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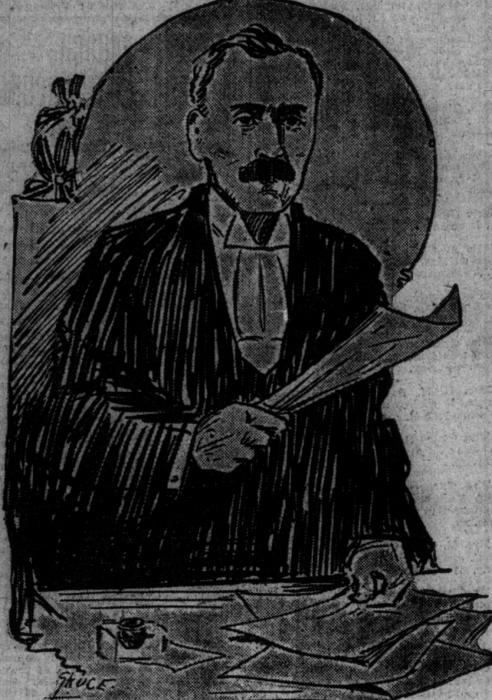
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N. W. ROWELL CHOSEN AS LEADER OF LIBERAL PARTY IN ONTARIO

Hon. A. G. MacKay Insisted on Retirement, Alleging That Attacks on His Character Could Not Be Effectively Refuted During Brief Campaign — Mr. Rowell Intimates That Development of New Ontario and Moral Reform Will be Party Planks.

Hon. A. G. MacKay has resigned as leader of the Liberal party in Ontario. Newton Wesley Rowell, K.C., has accepted the leadership. The platform of the Liberals in the campaign now on is being prepared by a special committee of fifteen representative and prominent Liberals and will be given out by Leader Rowell in a day or so. It is expected. This is the substance of what occurred yesterday, the most fateful day for a long, long while for the Liberal party in this province. The gathering that throut the day and far into the night debated the party's policy was in name the annual meeting of the General Reform Association of Ontario, but in fact it was a convention of Liberals to decide on the problems that faced the party. The resignation of Mr. MacKay was the prominent feature naturally of the day. While it did not come as a big surprise, the nature of the coming was not anticipated. The resignation was not presented personally by Mr. MacKay. He was not at the meeting. Mr. C. M. Bowman, the Liberal whip in the Legislature, on Chairman Mowat's suggestion, told of what had happened at a caucus held by the late M.L.A. and candidates already in the field on Monday evening and continued Tuesday morning. To this caucus Mr. MacKay had handed his resignation, asking for its immediate acceptance.



N.W. ROWELL, K.C.
The New Leader.

Personal Attack Made.
Mr. MacKay had tendered his resignation, Mr. Bowman went on to say, because of an attack on his personal character in the courts. The charge Mr. MacKay declared was an absolute blackmail, but as it would be impossible to clear himself in the courts before election time, he deemed it wiser to withdraw and not handicap his party in any way. Until the charge was completely and absolutely shown to be without a vestige of foundation Mr. MacKay must not allow his followers to be saddled with any responsibility in the matter.

At midnight the caucus adjourned, meeting again in the morning, when Mr. MacKay was asked to allow a complete statement of all the facts relating to the charge to be published, but he was not willing to accede to, and so fifteen minutes before the opening of the meeting of the association, his resignation was accepted. While Mr. MacKay said he appreciated the fact that no Conservative of standing would daunt him but he had no doubt as to where the accusations came from. He repeated that the charges were without foundation in fact, and said that all his friends could rest assured that he would vindicate himself beyond possible cavil.

Backed by Caucus.
The caucus, Mr. Bowman continued, had passed a resolution, which he read to the effect that they had accepted Mr. MacKay's resignation with the deepest regret, and trusted that his action would not deprive the party of the benefits of his great talent and strong personality. They further expressed unbounded confidence in Mr. MacKay's personal integrity and honor. "The parliamentary party," Mr. Bowman then said to the meeting of the association, "finds itself without a leader. I suggest that the association appoint a committee to confer with the parliamentary party." J. E. Atkinson then moved, that the president of the association, F. F. Pardoe, A. McD. Mowat, and A. J. Young, confer with the parliamentary party as to a leader. And, awaiting the result of this conference, the meeting proceeded.

