

DR. CARMAN AND DR. S. D. CHOWN CONFERENCE ELECTS CONNEXIONAL OFFICERS

Rev. T. E. E. Shore in Charge of Foreign Missions—Dr. Graham Educational Secretary Rev. Albert Carman, D. D., re-elected general superintendent of the Methodist Church of Canada for a period of eight years.

The above were the results of balloting in General Conference Wednesday at the conference offices. All the men elected were chosen on the first ballot and by immense majorities.

There were 234 ballots cast for general superintendent for a term of eight years. Of these Dr. Carman received 173, the others who got votes being Rev. Dr. S. D. Chown, 67; Rev. Dr. Ross, 49; Rev. James Allen, 8; Rev. Dr. Sprague, 4; Rev. Dr. Young, 3; Rev. Dr. A. Moore, 2; Rev. J. S. Ross, 2; Rev. Dr. Sparling, Rev. Dr. Graham, Rev. Dr. Manning, Rev. Dr. Haslewood, Rev. Dr. Shaw and Rev. Dr. Harris, one each.

"I cannot but be overwhelmed with amazement at this expression of the conference," said the venerable chairman. "For myself, I looked forward to the conference, as I told you in my opening address, with faith in God. It was with me, before I came, the calm mind in the light of Heaven to accept the decision of this conference. I, of course, realize my advanced years, but the brethren all know that we did not hesitate to let that be known through the country, but I reached the conclusion that I would listen to the voice of God through this conference. My mind was calm, my soul was firm, my trust was in the mighty God of Jacob, and now, brethren, you have but added this to so many kindnesses. As I say, I can scarcely comprehend why it should be so. I would not dare to attempt to explain it. But before the Lord you serve you have expressed your mind and I cannot but accept it and go forward. I must accept it and, in the fear and love of God, go forward, whether He desire me or not. Five or ten, most gratefully, quietly and affectionately, most determinedly for continued labor for God. Brethren, accept my humble thanks and let us give glory to God."

CLASH IN RANKS OF REPUBLICANS FIGHT FOR CONTROL OF STATE CONVENTION

First Struggle Will Take Place at New York Primaries to Select Delegates

New York, Aug. 24.—A battle for the control of the state Republican convention between the regulars led by Chairman Timothy L. Woodruff, and the progressives, headed by Lloyd C. Griscom, chief lieutenant of Colonel Roosevelt, will be fought at the city primaries Monday to name delegates to the convention.

Politicians are active to-day preparing for the struggle which has suddenly become an open one. Chairman Woodruff, National Committeeman Ward William H. Barnes, Jr., and Speaker Wadsworth are arranging conferences with their lieutenants and planning to oppose Roosevelt's delegates. Griscom, Senator Davenport, of Utica, who was praised by Roosevelt in his speech before the Kerkimer County Grange, and Postmaster Gremler, of Buffalo, Roosevelt lieutenants, are equally active and are ready to carry the fight to the polls.

Utica, N. Y., Aug. 24.—Vice-President James S. Sherman refused to-day to discuss President Taft's letter to Lloyd C. Griscom, which is regarded as a publication of Sherman's political tactics in connection with the selection of a temporary chairman of the New York state Republican convention. The refusal of Sherman to discuss his action by the Republican state central committee after Colonel Roosevelt's name had been presented for the place, is regarded as another indication that the vice-president will "stand pat."



SASKATCHEWAN CONFERENCE DELEGATION TO GENERAL CONFERENCE. Standing (left to right)—Wm. Lawson, Rev. W. P. MacHaffie, Rev. J. A. Doyle, W. R. Mair, J. R. Little, Rev. O. Darwin, superintendent of missions. Sitting (left to right)—Dr. Bland, Rev. W. W. Abbott, Rev. J. C. Switzer, Rev. W. S. Reid, President of conference; Rev. Thos. Lawson, Rev. J. H. Oliver, G. W. Brown.

RAINS COME TO AID OF WEARY FIRE FIGHTERS

Improvement in Situation in Pacific Northwestern States—Men for Whose Safety Fears Were Expressed are Reported Safe.

