

In closing his speech Sir Wilfrid submitted the whole question as to the appointment of the Committee and the nature of its composition to the meeting for consideration and decision.

On motion the Committee was declared to be duly constituted with the title of "The National Liberal Advisory Committee" and with the following powers:

1. To promote the spread of Liberal education.
2. To assist in shaping the policy of the party.
3. Generally to promote efficiency in the party ranks.

Membership of Committee.

It was declared and ratified that,—

(a) Regular meetings of the Committee would be held twice a year and special meetings when necessary.

(b) That the membership of the Committee shall consist of 56, with power in the Committee to add to that number, and that the original membership shall consist of the following gentlemen,—

Right Honourable Sir Wilfrid Laurier, P.C., G.C.M.G., M.P.

Hon. A. B. Warburton, Charlottetown, P.E.I.

Hon. John Richards.

Hon. W. S. Fielding, Ottawa.

A. K. McLean, Esq., M.P., Halifax.

G. Fred Pearson, Esq., Halifax.

Hon. Wm. Pugsley, M.P., St. John, N.B.

F. B. Carvell, Esq., M.P., Woodstock, N.B.

O. Turgeon, Esq., M.P., Bathurst, N.B.

E. M. Macdonald, M.P., Pictou, N.S.

J. J. Hughes, Esq., M.P., Souris, P.E.I.

Hon. R. Lemieux, M.P., Ottawa.

Hon. Senator Dandurand, Montreal.

E. Lapointe, Esq., M.P., Fraserville, Que.

Hon. A. Taschereau, Quebec.

Hon. Sydney Fisher, Knowlton, Que.

Hon. Senator J. M. Wilson, Montreal.

Phillippe Paradis, Esq., Quebec

A. Verville, Esq., M.P., Montreal

S. Letourneau, Esq., M.P.P., Montreal.

Hon. Geo. P. Graham, M.P., Brockville, Ont.

F. F. Pardee, Esq., M.P., Sarnia, Ont.

Hon. Senator W. C. Edwards, Ottawa.

Hon. W. L. MacKenzie King, Ottawa.

P. C. Larkin, Esq., Toronto.

C. M. Bowman, Esq., M.P.P., Southampton, Ont.

Gordon C. Conant, Esq., Oshawa, Ont.

Thos. McMillan, Esq., Seaforth, Ont.

Geo. H. Watson, Esq., K.C., Toronto.

John Muir, Esq., Brantford, Ont.

N. W. Rowell, Esq., M.P.P., Toronto.

Hon. Walter Scott, Regina, Sask.

Hon. J. A. Calder, M.P.P., Regina, Sask.

J. F. Cairns, Saskatoon, Sask.

Hon. Frank Oliver, M.P., Edmonton, Alberta.

Dr. Michael Clarke, M.P., Olds, Alberta.

J. G. Turriff, M.P., Regina, Sask.

T. W. Quayle, Esq., Edmonton, Alberta.

John Bain, Esq., Ottawa.

Alex. Smith, Esq., Ottawa.

A. R. McMaster, Esq., K.C., Montreal.

F. T. Congdon, Dawson City, Y.T.

Hon. Senator Bostock, Monte Creek, B.C.

Fred C. Wade, Esq., Vancouver, B.C.

W. M. Martin, M.P., Regina, Sask.

J. H. Ashdown, Esq., Winnipeg.

S. W. Jacobs, K.C., Montreal.

Stewart Atkinson, Esq., Toronto

H. B. McGiverin, Esq., Ottawa.

A. K. Cameron, Esq., Montreal.

Hon. Chas. Murphy, M.P., Ottawa.

W. C. Kennedy, Esq., Windsor, Ont.

Hon. James Ross, Moose Jaw, Sask.

Hon. W. G. Mitchell, Montreal.

F. O. Fowler, Winnipeg.

(c) That Sir Wilfrid Laurier be Chairman and Convenor of the Committee and Mr. John Bain, Honorary Secretary.

(d) That the members of the Committee shall hold office until after the next General Dominion Election.

The remainder of the first day's meeting was taken up with addresses, each of the gentlemen present taking advantage of the opportunity offered to submit his views on the present and future political situation and problems and respecting the aims and objects of Liberalism with special reference to the work of the Committee.

Resolution Defines Liberal Attitude.

On Tuesday, December 21st, Sir Wilfrid opened the proceedings by introducing the following resolution which was heartily received and passed unanimously:

"This National Liberal Committee is of opinion that so long as the War lasts the Liberal Party should continue, as it has from the first, to give its chief attention to the tremendous struggle in which the Country is engaged; that to that end it should continue to give loyal support to all necessary war measures whilst exercising a vigilant supervision of the conduct of the Government both in Military and Civil matters; and that in the meantime the members of this Committee should actively apply themselves to the study of the important questions and problems which the Country will have to face when peace is restored."

Sub-Committee Appointed.

The meeting then devoted their attention to a serious discussion of various highly important matters submitted for their consideration with the result that Resolutions were adopted creating a separate Sub-Committee for each of the following purposes,—

(1) To consider the finances of Canada with special reference to the greatly increased National financial obligations, and ways and means to distribute the necessary charges or taxation among the people in the most equitable manner.

(2) To consider problems of Rural Life in Canada with a view to Federal Legislation by which Agricultural production may be promoted and our unemployed and our immigrants may be encouraged and enabled to engage in farming.

(3) To study and report upon the establishment of a Rural Credit system, and such additions to the laws affecting Banking, as may tend to make capital and loans for agricultural operations available on terms more favorable than at present obtained.

(4) To inquire into and study the welfare of our returned soldiers involving a consideration of the