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## Liberals To Stand or Fall On Clear Issue

**Leader Rowell Announces at Guelph That Party Will Shortly Nail Its Colors to the Mast—Declares Power Minister Means Spoils System.**

**RALLY WASN'T STIRRING ONE**

GUELPH, Nov. 17.—(Staff Special.)—N. W. Rowell, K.C., the new Liberal leader, declared here to-night at the opening meeting of his Ontario tour, that a broader policy with regard to the temperance question would soon be formulated by himself and colleagues upon which the party would stand or fall. He also attacked the proposal of Sir James Whitney to make the hydro-electric system a government department, declaring that that act would injure it seriously by rendering it subject to the spoils system and other abuses.

Mr. Rowell was forced to come out strongly on the temperance question by an interruption. For a time it looked as if there would be trouble, for the audience tried to cry the interrogator down. It was only by pleading with them that Mr. Rowell succeeded in quieting the biases and cries of "Put him out" and "Shut up."

The opera house, where the meeting was held, which holds about 2100, was not quite full. Dr. Angus MacKinnon was in the chair. J. I. McIntosh, the Liberal candidate in this riding, also spoke.

Unfair to Municipalities.

On the proposed change in the hydro-electric department Mr. Rowell said: "When Sir James Whitney says he will take the hydro-electric department, which at present is the agent of the municipalities, and make it a political department of his government, he says he will do something which will be unfair to the municipalities, and he will do that which is not in the best interests of the province."

"Are you going to take your power from a board of business men who are registered with by the government, or from a department of the government, which will be subject to the spoils system and other evils?" he asked.

Shortly before he concluded, Samuel Carter, chairman of the local light and heat commission, a warm temperance advocate, made Mr. Rowell show his full attitude on the temperance question.

"That is the point that the Liberal party has fallen down on during the past 20 years," said Mr. Carter. "What are you going to do about it?"

**Not the Liberal Party.**

"When I come to be able to give a reason for the faith that is within me and the policy on which I stand then I will retire from the leadership of the Liberal party," said Mr. Rowell when he had calmed the tumult. "I am not the Liberal party, I am only the leader. I have had no opportunity to consult with the Liberal candidates on that question. The position I have taken on that matter is on my own convictions. I was too busy to confer with my colleagues, and I come out the way I did without any help.

"Should I have pledged the Liberal party on my own initiative to a broad policy on that question?"

"Yes," yelled some one.

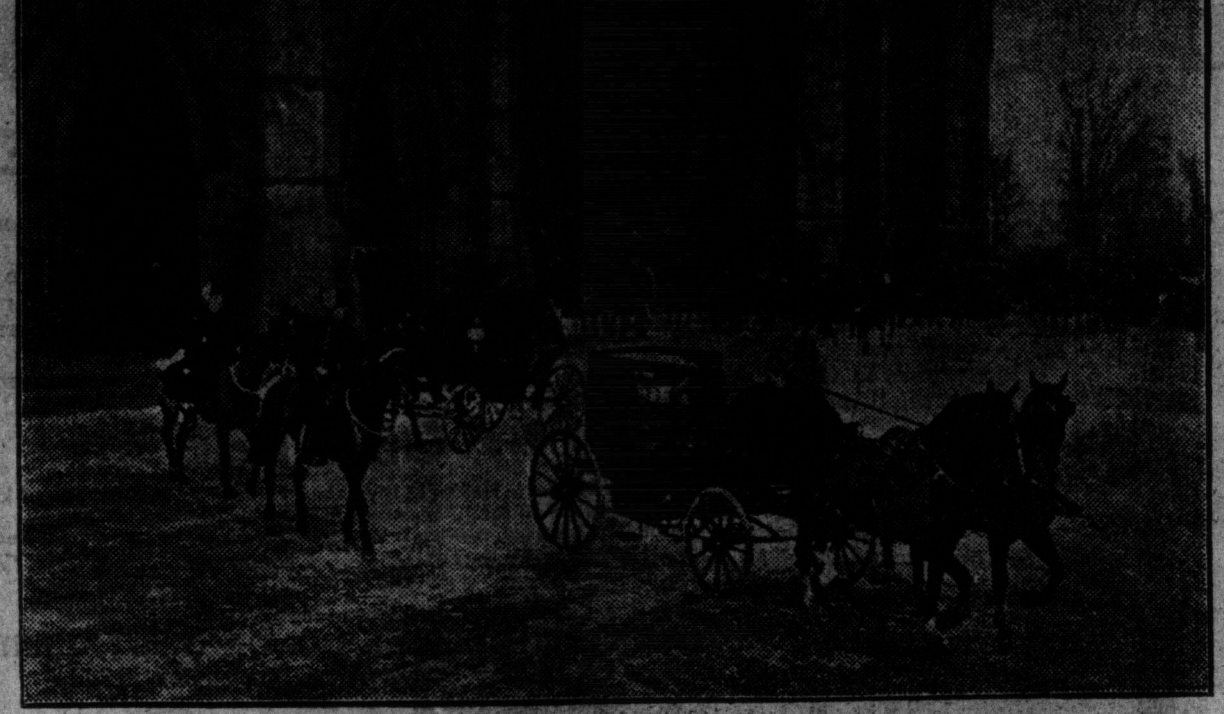
"We will take it into consideration as soon as the opportunity is given us. We will formulate a policy upon that."