Spokane, Wash., Aug. 24.—Light rains which fell during the afternoon and night and slight indications that more rain may fall soon in the forest fire zone of Idaho and Montana, did much to inspire the blattered, exhausted fire fighters with hope to-day. While nothing less than a heavy downpour can quench the big fires, the showers of the past 12 hours did much to improve an appalling situation.

Owing to lack of rapid communication within the bounds of the fire zone there are many rumors afloat concerning heavy loss of life which it is believed will prove groundless in most cases with a return to normal conditions.

It is believed that the death list in Washington, Idaho and Montana will not exceed 100. Early to-day the known dead numbered 63. In and near Wallace 38 of the fire victims were found. The 200 men under Ranger Kotkey reported lost yesterday have reached Missoula safely, according to telegrams received here by officials. He and his men had been fighting fire near Adair, Idaho.

Rangers Van Dike, of Independence, and Derrick, of Saltee, likewise reported during the night. It had been feared that Van Dyke and his gang of 15 men had been hemmed in by the fire. There are several gangs of fire fighters scattered through the mountains, but owing to the continued improvement of the fire situation but little has been reported to headquarters.

Most of the damage thus far wrought by the conflagrations has been in the United States, where reserves of northwestern Idaho and western Montana, in the Bitter Root, Coeur d'Alene and Cabinet ranges of mountains. Lumbermen conversant with the situation declare that fully \$1,000,000 worth of spruce, red fir, pine, hemlock and other valuable woods have been consumed. Some timber can be saved if removed immediately, as in many places the fires killed the forest but did not damage the merchantable timber.

Long streams of smoke rising from smoldering fires in the pines are all that obscure skies otherwise cloudless in the Wallace territory to-day. Light rain fell yesterday afternoon and the wind has died down. The temperature fell to 35 degrees during the night. Conditions to-day are more satisfactory than they have been since the forest fires started. The fires have fed upon timber until there is little left to burn, and only smoldering embers remain. Repairing Bridges. Missoula, Mont., Aug. 24.—Although the indications for rain in this territory are slight to-day the light showers which fell in the Iron Mountain district last night did much to improve the forest fire situation. While the fires are still serious, particularly on the west slope of the Bitter Root, it is believed that the worst has passed and that the big blazes have passed the critical stage. The Milwaukee railroad to-day sent two bridge repairing gangs into the burned regions to repair the numerous

RE-ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION ASK VICTORIA FOR HUGE SUM

Russ Humber is an Alderman Again. No Opponent—Put in an Appearance When Nominations Were Called for To-day.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) On the stroke of 2 o'clock this afternoon, in the presence of a little group of interested spectators, Wm. W. Northcott, city returning officer, mounted the platform in the police court chamber at the city hall, declared the nominations closed and announced that William Henry Russel Humber had been duly elected by acclamation to the position of aldermanic representative for Ward 2.

Thus, after a month's absence from the council board, due to his having of his own volition tendered his resignation, Ald. Humber will again take up his civic duties. On the announcement of the returning officer declaring him re-elected, Ald. Humber was the recipient of hearty congratulations from friends who had assembled at the court room.

Ald. Humber's resignation was due to his discovery that he had been guilty of a technical breach of the provisions of the Municipal Clauses Act in permitting corporation teams to deposit on the grounds of the Humber estate a considerable quantity of earth removed when Manchester street was being excavated for grading, also in having allowed a quantity of bricks to be sold from the estate to the city.

Friends of Ald. Humber knew that he would not have purposely committed a breach of the law, and on his resigning his position they promptly rallied around him and requested that he run again. His election by acclamation this afternoon is eloquent testimony to his great popularity amongst the electors of North Ward.

It is anticipated that on Ald. Humber resuming his seat at the council board he will make an endeavor to secure an additional appropriation for park purposes. The band concert fund has been exhausted, and he may make an effort to have a few more concerts held before the close of the season.

Union Men Declare Effort Will Be Made to Settle Dispute at Winnipeg. (Special to the Times.) Winnipeg, Aug. 24.—It was stated by a number of members of the bricklayers' union last night that there was reason to believe that the civic authorities intended to step in and try to settle the dispute between the building and the union men. Comptroller McArthur's name was mentioned in connection with the matter.

MARKETS FOR CANADIAN PRODUCTS IN FAR EAST

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Speaks at Meeting at Prince Rupert—Pays Visit to Scene of Father Duncan's Labors.

