

the platform of the Liberal party of Canada; second - to deal with the question of party organization; third - to select a leader in succession to Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Representation at the convention of 1919 followed as closely the plan adopted for the National Liberal Convention of 1893. In addition to Liberal members of the Senate and House of Commons, Liberal Provincial Premiers, Liberal Leaders of Opposition, Presidents of Provincial Liberal Associations, and others, there were to be three delegates from each Dominion constituency to be elected at a local convention to be called for the purpose, women to be eligible for election as delegates to all constituencies.

With respect to the first and last purposes of the convention I need say nothing at the present time. A platform was drafted and a leader was selected, and both have tried to serve the party to the best of their respective abilities ever since. What I wish to speak of more particularly is the decision of the convention with respect to party organization. A special pamphlet on party organization was prepared and published in the form of a memorandum for the use of the convention. In this memorandum the object of a party organization was stated to be "to secure harmonious co-operation between all the elements that go to make up that party, so that its work at all times may be

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