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ON BEHALF OF THE COSERVATIVE PARTY-A LARGE AND EN. THUSIASTIC CONVENTION.

The Conservatives of West Kent met in convention in Northwood's Hall on Saturday afternoon, for the purpose of selecting a candidate to contest this riding for the Dominion House. The convention was one of the best rallies that the party has ever fathered in the city. Owing to it being Saturday, a large_number of the Maple City Conservatives were unable to attend, but nevertheless Northwood's Hall was crowded with delegates. The meeting was highly enthusiastic and wonderfully harmonious. Everyone was in accord, and everything ran

President of the Association, Mayor Smith, of Chatham, occup ed the chair. OFFICERS ELECTED.

The following officers were elected President - Thomas Scullard. First Vice-M.-J. Wilson, Harwich. Second Vice .- Henry Lindley, Ral-

Secretary-Ward Stanworth

Treasurer-Andrew Heyward. Mayor Smith thanked the conven tion for the honor they had conferred in electing him president of the Association for four years. He then called the newly elected president, Mr. Scul-

ford to the chair. THE NEW PRESIDENT.

Mr. Scullard heartily thanked the convention for the honor conferred on him and said that he esteemed it a great honor to be elected to the first office in the gift of the convention. He was pleased to be called to this exalted position at a time when the party were about to enter on a campaign on which victory was assured. He was groud because when he had come to this country many years ago-he had found that the people who were working for the benefit of the country were those who called them-selves Conservatives. This was the party fighting through good and evil report that had brought itself to the proud position it now occupies. Mr. of office he would have the honor to occupy the chair, he would see the county redceined and he felt sure that the man who got the nomination would be the member for Kent.

An executive committee composed of resident of each municipality not represented by he officers was appointed. The representatives from the municipalities are: Henry Sales, Til-bury East; Percy Gahan, Romney; Henry Clements, Dover, Dr. Storey, Blenheim, W. C. Crawford, Tilbury.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED. The following resolutions were en-

thusiastically endorsed by the Conven-On motion of Mr. J. M. Pike, seconded by Mr. Arnold, it is further resolved that the members of this convention hail with delight the announcement that the Hon. Hugh John Maderald has a stated in the Hon. Macdonald has entered into the larger arena of Federal politics, believing, as they do, that, by his intimate knowl of the affairs of Canada and of the character of her people, by the en-lightened, tolerant turn of his mind, and by his engaging and charming per-sonality he must gain a high place in the confidence of the Canadian peo-

On motion of Mr. Wm. Ball, seconded by Mr. R. Pritchard, it was resolved that, moved with admiration for the tireless energies of the Hon. Sir Charles Tupper, Bart, the leader of Her Majesty's loyal Opposition in the

House of Commons, enlightened by his trenchant and masterly criticism of the culpable extravagance, corrupt methods and devious ways of the present Government at Ottawa, and being, moreover, persuaded that the policy which he has on many public occasions. which he has on many public occasions so tersely and eloquently enunciated would, if adopted, add lustre to the dignity of Canada and greatly contribute to her agricultural, commertial tribute to her agricultural, commercially contribute to her agricultural, commercially contribute to her agricultural, commercially contribute to her agricultural, commercially contributed to the contribute to her agricultural, commercially contributed to the contribute to her agricultural, commercially contributed to the contribute to her agricultural commercial contribute to her agricultural contribute to her agricultural commercial contribute to her agricultural contribute to her agricult cial and financial prosperity, this convention hereby expresses its full and unwavering confidence in the venerable and illustrious leader of the great Liberal-Conservative party and pledges itself to contribute its share to secure at the approaching general election his triumphant return to the tion his triumphant return to the chief place in the councils of the Do-

THE NOMINATIONS for a candidate to represent the conor a candidate to represent the constituency were next taken and resulted as follows:

Mayor T. A. Smith, of Chatham, nominated by M. J. Wilson, Harwich, seconded by S. Hitchcock, Raleigh.

Frank Rankin, Dover, by Henry Lindley, Raleigh, and Mr. Stringer, bover.

Henry Sales, Tilbury East, by Henry Wilson and Mr. Corliss. Mr. Sales withdrew, W. C. Crawford, Tilbury, by Mr. Cor-

Percy Gahan, by C. S. Coatsworth and Mr. Edwards.
G. W. Sulman, by J. M. Pike and Robert Pritchard. Wilson, by Mr. Glendenning and W. D. A. Ross.

C. S. Coatsworth, Romney, by Percy Gahan and Dr. Hall. W. S. Richards, by Dr. Hall and C. S. Coatsworth

WILL RUN ANYWAY. Capt. Patteson was nominater by

fames Clancy. The Captain declared that he intended to contest the riding in any event. He hadn't asked for the nomination but he was going to run nevertheless. He was prepared for the contest and felt himself competent to represent Kent.

