

made effective in the public interest, and its strength as a party be left unimpaired."

The memorandum quoted a letter from one who was described as "an energetic and far-seeing Liberal" in which the writer had said "Sir Wilfrid was of the opinion that a great mistake had been made in the organization of the party during the years we were in power, that we had no national organisation of any kind looking to keep the party organized and in line from coast to coast, - the letter went on to say that "to be a truly national organization it should be brought into being by the National Convention."

To guide the convention in its consideration of the question of party organization, the memorandum recommended as a form of organization a national president, who would always be the leader of the party, nine vice-presidents, one for each province, a national council of fifty-four to be appointed by the provinces, and a national organizer. The work of the National Organization was to be concentrated in and directed from a head office located at the national capital, the activities of the head office to be conducted under two branches, namely, organization and information. Such a division of work was described as absolutely necessary if the desired results were to be attained and confusion and overlapping avoided.

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