

FAIL TO STAMPEDE THE FARMERS AND ARTISANS

Blatant Anti-Reciprocity Campaign in Ontario is Without Effect—Permanent Swing Sets in Toward Liberalism.

Ontario, August 10.—Ontario Liberals are jubilant. The political meetings of the past few days indicate pronounced progress in the reciprocity campaign, instead of the anti-reciprocity streak which the Conservatives predicted. It now looks as though a permanent swing had set in towards Liberalism. This was not unexpected by a shrewd diagnosis of conditions. The roles of the campaign centres in the cities where the corporation backing, with lavish funds, produced more blatant early anti-reciprocity demonstrations. These, however, failed to stampede the public and the farmers and artisans set themselves quietly to study the schedules for themselves. Rural Ontario is unimpressed, slow but sure. It is now recognized that a remarkable reaction towards reciprocity has set in, and indications multiply that the Liberals will capture many unexpected seats.

Are Holding Ominously Aloof.

Party lines are somewhat lightly drawn in older Ontario districts, and Conservative farmers, anxious to secure the advantages of the agreement and unwilling to be branded as party turncoats have held ominously aloof from the campaign. As a result, while the Liberal conventions are thronged and enthusiastic, those of the Conservatives, even in the districts held by the Opposition, are sparse, and lack heart. All accounts now indicate that Charlton will redeem Norfolk; McCarthy, North Simcoe; Hishop, East Huron; Smith, Halton; Caldwell, North Lanark, and Vrooman, Lennox and Addington, all rural ridings. The farmers and labor men are uniting in support of reciprocity.

A mammoth meeting at the railway and manufacturing border town of Sarnia re-nominated Chief Liberal Whip Farlee amid scenes of wild enthusiasm. The workers paraded and cheered for "Fred Farlee," while Hugh Guthrie, the prospective minister of justice, delivered a great address. "Capitalism," he declared, "would be the only person affected by reciprocity, while the ordinary people in every station would reap the benefit. Concluding, Mr. Guthrie stated the Liberals were assured of the outcome, as the farmers and wage-earners from east to west were united for tariff relief and larger markets."

Canadian Hog Superior to the American.

Speaking at Athens, Secretary of State Murphy demonstrated that the Canadian hog product was better than the American, and showed that although the Canadian packers paid less for this superior hog than was paid in the States, the Canadian consumer was charged more. Mr. Murphy scored the Canadian packers fighting reciprocity. They feared that the competition of American packers under reciprocity would raise the price paid the Canadian farmer. That one Canadian packing firm averaged profits of fifty-two per cent. per year for thirteen years was demonstrated by figures.

More Money to Be Poured Into Campaign.

Conservative alarm over Ontario prospects caused a hurried visit to Chief Whip Perley to Toronto from Montreal today. More money is to be poured into the Conservative campaign, and Hon. Messrs. Whitney, Cochrane, Hanna and Pyne, ministers in the provincial government, were supposed to get out forthwith and take part in the campaign. Arrangements are being made for Hon. Clifford Sifton also to tour Ontario, probably starting in Brockville.

May Oppose Laurier in Quebec.

In Quebec, despite the coalition of Conservatives and Nationalists, the Liberals are confident that the personality of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the advantages of reciprocity to the Canadian farmer, particularly in hay, will carry the day. The Conservatives are practically wiped off the map in this province, and the battle is solely between the Liberals and Nationalists. The latter state that they have no objection to a constitutional amendment which would raise the price paid the Canadian farmer. They hope to make gains, as candidates are not coming forward very fast. At present, Bourassa has only eight in sight—Morien, in L'Assomption; Norman, in Three Rivers; while other candidates are in the hands of the government. The Conservatives are practically wiped off the map in this province, and the battle is solely between the Liberals and Nationalists. The latter state that they have no objection to a constitutional amendment which would raise the price paid the Canadian farmer. They hope to make gains, as candidates are not coming forward very fast. At present, Bourassa has only eight in sight—Morien, in L'Assomption; Norman, in Three Rivers; while other candidates are in the hands of the government.