Mr. Sales asked his name to be with-

Mr. Sales asked his hame to be with drawn, and this was done. Mr. Pike, in nominating Mr. Sulman, said he had always taken a great in-terest in politics and would roll up a big majority in Chatham. He was also as popular with the farmers as with the middle classes and one of the strongest men the Conservatives could

put up to-day.

Mayor Smith thanked his nominators. He said he hadn't asked a delegate to support him and the choice of the convention would be his choice. There was a condition confronting the people to-day, a condition of trusts and subsidies. Where could a farmer or mechanic be found profiting by these. If he were successful in getting the nomination he, being no office seeker, would go free and untram-melled to parliament. His platform was simply this: Fair play and guard-ianship of the interests of the elec-tors. His aim would be to keep, the promises he might make and always

do right. Mr. Rankin thanked his nominators but said he didn't care to run. M. J. Wilson thanked his nominators for the honor, but said he wasn't in a position to undertake the battle. Mr. Gahan said he was a Conservative through and through and he was prepared to fight and win if his candi-dature was declared acceptable.

Mr. Coatsworth took advantage of the opportunity of expressing his admiration for Mr. Gahan who he said, although himself willing to accept the nomination, had de-sired to sacrifice his own chances by nominating him. Mr. Coatsworth also retired
Mr. Richards thought that he youth and nexperience would not warrant him in letting his name go before the convention.

At some future date, however, it would please him very much to have the great honor of representing the party to which he was devoted, in an election contest.

THE DOCTOR A FAVORITE. Dr. Hall had some difficulty in persuading his numerous admirers that he in his statement that he did not want the nomination. So great was the applause when he rose that it was some time before the popular doctor could make himself heard. He made a short address, however,

returning thanks for the honor done him, and voicing the general sentiment when he said that he was proud of the Conservative party in Kent and that with such a strong man as Mr. Smith at the head nothing could stem the tide of victory.

The withdrawal of these candidates left four gentlemen in the field:—W. C. Crawlore, of Tilbury; Percy Gahan, of Romney; Ald. Geo. W. Sulman and Mayor T. A. Smith.

Andrew Heyward, Henry Sales and S. I Arnold wer appoin e ! scrutineers and the

ONE-BALLOT SUFFICIENT. On the first ballot Mayor Smith received 120 votes, Ald. Sulman 21, Mr.
Crawford 36 and Mr. Gahan 13, thus
giving Smith a plurality of 50. When
the result was announced pandemonium reigned. Mr. Smith was the heroof the hour, and everyone tried to congratulate him at once. When the uproar had subsided somewhat and the
Mayor had gotten his right arm in Mayor had subsided somewhat and the Mayor had gotten his right arm in joint again President Scullard introduced James Clancy, M. P., who made a speech which, by reason of the fire and ejoquence that characterized it, was a fitting conclusion to an afternoon of cuthusiasm let loose. MR. CLIANCY'S ADDRESS.

Mr. Chancy opened his address by stating that the party were going into the contest with great vigor and enthusiasm and with a strong and capathusiasm and with a strong and capa-able standard bearer. He always ac-cepted it as a necessary political con-dition that the leaders of the party should be stronger than the party it-self. In the case of the Liberals, how-ever, they were lamentably deficient in this particular as they have leaders in whom not even they themselves can put their trust.

The Conservatives are entirely in accord, and will be assisted at the polls by thousands of Liberals who nave lost confidence in the Laurier government. What would happen it the Liberals should get a new lease of power? Their promises have been proven to be as worthless as a bad dollar bill. On the whole the Liberal party is honest, but there is a great difference between the party and its

'You have," said Mr. Clancy, "nominated a candidate who has done much for me, and I earnestly desire that all my friends shall give him a united support. If you e.ect him you have done your share towards idding the country of the detestable ondition of government under which it now groans. The government which assumed power at Ottawa in 1896 was one which never had greater

Every man who in 1896 was pay-ing \$1,00 into the public exchequer, is

"The occasion i some of the most vi-tal importance to all of you and I will call upon you to put all other considerations in the background for a time erations in the background for a time and throw yourselves vigorously into the fight for pure government. Laur-ier is shouting about the preferential trade which he alone and unaided brought about with Great Britain. Why! any man can get preferential trade if he gives away everything and asks for nothing in return Laughter. asks for nothing in return. Laughter. He gave a -preference in corn to the United States and the result is that 7,000,000 bushels of Yankees corn came into Canada last year to the detriment of those farmers who raise corn."

