the controlling element in the Government of the Province.

The Farmers' party, according to Mr. Parliament, is anxious, first of all, to see to it that every man gets a square deal and that the burden of the payment of Canada's gigantic war debt is distributed among the whole people as equitably as possible. "The farmers feel," he stated, "that under the present tariff this is not the case, and they will try, first of all, to remedy that."

"The Farmers' party is here to stay. The two old parties have each served a useful purpose, but the popular point of view has now changed and the present spirit of unrest demanded the change which has come. The people expect a great deal of this new party, and they are going to get it."

Rev. Mr. Rideout emphasized the crying need for two particular things in this new age which follows the conclusion of the war: international good will and a new sense of eternal right.

Brief addresses were also made by Evan F. Richardson of the Massachusetts State Board of Agriculture, and by Col. John A. Cooper, commercial representative of the Dominion of Canada in New York. Freeman I. Davidson, president of the Club presided, introducing H. Denton White, chairman of the dinner committee, as toastmaster. The attendance numbered about 300.

Other Planks Planned

Outside the tariff, he thought the party's main planks would be direct taxation of land values, extension of agricultural schools and encouragement of the "back-to-the-land" movement.

In his address to the Canadian Club Mr. Parliament outlined the growth of the United Farmers' movement, which, he said, had been gradual but greatly accelerated by Canada's war experiences. War politics, and particularly war expenditures which were injudicious, if not actually wasteful, had opened the eyes of every Canadian voter, he declared, and through the experience of Unionist government, introduced following a coalition of the two principal parties in 1917, had promised well, it had failed to fulfil its pledge.

In the West, he continued, the farmers had for years been organized into a grain growers' association, which included in its membership practically every farmer in the community. In Ontario the United Farmers of Ontario had perfected an organization which was able at the last provincial elections to elect forty-five members and by establishing a working agreement with the Labor members—now controlled the situation.

Yes, Alfred, when it comes to drawing conclusions, women are natural born artists.

Popular Young Couple Wedded

St. Thomas' Church Rectory Was Scene of Happy Event Last Night

A happy event took place last evening at St. Thomas' Church Rectory, when Miss Elsie Vallance, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Vallance, Commercial street, was united in marriage to Mr. Norman J. Burns, of Kingston, Venerable Archdeacon Beamish officiating. Miss Edna Vallance, sister of the bride acted as bridesmaid and Mr. Ernest Taylor, did the honors of best man. The bride was attired in a dress of pale blue satin de chine with hat to match and the bridesmaid's dress was of pale Copenhagen with hat to match. After the interesting ceremony was performed the happy party repaired to the home of the bride's parents, where a sumptuous repast was prepared for them and together with about fifty guests, all did ample justice. The balance of the evening was spent in offering congratulations and the newly wedded couple and games and dancing were indulged in. The popularity of the bride was evidenced by the large number of useful and ornamental presents she received. The groom's gift to the bridesmaid was a bracelet and to the groomsmen a tie pin. The young couple will reside in Belleville.

GAVEY — JEFFREY.

A pretty wedding was solemnized Tuesday evening, Dec. 30 at the home of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Atwood, 330 Second avenue N. E., Calgary, when their only daughter, Mary Mabel, was united in marriage to John Morley Gavey, of Vancouver, only son of D. P. Gavey, of St. John's, Nfld., who was at the Central Methodist church, performed the ceremony in the presence of the immediate relatives and friends. The bridal party entered the drawing room to the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March played by Mr. Fred Clark, cousin of the bride. The bride, who was given away by her brother, P. R. Jeffrey wore a gown of white crepe de chine and georgette orange blossoms and carried a bouquet of sweetheart roses and carnations. Following the ceremony a wedding supper was served, after which the happy couple left on the Vancouver express for California and Mexico where they will spend some time, the bride travelling in a black hat and black fox furs, the gift of the groom.

Mrs. O. A. Atwood who was formerly Mrs. E. Jeffrey was a resident of Belleville for several years before removing to Calgary.

Mrs. J. Gavey's daughter was an art graduate of Albert College and taught school in Hastings County. Mr. Gavey is a graduate of the O. B. C. Belleville.

Teachers Sleep in Schools

Windsor, Jan. 21. — Unable to find rooms in the border municipalities, women teachers of the Windsor public schools have been provided with sleeping accommodation at Assumption street school.

The shortage of rooming accommodation and houses is explained by official figures which show that from ten to twenty new families are arriving weekly in the border municipalities.

Obituary

MRS. J. E. IVES

It was with the deepest regret that friends learned last night of the death of Bertha E. Ives, younger daughter of the late ex-Ald. and Mrs. Wm. Lott and beloved wife of Mr. J. E. Ives. The sad event took place last evening at the family home, 45 Mill street, after an illness of several months' duration.

Deceased was born in Belleville forty-six years ago. In addition to her aged mother and her sorrowing husband she is survived by a family of two sons and one daughter, Lionel M. J. Bertram and Helen M., all of whom reside at home. She is also survived by three brothers and one sister, W. A. of Los Angeles, E. H. of Belleville, Aubrey L. of Gan-

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\$6.50 Table Cloths	.. \$5.00
\$7.00 Table Cloths	.. \$5.50
\$7.50 Table Cloths	.. \$6.00
\$8.00 Table Cloths	.. \$6.50
\$8.50 Table Cloths	.. \$7.00
\$9.00 Table Cloths	.. \$7.50
\$9.50 Table Cloths	.. \$8.00
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anogue and Mrs. W. C. Mayo, of Los Angeles, Cal.

The deceased was a faithful member of Christ Church and was held in the highest respect by an unusually wide circle of friends.

The work done by Mrs. Ives in connection with the Red Cross and other war activities will never be forgotten. Although not in good health, she rendered notable service and canvassed the ward time and time again for supplies, funds of completed work. She was indeed a true and unassuming patriot.

It is well enough for charity to begin at home, but it has no excuse for sitting down there and going in to a trance.