### Yielding to Pressure.

Rev. Ben Spence's statement has evidently had its effect upon the Liberal party, as Mr. Rowell's announcement at Guelph indicates that, so far from the platform being final as his Massey Hall speech certainly appeared to indicate, he has auditors that feel the necessity of making a forward move.

It remains to be seen whether the party will be able to satisfy the advanced temperance section.

## THE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT



The State Procession at Ottawa last Thursday. The Duke and Duchess of Connaught are in the first carriage.

## AGRICULTURE TO BE PROMOTED BY SUBSIDY

**Dominion Government Will Apportion Commissions Which Will Also Aid Provinces to Push Building of Good Roads—Important Departmental Changes Impending.**

OTTAWA, Nov. 17.—(Special.)—Plans are being perfected for carrying out the government's policy of aiding the provincial governments in the encouragement of agricultural and other industries. The world has good authority for the statement that the government is working upon a comprehensive scheme under which the provinces will be subsidized for the building of good roads, the money to be earmarked and the expenditure to be made on definite lines to be laid down by the Dominion Government.

In order to prepare the way for the granting of the subsidies and to ascertain exactly what are the most pressing needs of the individual provinces, one, or perhaps two commissions will be appointed, to be composed of appointed to the federal government, to whom the representations of the provincial governments and the farming interests will be made. It has not, apparently been finally determined as to whether there will be a separate commission to deal with the roads question, or whether one commission will deal with the two, questions of roads and encouragement of more productive agriculture.

Campbell and Broder.

The government has already in its employ a good road expert in the person of A. W. Campbell, former commissioner of good roads in Ontario, and next deputy minister of railways and canals.

The name of Andrew Broder, M.P., is being put forward by friends of the Dundas member in connection with the agricultural end of the commission. Andrew Broder, as everybody knows, is a practical farmer, and possesses to an unusual degree the confidence of the agricultural community. Mr. Broder, it is said, is a good guess for the appointment.

The plan now being revealed, includes important changes in the department composition at Ottawa. The agriculture branch of the department of agriculture is to be detached and made part of the state department. It is probably that other changes in the department of agriculture will take place, the purely agricultural work being centralized under the direction of an expert deputy minister.

James for Ottawa.

If this change is decided upon, it is said to be not unlikely that C. C. James, now deputy minister of the department of agriculture in Toronto, may come to Ottawa.

Another feature of the departmental reorganization will be the separation of the trout departments of state and external affairs, the latter being brought directly under the prime minister and co-ordinated with the privy council offices.

## CRAWFORD AND M'PHERSON AGAIN

**West Toronto Conservative Convention Gives A. W. Wright 143 and Dr. Thornton 46 Out of 530 Ballots for a Seat—Bilinguals Roundly Condemned.**

Thomas Crawford and W. D. McPherson are the Conservative candidates in the riding of West Toronto for seats A and B respectively at the approaching provincial election.

Over five hundred "gold stamp" delegates decided this by their ballots at the Conservative convention held in Excelsior Hotel, College-street, last night.

Harmony and good humor marked the proceedings throughout. The unanimous support of the selections to the meeting afterwards pledged itself showed there were no sore seats at the ballots' decision.

The big issue to Wards 5 and 6 is bilingualism. That they look on it as something dangerous which ought to be abolished was evident. The more vigorous the denunciation the more vociferous was the applause.

