

POLITICAL NEWS

POLITICAL PARTIES
CLOSE UP OFFICESWestern Organizations Will
Coalesce Into Unionist
Association.

Winnipeg, Oct. 25.—The Regina, correspondent of The Winnipeg Telegram says:

Last night the two political organizations which have fought for the control of the government since the territorial status was abandoned in 1915, passed out of existence for the period of the war, so far as federal elections are concerned. Their places have been taken by the new National Government Association of Saskatchewan. This is the climax of the negotiations which have been under way since the federal union was formed. Dr. Bowman of Weyburn, president of the Conservative Association, resigned with the other officers, and their headquarters in the capital were closed. "Similar steps were taken by the Liberals," Hon. J. A. Calder, acting for them in the ultimate arrangements. The unionist central organization will be an executive committee composed of Liberals and Conservatives, and each constituency will have local executives similarly organized, on which will devolve the obligation of calling conventions and naming union candidates. Final details were harmonious, dividing the province by conceding ten seats to Liberals and six to Conservatives.

NO LABOR CANDIDATES
TO RUN IN CAPE BRETON

Association of Mine Workers Decides Not to Interfere in Politics.

Sydney, N.S., Oct. 25.—Labor candidates will not be entered for the election in Cape Breton. South and Richmond in the next federal election. This announcement was made today by James B. Macdonald, secretary-treasurer of the Association of Mine Workers of Nova Scotia. The delegates spent the entire morning session in a discussion of the mine wage scale, probably the most vital question that will be taken up at the convention.

COL. HUGH CLARKE IS
NOMINATED IN N. BRUCE

Selected by Enthusiastic Convention as Win-the-War Candidate.

Tara, Ont., Oct. 25.—Col. Hugh Clarke of Kincardine was nominated to contest the riding of North Bruce as a supporter of the union government here today at an enthusiastic non-partisan convention. There were about 200 men and women, including several Liberals, in attendance at the meeting, which was presided over by Charles Start, barrister, of this town, president of the Conservative Association.

TORONTO POTATO
PRICES LOWEST

Buffalo People Pay Sixty to Seventy-Five Cents More.

Ottawa, Oct. 25.—Correspondents of the food controller's office today reported the following wholesale prices per 90-pound bag of potatoes:

Toronto: Ontario stock, \$1.70 to \$1.75.
Montreal: Quebec and Ontario stock, \$2.00; New Brunswick, \$2.25.
Ottawa: Ontario and P. E. I. stock, \$2.00 to \$2.25.
Quebec: Quebec stock scarce at \$2.00 to \$2.25.

St. John: New Brunswick Delaware, \$2.00 to \$2.25; Prince Edward Island, \$2.00.
Halifax: Local stock, \$1.75.
Buffalo: Western white potatoes, \$2.25; New York State bulk stock, \$2.25.

Prices paid to growers:
Prince Edward Island, \$1.30 per bag; New Brunswick, \$1.30; Quebec, \$1.30; Ontario, \$1.30.

Nova Scotia: No change in prices in western Nova Scotia; slight increase in eastern section. Prices stiffening in eastern section.

THREE-BILLION MARK HIT
BY LIBERTY LOAN TOTAL

Washington Expects Five Billion Dollar Maximum by Saturday.

Washington, Oct. 25.—Liberty loan totals flashed past the \$3,000,000,000 mark today and headed for the \$5,000,000,000 maximum, with every indication that by continuation of the relentless campaign the latter figure will be realized when the books close Saturday.

Altho unofficial estimates from the federal reserve districts do not total the figure, officials tonight expressed the conviction that subscriptions were past the \$3,500,000,000 mark.

"Victory for the second liberty loan is in sight," Secretary McAdoo announced tonight, upon his return home from a transatlantic tour in behalf of the loan.

LEUT. GEDDIE IS MARRIED.

London, Oct. 25.—Lieut. Gordon Geddie of the Canadian Camerons, now discharged from the depot at Buxton, was married to Nurse Mary Florence Armstrong of New Brunswick. Col. Geddie gave the bride away. Nurse Wishart was bridesmaid and Capt. Miller was groomsmen. Sister McCullough of Kingston has been appointed matron of the special hospital at Buxton.

LIBERAL MEETING
STRICTLY PRIVATE

Toronto Star Published Interview With C. W. Kerr on Statement.

The Toronto Star published the following last night:

"It was a private meeting of the executive committee and it was held yesterday evening in my office," said C. W. Kerr, barrister, president of the Toronto Reform Association, when The Star interviewed him on the statement given out last evening.

