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THE LIBERAL CONVENTION

Proceedings Were Concluded Saturday Afternoon With Address From Mr. Hyman

Mr. McCoig Launches out on Campaign for Seat in Dominion House - Majority Rule at the Meeting

The Liberal Convention, a report of which was given in Saturday's Planet, up to the time of going to press, was concluded about half-past four. After Mr. McCoig had accepted the nomination, interest in the meeting fell and several left the hall. Hon. Mr. Hyman was called upon to address the gathering, and all through his address stragglers were leaving the hall.

Mr. McCoig, in his address, thanked the convention for the unanimous nomination tendered to him. He was received with much applause. He said that he was honored in following Mr. Pardo in the local house, and he would also feel an honor to follow Geo. Stephens in the Dominion Parliament. He was pleased to learn that he would have the support of Geo. Stephens and the old Liberals. Mr. McCoig was sorry that he would have to separate himself from the people of Wallaceburg. He thought, with the majority he would get in Blenheim and Harwich added to the majority he got in the city at the last election, he would be able to give Mr. Clements a crushing defeat.

Mr. McCoig also undertook to score Mr. Clements on the manner in which he has represented West Kent in Parliament.

"What has Mr. Clements done?" asked the speaker. "The only thing he has done was to vote for the motion increasing the salaries of the representatives. When he accepted the nomination he asked to go down free hands. This was granted to him and yet he has voted Conservative on nearly every question in the house. He was whipped by the opposition into voting against the Automobile Bill."

Many had assembled to hear a great speech from the Hon. the Minister of Public Works, but they were disappointed. Mr. Hyman spoke a very short time, the most of which was taken up in congratulating the convention for nominating Mr. McCoig, and in telling the audience the exact strength of the Liberal party in the Dominion House.

He liked the convention. It was one of the largest he had ever seen. He liked the nominee. The Government, he said, has its faults, but the party cannot go wrong. The candidate is free to condemn the Government, but he should always support the party. The Government of which he is the junior member has been in power for ten years, and the prospects never looked as bright as they do at the present time. He then went into details as to the numbers of each party in the Government. He was sure Archie would go in. He was delighted to hear the resolution of confidence in Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

In relation to the fiscal question the speaker pointed out that the troublesome question was the tariff, which was so many people. He told how the dealers in iron were unable among themselves to settle on some tariff for this commodity. The Government considers all classes of people. The next session of the Government will be taken up largely with the tariff question.

Mr. Hyman also promised to do all in his power for local shippers in the way of transportation. We cannot deal thoroughly with this question in one year. We have great questions of transportation which require solving. We are looking into the future and acting as quickly as possible.

As he concluded he was greeted with a applause from the people in the audience who remained.

D. A. Gordon, M. P., followed with a short and vigorous address. He spoke of the tariff along the same lines as Mr. Hyman. The Government would make a fair revision, but they would not do what the extremists want them to do.

John Auld, M. P., for Essex, made a speech along humorous lines. He spoke of Ontario politics and, with a number of crude jokes, succeeded in making his audience laugh. He made an amusing speech, and wound up the meeting by putting everyone in good humor.

The convention then closed with the usual cheers for the King, the candidate and the rest.

Old maids would be scarce and hard to find.

Could they be made to see, How grace and beauty is combined By using Rocky Mountain Tea.

A. I. McCall & Co.

The real difference between charity and philanthropy is that charity begins at home.

The more creed a man has the less charity he is apt to have with it.

ANOTHER SIDE OF QUESTION

General Manager Warburton Makes Strong Reply to Ald. Benson

Gives History of Electric Road From the First, and Points Out Difficulties Contended With by Promoters

In your issues of the 2nd and 3rd, interviews appear in reference to the loan now due the C. W. & L. E. Ry. Co., also an able editorial in reference to the same.

Being personally acquainted with matters leading up to the present, I beg permission to lay before the public facts in reference thereto.

Prior to 1903 there had been unknown to majority of the citizens an organized effort by several interested parties, including myself, to build an electric railway in Kent, running from Wallaceburg to a point on Lake Erie at or near Bond Head. Several attempts had been made to float the same scheme prior to our entering the field, resulting in failure, which is well known. Having personally great confidence in its success, and having induced others to entertain my views, we, after Mayor McKeough's inauguration of 1903, enlisted and obtained assistance and encouragement of Mayor McKeough, N. J. Stevens, Geo. Stephens, then M. P., and Wm. Ball, of Chatham, along with D. A. Gordon, of Wallaceburg, to push the scheme to completion.

