

NATIONAL LIBERAL AND CONSERVATIVE PARTY

Electors in Favor of Honorable Rupert W. Wigmore, Minister of Customs and Inland Revenue

For the City of Saint John and Saint John County (men and women) will meet in the Seamen's Institute, Prince William street, Saint John, on Thursday evening, September 9th, at 8 o'clock (daylight time) for the Election of Ward and Parish Chairmen and for organization.

Leonard P. D. Tilley, Acting Chairman.

No man in his senses refuses an offer that is wholly to his own advantage. St. John-Albert will recognize the importance of returning Hon. R. W. Wigmore by such a vote as will give him the fullest authority to speak on behalf of the people of this province. The opposition which has been offered is distasteful to the great majority of the Liberal electors of this constituency.



HON. R. W. WIGMORE
Minister of Customs and Inland Revenue.

The nominee of the so-called opposition has been forced into this contest by orders from Ottawa from the so-called leader, Mr. King, whose every move since his selection for that office has been contrary to the best interests of the old-time Liberal party. Local Liberals have opposed this action, but a few were forced to submit in order that Mr. King might not be obliged to make apologies to the West. Let St. John-Albert give a clear reply.

A BY-ELECTION

When the Liberal party in St. John-Albert nominated candidates in the last general election this journal advised that a mistake had been made and earnestly pleaded with the candidates to withdraw and prevent a party division which must influence future contests. The election-day returns proved the truth of statements then made, that the candidates had absolutely no prospect of success. Many happenings since election day have proven the soundness of the view that forcing an election could have no other result than to accentuate party differences. The nominations on Monday offer final and convincing proof of that result. The official nomination paper of the Minister of Customs contains the names of many prominent Liberals, who find themselves forced

by the attitude of their party leaders to make a decision they hoped they would not be forced to make. Should the Liberal nominee—whose chances of success on September 20 are far less than they were in 1917—remain in the field the issues of the contest will undoubtedly present themselves to the rank and file in the same way as they have to those representative members of the Liberal party who signed the nomination papers of Hon. R. W. Wigmore. The result of a second election contest in which life-long Liberals find themselves compelled to vote against the party nominee can hardly fail to influence their party relationship in the future. A keen realization of this probability decided the local Liberals not to have a contest, but the command from Ottawa was imperative, and against their own best judgment the party workers began the last-minute

search for a candidate. Dr. A. F. Emery, their choice, was the low man in the election of three years ago, polling considerably less than half the vote rolled up by Hon. R. W. Wigmore, who then led the quartette with one of the largest, if not the largest majority ever given a candidate in a federal election. With the nomination papers as an indication of what is likely to happen on polling day, a repetition of the vote of three years ago can safely be predicted. It is, of course, possible that the contest may arouse less interest than was created by the general election, calling out a smaller vote, but such a contingency will not materially affect the result. The triumph of the government candidate is as certain as it was three years ago. Does not forcing the issue to a decision mean repeating the mistake of three years ago? —St. John Globe, Sept. 7.

Roll Up the Largest Majority Ever Given in a Federal Contest

LET EVERYBODY VOTE!