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ROWELL OPENS LIBERAL CAMPAIGN BEATS AROUND BIG PUBLIC ISSUES

Four Thousand People Assemble in Massey Hall—New Leader Takes No Definite Stand on Bilingual Schools—Hon. Mackenzie King Criticizes Whitney Government's Attitude on Workmen's Compensation Question.

Young Liberalism turned out last night in honor of the new leader, who has been so cordially hailed by the party in all quarters of Ontario. Old Liberalism sat on the Massey Hall platform, also, and Dr. Albert Carman and Senator Cox represented the progress of 50 years ago. The applause at the close of Mr. Rowell's speech indicated thorough satisfaction on the part of all classes of Liberals.

Massey Hall was filled as full as it could be seated, and an official door-keeper and constable were so afraid of a crowd at 9 o'clock they took a newspaper man by the throat to keep him from entering. The crowd outside mustered nearly 20 at the time, and was not dangerous. Rev. J. A. Macdonald, who spoke last, admitted that he had to climb in by another way, when he came later.

Those inside were warmly enthusiastic and broke into applause when there was any warrant. The best Liberalism of the city was in evidence, and there was a really large contingent from outside points, interested in the inauguration of the new leadership of N. W. Rowell, K.C.

W. L. M. King was sufficiently brave in the chair and his speech pleased his auditors, but Mr. Rowell's address was the objective point, as the thinning out of the house showed when he concluded.

Dr. J. A. Macdonald was insistently called for and spoke briefly. He must have been gratified by the warmth of his reception. Joseph Oliver aroused the greetings of his temperance friends. The big meeting closed with cheers for the King, about 10 o'clock.

A Grand Reception.
 As N. W. Rowell and Hon. Mackenzie King came on the platform, the band played "The Maple Leaf," and the big audience rose en masse and cheered and cheered again. The crowds of students up in the top gallery gave the Varsity yell.

Among those on the platform, in addition to N. W. Rowell and Hon. Mackenzie King, were: Ex-Mayor Joseph Oliver, E. Fielding, Dr. A. Carman, J. E. Atkinson, Senator Jaffray, Senator Kerr, Dr. J. A. Macdonald, George W. Verral, Wallace Cruickshank, A. E. Dymond, Gideon Grant, James Ryle, J. W. Curry, R. J. McCormick and many others.

Hon. Mackenzie King introduced N. W. Rowell as the honored leader of the Ontario Liberal party and the future premier of this province.

Mr. Rowell received an ovation. Just as the Liberal leader stepped to the front of the platform a beautiful bouquet of pink roses and ferns was presented to Mrs. Rowell by little Miss Edna Bruner of St. Michael's School, Toronto. The applause was renewed with increased vigor.

Mr. Rowell Speaks.
 "Language fails me to adequately express my feelings."
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MR. ROWELL'S DEBUT

There was one tense, electric moment last night in Mr. Rowell's speech when the audience was prepared, every man of it, to lay the fortunes of the party at the feet of its new leader. Bilingual schools was the question. For seven years, Mr. Rowell said, Sir James had failed, knowing the conditions, to approve or to disapprove, or not knowing was unfit to govern. "For myself," said Mr. Rowell, "I am prepared to state where I stand, and to stand or fall by that statement." There was a tremendous burst of cheering, which was renewed when a stentorian voice cried: "It takes a man to do that." One was prepared for a huge development, and the revelation of a new and fearless leader. But the result was an anti-climax, and Mr. Rowell whittled away his point and the cheering died down to a mild hand-clap. Mr. Rowell would seek to acquire for every child a working knowledge of English. He would not forbid it to be taught the language it learned at its mother's knee. He was prepared, he said, to stay out of power forever on that basis.

The temperance question elicited some enthusiasm also, which Mr. Rowell dissipated in a condemnation of the three-fifths clause. He charged the minister of education, Hon. Dr. Prynne, with having something to do with the partisan administration of the License Act in Toronto. The difficulties of legislation did not relieve the government of responsibility, he declared.

The other point that most pleased the audience was the reference to the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board, which he would reorganize to put an end to the scandal of issuing two orders contradicting each other. "I think if they were reconstructed they would not double-track Yonge-street." All of which will be good for Premier Whitney to note. Mr. Rowell made his best joke on the Conservative newspapers.

"The Conservative press have on the whole treated our platform very fairly. Their attitude, however, on some of the details is a little different. Some say it is a milk-and-water policy, others that it is not progressive, but they all unite in saying that it's just like Sir James Whitney's." (Laughter and applause.)

OWENS IN SOUTH FIND JESSIMAN GOODERHAM IN B SEAT GUILTY OF MURDER

J. R. L. Starr Receives but Poor Support—E. W. J. Owens Gets Class "A" by Acclamation—More Representation for Toronto is Hope of Younger Men.