Winnipeg Tories Fail in Effort to Plug the Registration Lists

Winnipeg, Aug. 11.—That the citizens of Winnipeg are keenly interested in the registration now being carried on is shown by the fact that the nearly ten thousand persons registered yesterday, the opening day. The great rush came in the evening and from 7.30 to 10 o'clock there was a long waiting list all the time. At one central booth 135 were registered, 55 of these were put on during the evening. At some of the booths it is estimated that half of the eligible voters registered on the opening day. This was the case in booth No. 23 in South Winnipeg, where 178 names were put on out of a possible 350, in the booth opened again at 9 this morning. The registration continues until 10 o'clock tonight. It is expected there will be a crush at the booths tomorrow evening.

Hotel Element Working With Conservatives.

The liquor and hotel element of Winnipeg, working as usual, hand in glove with the Conservative machine, were busy all day yesterday. Long lists of questionable names were submitted at many registration booths. They were defeated all along the line. The machines, however, in showing fight, it has even taken such drastic action as to issue five summonses against Herbert R. Welford, registration clerk at the Water street booth, in Centre Winnipeg, who early in the morning rejected several names submitted by Sam Spence, proprietor of the Commercial hotel. The summonses charge him with refusing to place five names on the list, and calling him to appear before Magistrate McKicken at the provincial police court at eight o'clock this morning. This early hour had been set in order that he may return to the registration booth in time for the opening at 9 o'clock.

Conservatives Are Very Wrathful.

The early morning trial will be interesting, for the Conservative clan is exceedingly wrathful. During the day Welford was visited by a string of Conservative lawyers who sought to show him the error of his ways. He was threatened that a summons would be served upon him if he persisted in rejecting the names, and when it was seen that he was obdurate this threat was carried into effect. It is possible that action may be taken against the attorney general for attempted intimidation of a public official. Welford stated last night that he refused to register absentees because the applications of Spence did not comply with the election law, and in accordance with the powers conferred on him by the act.

Chas. Herbert, of the Savoy hotel, who made a record in the last provincial election, turned up three times at a registration booth on Logan Avenue, near Main street, for the purpose of registering absentees. Registration Clerk Molloy turned down five names that were submitted in one lot and three others that were submitted singly. There was, he held, no evidence of an attempt to stuff the list that he refused to be satisfied with any of the names. During the day a drunken man attempted to enter the booth but had been sent from the Savoy hotel, and the clerk refused to register him.

Man With Many and Varied Occupations.

Herbert brought in one individual himself. The man at first claimed he owned a farm, but when he was asked to show the land he was shown a lather. The application was thrown out. Herbert became very angry and told the clerk that "he guessed he thought he was the judge." On the last two of the occasions on which he appeared at the booth he stated he had forgotten some names. At this same booth two men appeared from the Manor house, but they did not qualify and their applications were rejected. At the registration booth at 418 Main street Liberal organizer challenged a list of thirty names that was brought in by a representative of the

Frontenac hotel. They were all names of Germans, who, he said, were in the old country at the present time. He did not know if they had taken out their naturalization papers, and on this ground the list was thrown out. The man became violently angry and left the booth in a huff, refusing to register his own name.

Will Make Careful Investigation.

A list of 25 to 30 names was submitted by a representative of the Mansion house at the registration booth, 64 Martha street, but as the clerk was busy at the time he asked that they be brought in again tomorrow. At polling booth 171 Rupert street, there were no lists submitted, but there was such exceptionally heavy registration from certain hotels in the vicinity that careful investigation will be made. The same story was told at every booth near Main street in centre Winnipeg, and it was to the effect that the hotel interests are abnormally active, and six booths in this district, where perhaps 500 names were registered on the opening day, the great majority of them were from the hotels either in the guise of guests or as bartenders, porters, clerks, waiters and other employees. There were men under the influence of liquor standing around the front of four booths visited by a Free Press reporter last night. There was ample evidence everywhere that the trained hotel forces are being worked by the Conservative machine for all they are worth. It is thought that apart from the attempted irregularities in the booths, already noted, comparatively little attempt was made to register bogus names. The fact that many of the registration clerks have already acted as census enumerators, has had a good effect in making attempts to "plug" dangerous.

Five Candidates Nominated in Manitoba.

Four Conservative candidates and one Liberal candidate were placed in the field in Manitoba yesterday. The Conservative nominees were Arthur S. McGeighan in Parkland, D. Stanley Wilson in Brandon, H. H. Sharpe in Lisgar and Dr. W. H. Roche in Marquette. All were members of the last parliament.

