

was nothing of a character in the subscription list which could not have been made public at any time, with credit to those whose names appeared upon it, the list itself was retained by the Committee in charge of the office, two or more of whom had been colleagues of Sir Wilfrid in the days of his administration.

When the National Liberal Convention met in 1919, it was stated that its object was two-fold. The choosing of a leader, and dealing with the question of party organization. The convention had been planned owing to political changes which had taken place throughout the Dominion, and on account of social and economic conditions that had been accentuated by the war. The announcement of the intention to hold such a convention in the course of the following year was made by Sir Wilfrid in a speech at London on November the 20th, 1918, just eight days after the signing of the Armistice. A general outline of the preliminary arrangement for the convention was ready for submission to Sir Wilfrid at the time of his death on February 15, 1919. This necessitated delay and some alteration in plans, including the selection of a leader in succession to Sir Wilfrid.

The purpose of the convention as set forth in the call for the convention was three-fold. First - to draft, discuss and adopt

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