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## THE LIBERAL CLUB.



Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Patron.

## COLOMBIA IS OUT IN THE COLD

Powers Are Following the  
Lead of Uncle Sam.

## RECOGNIZING NEW REPUBLIC

Panama Representatives Declared  
Themselves Satisfied With  
New Canal Treaty.

Washington, Nov. 21. — The commission from Panama, accompanied by the Panama Minister M. Philippe Banao-Varela, was received at the state department yesterday by Secretary Hay.

Dr. Amador informed the secretary that the commissioners had carefully inspected the Hay-Banao-Varela treaty and desired this opportunity of expressing their entire satisfaction with its terms. Mr. Amador assured the secretary that no time would be lost in its ratification by the Panama Government.

The secretary and the commissioners then discussed the future of the republic. It was pointed out by the minister that the junta felt that it must first

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Mr. Charles O. Smith, Secretary.

accomplish the mission to which it was called by the entire people of Panama, namely, ratify the canal treaty and that it would turn its attention to the equally important though "less immediate" work of establishing a more usual form of government. Secretary Hay expressed deep interest in the future of the new state.

The state department received yesterday a cablegram from U. S. Minister Thompson, dated at Petropolis, Minister of Foreign Affairs had informed him that the Brazilian Government was ready to recognize the new republic of Panama whenever application is made in due form.

United States Ambassador Tower, from Berlin, made a similar report as to the attitude of the German Government towards Panama. It is now evident to the state department that there will be no withholding of recognition by all of the powers as their representatives seem to be convinced of the stability of the new republic.

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Mr. Harry Ranahan, Vice-President.

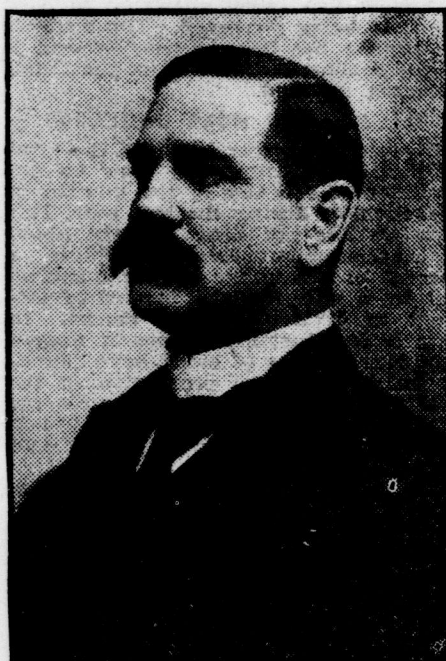
## The Liberal Club of London Now Installed in Magnificent New Quarters; Organized at Enthusiastic Meeting Held Last Night

Liberal enthusiasm, strong, busy and spontaneous, was the chief characteristic of the election of officers for the new Liberal Club at a meeting held in the club rooms last night.

The well-furnished, splendid apartments were brilliantly lighted in every quarter, and long before 8 o'clock, the hour set for the opening of the evening's function, there was such a gathering of Liberal Londoners as must have been sufficient from a representative and enthusiastic standpoint to amply repay those who had brought about the birth of the institution. It was a gathering of Liberals at peace with themselves, strong in their principles, proud of the leaders and of their leaders' deeds, and proud of a record of a party such as no other party in Canada can boast of.

The speeches of the evening showed the unity of the party on all matters before the public, and the tributes paid to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the first Liberal in Canada, and to Hon. George W. Ross, the revered and eloquent

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Mr. C. S. Hyman, M.P., Honorary President.

Premier of Ontario, were the warmest and sincerest it was possible to pay. Each reference was greeted with bursts of applause. As the chairman of the evening, Mr. Thomas H. Purdon, K.C., read out the list of honorary and active officers of the club, beginning with Premier Laurier and continuing down the line, each name was warmly welcomed, and received in a manner which leaves no room to believe that London Liberals are anything but as proud of their organization and its officers as they are of their party—and this is saying a good deal.

Intermingled with the political speeches of the evening were scintillations of wit and humor which evoked no little mirth, and the evening will long live in the memory of local Liberals as a notably pleasant one.

## OFFICIALLY LAID.

Indeed the evening was notable in more ways than one, because with the election of officers the new club was officially launched, and the committee who had the club in charge and who brought it up to its present state, free of encumbrance, and a pratter for pride to every Liberal of London, handed over the reins of office to the men elected, and left the direction of the club's affairs in the hands of a duly appointed and fully equipped directorate for at least a year.

