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MR. JOHN M. M'EVOY THE UNANIMOUS CHOICE OF AN ENTHUSIASTIC LIBERAL CONVENTION

Hyman Hall Crowded To the Doors With Workers.

SPEECHES WERE FULL OF HOPE

Mr. McEvoy Shows Up Hypocrisy of the Conservatives of London.

In one of the largest and most enthusiastic conventions ever held by the Liberal party in London, Mr. J. M. McEvoy, K. C., was nominated to contest the riding at the coming provincial elections in June.

Three nominees, Mr. McEvoy, Mr. J. H. Fowler, B. A., and Ald. Gerry went to the convention, Mr. McEvoy gaining a clear majority on the first ballot.

The nomination was made unanimous, amid applause.

Not in years has such enthusiasm been shown by the Liberal party as was shown last night.

Long before the hour appointed for the convention, Hyman Hall was thronged with Liberals.

The hall itself was completely filled within a few minutes, the delegates taking up the front part of the hall.

It might be added, in passing, that every ward and every subdivision of every ward was represented by its full quota of delegates.

There was not room within the hall for the many workers who were anxious to gain admittance.

The hallways were jammed with Liberals, all eager to see and hear what was taking place.

Many wearied of standing, and the many rooms of Hyman Hall were filled with Liberals who discussed earnestly the campaign issues.

Utmost Harmony.

Within the convention hall the utmost harmony prevailed.

Every speech was pregnant with hope. There was no fear of the result, all were confident that better days were ahead of the Liberals of London, and there was the splendid enthusiasm of unity.

There was no dearth of material before the convention, there being many men who could have been pressed into service and who would have made splendid representatives of the Liberalism of London.

On the platform were President Rumball, Mayor Stevely, Philip Pocock, ex-Ald. Thos. Gillean, Ald. G. W. Armstrong, Arthur Sippi, Ald. D. A. Stewart, Dr. A. O. Jeffrey, T. H. Purdom, K. C., F. E. Leonard, John Stevely and Dr. Geo. A. Routledge..

President's Address.

On calling the convention to order, President F. G. Rumball outlined the purposes of the meeting.

He was very glad to see so large a representation of Liberals at the convention. It showed beyond question that Liberalism in London was a very live corpse. The duty of the convention was to nominate the best man in the party to contest the constituency. There was ginger in the party yet, and it never was so manifest as it was tonight. (Cheers). The convention was open and above board, and every man had a chance. He would receive nomintions for candidates.

The Nominees.

Ald. Armstrong nominated Mr. J. M. McEvoy. He referred to him as a nephew of Hon. Geo. W. Ross, and a man highly regarded by all. (Cheers). Mr. McEvoy was fully qualified for a Cabinet position, a position, no doubt, he would occupy after June 8. (Cheers). The nominee was a man of education, ability and honesty, a worthy representative of London Liberalism.

The nomination was seconded by Mr. Arthur Sippi, president of the Young Liberal Club.

The other nominees were as follows:

Ald. Wm. Gerry, proposed by Wm. Kennedy.

F. G. Rumball, proposed by Alex. Stuart, K. C.

Ald. Donald Ferguson, proposed by W. S. Davidson.

T. H. Purdom, K. C., proposed by Mayor Stevely.'

J. Harry Fowler, B. A., proposed by L. Martyn.

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THE LIBERAL CANDIDATE.

Mr. J. M. McEvoy is a Middlesex boy, born in Caradoc Township.

He is in the vigor of manhood, just 40 years of age.

He is a graduate of the University of Toronto.

His course in political science in the university was distinguished. He graduated at the head of his class, obtaining the Bankers' scholarship in his final year.

After graduation, he lectured four years in the university on political science.

During his conection with the university he published several essays of note.

With his essay on "Canadian Currency" he won the Ramsay scholarship. This contribution was considered so valuable that many of the leading bankers of Canada had copies printed and distributed widely throughout Canada.

