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## WINS HONOR ON FIRST BALLOT AT CONVENTION

Convention Cheers Perth Member To Echo When Vote Announced.

SPURN U. F. O. ALLIANCE

Ex-Mayor Little of London Backs Resolution To Support Sane Hydro Development.

BY HELEN MACMILLAN.

TORONTO, March 2.—Liberalism in Ontario received a never-to-be-forgotten impetus from the enthusiastic convention which was brought to a close here this afternoon.

Stalwart members of the party from all parts of the province had rallied to elect a leader, the result being an overwhelming vote for P. Wellington Hay of North Perth on the first ballot.

Although the convention was marked by hot discussion the assembly broke up at 5 o'clock this evening with a feeling of unanimity and the fires of Liberalism burning strongly in every breast.

"I have never seen anything like it in the history of the Ontario party," declared an old-timer, referring to the convention as a whole.

Mr. Hay was received with rousing cheers, as he appeared on the platform after his election.

"I have no message for you, except the message of Liberalism," he declared. "I thank you for the honor and the confidence you have given me. I wish only to remind you that it is easier for a strong party to carry a weak leader, than for a strong leader to carry a weak party. I have got to work to live, and I hope to continue living. So I shall need your help in carrying on the business of leadership, and I am confident that I shall have it. We are all Liberals together."

The new leader was accorded the unanimous vote of the convention on the motion of W. E. W. Sinclair, M.L.A., and Major T. C. Tolmie, M. L. A., the defeated candidates for the office, both of whom received an enthusiastic reception from the assembled delegates.

It was with great surprise the convention learned that the leadership had been determined on the first ballot. The delegates had expected a closer race, and were unprepared for W. T. R. Preston's announcement at 2:30 o'clock that a decision had been made.

The election as president of the New Ontario Liberal Association of Senator Arthur Hardy of Brockville, president of the Ontario Reform Association, was another important outcome of today's session. Indeed, so anxious were the delegates to expedite business and so keen was their interest in the proceedings that they continued in session from 9:35 o'clock in the morning until 5 o'clock in the afternoon without a break even for luncheon.

Elect Ex-Mayor Little. Following quickly upon the election

of the president came the election of vice-presidents and treasurer. The vice-presidents are: Ex-Mayor E. S. Little of London, Howard Kane of North York, H. H. Carpenter of Hamilton, and T. H. Spence of Toronto. George Wilkie, K.C., of Toronto, was chosen treasurer.

A very heated discussion took place in the house when the chairman attempted to proceed with the election of officers. Norman McEachern of Toronto insisted upon the clause in the constitution dealing with the election and number of the members of the executive and officers had not been passed by the convention.

That there were two factions in the assembly was evident.

One side of the house adhered to what they called the "democratic principle" and urged for an executive which would include one or two members from every electoral riding in the province.

The other side of the house protested that an executive of 110 or 220 members, which this would entail, was too unwieldy, and strongly advocated a small executive. The chairman besought the delegates not to let the convention come to a close until they had brought into being a small central body, through which the workings of the Liberal party might be carried on.

Results In Compromise.

The result of the discussion was a compromise. An executive, consisting of one man and one woman from each electoral riding of the province will form the working body of the Ontario association. These delegates will be appointed by their own ridings. A second and smaller body will be known as a board of management, and will consist of twenty men and ten women elected by the larger executive at a meeting to be held within six months.

Two important resolutions were passed during the afternoon.

The first advocating the extension of women's franchise in municipal elections to the wives of tenants and owners was proposed by Mrs. Fred Dewar of Toronto.

The second advocated greater care of the feeble-minded, and was moved by Mrs. H. H. Carpenter of Hamilton.

Mrs. Carpenter was signalled out during the convention to receive the special honors accorded to the women of the party. Not only was she made assistant chairman, but she was nominated for leadership, and elected as a vice-president of the New Ontario Association.

Withdrawing from the candidacy for leadership, she said: "Realizing the gallantry and chivalry of men always towards women, I beg to express my appreciation of the honor they have done me, but I don't think men ever need fear the candidacy of a woman for leader of the Liberal party."

