

## PROVINCIAL OPPOSITION CONVENTION IS TO BE HELD IN ST. JOHN, NOVEMBER 6TH

Those Qualified To Attend Will Be Two Elected Delegates from Each Parish, Two from Each Ward of Cities and Towns, Together With Parish Chairmen and Ward Chairmen—Convention to Discuss Organization and Policy.

A convention, in the interests of the Provincial Opposition Party in New Brunswick, will be held in the hall of the Seamen's Institute, Prince William street, St. John, N. B., on Thursday, November sixth, commencing at ten o'clock in the forenoon. Three sessions will be held, forenoon, afternoon and evening, the two latter at two thirty o'clock and eight o'clock p.m. respectively.

Representation at this convention will consist of two elected delegates from each parish, together with the parish chairman—qualified ex-officio—and from the towns and cities two elected delegates from each ward, together with the ward chairman, along with such other persons as may be qualified to be present.

This gathering has been arranged by the Convention Committee of the Opposition party and is called for the purpose of discussing matters of organization and policy. County and parish organizations are requested to make note of the date and conditions of this convention, and to take such steps as may be necessary in preparing for the election of delegates and substitutes.

### THE VICTORY MEDAL.

Further information regarding the "Victory Medal" has been received at local military headquarters. The medal will be identical in design with that issued by the other allied and associated powers for service in theatres of war and will obviate the interchange of allied commemorative war medals. The medal is bronze and will be attached to the ribbon by a ring. The ribbon will be red in the centre with green and violet on each side abated to form the color of two rainbows. The claims of those entitled to wear this medal

must be approved by the competent military authorities. The medal will be granted to all officers, warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the British, dominion, colonial and Indian forces; members of women's formations, who have been enrolled under a direct contract of service for service with His Majesty's imperial forces; civil, medical practitioners, nursing sisters, nurses and others employed with military hospitals, who actually served on the establishment of a unit in a theatre of war and within the periods that operations were

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## Live Canadian Political Topics

Some Reasons for Carrying on Union Government—Bowler to Lead Conservatives in B. C.—Mr. Dewar's Troubles.

A Stable Union Government.

(Toronto Mail.) There is no more reason why Union Government should now come to an end in Canada than in the United Kingdom, in Australia, in New Zealand or in South Africa. In all these States under the British flag Union Government sprang up practically at the same time and in response to the same call for patriotic service. In all these countries of the Empire Union Government kept its post because that service has not been completed. The governments in which Liberals and Conservatives joined hands against the enemy, the Union Governments that subscribed to the Treaty containing the peace dictated to Germany, ought to be in office to inaugurate the new era which they helped to bring to the world. These governments have not their hands to the Treaty of Peace and they have committed their several countries to the Covenant of the League of Nations, of which they are important members, and it is desirable that they should start their several countries on the course that has been opened for them by the valor of their defenders.

Union Government Still Needed. (Ottawa Journal.) But, besides the critics, what of the by-elections? Upon what issues or policies are they to be fought? Again we think, the answer is very clear. They are to be fought upon the war record of the government against the war record of the official Opposition. They are to be fought, too, upon the domestic achievements of the administration, upon its handling of the great railway problem, of the tariff, of the cost of living, of national taxation. It is a record which, considering the present temper of the country, should stand comparison with the Opposition's antagonism to such progressive steps as nationalization, the establishment of a Court of Commerce, and, above all, with the character of its present leadership and Parliamentary composition.

To sum up, the great bulk of Canadians, we think, will reject the partisan counsel of extremists on both sides as represented by journals like the Globe and the Canadian. They will welcome, we venture to say, the course which the Prime Minister has chosen in regard to the future of the Unionist group. No one would have had reason to quarrel with any Liberal-Unionist taking the ground that his contract with the Government was over; as we stated a few days ago all of us would have had reason to wish him gone. Nevertheless, the country will welcome the decision to carry on; and if the achievements of the past be taken as a promise for the future, there is no reason to doubt that when the Prime Minister brings down his permanent policy it will be of a character which shall challenge the support of every Canadian who puts essential things before the lesser matters of party effects and war-cries.

Maritime Man Is New Leader in B. C. A convention of the Conservatives of British Columbia held at Vancouver has elected W. J. Bowler to the leadership of the party in the province. Mr. Bowler is one of the Conservatives returned at the late general election to the Legislature. He was a strong man in the McBride Government and held the premiership for the brief time between the retirement of Sir Richard McBride and the general election. His selection may be taken as evidence that in British Columbia the Conservatives are in the field again for business.

Shelving Mr. Dewar. (London Press.)

Mr. Dewar, the Liberal leader, must marvel at the chill which his name creates in the party. True, he gets a cheer or a handclap at his meetings, but he knows that these come from particular partisans who would cheer for anything and everything that bore the party label. It is among the people at large, whose confidence he must obtain if he is to be a successful politician, that Mr. Dewar is to make an impression. Least of all does he make progress in Toronto, his home city. This is a serious matter for the party leader—this failure to obtain the support of forces that have been consistently and powerfully Liberal.

The Globe, while avowedly Liberal and anti-Unionist, avoids mention of the name of Dewar to a degree that can hardly be other than studied intent. And that other staunchly Liberal newspaper, The Star, not only does

not espouse the cause of Mr. Dewar, but it belittles the Government leader. After summing up the two party policies, The Star of Thursday concluded an editorial reference in these words:

"Policies are drawn up, and may mean little unless the party leaders are men of conviction and courage. The Government must be judged by its record rather than by its pledges, although allowance may have to be made for the fact that the war halted domestic programmes and did not give Sir William Hearst an opportunity to show what capacity he possesses. As for the paramount issue of prohibition, those who place it first in their thoughts will incline toward a premier who enacted it rather than a leader who refuses even to say he will vote for it."

There is no encouragement here for Mr. Dewar. Even the reference to policies being of no account except the party leaders be men of conviction and courage seems to be intended for Mr. Dewar, who is going about the country saying he stands behind the prohibition pledge of the Liberal party, but who is refusing, as The Star says, "even to say he will vote for it." In other words, The Star seems to see in Mr. Dewar a leader "without conviction or courage."

### FUNERALS

The funeral of Mrs. Wilham J. Agate took place yesterday morning from the residence of her mother, 349 Germain street, to St. John the Baptist church. Requiem high mass was celebrated by Rev. H. L. Coughlan and interment was made in the new Catholic cemetery.

The funeral of Mrs. Jessie Brass took place yesterday afternoon from Mr. Brass's undertaking parlors. Service was conducted by Rev. F. S. Dowling and interment made in Fernhill.

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