His essay on "Karl Marx Theory of Value" was declared by competent critics to be one of the best of its kind ever written in the university.

He has written several articles for the American Academy of Political and Social Science.

His essay on "The Ontario Township" is regarded as a classic in both Canada and the United States.

Men of the caliber of the late Hon. David Mills; Prof. Ashley, at present dean of the Manchester University; Prof. J. Gibson Hume, of the University of Toronto; ex-President Louden; Prof. A. B. McCallum, Prof, Maurice Hutton and others, of the university; John A. Cooper, of the Canadian Courier, and others, declare him to be an exceptionally gifted lecturer on political science.

During his term in the university he continued his studies in law, taking a high stand in Osgoode Hall.

As a young lawyer, he was articled to the late Hon. David Mills, serving also in the office of Hon. Edward Blake.

After leaving the university, he came to London, and has practiced his profession here ever since.

By the sheer force of ability and personality he has built up one of the largest practices in London.

He has always taken a deep interest in politics, and has been a Liberal worker for many years.

In the general election of 1904 he contested the riding of East Middlesex against Mr. Peter Elson, M. P., and made an excellent run, considering the odds against him.

He has been identified with the best interests of local Liberalism for many years.

Mr. McEvoy is a keen debater, argumentative and forceful. As a public speaker, he is accorded a high position.

In addition he is a born fighter, and has no lack of courage.

In Mr. McEvoy, the Liberals have a candidate to be proud of.

BRAKEMAN DIED OF INJURIES RECEIVED ON G. T. R. MONDAY

Leonard Butler Rallied for a Time, But Complications Set In—He Was Terribly Hurt While Attempting To Board Rear End of an Approaching Locomotive.

Brakeman Leonard Butler, of Sarnia, who was so seriously injured in the Grand Trunk yards in East London on Saturday morning, died in Victoria Hospital at 2 o'clock this morning.

Butler, it will be remembered, while attempting to climb on to the rear of mogul engine 729, running backward, at Egerton street, on Saturday morning, missed his footing and was knocked down.

His left arm was cut off, and in addition to a fractured skull, the right leg was broken.

Butler was taken to Victoria Hospital, and seemed to be doing well until Monday night, when complications set in, which caused him to sink rapidly. idly.

He was 28 years old and was only married six months ago.

His wife came from Sarnia at once and has remained at his bedside ever since the accident.

The remains will be sent to Sarnia today, and the funeral will be held on Saturday.

Four brother—William, George and Frank, of Sarnia, and Joseph, of Oil Springs—and four sisters—Mrs. Mc-. McMurchy of Sarnia, Misses Louise and Annie, of Oil Springs, and Miss Ursula, of Oil Springs—survive, beside his widowed mother.

No Inquest.

Dr. Seaborne stated to The Advertiser this afternoon in connection with the accident, by which Brakeman Leonard Butler lost his life in the G. T. R. yards, that there will be no inquest.

It was rumored this morning that an inquest would be held, also that a suit for damages would be commenced against the company. Nothing could be learned in regard to the latter rumor. The remains of Brakeman Butler were sent to Sarnia this morning, and the funeral will be held there on Saturday.

"It Was Whisky Brought Me To This" So Said Burglar When Sentenced

William Johnston Given Five Years in Kingston By Judge Macbeth.

"It was the cursed whisky which brought me to this," said William Johnston this morning, when sentenced by Judge Macbeth to serve five years in the penitentiary on a charge of burglarizing a King street residence recently.

Then turning to Judge Macbeth, Johnston said, "I thank you, your honor. I thank you."

Johnston, since his arrest, had apparently been slightly deaf, but he had no difficulty in hearing his sentence today, and when spoken to afterward in a low tone of voice by High Constable Hughes, he understood readily what was said.

Johnston came over from Granoch, Scotland, a year and a half ago. For a time he worked around Quebec, then drifted to Montreal and Toronto, later coming to this city. Work, he said, was scarce in London, and eventually he found himself in bad company. Drink and necessity then drove him to theft.