One Liberal convention was held. At a largely attended gathering of delegates at Bojsevain, A. M. Campbell of Melita was nominated to contest Souris. Mr. Campbell was the Liberal candidate for the same constituency in 1908. In point of numbers, eagerness for the fight and united action, the Souris convention was a repetition of the modern convention held earlier in the week. There was a record attendance of delegates, from 150 to 200 representatives of all portions of the constituency being present in the town hall. A. M. Campbell, of Melita, who opposed Dr. Schaffner at the last election, was the unanimous choice of the convention.

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J. P. McKibbin, Carwright, was the only other nominee who allowed his name to go to ballot. On the result being announced, Mr. McKibbin immediately moved that the vote be made unanimous, and amid loud cheers promised not only to do everything in his power to elect Mr. Campbell, but exhorted all the delegates present to do the same. There were fourteen names placed before the convention, but all except those of Campbell and McKibbin were withdrawn. Speeches strongly supporting reciprocity were made by all the nominees. The feature of the convention was the presence of a delegation of grain growers and their hearty endorsement of Mr. Campbell.

Mr. Campbell, of Melita, was enthusiastically supported by the grain growers of the nominees. After consulting with his friends he decided to withdraw his name. Mr. Wilson told the convention that at the last election he had opposed Mr. Campbell. Amid applause he announced that this time he intended to work just as energetically for the Liberal party as he had in the past. Those who had grown tired of the Liberal party, but he was glad to see that it was now returning to Liberal principles. Dr. Schaffner's compromised position on reciprocity was referred to by several speakers and in each instance toward the pact strongly condemned. That the convention was a great success was the opinion of all the delegates.

PREMIER SIFTON OFFICIALLY CONFIRMS ANNOUNCEMENT

IN AN INTERVIEW GIVEN IN WINNIPEG, HE STATES THAT SIR WILFRID LAURIER HAS PROMISED TO HAND OVER TO WESTERN PROVINCES CONTROL OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

Winnipeg, Man., August 11.—Hon. A. L. Sifton, premier of Alberta, officially confirms the announcement that the Laurier government has decided to concede to the prairie provinces their natural resources. Premier Sifton, during the time and the arrangement outlined above was made for the sale of general admission tickets to the exhibition grounds will be thrown open at one o'clock in the afternoon. The races start at 2.

Arrangements will probably be made for the sale of general admission tickets downtown, probably at headquarters of the Edmonton Exhibition Association, 625 Second street. This would relieve the rush at the gates on the grounds and enable the crowds to gain admittance more quickly than was the case last year. The downtown sale of 200 reserved seats in the grandstand will be continued at Lines' drug store, 125 Jasper avenue west, also the sale of private boxes.

A ROUSING MEETING IN THE INTERESTS OF HON. MR. OLIVER

PROMINENT LIBERALS HEAR MINISTER OF INTERIOR AT ENTHUSIASTIC ORGANIZATION MEETING IN EXCHANGE MART BUILDING—WORKERS CHEER HON. FRANK OLIVER.

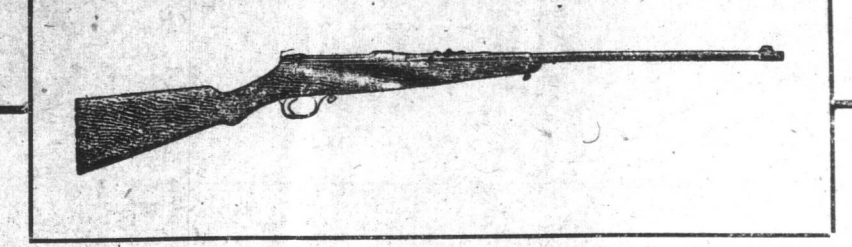
Campaign work was inaugurated Thursday night by a rousing meeting in the Oliver committee rooms in the Exchange Mart building, opposite the Edmonton hotel, on Douglas avenue. Many prominent Liberals of the city and district were there with their coats off, and it was decided to launch at once a very active campaign. Meetings will be held in the committee rooms every evening from now on till the date of the election.

HOW CAN ANTI-RECIPROcity ADVOCATES EXPLAIN HIGHER WHEAT PRICES IN U. S.