Murdock Arrives.

Hon. James Murdock, minister of labor, who is now on his way to Kootenay, B.C., to assist in the election of Dr. King, was enthusiastically welcomed on his arrival by the convention.

In a brief speech he protested against the unnecessary burden which had been placed on the government so soon after a general election by the contest in Kootenay.

A somewhat scattered house attended the first business of the day when Chairman W. T. R. Preston called for order at 10:15 and introduced Mr. Z. Mageau, M.P., from Sturgeon Falls, and Mr. A. J. Young of Toronto, who moved a resolution.

This resolution dealt with agriculture, timber, development and mining with special reference to their local application in Northern Ontario.

In connection with agriculture, the resolution asked that the settlement of the vast areas of fertile land in the north should be made without hampering restrictions, in such a manner as to attract the most desirable settlers. It further suggested that where careful examination showed that townships now opened for settlement were not suitable for agriculture, then steps should be taken to secure new land for the homesteaders located in these areas and to assist in moving them to more suitable locations, allowing their original land to revert to the crown. Furthermore, it was asked that a comprehensive survey be made of unsettled lands still retained by the crown. All such lands not suitable for agriculture should be withdrawn from location and reserved for its timber and mineral value.

Condemns Present System.

The resolution also condemned the present system for the sale and disposal of timber as having proved wasteful and extravagant. It recommended that closer co-operation should be established between the timber licenses and the government in order to conserve young and growing timber. The present system of fire-rangings was claimed to be utterly inadequate and to be not producing value for the money expended.

The convention also reaffirmed the stand taken in 1919 on roads, water powers and fish hatcheries.

As for mining, the delegates went on record as favoring the provision of adequate transportation facilities in remote districts together with the testing up new areas by diamond drilling. It also asked that everything possible be done to encourage prospecting by individuals. It also asked that when a mine is proved up and produces profit to its possessor a graded tax consistent with the values of the output and the profit realized be reserved for the province, and generally primarily encourage and make easy the opening of the properties which, when successful, will return to the province in taxes a larger percentage of profit than is now secured.

Applauds For Hay.

Each of the known candidates for leadership had an opportunity of exhibiting his oratorical powers to the convention yesterday, with the exception of the acting leader, Mr. Wellington Hay, who was detained in the Legislature. His chance came this morning, however, when Mr. Young sat down and the chairman with appropriate emphasis called on "P. Wellington Hay."

A roar of applause greeted Mr.

Hay as he stepped forward and addressed the convention.

The acting leader made no attempt to ignore the concealed threats at his alleged flirtation with Premier Drury, made frequently yesterday in the course of resolutions moved by Mr. W. E. W. Sinclair, Major J. C. Tolmie and their friends. "I am not easily stampeded," remarked Mr. Hay pleasantly, "by any body of men, by any man, or by any newspaper. I wish to take your

time for a few minutes before I deal with the next resolution to dispel rumors which have been circulated recently. I wish to say that I heartily endorse the resolution which you passed yesterday (the referred to Mr. Preston's resolution on Liberalism) and that there has been no flirtation that I know of between any branch of the Liberal party and the U. F. O. Moreover, let me say that the attitude and conduct of the Liberal party in the provincial house

has been determined by a full caucus of all members."

He Had a Good Time.

Mr. Hay brought a wave of laughter when he continued: "Because a girl may flirt with me, and I may perhaps not turn my back, it does not mean that I am going to take her name. I flirted with lots of girls when I was young, but I married only one wife. I had a good time before I was married. I am not sure that I have not had a good time since."

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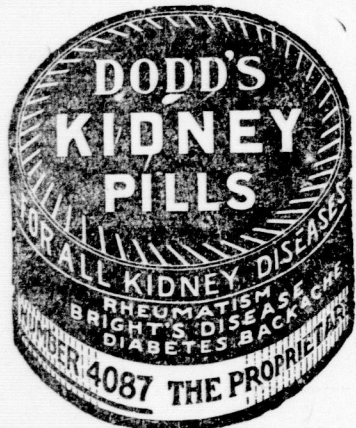
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