In this announcement it was said that the Toronto Liberals were not at least Toronto seats in which union government candidates appear. In commenting on the published report of Wednesday, Mr. Kerr informed The Star that "a good many lines were considered about ten days ago. While Sir Wilfrid Laurier was in the city, a couple of years ago in the interests of the Liberal principles. However, a crisis in the country's history had drawn the people together and split up party lines, and he believed in union government as the best way to carry on the war as well as to get prohibition, women's suffrage and many other reforms that had been considered remote."

He dealt with his own attitude in the matter and how he had broken with his leader, but said that he still stood for Liberal principles. He did not try to gloss over Conservative blunders, but asked that old wrongs be forgotten and that every one support, as far as possible, the union government and candidate. (He explained Canada's need of money and the new war loan. Dr. Jacques, M.L.A., also spoke. A resolution endorsing union government and its platform was unanimously passed.

Conventions to Be Public. "It was a private meeting, but you will see who are back of the Liberal movement when the conventions are held, and the proceedings will be public."

"But Mr. Kerr, we should like the names of all at yesterday's meeting," urged The Star.

Mr. Kerr was courteous but firm. The meeting was private, etc.

"Then, Mr. Kerr, how many were at the meeting?"

Mr. Kerr was as urbane as ever and also as mute on the personnel and number of yesterday's executive roll.

"Was Gordon Waldron present at yesterday's meeting?"

"No, as you know, Mr. Waldron has been engaged on the bacon probe and has not been able to attend the executive meetings."

"Was James H. Spence present?"

"No."

Waldron and Spence Absent. The Star asked Mr. Waldron what he thought of the statement, and he said: "I was not at the meeting and I have not read the report."

Mr. Spence had this to say: "I was not notified of the meeting of the Toronto Reform Association, at which I was selected and I have not attended the executive meetings."

Edward Fielding, for many years a strong Liberal, now a unionist, stated to the Star today: "Mr. Kerr has no more right to make a statement for Toronto Liberals than I have. The meeting at which he and others were elected officers of the so-called Central Liberal or Reform Association was not properly advertised. Who called that organization or re-organization meeting? I don't know. As to the statement itself, I don't agree with it."

Who the Officers Are. On Aug. 24, in Forum Hall, the Central Liberal Association held its annual meeting, which, Edward Fielding complains, was not properly advertised, and the following officers were elected:

Honorary presidents, Sir Alan Aylesworth, H. Cox, C. C. Macdonald, K.C., Major A. T. Hunter, George H. Watson, K.C., and Major A. A. Mulholland.

President, C. W. Kerr.
Vice-presidents, C. E. Bachley, J. J. Dunbar, W. J. O'Reilly, Louis Levinson, J. H. Spence, Peter Shea and T. W. Shipway.

Secretary, Frank Regan.
Treasurer, Gordon Waldron.

The Toronto Evening News, reviewing the situation in Nova Scotia, comes to the conclusion that there will be nearly a clean sweep for the union government in that province. Nova Scotia is entitled to sixteen members in the next house, including two members from the city and

Had Piles
For Ten Years

And Tried Nearly Everything Except a Surgical Operation Without Obtaining Relief—Tells How Complete Cure Was Effected.

Brantford, Ont., Oct. 25.—There are reported here to be cases of chronic piles. In all three cases many treatments were tried before it was discovered that Dr. Chase's Ointment is about the best real cure for this distressing ailment.

Mrs. A. Oates, 225 Gilmour street, Brantford, Ont., writes: "I have used Dr. Chase's Ointment as a household remedy for ever so long, and am particularly indebted to it for a cure from Piles. I had suffered from this annoying trouble for ten years and tried nearly everything I heard of. After using Dr. Chase's Ointment a short while I was completely cured."

Mrs. Wm. Shantz, 155 Albert street, Kitchener, Ont., writes: "For several years I was troubled with bleeding piles. I tried different remedies in vain, without success. I read in Dr. Chase's Almanac of the benefits other people were receiving from Dr. Chase's Ointment, so I sent to your office for a sample box. I found it gave me such relief that I went to a drug store and purchased a full-sized box. I have used several boxes since, and have derived more benefit from its use than any remedy I have ever used."

Mrs. P. Cussons, Victoria street, Ingersoll, Ont., writes: "About two years and a half ago I was suffering from Piles. I had tried many different remedies for this distressing trouble, but nothing helped me. Finally I got a box of Dr. Chase's Ointment, and after using it I found that I was completely cured, and have not been bothered in this way since. I can cheerfully recommend Dr. Chase's Ointment to anyone suffering as I did."

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County of Halifax, and two members from the City of Sydney and contiguous territory in Cape Breton. The prime minister, it is said, will run in his native County of Kings, long represented by the late Sir Frederick Borden. This would probably have the effect of eliminating DeWitt C. Foster, who at one time threatened to create much the same situation in Kings' N.S., as W. F. Garland has created in Carleton, Ont.