During 1903 I, with my Toronto associates, endeavored to solicit financial assistance, and several trips we made to financial centres for that purpose. All our efforts were met by the question as to what assistance the city would give. This resulted in submitting to the people at the Municipal Elections in 1903, a By-law No. 815, which was carried, and by which we were able to place the enterprise to financiers in a more favorable light.

The scheme was kept alive during 1904 and we finally became acquainted with Messrs. Kipp, Kizer, and their associates, who were in company with Mr. J. D. O'Keefe, who had in the meantime become interested in the project, and presented the said By-law and its advantages, telling these gentlemen that the intention of the people was to assist the company in every way possible, and I don't very much if there was any inclination on the part of any of the citizens, particularly the business interests, to hinder the enterprise. The people of the city were to get a pioneer line built which would induce other like enterprises to come in, and which has already had results in the Windsor franchise.

No thought was given of discussion, either by Council or by the people, of the city's solicitor in drafting By-law No. 815, as to what kind of a bridge was necessary, it being the option of any company who might build (see clause 3 of By-law) the railway to use the present Third street bridge by strengthening it or by building a new one.

At a meeting of the Industrial committee, at which Mr. G. P. Scholfield, then manager of the Industrial Bank, was present as financial expert, the division of the loan was made of \$35,000 for the line from Chatham to Wallaceburg and \$15,000 for the line from Chatham to Lake Erie.

The terms of the By-law were clear, and the company having carried out their portion of the contract to the letter as outlined in said By-law, desire the payment of that portion of the loan due.

They have expended considerably more than called upon at the Power House. The plant is second to none in the Province and they find themselves at a standstill, as stated by Mr. Kizer, through inability to interest other capital owing to the opposition of, I think, a very small proportion of the citizens, but unfortunately for the interests of the city by some who hold the reins of power. If all were as well as I, they would know that what Mr. Kizer has so truthfully stated means what it says, and that unless justice is done, the scheme is blocked where it is now.

The many hindrances during construction in 1905, by the city forcing upon the company conditions not contained or intended in the original By-law, have the company far in excess of what should have been the case, and any who deal in financial matters know how very difficult it is to interest capital in any enterprise unless the business warrants interest on bonds and stock. Without the full and complete line such will not be the case, and the \$50,000 or more invested by local parties will not prove a profitable investment. With the line complete there is no fear of results. We have a splendid city and country surrounding, and people express their satisfaction at the results obtained from the small road now in operation, so that the completion is necessary to ensure permanent results.

To correct Ald. Benson, who has evidently not carefully studied the situation, the bridge has been strengthened under the direction of the City Engineer. Cars are running to the south side of the river and

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FOR BIG STRIKE FUND

Two and Half Million Dollars to be Raised by Miners

Anthracite Companies Order Work at Full Time and Open Many Closed Washeries

Indianapolis, Feb. 5.—The national executive board of the United Mine Workers met behind closed doors Saturday morning and remained in session until evening. Routine business was transacted.

A special levy of \$1 a week on each member of the organization to create a strike fund was discussed informally, and no action was taken.

There is an intimation that pressure has been exerted on some of the board members to cut the proposed assessment in two. There is little likelihood that this will be done. Secretary W. B. Wilson is especially determined that the funds thus raised shall be at least \$2,500,000, and the other national officers and a majority of the board members are of the opinion that this sum will not be found too large if a strike is declared on April 1.

Collieries Work Overdim.

Mahoney City, Pa., Feb. 5.—The collieries throughout the anthracite region have been ordered to operate at full capacity from now until next April. A number of washeries in the Schuylkill field that have been closed, will resume operations to-day on full time. The companies except to add 3,000,000 tons of coal to their stock in the next eight weeks.

Get the Order Ready.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 5.—It was intimated at the international headquarters of the Mine Workers of America yesterday that before the adjournment of the present session of the executive board, Secretary W. B. Wilson would be instructed to prepare a formal strike order, effective on April 1, in order to avoid the reassembling of the board after the adjournment of the present session.

BANK MANAGER SUICIDES.

Body of Rodrick Mackenzie Found by Railway Line.

Kingston, Feb. 5.—The suicide of Rodrick Mackenzie, local manager of the Bank of Montreal, will not be the subject of an inquest. The body was found lying alongside the railway tracks about four miles east of the city early on Saturday morning. A bottle, which had contained carbolic acid, was nearby. He leaves a widow and three children.

