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PREMIER REPLIES TO THE ALLIANCE

Answers Attack on the Temperance Plank.

REJECTION OF CLAUSE THREE

Replies to Charge of Trifling by Progressive Legislation Carried Out by the Party.

Toronto, Dec. 10. — Premier Ross has fulfilled his promise, made a few days ago, of replying at length in a pamphlet to the manifesto issued on Dec. 2 by the executive of the Dominion Alliance, charging the Government with being unfaithful to its pledges on the temperance question. In opening, the Premier deals with and replies to statements of the manifesto in regard to the pledges of Sir Oliver Mowat and his own connection and actions in relation thereto, and then takes up and combats the assertion that the requirements of the referendum of 1902 were "arbitrary and unfair." Continuing, he deals at some length with the manner in which the temperance question was treated by the Liberal convention, which, he points out, was not a temperance convention, and carefully reviews the platform adopted in this connection. The most objectionable attitude of the alliance, the Premier says, is in blaming the convention for the non-acceptance of what it calls the compromise resolution, and ignoring its declaration on other subjects as follows: "And so he was, and rightly, because he was the first Premier of the Province who ever saw the great party of which he is leader, in contention, and declare itself in favor of advanced temperance legislation." "Why should he not be delighted when the whole party, though not declaring itself in favor of prohibition, as Sir Oliver Mowat did, nevertheless authorized him, should he have the opportunity, to legislate on temperance to an extent far beyond the limits of previous legislation."

The Premier quotes from the platform of the Conservative conference on the temperance question and wonders why this should be passed over in silence, while complaints are hurled at the Liberal convention, which took such advanced ground. The contention that the Government is trifling with the temperance question is answered by a review of the progressive legislation advanced and carried by the Liberals, and the practical results thereof. The Premier thinks the manifesto, directed almost, if not quite, exclusively against the Liberal party, in which the great majority of the Conservative party are to be found, is so unfair and offensive as to alienate their goodwill at a movement. To place the Conservative party in power, he declares, would be to give position to a party from which no temperance legislation could come, and which, "even when public expectation is so keen, will give no assurance as to its intentions." The Liberal party, the Premier holds, has an apology to make for its inability to proceed more rapidly, or legislate more comprehensively, than it has done, and looks forward with confidence, however, to making further progress through the opportunities presented by the Liberal convention platform. In concluding, he says that if the executive of the alliance had not singled him out for its animadversions, or the Liberal party for the purpose of displaying its usefulness, he would have treated their manifesto as legitimate criticism; but he thinks the manifesto of that body cannot now complain if he repels their assaults, exposes their unfairness, and calls upon the electors of the Province to sustain the policy of the Liberal party against all hostile combinations, no matter by whom made or under what auspices they are launched upon public attention."

SOO SETTLING UP

The New Company Pays Off a Number of Large Claims.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Dec. 10. — The Michigan Lake Superior Power Company has paid the claim of the Wellman Seaver Morgan Company, structural contractors, of \$80,000. This makes over a hundred thousand dollars in claims settled within the past few days, and leaves only about fifteen thousand dollars in claims against the property outside of the mortgage. This is a record for the success of the negotiations. It is claimed in business circles that the \$200,000 loan from the Ontario Government will be taken care of by the middle of the coming year, by bounties on ore and manufactured produce.

WAS WITH CUSTER

Survivor of Celebrated Battle Arrested on Homicide Charge.

New York, Dec. 10. — Wm. McGee, who claims to be the sole white survivor of Custer's command in the famous battle of the Little Bighorn, is under arrest here charged with homicide. Late Thursday night he got into an argument with a salesman named Frank Mitchell, in the latter's flat, over the method for cooking a kidney stew. A quarrel followed, and the men attacked each other with kitchen knives. McGee declares Mitchell attacked him first, but by dropping on one knee he escaped with a severe scalp wound, stabbing Mitchell in the meantime twice in the side. Mitchell did not appear badly off at the time, but he died 24 hours later. McGee was arrested meantime in a newspaper office, where he had gone to set the editor right regarding the story of the fight.