Of the men who were elected last night, the greatest compliment that can be paid them is that they are a set of honorable men, thoroughly representative of the Liberal party of London, who in the past have been a credit to themselves and to their party, and who, in their different official capacities may be relied upon to use every honorable endeavor to further the interests of Liberalism and of the club in which they have been elected to office.

The club itself opens with the most brilliant prospects. Thanks to the generosity of a number of prominent Liberals, the magnificent furnishings are absolutely free of debt, and not a cent of rent is to be paid. Then, too, through Liberal generosity, it has been found possible to place the membership fee at the nominal figure of \$1, so that all may become members of and take an active interest in the club and its work.

Among the prominent Liberals present were Mr. Robert Holmes, M. P. for West Huron, and Mr. C. S. Hyman, M. P. for London. Mr. Holmes delivered a characteristic and pointed address, and specially made himself at home with his audience. Mr. C. S. Hyman, though he spoke but briefly, also struck a happy note in his remarks, and the applause accorded him showed that he is still the ideal of the Liberals of London.

## AN ALUM SPEAKS

The proceedings were opened by Mr. C. S. Hyman, M. P., who, on rising, was given a very enthusiastic reception. Mr. Hyman spoke of the pleasure that must be felt by the club at being able to provide such comfortable quarters for the Liberals of London, and he also took occasion to remark on the good turnout, which augured well for the party in London. He reminded the of-

ficers-elect that they had a precedent set for them by the officers of Liberal clubs in the past. There had been clubs, and none knew better than himself the good that the organizations had been to the party. He could assure the officers that if they followed in the path of their predecessors, and put forth every effort in behalf of the work, the same as had been done in the days gone by, they would bring every success to the cause in London.

## PARTY HAS NOTHING TO FEAR.

At the solicitation of Mr. Hyman the chair was taken by Mr. T. H. Purdon, who, in accepting the honor, returned his thanks in a neat address. Mr. Purdon was reminiscent in his opening remarks, referring to the first Young Liberal Club in London, organized in 1876, with himself as president. That organization, he said, saw the commencement of good times for the Liberals of the city, for from that time on there were no one-sided elections in London. The party had nothing to fear now, for no man on either side of politics was as strong today as Mr. Hyman. He was a man amongst men, who had proved himself able to take the position in Ottawa that a man representing London should take. When he was found in the chair of the railway committee, his friends felt it would be a short step, a short time, until he was found in the cabinet.

Mr. Purdon continued by stating that as the electors could look with hope to the city of London, so they could look with equal hope to the Dominion. The Government would go back to power with a large majority than it had at the present time. There was a certain amount of talk about the Ontario House, but it had passed its darkest days, and was now stronger than ever. Mr. Purdon paid a tribute to the worth of the late Sir Oliver Mowat, the late Hon. A. S. Hardy, and Premier Ross, the latter having a record as far above reproach as that of his predecessors. Mr. Purdon added that at no very distant date there would surely be an election. He spoke of the desperate straits to which the Conservatives in the Ontario House

had been driven because of their belief "so near and yet so far," and he said that Mr. Ross was better than ever he was. There was no doubt about the glorious future of the country, he concluded.

## SIR WILFRID'S POPULARITY

Mr. Robert Holmes, M. P. for West Huron, was present, and he was called upon for an address. He disclaimed any intention of making a speech, saying that he had simply come down