Bulletin Special. Winnipeg, Aug. 11.—The following is a splendid exhibit in the case against reciprocity from the Rapid City Milling Co., Ltd.—Rapid City, Minn., August 8. The Liberal-Conservative Association, McArthur Building, Winnipeg, Man. Gentlemen—Your letter of Aug. 5 received and contents carefully noted. There is one thing, however, that is somewhat difficult in explaining to the farmers, and that is that at this present date our May wheat in Winnipeg is selling for \$1.02 1-2 cents, and May wheat in Minneapolis is selling for \$1.09 3-8. This is about 7 cents a bushel more than in Winnipeg.

Now it is a well known fact to the farmers here that Minneapolis flour is sold in England in competition with ours. Why is it that wheat milled to the south of us to ship to England is worth seven cents per bushel more than it is on this side of the boundary? This is a hard proposition for us to get over.

There is another question. We note in your letter that you refer to the success of Mr. Borden's trip in the West. Now many of us good Conservatives were a little disappointed in Mr. Borden. In fact, we believe that Dr. Roche, of Marquette, made a better impression on the farmers than Mr. R. L. Borden, which is bound to carry weight with the farmers.



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FROM 10 O'CLOCK TILL NOON ON TUESDAY BANDS WILL RENDER PROGRAM IN CITY STREETS—EXHIBITION WILL BE FORMALLY OPENED AT TWO O'CLOCK.

(From Thursday's Daily.) In the nature of a curtain-raiser will be the musical program arranged for next Tuesday morning, just preceding the opening of the Edmonton Exhibition. Preparations for this big feature of the first fair day were completed yesterday and there will be no lack of melody for the special benefit of the hosts of visitors expected in the city the coming week.

Beginning at ten o'clock Tuesday morning five bands will play simultaneously in different parts of the city. They will play for half an hour in each place, and then return to the 101st Regiment Band in front of the Cecil Hotel.

The gates at the Exhibition grounds will be thrown open at one o'clock in the afternoon. The races start at 2. Arrangements will probably be made for the sale of general admission tickets downtown, probably at headquarters of the Edmonton Exhibition Association, 625 Second street. This would relieve the rush at the gates on the grounds and enable the crowds to gain admittance more quickly than was the case last year.



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DISTRICT NEWS

BEAVER HILL

Bulletin News Service. There have been some here during the past week. The Riverside Methodist church held a picnic at 11 o'clock on Sunday, enjoying a fine day with shower at night. The showers pleased the boys in the fashion. The brick foundation under the Mansfield school, Mr. Thomas' steam boiler on the old road. Mrs. Simmons is serving Berry-pickers are away to the hills these days. There have been some babies in this locality past week. Mrs. Henning, of a visiting her brothers, Fred Wedler.

WETASKIWIN

Bulletin News Service. Word was received last week that the Brown Co., of Winnipeg, were on the new post office. It is expected that word will be received shortly. Mrs. Richardson left last for Toronto and Ontario, where she will be of months with friends. Mrs. Atanas for Seattle, arrived Saturday last to spend with the former's sister, Bursar.

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DEADLOCK IS AGAIN ON IN COAL STRIKE.

Fernie, B.C., Aug. 11.—The vote taken last night by the Gladstone union upon the position to go to work upon the findings of the Gordon report resulted in 532 against to 105 for accepting. The long session of the day was taken up with a most strenuous discussion of whether a vote be taken or not. The district and international officials contended for a ballot and finally overcame the opposition, and the vote as above recorded resulted. The vote at Homer resulted in a three to one ballot against and the Michel local is voting today. These results dispose of the proposition as presented to the men and the deadlock is again on.

Joliette Conservative Nominations.

Joliette, Que., Aug. 10.—Joliette Conservatives have nominated Mr. J. P. Q. Guilbault, notary.

STROME

Bulletin News Service. One of the most important events of the week occurred last week when Mr. O'Brien sub-section in of Main street, was re-elected. Mr. O'Brien, the Cobalt who has extensive property in the district, and who was appointed notary, is expected to be re-elected. Mr. O'Brien will proceed to a number of houses of the district and will be chased on the rent-plate. Acreage has also been south of the railroad on west side of the town, and upwards. Mr. O'Brien will take action.