Mayor Geary, who presided, called the meeting to order at 8.15, and asked for nominations for seat A. Four names came up: John Thomas Crawford, moved by John Tyler, K.C., seconded by G. Rathbone; Dr. A. W. Thornton, moved by Dr. W. T. Burns, seconded by J. Mitchell; Joseph Sheard, moved by F. McBrine, seconded by W. Bush; A. W. Wright, moved

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## BILINGUAL ISSUE MUST BE FACED

**Politicians Have Until Next Campaign to State Their Stand—Some Go on Record Now.**

A prominent Orangeman said to The World yesterday: "We are determined to make a supreme issue of the question of abolishing teaching in French in the public schools of Eastern Ontario. We will not push it to extremes in this election; we are disposed to give Sir James Whitney a chance to show what he will do after the election is over. But that is all, Mr. Rowell will be given just one chance as well."

In the meantime many public men are declaring where they are. Hon. Dr. Pyne, minister of education, has come out in straight language, both for himself and for the government. At his nomination in East Toronto, he said: "I believe in the English language being used for instruction and communication in every public school and every so-called bilingual school in this province. That is the stand I take on that question."

Mr. T. R. Whitehead, his colleague in East Toronto, had already spoken in even more emphatic terms.

Sir James Whitney, perhaps anticipating Dr. Merolanti's report, declares that there are no such places as bilingual schools in Ontario.

The Evening Star, on the other hand, declares that under the Reform administration in Ontario, there were 111 primary schools where French was taught, and that the state is still worse to-day.

Falls From Grace on to Sidewalk.

Scotch whiskey and wet pavements were responsible for a tumble which Andrew Hughes, 22-1-2 Stewart-street described as "a descent, a fall as ever an accident" was his tumble and he finished in the Western Hospital with a smile on his face and a deep gash over his right eye and a condition which may mean a concussion of the brain.

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## 1000 Longshoremens Strike Boats at Montreal Tied Up

### Government to Intervene

OTTAWA, Nov. 17.—(Special.)—The department of labor is considering the question of intervention in the longshoremens' strike at Montreal and the probability is that officers of the department will be sent to Montreal in an effort to bring about a settlement.

### Hon. Adam Beck, Supported by Deputation, Urges Rights of Public—Private Companies Put Up Fight.

OTTAWA, Nov. 17.—(Special.)—An important conference as affecting power consumers in Eastern Ontario, took place to-day between Hon. Adam Beck, chairman of the Hydro-Electric power commission of Ontario, Hon. Frank Cochrane, minister of railways and canals, Hon. C. J. DeHarty, minister of justice, and Hon. F. D. Monk, minister of public works.

As a result, the probability is that the Dominion Government will lease to the commission, power rights at two points on the Trent Canal, dam 4 on the Peterboro and Lakefield division, and dam 3 on the Rice Lake division.

The Hydro-Electric Commission will formally apply to the Dominion Government for the Chats Falls power on the Ottawa River. It was in connection with this power that the late minister of public works before leaving office, authorized the sale of fifty acres on Victoria Island to Dan O'Connor of Ottawa.

Private Interests Oppose.

Hon. Mr. Beck and George Lynch Sturton, K.C., for the province, saw Hon. Mr. Cochrane and Hon. Mr. DeHarty regarding the Trent Canal power. A large delegation from Peterboro and Lakefield were also present, asking for hydro-electric power. The application was opposed by Strachan Johnston of Toronto, acting for private power interests, and the illuminating statement was made by Mr. Johnston that the policy of the former minister of railways and canals has been to centralize the control of all of the Trent power. At the same time it appeared that a promise had been made to the City of Peterboro that their rights would be conserved. Mr. Johnston stated that the late minister had agreed that the power privileges at dam 4 should go to the interests represented by him.

A Public Stream.

Hon. Adam Beck explained that immediate action was desirable in order

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### Movement Was Executed Like Bolt From Clear Sky and Big Steamship Companies Are in Desperate Straits—Claim Federation Broke Agreement.

MONTREAL, Nov. 17.—All the longshoremens, to the number of nearly a thousand, stopped work on the seventeen vessels now in port this afternoon and left the steamers to shift as best they might in unloading and getting cargo aboard in an effort to make a quick getaway before the official close of navigation a week hence, when insurance policies lapse.