Montreal, Feb. 5. Bank of Montreal officers last night declined to make any statement as to the death of Mackenzie of Kingston. He had served with the bank in several places, among them St. John and Newcastle, N. B., and Cornwall, Ont.

THREE ORDERED DEPORTED.

Three Obnoxious Frenchmen Take Refuge in the Legion.

Port Au Prince, Hayti, Feb. 5.—Of five foreign officers who have been ordered deported, a German and an Austrian were put aboard ship Saturday morning for the authorities. The three remaining persons, all Frenchmen, took refuge in the French legion and refused to depart, one of them declaring that he was without means and the others requesting a delay in order that they might wind up their affairs.

The Haytian Government has demanded the execution of the decree of deportation.

American Teacher Dismissed.

Peking, Feb. 5.—Yuan Shi Kai, viceroy of Chih Province, has discharged Prof. C. D. Tenny, the foreign director of education, who organized the new school system of this province and within three years made it a model of the empire. Strong opposition has risen lately to the foreign management of schools and particularly against Dr. Tenny, because he is an American. The boycott against American goods is being revived.

Balloon Voyage to France.

London, Feb. 5.—An aero club balloon left London Saturday afternoon for France and later was sighted from the Eastbourne pier moving seaward. Eastbourne is 66 miles southeast of London.

Death in the Drink.

Quebec, Feb. 5.—A farmer of St. Ambrose, Indian Lorete, died suddenly Saturday in a saloon on Notre Dame Des Agnes street, St. Roch. Being refused a drink he went to put his hands on a glass which had been filled up for another customer. He was struck by the owner of the glass and fell down dead.

Fifty Men Burned.

Buffalo, Feb. 5.—A special to The Express from Genesee says fifty men were burned, many of them seriously, in an explosion at the Sterling Salt Co.'s mine near Cuylerville Saturday. The explosion was caused by an accumulation of gas in the sand house near the surface.

The Stage settings for "The Magistrate" have never been excelled in Chatham. The curtain will rise at 8:15 sharp

WITTE'S FOES ARE WINNING

Czar Declines to See Him—The Count's Bitterest Enemies Are in The Ascendant

Council of The Empire Promulgates a "Joker," Storm of Protest and Probably Worse Will Follow

St. Petersburg, Feb. 5.—After a short discussion in the council of the empire Saturday, the temporary regulations for strengthening the hands of the Government in dealing with political enemies in which there is a "joker" removing certain categories of political crimes from the jurisdiction of civil courts and placing them in the hands of court martials, were accepted and soon will receive the imperial sanction. The de facto extension of martial law to all parts of the empire for the purpose of dealing with political assassins and bomb throwers is sure to awaken a storm of protest in all liberal newspapers and to be hailed as other evidence of the Government's reactionary policy.

Witte's Enemies Victorious.

The Novos Vremya says: "During the last few days Count Witte's projected new laws for the meetings of the leagues has been before the Imperial Council, which so pulled them to pieces that even the smallest details were altered. They have in fact been terribly mutilated. This is significant as indicating the hostility with which the Council is now pursuing Count Witte."

Indeed, this is quite the most important political event here in a long time. It places Count Witte in an almost untenable position.

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Further details of the meeting of the Imperial Council shows that M. Tolsti, the president, and reckoned as a friend of Count Witte, absented himself on the plea of illness. He was replaced by Admiral Schtkhoff, the deadly enemy of the Premier. Ninety-three members were present. The anti-Witte sentiment was overwhelming and bitter. From a member of the count I hear that Count Witte has since the finding of the Council twice applied for an audience at Tsarskoe Selo, the reply given each time that the Emperor was too busy to receive him.

Magistrates as a rule play to a full house; you see the people are forced to go. "The Magistrate" to-morrow night will play to a full house because they want to go.

Many a man would exchange a family tree for a load of fire wood.

Superiority has a way of coming to the fore without much talk.

FRIED CAKES

Just Like Mother Makes

LAMON BROS.

PHONE 489

HERE was an old chap once who was troubled with insomnia. He was advised to try counting—he did—counted up to 89,347, without stopping. "Did you go to sleep then?" he was asked. "No," said he, "when I'd counted that far it was time to get up." And he added a few other things about the man who gave him the advice. That seems to be the way with some stores, too—they will try anything that comes along to bolster up business.

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