E. W. J. Owens received the nomination by acclamation as candidate to contest seat "A" in the riding of South Toronto at the South Toronto Liberal-Conservative convention last night in Victoria Hall.

Five names were submitted for seat B, but three, Arthur Van Koughnet, Dr. Chas. Sheard, and Thomas Hook, retired in favor of Geo. H. Gooderham. J. R. L. Starr allowed his name to stand. As Mayor Geary, chairman of the meeting, was wading thru the long list of delegates, the scrutineers agreed to settle the nomination by a standing vote. Only two supporters of Mr. Starr voted.

Mr. Starr asked that the convention make the nomination of George H. Gooderham unanimous, amid a wild outburst of cheering from the delegates.

As E. W. J. Owens arose to speak, Mayor Geary called for three cheers, leading the cheering himself.

Owens Makes Bow.
 "As far as my duty goes as your candidate."
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Defending Counsel Will Appeal Verdict of Jury on Ground That Man Who Shot James Loughheed Was Insane at the Time—Alienists Give Evidence.

Joseph R. Jessiman, charged with killing James Loughheed on Hayter-st., on May 23 last, was found guilty of murder yesterday in the criminal assizes.

His counsel will appeal the decision on the plea of insanity. Justice Riddell intimated that he would defer punishment until further investigation.

A solemn hush settled over the crowded court room. The jury came in. The accused man's life hung in the balance.

One by one the jurors stepped into the box. They seated themselves, each unconscious that his neighbor was doing likewise, turning his eyes from the prisoner's box, and staring blankly at the ceiling. The clerk of the court called the names.

"One."
 The silence hung as heavy as if the shadow of the prisoner's doom was upon all present.

"Two!"
 The prisoner stared vacantly at the ceiling.
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CHINA'S "STRONG MAN" SHIES AT PREMIERSHIP

Office is lofty but also somewhat perilous—Working to Re-establish Credit.

PEKING, Nov. 14.—While the imperial government is endeavoring to force the premiership on Yuanshikai, China's "strong man," in his various conferences to-day with the prince regent, the acting premier, Prince Ching, and other members of the nominal cabinet, took occasion to point out the insecurity of that office, the retention of which depended upon the caprice of the national assembly. Yuanshikai, if he accepts the premiership at all, desires a fixed term of office, and he so stated to the regent. But he must obtain this thru the national assembly, as an edict would be likely to arouse suspicion.

It is not considered probable that Yuanshikai will undertake the government.

The Witness for the Defence.
 This is the title given by the noted author, A. E. W. Mason, to the play in which the equally noted Ethel Barrymore is to appear to-morrow, Friday and Saturday nights, and with a Saturday matinee, at the Princess. Miss Barrymore is sure of a cordial reception in Toronto, as she is society's favorite actress.

Protecting the Consumer.

Two or three years ago the ice manufacturers of New Zealand formed a combine and raised prices. Without more ado the government stepped into the field, started an ice plant and sold at cost. The combine promptly disappeared. Precisely the same principle is being acted upon to-day in Des Moines, Iowa, Indianapolis, Ind., and other cities in the United States.

Convinced that the middlemen were advancing prices of farm produce without giving the producer any better return, the mayors of those cities started to buy agricultural products and to retail them at prices sufficient to meet the first cost, transportation, and other distributive charges. In Indianapolis, Mayor Tanker has been buying potatoes in that way, and selling them to the consumer at 75 cents per bushel. Up to Nov. 11 he had sold 8000 bushels, representing about \$6500, including cost of delivery.

As a result of his determination to show up the commission men, and between the time when he announced his intention and the arrival of the first car, the wholesale price of potatoes dropped 25 cents a bushel and the retail price was out and has since been further reduced. The incident illustrates the only effectual method of dispensing with the middleman, if so be that he is responsible for undue increase in prices. It is one, too, which farmers and growers of agricultural produce can apply themselves if they are willing to follow the example of Denmark, Ireland and other European agricultural communities.

In connection with the above, the following Toronto figures are of interest:
 New Brunswick potatoes are worth \$1.15 per bag for car lots track To-

WOULDN'T TAKE CAR AHEAD BROUGHT BACK TO YONGE

Passengers on Dundas Car in Fighting Mood—Make Round Trip at Company's Expense.

Sixteen people boarded the car at Yonge and Richmond, bound for West Toronto last night. Upon arriving at Eglinton, they were told to take the next car behind. This being a nightly occurrence they refused. The car was turned back and they were brought back to the corner of Queen and Victoria, where they were ordered out by a street railway inspector.