This would also enable Hon. A. K. Maclean to run again in Halifax, with a Conservative Irish-Catholic as running mate on a union government ticket. There is, however, a possibility in Halifax of the two Protestant candidates being elected even tho' it costs one of the parties a seat in parliament, as happened in 1896 and 1911.

Speaker Rhodes will probably have his election in Cumberland, N.S., contested by Hants Logan, ex-M.P. Mr. Rhodes is a good member and made an excellent speaker, but he is one of several government candidates in the maritime provinces who will suffer from the fact that the intercolonial runs thru his riding. The I. C. R. is always a burden to the party in power, and Hon. Frank Cochrane's business administration produced considerable dissatisfaction among conservative workers, as the revolt of the Stanfield brothers bore witness. In this connection it is said that Colonel John Stanfield will not run again in Colchester, but will retire in favor of P. B. McCurdy, in which event Hon. W. B. Fielding may be the union government candidate in Queen's and Shelburne.

J. H. Sinclair of Guysboro and Lieut. Carroll of South Cape Breton, it is said, will be acceptable as union government candidates, but the Conservatives will not stand for George W. Kyles. Mr. Kyles became obnoxious as the author of the Kyles changes against the old shells committee, altho he merely fired the gun which Hon. Frank B. Carvell loaded. He voted, however, against conscription, and is said to have been elected in both Cape Breton and Victoria, will be opposed by a union government candidate, and possibly by A. C. Ross, ex-M.P., as an independent Liberal. B. M. Macdonald, it is said, will have to run, if he runs at all, as a Liberal candidate in Pictou as the support of the government will be given to his opponent, Alex. MacGregor.

Sir Sam Hughes is in the city, and will address a Liberal-Conservative Club at St. George's Hall tonight. Sir Sam was greatly in favor of union government a short time ago, but he has no hesitation in saying that the union government, now in power, will sweep away the coming elections. Whether the meeting on Friday night has anything to do with the election in Centre Toronto remains to be seen.

Sir Rodolphe Forget announces that he is going after the scalp of Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, and will stand as a candidate against him no matter in what constituency he may run. Sir Rodolphe voted against conscription, but has been a lifelong Conservative, and in 1911 was returned from both Charlevoix and Montmorency.

These two ridings are now open, and will no doubt return Sir Rodolphe Forget, but at the same time Sir Rodolphe will be the last against Mr. Lemieux, whether the latter runs in Gaspé or Verville.

Hon. George P. Graham is reported to be in Montreal, and has been given the endorsement of the Liberal-Laurier and the Ottawa correspondent of The Toronto News is authority for the statement that Mr. Graham may find a seat in the next house from the Province of Quebec.

The Liberal-Conservatives hold their convention in Ottawa tonight, and Messrs. Frapp and Chabot, the sitting members, will have to fight for re-election. Under the disadvantage of having dispensed the political patronage for the past six years in a riding which gets the lion's share of the patronage, but has not been able to get it, Napoleon Champagne, former member of the legislature from Ottawa, and a member of the board of school, is thought to be a strong independent Conservative, and the Ottawa Citizen, which in a general way supports the union government, is bitterly opposed to the Liberal-Conservative ticket.

The Liberals will place two candidates in the field, and there is no prospect of a union government accession. Sir Rodolphe Forget, ex-M.P., will run in the English-speaking Liberal candidate, and his running mate may be Hon. S. N. Parent, former premier of Quebec, and now member of the National Transcontinental Railway Commission.

The union government idea seems to have struck root more quickly and deeply in Saskatchewan than anywhere else. Both the old party organizations have broken up, and a new union government executive has been formed in every riding with a central committee at Regina. A union government candidate will be nominated in every district, it is said that ten Liberals and six Conservatives will be named, and probably most of them will be returned to the house by acclamation.

The Conservative and Liberal executives of Centre Winnipeg are to agree on a union government candidate. Rev. Dr. S. G. Bland, an ardent conscriptionist, but a free-trader, who has already been nominated as an independent, may be selected as the union government candidate.

A rather curious performance seems to be going on in South Winnipeg, where the Liberals profess themselves willing to support a Conservative as the union government candidate, but want to pick the nominee. They seem resolved to put out Hon. Robert Rogers, who could probably carry the riding easily enough as the Conservative candidate in a straight party fight.

A union convention will be held in the town hall, Waterloo, on Saturday for the purpose of selecting win-the-war candidates.

T. E. Simpson, Sault Ste. Marie, has been chosen unanimously by the Conservative Association to succeed A. C. Boyce as candidate for the federal riding of Sault Ste. Marie and West Algoma.