When asked to plead at the recent election of trial before Judge Macbeth Johnston replied that he was not guilty, stating that he was willing to be punished for anything he had actually done, but not for a crime of which he was innocent.

Victoria Day in Galt.

A Galt paper says: The Victoria Day celebrations in Galt this year bid fair to surpass anything yet held in this town. In addition to the famous Seventh Fusiliers from London, with its five hundred soldiers of the King, and its splendid band, the band of the Twenty-ninth, from Berlin, and the Preston band, with two military bugle bands as well, will be present. Altogether there will be 250 musicians, making near on 1,000 soldiers and bandsmen combined.

MR. JOHN M. McEVOY,
Who Was Last Night Tendered the Unanimous Nomination of the Liberals of London as Their Standard-bearer for the Legislature.

N. MIDDLESEX CALLS MR. ROSS IN BIG LIBERAL CONVENTION

The Nominee for West Middlesex the Unanimous Choice of North Riding Liberals and Will Endeavor To Be Released From First Nomination—Delivers Strong Speech.

[By Our Own Man.]

Ailsa Craig, May 5.—The biggest surprise of the election campaign was sprung on the electors of North Middlesex at the convention here this afternoon, when Mr. Duncan Ross was unanimously chosen to contest the riding against Mr. C. C. Hodgins, M. P. P., of Lucan. Probably no person was more surprised than Mr. Ross himself at the unanimity displayed. It had been the opinion that Mr. Alexander Smith, of Ailsa Craig, would be nominated, but Mr. Ross was the first man mentioned, and it was apparent from the wave of enthusiasm that swept over the large audience present that he was the unanimous choice. Mr. Ross was nominated by Mr. Dawson, of Parkhill, and the nomination was seconded by Dr. Hussey. Mr. Ross was called to the platform amid a perfect storm of cheers, which did not subside until he commenced to speak.

The Nominee.

When I was here a short time ago," said Mr. Ross, "with Hon. A. G. MacKay, I was not of your riding, but now I am. Since I was here strange things have happened in all ridings. Ridings have been dismembered that have been together for many years. We of this riding have been subjected to cruel dismemberment, and I am here to protest against it. Conservatives are with us in expressing their disapproval of this despotic act. I have been asked to accept the nomination in West Middlesex, and for this reason I may not accept your nomination without submitting the matter to the

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Boy Agent of the Black Hand Cuts the Throats of Five Persons

New York, May 6.—A 16-year-old boy, known only as Carmello, and employed in a barber shop in Brooklyn, early today cut the throats of his employer, Antonio Peraso, Mrs. Peraso and three barbers while they lay asleep in Peraso's apartment at 107 Fulton street. The wounds of Peraso and his wife are believed to be mortal, while those of the barbers are serious, but probably not fatal. The boy escaped.

The police have a theory that the boy was an agent of a Black Hand gang, which had been demanding money of Peraso under threat of doing him injury and that the blackmailers placed the boy in the shop in order to punish Peraso for his refusal to satisfy their demands.

G. T. R. Official Denies the Report Knows of No Reduction in Wages

Has Heard Nothing of Circular Referred To in Toronto Dispatch.

"I am certain that there will be no reduction of either wages or hours in the Grand Trunk freight department in this city," Freight Agent Gordon told The Advertiser this morning.

"The usual conditions in traffic at this time of the year are prevailing. April was a dull month, but it always is, and from now on traffic steadily increases. Every winter, of course, there is a rearrangement of the staff.

"That is a usual occurrence, as we do not need so many men during the winter as at other times. I have heard nothing of any circular being issued announcing a reduction in wages after June 1, and do not believe there is any truth in the rumor that such a circular is to be issued."

Chief Dispatcher Forrester, of the Grand Trunk here, has inspected the telegraph stations of the middle division, and found them all in order.

A Toronto dispatch states that the company is to make a reduction of 10 per cent in employes' wages.