As a result of the strike, of which there is at present no indication of a settlement, every ocean shipping company is face to face with the serious situation of having their vessels delayed at a time when a break in the weather is liable to come at any moment and they might have to light their river head weather to get out of the river before it freezes up.

No Warning.

Neither warning nor reason, it is claimed by the shipping men, was given for the action of the longshoremens, and before the former hardly knew what was happening, the latter had been called out from every ship in port. The strike began with the Canadian Pacific Railway men working on the Mount Temple and Lake Manitoba, the latter in the last stages of loading prior to sailing to-morrow morning. At 2 o'clock word was passed thru the Canadian Pacific railway sheds and then the men working in the holds of the vessels that the officials of the Longshoremens' Union had called a strike, the response to which on the part of the men was instantaneous.

Others Follow Suit.

Picketing officials, walking delegates, or others from the union, had evidently been sent all around the wharves, for at ten minutes to three o'clock the Cunard and Thomson men, working on the Ansonia and Jacana, came out in a body, and a few minutes later left the docks. At ten minutes past three the Allan line men quit, the 90 per cent. of the latter are not affiliated with the union. Laborers on the Manchester line, White Star-Dominion, Canada and Head lines were next in the order named, leaving loaded trucks in the sheds.

The officials of the steamship companies have for the time being pressed all hands into the work of loading cargoes. The unaccustomed tasks are creating much excitement in the sheds.

Desperate Expedients.

When the men on the Teutonic struck the cargo was to a considerable extent on board and the crew of the vessel and of the Lake Manitoba, which were both among to-morrow's scheduled sailings, were offered extra pay to help out the remainder. Sailors, stewards, officers and even wireless telegraph operators and diminutive page boys have been sent to work, but it is certain that both vessels, if they sail to-morrow, will leave a considerable portion of their cargoes in the sheds. This consists for the most part of non-perishable goods. Other ships are also employing crews as longshoremen.

### OXFORD GIVES WELCOME TO PREMIER

INGERSOLL, Nov. 17.—(Staff Special.)—Inclement weather has little effect in deterring the crowds from coming to attend Sir James Whitney's meetings. In spite of the fact that there was a regular downpour of rain here to-night, the visit of the premier to Oxford was not hindered in the least. A large crowd of the town folk gathered to welcome Sir James Whitney at the Ingersoll Hotel.

S. M. Fleet, reeve of Ingersoll, in introducing the speakers of the evening, described the record of the Whitney administration as the envy of the world.

Donald Sutherland, M.P., came all the way from Ottawa to welcome Sir James.

William McGhee, Conservative candidate for the legislature in South Oxford, said he was proud to be a supporter of the government of Sir James Whitney, the most efficient government this country has ever known.

In expressing his pleasure at being among the electors of South Oxford, Sir James said that party prejudice was justifiable because each party was right at certain times, and the swing in the pendulum of public opinion in favor of the Liberals or Conserva-

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## No Temere Smashed

MONTREAL, Nov. 17.—(Special.)—The no temere has been smashed into its original fragments, as His Grace the Archbishop of Montreal has just granted permission to one of his priests to marry a couple, one being a Catholic and the other a Protestant.

The marriage of W. J. Shaughnessy, son of Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, to Miss Graham, niece of Sir Hugh Graham, in the latter's drawing room, the officiating clergyman being the Rev. Dominus of St. Anthony's parish, is the talk of the town. It is stated that the young couple had his grace not granted the dispensation, would have been married in a non-Catholic Church by the Rev. Dr. Barclay, and as a precautionary measure Dr. Barclay was on hand at the wedding ceremony.

Some time ago Mr. Fred Monk, son of the minister of public works, was married here to a Protestant lady in a non-Catholic church, and the statement is made that his grace, fearing the scandal attending a repetition, granted permission to Father Donnelly to marry the young couple in St. Hugh Graham's parlor.

## HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL

And Also Aid. McCarthy Used Crueler Words Than Did Ben. H. Spence.

"He was harder on the Liberals than I was," declared Rev. Ben. H. Spence, in speaking yesterday of AM. J. O. McCarthy's criticism of his views on the Rowell platform. "He said he was out of patience with the Liberals."

"You then think that where there is life there is hope?" queried The World man. A smile was the answer.



The New National Construction Gang Get to Work.