In telling of his services in the army McGee declared he was detached by Custer, just before the massacre, to carry a message to Major Reno, who was to have made a joint attack with Custer's troops on the Indians. McGee bears the scars of many wounds which he claims to have received before he reached Reno's forces. Recently, he came here from Texas and has been canvassing for a magazine.

MADE IN THE UNITED STATES

Ten Torpedo Boats To Be Shipped to Russian Government.

New York, Dec. 10. — Nine torpedo boats built at Perth Amboy, N. J., for the Russian Government have been taken apart and loaded on a barge to be towed to New York, and shipped as merchandise on a liner. The tenth boat will cross the ocean under its own power.

JOHN AULD THEIR CHOICE

Liberal Convention Again Nominates Him for South Essex.

Essex, Ont., Dec. 10. — John Auld, present member for South Essex in the Provincial Legislature, was the choice of the Liberal convention here. No other name was mentioned, and the nomination was made unanimous. C. H. Anderson, of Comber, will be Mr. Auld's opponent in the next contest.

SAXONY'S PLEASANT WAYS

Editor Given Four Months for Objecting to Taxation.

New York, Dec. 10. — A Berlin dispatch to the Times says: The editors of the Dresden Rundschau have been sentenced to four months imprisonment for asserting that great dissatisfaction prevailed in the kingdom, because the civil list of the new king had been increased, although the people of Saxony were suffering under a great tax burden. The state attorney said that the article was a perversion of fact and that it made the authority of the ruler ridiculous.

JAP CRUISER SUNK BY MINE

Reported From Tokio That the Saiyen Has Been Lost—Crew Saved.

Tokio, Dec. 10. — The Japanese cruiser Saiyen struck a mine and sank Nov. 30. The majority of her crew were rescued. The Saiyen was originally the Chinese cruiser Tsienyuan, and was captured by the Japanese at Wei Hai Wei in 1895 during the war with China. She was built in Germany, was of 2,320 tons displacement. She carried a crew of about 200 men.

Tokio, Dec. 10, 11 a.m. — It is reported here that since the commencement of the bombardment of the Russian fleet in Port Arthur the Japanese military observers on 203-Meter Hill have not seen anything of the Russian fleet of torpedo-boat destroyers and it is presumed it has taken shelter behind Laotai Mountain.

The Japanese fleet lying off the entrance to the harbor is constantly on the alert in anticipation of an attempt being made by some Russian warships to escape and seek refuge in some neutral port.

DID OD BRANTFORD AS DOLLY BIGLEY

Mrs. Chadwick Got \$100 From Late Rev. Dr. Cochran of That City.

Brantford, Dec. 10. — It transpires that the notorious Mrs. Chadwick, who is now attracting so much attention in the United States, is identical the same person who created a mild sensation in Brantford about a dozen years ago. From information learned that under the name of Dolly Bigley she visited this city and did some very clever work. Even at that time she was an expert in her line, and was known as the woman whose peculiar charm was in her hypnotic eye. Among the most notable of her adventures in Brantford was with the late Rev. Dr. Cochran, from whom she secured \$100. The doctor was tired to pay the story of misfortune which she told, and was thus led to advance her money. Before the woman's fraud was discovered she had left town. The police were unsuccessful in their attempt to locate her.

FRANCE TO STOP PENSIONS

Descendants of Napoleon's Generals Receive \$200,000 a Year.

London, Dec. 10. — Provision is being made in the forthcoming French budget for the extinction of the pensions conferred by Napoleon on his generals and marshals a century ago. Berthier, Massena, Ney, Bernadotte, Grouchy, Lannes and Oudinot are among the historic figures of the Napoleonic epoch, whose descendants have drawn pensions for 100 years and are now to be bought out at fifteen years' purchase. The reform will mean a saving of about \$200,000 a year. A similar step in England would deprive the descendants of Lord Royle, Earl Nelson and the Duke of Devonshire of their perpetual pensions amounting to \$35,700 per annum. Those conferred on Lords Napier, Hardinge, Gough, Seaton and Keane cease at the death of the present possessor, and will relieve the exchequer of an annual sum of \$55,000. The Iron Duke's \$20,000 a year ended at the death of the late Duke of Wellington. But the biggest pension in the world is the \$35,000 settled by Charles II. on his natural son, the Duke of Richmond, and still punctually paid to his heirs, as it has been these 200 years.