(Special to the Times.) Prince Rupert, Aug. 24.—Following a trip of inspection over seventeen miles of the winding Transcontinental Railway on Monday, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and party embarked on the Hudson Bay steamer in the loneliness of the rockbound, spruce-covered north country near the junction of the Skeena river and the Pacific, where fresh and salt waters meet. The vessel rounded a point and anchored at a picturesque Indian village designated on the maps Metlakathla, and by residents within a radius of one hundred miles as the "Holy City." It gained the latter title by reason of the fact that it was the initial location of the early Anglican Scottish missionary Father Duncan, who built a church, established a school and blazed the trail of civilization.

Sir Wilfrid was greeted with the patriotic plauds of Rev. J. H. Keene, who for the past 21 years has been the successor of the pioneer Duncan. With bared head the Premier traversed the quaint northern outpost of early civilization and perused the faded inscriptions on the bent and primitive tombstones. Then he climbed the steep incline through waving yellow grass to the little frame school house through the open windows of which sounded the melodious drone of juvenile voices in recitation.

The Premier had stayed on with the padre far in advance of the party. He knocked at the door and was admitted by a lady teacher. One room was filled with tiny desks all occupied by bright eyed children. The teacher curtsied and the Premier responded with courtesy grace of Latin blood. The children instantly rose and remained standing. Sir Wilfrid passed up and down the aisles with friendly word and kindly clasp for the little ones. "May I ask a holiday?" he queried. "Anything, Sir," was the teacher's beaming reply. The morrow was made a day of outing, "in honor of King George, whose loyal subjects we all are."

As the Premier ascended the gang plank he was stopped by a running Indian lad who thrust into his hand a little hand-made birch bark canoe. Sir Wilfrid detained the impetuous vessel until he ascertained the boy's name. The little fellow had gone, but the Premier produced a note-book and carefully pencilled therein his name and address. On the return trip Senator Gibson was presented by Scottish settlers with a miniature boat which he christened "Laurier," for which the Premier made a feeling and appropriate acknowledgement. Prince Rupert harbor was reached shortly after three.

Open Air Meeting. The afternoon meeting held in the open air was favored by beautiful weather. The speakers were Hon. G. P. Tempieman, Ralph Smith, P. F. Pardee, E. M. Macdonald, Hon. G. P. Graham, and the Prime Minister. Sir Wilfrid touched on the (oriental) question, but only to point out the importance of trade with that portion of the world. The people of Asia had been lethargic for four thousand years, they were now awaking, and would want to buy much that we have to sell. There had been large users of rice, but what was superior as an article of food and they would take it in preference.

The construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific, the Premier said, had moved back the horizon of Canada a thousand miles, it had revealed the finest lands in the Dominion. It was both the shortest line across Canada and one of the best railroads ever constructed. It had cost a vast sum, but the investment was a good one. It would serve to unify Canada, than which there was nothing more desirable. Ralph Smith declared that there was no jealousy on the part of Vancouver. The minister predicted that the new railway expansion and at no time had there been such growth in immigration as during Sir Wilfrid's regime.

Mayor Stork, who presided, said the Premier had put Prince Rupert on the map, and that the city had enlarged good government from Ottawa and Victoria. There were four great harbors in the world, one at Tacoma, one on the Mediterranean, and the fourth was before their eyes. The mayor intimated that when the Grand Trunk Pacific was opened a trainload of Prince Rupert people would make the trip to Ottawa to convey greetings to the Premier and Government. Hon. Mr. Graham, in speaking on the Transcontinental project, pointed out that it was developing and opening up new territory from the Atlantic to the Pacific, all provinces being affected. The Premier had put Prince Rupert on the map, and that the city had enlarged good government from Ottawa and Victoria. There were four great harbors in the world, one at Tacoma, one on the Mediterranean, and the fourth was before their eyes. The mayor intimated that when the Grand Trunk Pacific was opened a trainload of Prince Rupert people would make the trip to Ottawa to convey greetings to the Premier and Government.