$5,000 Action for Injuries To Boy Entered Against Wellington St. Man

Peculiar Case Set Down for the Non-Jury Sitting on Monday.

Suit has been entered for $5,000 damages by John Johnston, a local painter, who resides on Ottaway avenue, against Richard Watson, retired, of the Wellington road.

The plaintiff entered action on behalf of a young son, who sustained a broken leg on the 10th of last August by reason of being kicked by a horse belonging to the defendant. It is alleged that the boy will be a cripple for life.

Johnston and his son were employed in painting the defendant's house at the time of the accident, and they allege that the horse was allowed to run loose, although it was known that it was a vicious animal with a strong proclivity for kicking.

The defense alleges that if the plaintiff's son was kicked by the horse in question, it was because he trespassed on a pasture which the horse occupied.

It is further set forth that the animal was not a vicious one, and that it was never known to have kicked anyone before.

The case has been set down for the non-jury sittings next Monday.

MOIR SUSPECT UNDER ARREST ST. THOMAS POLICE HOLDING HIM

Chief Does Not Say He Is Positive It Is the Man, But There Are Many Marks of Identification Similar To Those Carried By Barracks Murderer.

The St. Thomas police are holding a man who is supposed to be Moir, the murderer.

The suspect gives the name of John Tait and claims to be a tramp.

The chief of police does not say that he is the man wanted, but points out that there are many marks of identification similar to those carried by the Wolseley Barracks murderer.

He is a man of medium height, soldierly in appearance, and Scottish dialect.

Part of his left ear has been bitten or cut off.

His left arm is tattooed, with marks similar to those said to be on Moir's arm.

He wore a civilian suit and a Christy hat.

When placed under arrest he took the matter quite coolly, and denied that he was the London murderer.

Chief Williams has been notified, and the London detectives left at once for the purpose of identifying the man, as also did an officer from Wolseley Barracks.

Bound Over in Sum of $50 Each Charge of Stealing Shoes Dropped

City Is Determined To Collect All Licenses Forthwith.

Albert Clark and John Hooper, the two young men who recently broke into a north end shoe store and stole some shoes, appeared in court this morning.

Mr. Slater, from whose store the goods were stolen, stated that he did not wish to have the matter pushed, as the shoes had been returned to him.

Magistrate Love, however, ruled that the matter was out of Mr. Slater's hands.

Under the circumstances, however, as the shoes had been returned, and it was thought that the theft had been committed while the young men were under the influence of liquor, the court decided to bind Clark and Hooper over in the sum of $500 each for their good behavior in the future.

City Needs the Money.

The police have instructions to get after all people who have not paid their licenses or who are doing business without a license.

E. R. Poole was this morning found guilty of keeping a livery stable without a license, and is liable to pay a $50 fine. The magistrate will deal with the matter on Monday.

E. Poine, charged with being a carter without a license, has taken one out, and the case against him was withdrawn.

Four first-time drunks were allowed to go.

POLITICAL GOSSIP

Will Wreck Whitney.

Montreal, May 5.—Senator Casgrain, of this city, says that "socialism will wreck the Whitney Government at the coming election."

In an interview today he stated that he was going to Ontario to assist in the coming election.

"Hon. Mr. Whitney has acted like a bull in a china shop, so far as the financial interests of Ontario are concerned, and if I had no invitation to go to Ontario to help in the coming elections I would deem it my duty to see that the Government which has recklessly wrecked the credit of Ontario and of the rest of the provinces of the Dominion should not be intrusted with the administration of the affairs of Ontario for another term. If Ontario is not to protect British and foreign capital invested in this country, where is her future?

"Many of the leading Conservative financiers will oppose Mr. Whitney at the coming election because of his interference with vested rights. If you follow the financial papers in England you will see that Ontario securities have been selling in London at a great discount."

Toronto, May 5.—Toronto Liberals will contest the eastern riding in both A and B classes.