GUELPH WINTER FAIR CONCLUDES

Exhibition Proves To Be the Best Yet Held.

JUDGING OF CATTLE CARCASS

Five Hundred More Entries Than Last Year—List of Winners in Dressed Mutton Contest.

Guelph, Dec. 9. — The great gathering of agriculturists, who have been visiting the Ontario Provincial Winter Fair, are fast leaving for their homes. Every outgoing train is crowded. Very few remained to see the judging of cattle and mutton carcasses this morning, or to listen to the lectures afterwards, when the finest carcasses were hung up and their respective points professionally discussed. Prof. G. E. Day and A. W. Tyson discussed the points in the beef cattle carcasses, and Prof. J. H. Ingham, Ottawa, and Prof. M. Cummings, the mutton sheep. In most of the breeds the competition was keen, especially in the grades and crosses. The results are: Dressed carcasses, pure breeds—W. R. Elliott & Sons, Guelph; H. McDougall, Guelph; W. J. Ridd, Eden Mills; E. Brien & Sons, Ridgeway. Dressed carcasses, grade or crosses—H. McDougall, Guelph; Jas. Bowman, Guelph; C. B. Hood, Guelph; Alfred Hales, Guelph; E. Brien & Sons, Ridgeway. Dressed carcasses, animal sired by pure bred short-horn bull—W. R. Elliott & Sons, Guelph. Export bacon hogs, dressed carcasses, 3 pure breeds—R. F. Duck & Son, St. Catharines; J. P. Brethour, Burford; James A. Russell, Precious Corners; Charles Currie, Morrisville; W. R. Elliott & Sons, Guelph; J. Featherston, St. Catharines; Charles Currie, Morrisville; R. F. Duck & Son, Port Credit; J. E. Brethour, Burford; C. B. Hood, Guelph. Export bacon hogs, dressed carcasses, 3 grades or crosses—James Riddle, Norwich; F. W. Stone Stock Company, Guelph; F. E. H. Hurlingham, Center; James Riddle, Norwich; J. Featherston & Son, Streetsville; Charles Currie, Morrisville; D. Douglas & Sons, Mitchell. Bacon hogs, 2 carcasses, any brand—R. F. Duck & Son, Port Credit. Cows, dressed carcasses, 1 year and under 2—E. Brien & Sons, Ridgeway, 1 and 2; J. C. Ross, Jarvis; W. E. Wright, Guelph; 4. Wether, under one year—E. Brien & Sons, 1 and 2; Rawlings & Bailey, Mount Forest; J. C. Ross, 4. Linch, dressed wether, 1 year and under 2—J. C. Ross, 2. Dressed wether, under one year—L. Parkinson, Erasmus; J. T. Gibson, 2. Leicester, dressed wether, 1 year and under 2—Hastings Bros., Crosshill, 1 and 2. Wether, under one year—A. W. White-law, Guelph; 1. John Orr, Galt, 2. John Kelly, Shakespeare, 2. David Rogers, Ayr. 4. Oxford wether carcasses, under 1 year—W. E. Wright, 1. Cows, wether, 1 year and under 2—Sir George Drummond, Beausoleil; 1. Telfer Bros., Paris, 2. John Kelly, Shakespeare, 1 and 2. Wether, under one year—Sir George Drummond, 1; Telfer Bros., 2; J. Jackson, 3. Dressed carcass, wether 1 year and under 2—John Hunter, Wyoming; 1. R. H. Harding, Thorndale; 2. J. Hunter, 3. R. H. Harding, 1 and 2. G. H. Lutton, Milton West, 1 and 2. R. H. Harding, 2. Dressed carcass—Telfer Bros., 1 and 2. Wether, one year—Telfer Bros., 1. Shropshire wether, under one year—R. Gibson, Delaware; 1. Lloyd Jones Bros., Burford; 2. Wether, one year and under two—A. Rudell, Hespeler; 1. W. E. Wright, Guelph; 2. J. H. Hurlingham, 1 and 2. Grades and crosses, wether, 1 year and under 2—A. Rudell, 1 and 2; W. E. Wright, 3. Wether, under one year—G. H. Lutton, Milton; 1. H. McNally, Arkell; 2. W. E. Wright, 3. The fair has been a greater success than usual, because the receipts were more than last year, and the receipts are about the same. As many Farmers' Institute tickets were exchanged for Winter Fair tickets, the money for which is not in yet, it is quite probable that the attendance during the fair was larger than a year ago. Very interesting to the farmers have been the institute meetings, with their lectures and discussions. It is in the discussions, more than in the lectures, that the farmers have found profit, for any question asked from the gallery was cheerfully answered. A very good feature was the bringing together, in a discussion, of the practical and theoretical agriculturist, with the business end of the live and dead stock. These intermediaries between the farmer and his foreign markets have been of great service to the farmer, and the meetings were held morning, afternoon and night, and the lecture room provided to hold them in was at all times too small. Judging in the prize ring was of the greatest interest, because the salient points were emphasized orally by the judges.