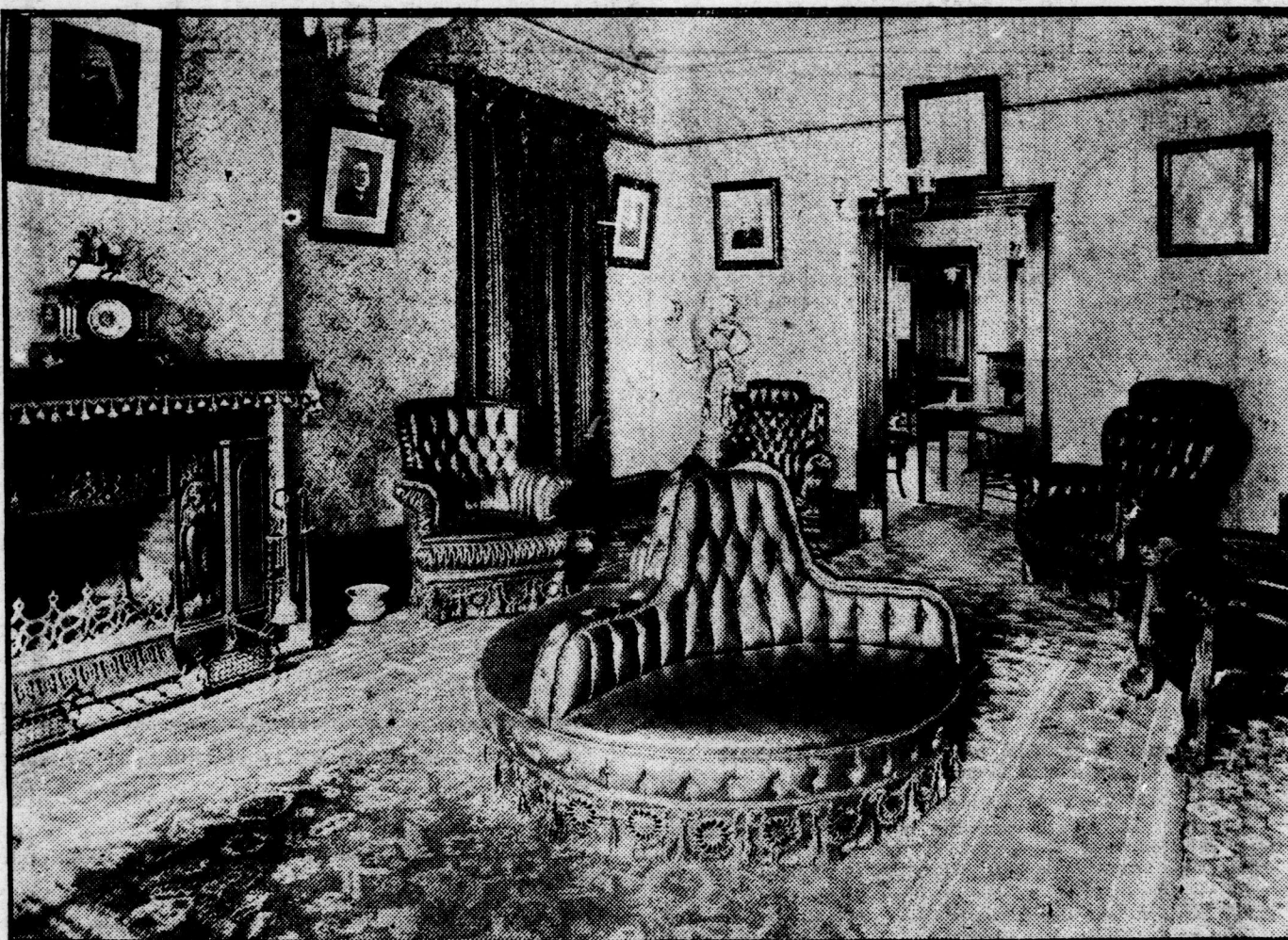
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Mr. Thos. S. Hobbs, President.

from Huron to meet the London Liberals, who, he supposed, would begin shortly to put their armor on and get ready for an election. Mr. Holmes paid a tribute to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, whose Government, he said, was stronger today than it ever had been. Its record, he said, should commend itself, not to Liberals alone, but to the independent members of the Conservative party. Mr. Holmes referred to the vast amount of legislation passed during the last

## RECEPTION ROOM OF THE LIBERAL CLUB.



The above cut shows the handsome and spacious reception room of the Liberal Club of London. Within the past few weeks many things have been done to add to the comforts and beauty of the club, and today it is one of the coziest and best-appointed in the west. The reception room is particularly beautifully furnished. In the room are many capacious and inviting rockers and easy chairs, upholstered in rich black leather, all of which rest upon splendid Turkish rugs. In the center is a divan, also of black leather, surmounted by a piece of statuary in antique copper, and adding greatly to the appearance of the room.

The walls of the room are tastefully decorated with portraits of the great Liberals of today, and also of the men who years ago blazed the brilliant path that is being followed with so much honor to the Liberal party, by present day Liberals.

Throughout all the rooms there is an air of coziness and of refinement, and indeed, it is as a whole a club of which every Liberal in London has cause to feel proud. Already it has found its place in the Liberalism of London, and it is recognized by all classes as the local home of the grand old party that has made Canada a nation of prosperity within a few years.

## CHAMBERLAIN AT CARDIFF

Addressed a Great Audience at the  
Welsh City.

Cardiff, Wales, Nov. 20.—Joseph Chamberlain addressed a great audience here tonight. On his arrival in the city he was greeted enthusiastically by thousands of persons lining the carriage route from the railway station to the town hall. The hall was packed and was surrounded by hundreds who were unable to gain admission.