Enthusiastic supporters of union government filled Central Methodist Church in Calgary and Methodist

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they are receiving in every military camp from Vancouver, B.C., to the trenches in France. Toronto Y.M.C.A.'s must be prepared.

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dorced the present government and its policy of conscription.

The Herald of Montreal, which said that the government was planning "a masterly retreat" in regard to the enforcement of conscription, now says that as Sir Robert Borden has issued a statement denying the story, The Herald accepts that statement unreservedly and regrets if the publication has in any way affected the operation of the preliminary work.

The following official statement has been issued by the government: The formation of a union-national government has changed the political situation throughout Canada, and in many constituencies two or more candidates, Conservative, Liberal or labor, may be acceptable to the voters. The Military Voters' Act it is the duty of the prime minister to design a candidate in each riding as the government candidate, who thereby may receive the benefit of the soldiers' votes which are given, not for the particular candidate, but for the government. It is the earnest desire of the government that in each constituency the support of the union government, whether Conservative, Liberal or labor or independent, should confer together and see if they cannot agree upon a candidate who may be acceptable to and who may be designated by the prime minister as the government candidate for the purposes of the soldiers' vote under the Military Voters' Act.

W. A. CHARLTON STATES
POSITION ON UNIONISM

Supporter of Newly-Formed Government and It's No Time for Division.

W. A. Charlton, representative of Norfolk County in the house of commons for six years, has stated his position in regard to union government in a letter addressed to H. B. Donly, president of the Norfolk County Liberal Association. He says:

"More than two years ago I became impressed with the necessity for a union government. The gravity of the situation indicated clearly that party strife had no longer any rightful place in the affairs of this country, and during that time I have done all in my power toward the formation of such a government. I feel it my duty to inform you, in your official capacity as president of the Norfolk County Liberal Association, that I am a supporter of the newly-formed union government. Their manifesto issued a few days ago should be satisfactory to all classes of people. This is no time for division. This is the darkest day in the history of the world. Our united efforts are essential for the preservation of civilization."

Eastern Townships Party Men
To Coalesce as Unionists

Sherbrooke, Que., Oct. 25.—A meeting of the Eastern Townships Conservative Association was held here this afternoon. Senator Pope presided. A resolution was passed endorsing the war policy of the government. Meetings will be called in all the counties in the eastern townships of prominent Liberals and Conservatives with the object of deciding jointly on candidates who favor the union government's policy.

TWO CONFERENCES
IN HAMILTON TODAY

Tories and Liberals of Wentworth May Agree on Unionist Candidate.

FIGHT FOR THE EAST

Reform Gathering Expected to Accept Resignation of Major Chisholm.

Hamilton, Friday, Oct. 26.—Two important political conferences will take place in Hamilton today. A joint conference of the executive committees of the Conservative and Liberal associations of Wentworth County will be held in the county building this afternoon, and tonight the executive of the Hamilton Reform Association will also meet. The purpose of the first conference is to consider the possibility of both parties selecting a union candidate for the county seat. Gordon Wilson, Conservative, and ex-Warden J. H. Dickinson, Liberal nominee, are prospective candidates.

At the Reform gathering it is believed that the resignation of Major James Chisholm as Liberal candidate for East Hamilton in favor of Major General Newburn will be accepted. There is also a possibility of Lieut. Col. John I. McLaren making a pronouncement regarding his intentions.

Local politicians are waiting with eager anticipation for the results of the conferences, which are expected to clear up the present hazy atmosphere in no small measure. Recommendations to the central organizations in each constituency will materialize from the gatherings.

CROSS NOT TO RETIRE;
MACKAY TO STAY OUT

Premier Stewart Denies Rumor of Pending Change in Alberta Cabinet.

Edmonton, Oct. 25.—Premier Stewart this afternoon denied the rumor current in Calgary that Hon. C. W. Cross would shortly retire as attorney-general and that there would be other changes bringing in A. G. MacKay as provincial secretary. "I have not heard of it," says the premier, "and I do not anticipate any changes."

Attorney-General Cross said: "I know nothing about any such action. It's nonsense."

W. B. Northrup Willing to Run
As Unionist for East Hastings

Belleville, Oct. 25.—W. B. Northrup, K.C., has signified his intention of being the win-the-war candidate for East Hastings if the electors so desire.

Northrup expresses his satisfaction with the union government and sees great opportunities for such an administration to remedy many abuses of the past regime.

MINISTERS MEET IN WINNIPEG.

Winnipeg, Oct. 25.—Hon. James A. Calder, Hon. Arthur Meighen and Hon. T. A. Crenan, members of the new union government, who are back in Winnipeg after their trip to Regina, spent the forenoon in conference over the organization of the province for the coming federal campaign.

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