DONNAY'S HELPFUL WIFE

How the Famous French Playwright Writes His Plays.

Paris, Dec. 10. — Up to the present Maurice Donnay has made the hit of the season with his play, "L'Escalade." Like Capus, Donnay, who is quite young, was born as a playwright, with a gold spoon in his mouth. Needless to say, he has brains. Donnay put the finishing touches to his drama at the Ecole de Gallienne, in the department of the Eure, where amid the lovely landscapes of the Vexin, he has a villa. There he and his wife pass much of their time. She is a lovely woman, and throws herself into his work; his helpmate and creative. The villa has a particular veranda, festooned with vines, where she awaits him to discuss a scene which he has planned or written. He, too, has a favorite resting place, a terrace commanding a splendid view, where with his wife he resorts at the day's end.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Very Cold.

London, Saturday Dec. 10. Sun rises, 7:40 a.m. Moon rises, 10:17 a.m. Sun sets, 4:41 p.m. Moon sets, 8:27 p.m. Toronto Dec. 9-8 p.m. Decidely cold weather prevails from the lakes to the Maritime Provinces, with temperatures below zero in Northern and Eastern Ontario and in Western Quebec. Over the Northwest Territories and the western portion of Manitoba the unusually mild conditions continue. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 46-56; Kamloops, 31-46; Edmonton, 29; Qu'Appelle, 22-36; Winnipeg, 20; Port Arthur, 12 below; Southampten, 10-28; Toronto, 4-10; Montreal, 10-28; Morrisburg, 10-28; Quebec, 2 below; St. John, 6-14; Halifax, 14-28. FORECASTS. Saturday, Dec. 10-5 a.m. Windy, with light snow or rain. Sunday-Fair and continued very cold. TEMPERATURES. Stations. 8 a.m. Weather. Calgary 32 Fair. Winnipeg 36 Fair. Port Arthur 12 Cloudy. Toronto 2 Cloudy. Ottawa 2 Cloudy. Montreal 10 Fair. Quebec 6 Clear. Father Point 6 Clear. The signal means below zero.