MARKSMEN HOLD MEETING AT ROCKCLIFFE. Visiting Cadets Donate Cup to Be Competed for by Canadians. (Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Aug. 24.—Shooting at Dominion Rifle Association meeting yesterday afternoon was interrupted for a while by a heavy wind and rain storm while the 500 yards stage of the Walker match was in progress. The range was so badly interfered with that it was decided to cancel it and the prizes were awarded by the 200 yards range. Private Clifford, Toronto, took first in rapid firing at a score of 33 out of possible 35. Sergt. Perry, Toronto, got second with the same score, the third place going to Sergt. Carr, of the British Columbia team. At luncheon to the visiting cadets Capt. McCalmont, of the visiting team, announced that members of the team had decided to donate a cup to be competed for annually by Canadian cadets under the rules to be laid down by officers of the Dominion Rifle Association. The annual meeting of competitors generally known as "kickers" passed off quietly. Attention was drawn to Cadet Wright who passed from the tyro class at the age of thirteen. It was thought a boy should not pass out of the tyro class until sixteen. Col. Sam Hughes instanced Col. White, of Guelph, who at the age of 74 passed out of the tyro yesterday. Capt. Drysdale put in a plea for westerners who are going to Bieleys, as they had to pay their way to Montreal. The meeting did not approve the proposal that a competitor be allowed to go to Bieleys only once each five years. Col. Hughes repudiated the charge that Dominion Rifle Association marksmen are pot hunters, declaring the best shots have seen active service. RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS. Ottawa, Aug. 24.—Chairman Mabee and Dr. Mills are the two members of the railway commission who will hold a series of sittings of the board at points in the west, including Vancouver, Victoria, Lethbridge, Winnipeg and Fort William. The remainder of the board under the presidency of Darcy Scott will hold autumn sittings here, beginning September 12th.

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(Times Leased.) New York, Aug. 23.—His career in most of the history of York, Col. Theo. Roosevelt train, left here at 10:30 N. Y., the first long speaking tour. For this afternoon, the color to address the Ker Grange.

Before starting westward conferred with Grier Longworth. The colonel declared his intention of Saratoga convention. "I am much pleased Taft's wishes," he said county station to send a convention, I shall go, as issues now clear out. I am concerned there will be no compromise.

In New York political Hughes and Roosevelt, himself, will control a situation, and that Roosevelt will be named temporary Saratoga state convention. President Sherman asked. It is believed Sherman conference in the next the leaders of the New can committee. Politicians they would not be should voluntarily retire of harmony.

Mr. Pardee referred to that the Premier's policy had created Prince Rupert, but that it had also developed all Canada. There had been equal railway expansion and at no time had there been such growth in immigration as during Sir Wilfrid's regime. Mayor Stork, who presided, said the Premier had put Prince Rupert on the map, and that the city had enlarged good government from Ottawa and Victoria. There were four great harbors in the world, one at Tacoma, one on the Mediterranean, and the fourth was before their eyes. The mayor intimated that when the Grand Trunk Pacific was opened a trainload of Prince Rupert people would make the trip to Ottawa to convey greetings to the Premier and Government.

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OPENINGS FOR TRADE ON PACIFIC COMMISSIONER REPORTS ON MEXICO'S NEEDS BELIEVES THERE IS OPPORTUNITY FOR EXCHANGE OF COAL AND ORES. (Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Aug. 24.—A. W. Donly, trade commissioner in Mexico, sees an opportunity of trade developments with Canada in steel and coal. He points out that the mountainous state of Mexico has many deposits of ore for high grade steel, but there is no coal. British Columbia on the other hand has lots of coal but its ores are low. He thinks that a mutual trade could be developed, Mexico buying Canadian coal and the British Columbian establishing smelters to treat Mexican ores.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL MATCH AT SHOOTING IN PERFECT PLACE IN PERFECT WEATHER. (Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Aug. 23.—The Dominion Rifle Association at Rockcliffe range yesterday afternoon was interrupted for a while by a heavy wind and rain storm while the 500 yards stage of the Walker match was in progress. The range was so badly interfered with that it was decided to cancel it and the prizes were awarded by the 200 yards range. Private Clifford, Toronto, took first in rapid firing at a score of 33 out of possible 35. Sergt. Perry, Toronto, got second with the same score, the third place going to Sergt. Carr, of the British Columbia team.

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