The decision was reached at a meeting of the executive held last evening, and notices will be issued today calling the convention for Monday, May 11, in the Oddfellows' Hall.

The prospective Liberal candidates for the convention are: Mr. J. W. Mogan, Dr. W. F. Bryans, Mr. P. O'Connor, Ald. Chisholm and Mr. A. Chamberlain.

The Liberal executive expressed confidence of the party's ability to capture one of the seats.

The question of calling conventions in the other Toronto ridings was also discussed, but no decision reached. They will, however, probably be held next week.

North Grey Liberals.

Owen Sound, May 5. — The annual meeting of the North Grey Reform Association will be held in the town hall on Thursday afternoon of this week at 1 o'clock. At 2:30 a convention will be held for the nomination of a candidate for the Legislature. Hon. A. G. MacKay will speak.

West Lambton Liberals.

Sarnia, May 5.—Owing to the withdrawal of Mr. Milne, West Lambton Liberals will hold a convention in Victoria Opera House here on Tuesday, May 12.

North Norfolk Liberals.

Simcoe, May 5.—A meeting of the Liberals of North Norfolk was held held here today for the purpose of nominating a candidate to contest the riding in the coming provincial elections. Mr. L. L. Sovereign, of Waterford, nominated Col. T. R. Atkinson, the present member, and the choice was unanimous. Addresses were made by Mr. H. B. Donly and Col. Atkinson. A very large number of delegates and interested Reformers were present. Every polling division was represented. A resolution of confidence was passed in the Dominion Government and the Ontario Opposition.

CAMPAIGN TO BETTER TOBACCO

Government Arranging for Scientific Cultivation of the Canadian Leaf.

Ottawa, May 6.—The Government is going in for a serious campaign for the improvement of Canadian tobacco. Two years ago a tobacco expert, Mr. Felix Charleau, was brought from France to see what were the possibilities of the Canadian tobacco. He has been conducting careful experiments in the selection, raising and curing of tobacco in Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia, and he has found that a high grade of tobacco can be produced, and that the methods of production and curing followed in the past have been defective, thus preventing the Canadian leaf from taking the place to which it is properly entitled.

For the Producer.

The recent changes in the excise law which place the Canadian leaf on a par with the imported leaf, were made for the benefit of the grower. Now the Government is going to undertake a campaign of education for the benefit of the producers. M. Chevillier, an expert in the growing and curing of tobacco, has been secured, and will soon arrive from France to assist M. Charleau in the work. An English-speaking expert is to be hired for Ontario, and it is expected that next year there will be a man for British Columbia.

Last summer the department leased a number of plots from tobacco producers, and had them planted with the proper sort of seed, and attended to in the most scientific way. Remarkable results were obtained, and there was an object lesson afforded the tobacco growers of the neighborhood who could contrast the results obtained from the experimental plot with their own fields in the neighborhood. There will be many more of these plots this year, and demonstrations and lectures on the way to cure tobacco will be continued.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—SHOWERY.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, May 6—8 a.m.

Fresh easterly winds; unsettled and showery today and on Thursday.

Local Temperatures.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. yesterday were: Highest, 57.5°; lowest, 37.5° above zero.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	40	38	Clear
Winnipeg	44	32	Clear
Port Arthur	42	38	Cloudy
Parry Sound	44	38	Cloudy
Toronto	44	44	Cloudy
Ottawa	50	42	Fair
Montreal	48	42	Fair
Quebec	48	38	Fair
Father Point	40	32	Cloudy

The first column in the above table records the temperature at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 44—64; Vancouver, 45—59; Kamloops, 48—78; Edmonton, 36—72; Battleford, 30—74; Prince Albert, 40—74; Calgary, 42—78; Regina, 40—68; Winnipeg, 28—60; Port Arthur, 36—48; Parry Sound, 32—62; Toronto, 36—56; Ottawa, 36—62; Montreal, 44—60; Quebec, 38—52; St. John, 38—48; Halifax, 38—50.