In his address Mr. Chamberlain appealed especially to the interests of the workmen, the miners and the agriculturists, and said he believed the cause of tariff reform had immeasurably progressed during the last six weeks. He believed that the policy of free trade, which had prevailed for 60 years, was doomed. There was no reason to question the policy of the Government since the last speech delivered by Mr. Balfour. Mr. Balfour's detractors, said Mr. Chamberlain, would find that the Premier would pursue the even tenor of his way in kindling silence, while they howled at him. Mr. Chamberlain attacked the attitude of the Duke of Devonshire, Lord Goschen, Lord Balfour and Winston Churchill, who, he said, were trying to put a drag on the wheels of government. He predicted that the export trade in Welsh coal would not last, because it was impossible that other countries would become self-supporting. He said that Wales must be prepared to defend its own trade, and he mentioned the Welsh tinplate trade, which he said, "received a staggering

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Mr. E. R. C. Struthers, Vice-President.

blow at the hands of the United States through the McKinley tariff." Resolutions were unanimously adopted by the meeting, promising hearty support to Mr. Chamberlain's fiscal policy.

session of Parliament, adding that in every case the object of the administration was to look after the welfare of the country first, the people second, and the general interests of the Dominion third. He also spoke of the popularity of the Liberal leader, who, he said, would be more admired by the people the more they knew of him. The people of Ontario did not appreciate him to the full extent of his worth. He had proved himself master of the situation.

## ALD. CAMPBELL ON POLITICS.

Ald. Campbell was introduced, and he congratulated the Liberal Club on starting out with a most excellent staff of officers and every prospect of abundant success in the future. The work of any political club, he said, should be of the highest character and the highest type.

"I am not one of those who think all politics are rotten," said Ald. Campbell, "and that any man taking part in them is a self-seeker and does not have the interests of the country at heart. Any person who talks that way is either dissatisfied or ignorant. Politics is the highest study. There is no study that will tax the intellect of a man more than politics. It is the work of the Government for the country, it is the work of the individual for the welfare of the country, and it is to be commended to every young man desiring the well-being of his fellow-men. Seek for yourselves to know what is best, and try to carry out what is best. We think our party and policy are the best — and long may we think it."

## NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS.

The meeting proceeded with the nominations, and as the names were called out, and the nominees were declared unanimously elected, rounds of applause filled the rooms. They were as follows:

Patrons—Right. Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Premier of Canada, and Hon. George W. Ross, Premier of Ontario. Honorary presidents—C. S. Hyman, M. P., and Lt.-Col. F. B. Leys, ex-M. P. P.

President—T. S. Hobbs, ex-M. P. P.

Vice-presidents—Dr. J. B. Campbell, Arthur Little, Harry Ranahan, E. R. C. Struthers. Secretary—Charles O. Smith. Treasurer—Dr. Claude Brown. Executive committee—Ward 1, Thos. Gerry, Thos. Fitzgibbon, W. A. Tunc, Ward 2, Edward Parke, John McNeen, Lou Paladino, Ward 3, James Forrester, Walter Gunn, C. G. Watson, Ward 4, Alex. Wright, Wm. Saunders, Alex. McLaughlin.

Auditors—Dr. Santo and Dr. George Fraser.

The announcement of the names of the brilliant Canadians who had been elected patrons of the club evoked the greatest enthusiasm, an old ally the names of Mr. C. S. Hyman and Col. F. B. Leys, as honorary presidents, of Mr. Hobbs, president, the chairman spoke with pride, recounting his battles, and paying many kind references to Col. Leys, the old war horse of the party.

As the officers were nominated the nominators were called upon to state

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Col. F. B. Leys, Honorary President.

why they thought the nominees should be elected to office, and in all instances they proved equal to the occasion. Mr. Philip Pocock nominated Mr. Hobbs for president; Mr. A. C. Stuart, K. C., named the vice-presidents; Mr. Talbot Macbeth nominated Mr. Smith for secretary; Mr. Frank Butler proposed Dr. Claude Brown for treasurer; Mr. James Brown, the executive for No. 1 ward; Mr. Wm. Tyler, the executive for No. 2; Mr. A. O. Jeffrey for No. 3; and Mr. A. Sippl named the executive for No. 4 ward. Mr. Wm. Tyler proposed the auditors.

The newly-elected officers were present and in short pithy speeches pledged themselves to do all in their power to further the club's interests, and thanked the members heartily for the honor bestowed upon them.