Earl Grey at Halifax; Installation Ceremonies

Vice-Regal Party Arrives Safely at Halifax After Stormy Passage.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 10. — Between 9 and 10 o'clock this morning Hon. R. W. Scott, representing Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the other cabinet ministers and the city, and Major-General Sir John Parsonson visited the Parian at the deep-water terminus, and paid their respects to the Governor-General, after which the vice-regal party left on the Parian and landed at the gun wharf. The time of landing was about 10:30. The installation ceremony in the Legislative Council Chambers is timed for 11 o'clock. Dr. N. E. McKay, chief quarantine officer, boarded the steamer shortly after she arrived, and found all well on board. The Parian had an exceedingly disagreeable trip, and the weather was rough from start to finish. The ladies of the vice-regal party suffered from sea sickness, and were not often at the saloon table during the voyage. His excellency, however, proved himself a good sailor, and was in excellent health and spirits all the time. The vice-regal party, who occupied a suite of rooms, include Countess Grey, Lady Sybil Grey, Lady Oulyn Grey, Capt. G. T. Newton, A. D. C., and Capt. G. F. Trotter, A. D. C. Decorators have been busily engaged on the provincial buildings for two days past, and the interior has an appearance well worthy of the notable occasion. In the council chamber, in which the installation takes place, a throne has been erected which is covered with crimson velvet, and over which appears in gold the royal coat-of-arms. In the center is the table, at which will be seated the members of the Dominion cabinet, and at the foot of the throne to right and left of the table are chairs, which the Earl and Countess Grey will occupy until after the installation ceremony, when they will take their places on the throne.

ONTARIO LIBERALS REORGANIZED; GENERAL REFORM ASSOCIATION

Mr. H. M. Mowat, K. C., Chosen President of Most Representative Body.

Toronto, Dec. 10. — Liberalism in Ontario took on a new phase yesterday when the General Reform Association for Ontario was formed, in accordance with the resolution passed at the recent Liberal convention. The organization took form at a meeting at St. George's Hall, where the new body was given a start which promises a long and useful career. True to the principles of the association, every riding will be represented, and every riding will have a share of the financial burden which the association will entail in running expenses. The representative character of the association, in fact, will give it an influence and importance of great value. The word "general" included in the title indicates the application of the association to both provincial and federal elections, and it is understood that the old offices at 24 Victoria street will be closed, and that new rooms will be opened in a few days at 38 Toronto street. There is talk, however, of the re-establishment of a Reform Club in Toronto, a headquarters for the association, and a meeting place for its members. The closing of the old institution in Adelaide street some years ago. The association was formed of a secretary or organizer yesterday, the question being left to the executive. It was desired to give the executive committee a full and complete knowledge of the prospective provincial campaign. One important change in the composition of the association was made. At the Liberal convention it was decided that each riding should be represented by this was changed to mean a representative chosen by each riding association. The composition of the association will be the Ontario members of the Dominion Government, the members of the Ontario cabinet, a representative from each riding, to be named by the riding association, and the following 25 gentlemen, selected at yesterday's meeting, in accordance with the convention resolution: Messrs. A. B. Aylesworth, K.C., Toronto; A. E. Dymott, M. P., Thebes; George M. Reid, London; F. C. Larkin, Toronto; Hon. F. T. Frost, Smith's Falls; Hon. W. C. Edwards, Ottawa; Mr. Mackenzie, Smith; P. Hamilton, Peterboro; John White, Woodstock; R. P. Sutherland, M. P., Windsor; J. P. Mabee, K.C., Stratford; Robert Jaffray, Toronto; Thomas Ritchie, Belleville; Hon. W. Harty, Kingston; W. S. Calvert, M. P., Strathroy; C. M. Bowman, M. P., Southampton; Hon. G. T. Parry, M. P., Brantford; Hon. J. J. Kerr, Toronto; Robert Holmes, ex-M. P., Clinton; John Dickinson, M. P., P. Larkin; G. D. Grant, M. P., London; R. C. Larkin, Toronto; President H. M. Mowat, K. C., Toronto; vice-presidents, W. S. Calvert, W. C. Edwards, J. P. Mabee, M. P., Strathroy; treasurer, P. C. Larkin; Toronto; executive committee, Hon. G. T. Parry, M. P., Brantford; Hon. J. J. Kerr, Toronto; Robert Holmes, ex-M. P., Clinton; John Dickinson, M. P., P. Larkin; G. D. Grant, M. P., London; R. C. Larkin, Toronto; President H. M. 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