A policeman got on the returning car at Bathurst and Queen-streets, presumably to arrest the delinquents, but upon seeing the number he left the car. None of the people arrived back home in time for the evening meal, and some remained down town.

Noble Scott of 480 Arnetto-street, one of the round trip passengers, will circulate a number of petitions among West Toronto car users protesting against the deplorable car service on the Dundas line. This will be sent to the Ontario Railway Board.
 Ontario potatoes are worth \$1.05 to \$1.10 per bag, for car lots, track, Toronto, and retail at \$1.25 to \$1.35 per bag delivered.
 Commission dealers report that offerings are none too liberal at present.

RUSSIA RESENTS U.S. METHODS IN PERSIA

W. Morgan Shuster's Attempts at Constructive Financing Irritating to Great Britain Too—Mohammedan Uprising—Issue Raised in Commons.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—The crisis in Persia involves the peace of all countries in which Mohammedans have found a footing, and not alone the future of W. Morgan Shuster or the American financial structure which he has endeavored to raise in the eastern country, according to information reaching official circles in Washington from various parts of the east.

The ultimatum from Russia to Persia, that apology must be made for the seizure of the property of the deposed shah's brother, is the culmination, apparently, of developments that have been steadily since American financial experts were selected by the new nationalist government to attempt the regeneration of the finances and commerce of the country.

It is claimed here that the grant to Mr. Shuster, as treasurer-general of complete executive power, did much to irritate Russian. The vigorous assertion by Mr. Shuster and the Persian Assembly of the complete independence of the country and its freedom from any obligation to Russia or Great Britain, has been a source of irritation to the former, and of criticism from leading sources in Great Britain.

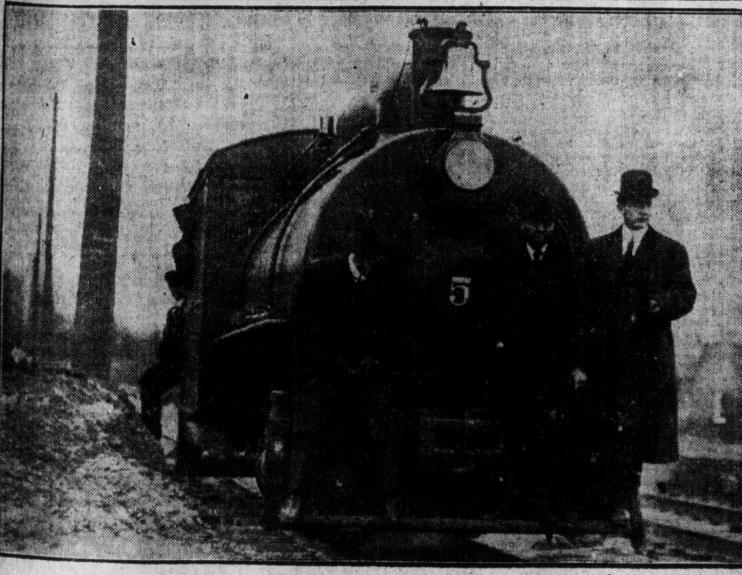
Unrest Among Mohammedans.
 There now is a disposition amongst leading figures in Mohammedanism to construct as a concerted assault on the Mohammedan people the continued attack upon Persia, and the situation in Tripoli, Morocco and in Paris or India. How far this unrest of the Mohammedans will develop if Persia becomes more seriously involved with Russia, officials here are not ready to say.

Persia is regarded as the brains of the East.
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Beware of Fur Frauds.

Buying imitation furs can be compared only to dealing in "paper shoes." Do you know that the Canadian market is receiving an overdose of this spurious product? Imitation fur is the substitution of some inferior pelt for the real thing. Of course it is dyed and looks good, but the quality is not there—the pelt is too frail to hold the fabric and it tears with a few weeks of wear.

In the United States the public is demanding some government protection against fur frauds and at the next meeting of congress a bill will be put through along the lines of the "Pure Food" Act, and it is expected that after this only certified skins will be offered for sale. In the meantime Canada is being used to some startling extent as a dumping ground, and it is recommended that buyers of fur garments deal only with accredited furriers. The Dineen Company desires to impress on the citizens of Toronto the fact that they have always maintained an absolutely high-class line of fur, purchasing all pelts direct from the trapper and in the big European markets and making every garment on the premises.



Driving the first spikes on the Gerrard Street Civic Car Line—Mayor Geary, Ald. Chisholm and L. Cousins get a free ride on a "dinky" engine over the temporary track.

Mayor Geary drives home a golden spike nailing down the first civic track. With him are Ald. Chisholm, Chairman of the Board of Works, who sledge-hammered the first spike, and engineers and workmen on the city's new line.