The chairman expressed the opinion of all present when he stated that with such a set of men at the head of affairs nothing but progress and prosperity were in sight. Mr. Purdon then announced that a handsome gold watch, which he exhibited, would be given as a prize by the club to the member who sold the most membership tickets.

Three cheers were given for "the greatest Liberal in Canada today," Sir Wilfrid Laurier; three for Hon. G. W. Ross, and three for Mr. C. S. Hyman, after which a rouser was given for the new president, Mr. T. S. Hobbs.

The business of electing officers being over before 10 o'clock, the remainder of the evening was spent in a pleasant manner.

A meeting of newly-elected officers will be held at the rooms at 8 o'clock tonight. It is earnestly requested that all the officers be present.

## ENGLAND AND VATICAN

## A Protest Lodged Against Diplomatic Relationship.

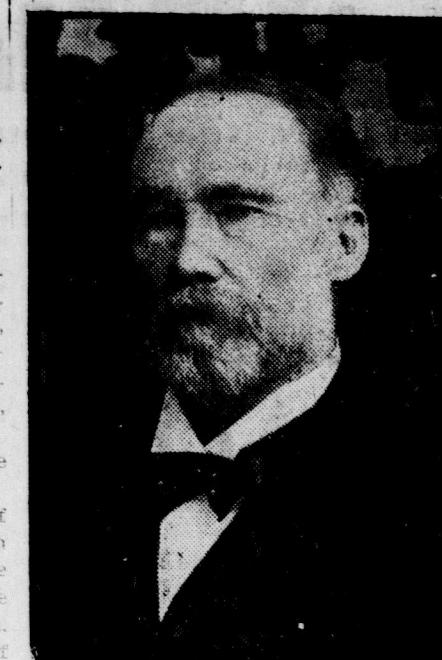
London, Nov. 20.—The council of the Imperial Protestant Federation has passed a resolution protesting against any effort being made by His Majesty's Government towards establishing diplomatic relations with the Vatican. The council, says the resolution, desires to point out that holding such a commission at the See of Rome is distinctly forbidden by the laws of the realm, and that an overwhelming majority of his majesty's subjects in the United Kingdom and the colonies are utterly opposed to any attempt being made to restore diplomatic relations with the Pope of Rome.

## WANT BONDS SECURED

## Movement to Delay Recognition of Panama Republic.

London, Nov. 20.—The council of foreign bondholders has received a communication from Amsterdam saying that the chamber of commerce there will request the Government of the Netherlands not to recognize the Republic of Panama, until some arrangement is arrived at, whereby the new republic assumes an equitable share of the Colombian debt. The majority of the bonds are held in England and Holland. The British foreign office has replied to the Colombian bondholders' request by assuring them of its interest in their case, but not committing the Government to any specific course of action. Further communications are expected, but so far as the bondholders' council knows the foreign office has not yet taken any steps in the matter.

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Hon. G. W. Ross, Patron.

## THE KINGS AT WINDSOR CASTLE

Another Splendid Function in  
Honor of Visiting Monarch.

## HE OUTLINES ITALIAN POLICY

Is Desirous of World-Wide Peace—  
Departure of Their Majesties  
for Home.

London, Nov. 20.—The visit of the Italian sovereigns to England practically terminated tonight with a banquet to the monarchs and their suites in St. George's Hall, Windsor Castle. In spite of the fact that 36 persons were present, the banquet was a quiet and almost a family affair. There were no speeches.

In view of the announcement of the result of the conference yesterday between the Italian Foreign Minister, Signor Tittoni, and the British Minister of Foreign Affairs, Lord Lansdowne, it is generally conceded that the visit of their Italian majesties will add to the solidity of the great powers. The visit has been marked throughout by the cordiality of the English

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Dr. Claude Brown, Treasurer.

people toward the Italian sovereigns. Whenever they appeared in public, King Victor spoke in English, and all during his stay made a remarkably friendly impression in every one of the deputations whom he received in audience. Queen Helena has been the object of general admiration, her personal beauty and kindness, closely corresponding to those traits of Queen Alexandra which have endeared her to the English people.

Today's recreation of the sovereigns of the two countries consisted of a pleasant drive in Virginia water. A lunch followed in the picturesque pavilion erected at the water's edge, at which the British Princesses were also present. The arrangements for the departure of their majesties at 9 a.m. Saturday are practically identical with those taken at the time of their arrival. Life Guards will escort King Victor, Emperor and Queen Helena to the railway station where King Edward's special train will conduct them to Portsmouth.

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Dr. J. B. Campbell, Vice-President