A voice—What did we get in return

"We got the Standard Oil monopoly, which sent up the price of coal oil to twenty cents a gallon. (Loud cheers.) 'i want you farmers to support Mr. Smith because he, in turn will support a government which will not go in for children's bargains; which will not grant concessions to any country without receiving concessions in return. you don't get one article from Great Britain which you use on your farms, so what use is the British pre-ference to you? You doin't import plows, binders, fanning mills, or anything else from England; but I'll tell you, if you want to import diamonds,. silks, or broad cloths, you can get a preference of 331-2 per cent. Loud preference of 331-2 per cent. aughter. The main point in this whole preferential trade business lies in the fact that you can get a preference on the luxuries, but not on the necessaries of life. Since 1896 there vas in 1896, and the price of your produce has not advanced in proportion. The remedy lies in your own hands nd you know how to apply it. Within the next 48 hours the news may be flashed over Canada that parjiament has dissolved and we will be in the threes of an election. It may be a well contested one, but there can be but one result. Sir Charles Tupper will be returned by substantial ma-jorities in every province of this great Dominion. (Long continued applause

The Convention was closed with cheers for the Queen, the candidate; and S. Charles Tupper.

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Miss Josie Bushey, and Miss Maud Alexander, are visiting friends in Wallaceburg.

Over one thousand farm laborers are required in the Northwest. The Canadian Pacific Ry. will run a farm laborers' excursion Thursday, Sept. 20th, 810 going, 818 returning. Miss Orah Grandbois, of Detroit, is

spending a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grandbois, Elizabeth street, North Chatham. There will be an exceptionally good show of stock at our Fair on Oct. 10, 11. Everybody interested in the

raising of good stock should make it a point to attend and help the exhibition along. Geo. Stephens & Co., are still selling paints and oils the cheapest in Chat-nam. Boiled oil 80c., Mixed paints 35

cents a quart. Bags cheap, and names put on free. names put on free.

The annual meeting of the Chatham W. C. T. U. will be held in their hall in the Rutherford block, Thursday, Sept 20th, at 3 o'clock. The superintendents of the different departments will kindly have their reports ready and bring them in. The convention will be held early in October.

The trials of speed at the fair this year on Oct. 9, 10, 11, will be good. The purses offered are a sufficient inducement to attract the best horses. Some time ago the Dominion gov-

rnment advertised for tenders the work of dredging Sarnia bay. The Observer learns that the contract for the work has been awarded, and that James O'Leary, of Port Lambton, is the successful tenderer.

Changes in hotel property and proprietorship are coming thick and in Wallaceburg, three taking place within two weeks. By the last change Theodore Bourassa, late of the Montana House, Chatham, be-comes proprietor of the Tecumseh House. It is expected the attendance at our

has never been one single act of legislation passed which has been beneficial to the farmers. There is not one of the control of the control

Everybody in the county should be nterested in the county fair. It is the best advertisement our county gets and every citizen should contrioute to its success.

The Canadian Conference of Charities will meet in the Normal School Building, Toronto, on Thursday afternoon, Sept. 27, at 2 p. m., and all who are interested in the consideration of charitable problems, prison reform, child saving, etc., are invited to be present and take part in the proceed-ings. A number of prominent philan-thropists from the United States are expected.

The great amount of design work done at the Victoria Avenue Green House is sufficient proof of the excellence of the work. Nothing but the best at the lowest prices. Telephone 181.

Another shipment of Ladies' Tailor Suitings just received at Thibodeau & Jacques'. W. H. Gonne, of this city, received

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Johannesburg, Sept. 17.—Provisions are selling at famine prices. Sugar brings two shillings and sixpence a pound, and pork the same price, while matches are sola at one shilling per box. Other staple articles are proportionately dear, while many necessities are not obtainable at any price.



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THAMESVILLE.

Sept. 17 -Mr. Gillies, of Chatham, formerly of this place, is renewing acquain

the soles.

tance here.

Mrs John Sinclair has returned from visit to London friends.

Mrs. Sterne Ball and children, of Detroit, are the guests of Mrs. J. Duncan. Miss Laugaton, of Bothwell, was in town

last week. John Sherman and Noble Ripley have returned home from Detroit.

Rev. Mr. Diehl, of Florence, was in town Friday

Nothwithstanding the coolness of the evening a large crowd attended the peach social on Mrs. Ferguson's beautiful lawn Friday night. The program, lights, flowers and menu were all that could be desired and an enjoyable time was spent. Proceeds

amounted to \$40. Mrs. Wm. McKenzie was in London Friday.

Lost, Sept. 12th, parcel containing a new coat, with Reid the Tailor's name on it, between the first and sec-ond con., town line. The party who picked it up will be amply rewarded by leaving it at Reid's tailor shop

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