A Representative Convention.
Close to 200 members of the association were present when the meeting opened at 10 o'clock. It was held in a large lodge room in the Temple Building, and taxed that space to the limit. H. M. Mowat, former president of the association, presided, until his retirement, when Hon. W. L. Macdonald King took over the duties. The Conservative press was excluded. Liberals from every corner of the province attended, and the meeting was said to be by far the best attended and the most representative that the Reform Association has ever held. The meeting, which later became a convention, opened with the reading of President Mowat's address. He began:

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IF HE FOLLOWS EX-SPEAKER MARCIL'S EXAMPLE



How the Speaker Designate Ought to Dress at the Next Twelfth of July Waik.

FIGHTING STILL CONTINUES IN CHINA

Hankow Not Retaken by Imperialists — Rebels Have Little Confidence in Promises of Throne—Reformers Divided Into Two Groups.

PEKIN, Oct. 31.—Fighting between the rebel forces and the imperialists continues. It is believed that the revolutionists are making a determined resistance. Late advices received here indicate that Hankow City was not retaken by the imperialists, although Gen. Yin Tching captured the railway station immediately to the north. In the meantime there are serious dangers along the railway line between the war minister's position and Pekin. Disaffection among troops and people has prevented satisfactory communications between the various sections of the loyal army. Yuan-Shi-Kai started for the front yesterday and is now at Sinyuan-chau. The policy which he will adopt is eagerly awaited. Negotiations looking to a settlement have been under way between Yuan-Shi-Kai and the revolutionary leaders, but the latter are confident of their strength and have expressed themselves as having little faith in the promises of the throne. Foreign troops are guarding the mission houses in Pekin. Two Parties of Reformers. The native press has received the reform edict favorably. The Chinese, remembering how frequently the promises contained in former edicts were forgotten, may not be satisfied with these, however. The reformers in Pekin are divided into two parties, the extremists, mainly southerners, who insist upon the expulsion of the Manchus, and the moderates, who are numerous throughout the empire. The latter are indifferent as to whether the dynasty is Manchu or Chinese, but they want great administrative changes and believe that drastic measures are necessary to give the reforms a fair start. The vital question is whether the two wings will be able to unite. The inherent tendency of the Chinese is toward compromise, but unexpected circumstances frequently carry the day in China. At Canton the viceroys and leading gentry are classed as moderates, while the masses and extremists. The same condition prevails in the provinces of Hunan, Hupeh, Honan, Shanai, Kiangsi and Szechuan. Naturally, Manchurist and Chill remain loyal.

Incipient Rebellion Spreading.
Shangtung, Kiangsu, Anhwei, Chekiang.
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Parliament to Sit Till March

OTTAWA, Oct. 31.—(Special).—It is practically certain now that there will be only one session of parliament, which will adjourn at Christmas and run after New Year's, probably until March. It was at first expected there would be a short session of a month and then possibly another called in the spring. Instructions have been given by the finance minister to the various departments to prepare their estimates, not only for the remainder of this year, but for the 1912-1913 fiscal year, which clearly indicates a session lasting until well after Christmas. Certainly this week are hard at work on the estimates, and an effort will be made to have everything in ship shape by Nov. 15. They will be submitted to the ministers for revision and approval next week. To-night only two ministers are in the city, Hon. W. T. White and Hon. T. W. Crothers. Except the western ministers, who are expected towards the end of the week, the rest of the cabinet have gone to Halifax to attend the big national banquet to be the premier. They will be back Friday or Saturday, and next week will see a busy time for the ministers preparing their program for the session. Little important constructive legislation is expected until after Christmas, as the ministers have not had time to definitely settle their policy or map out their plans. Liberal papers continue daily to map out new naval policies for the government, the latest being that of subsidized ocean steamers, to be turned into fast auxiliary cruisers. As a matter of fact, the government has not yet taken up the naval question. Before any policy is decided upon, even if there is a referendum or not, the British admiralty is likely to be consulted and their advice as to the assistance which is most valuable to the motherland will be secured.

MORE REALTY DEALS.

A syndicate headed by Nicholas Garland and Joseph Kilgour have bought the 70 acres recently acquired by James Wood from John Lea, on Bayview-avenue, York Township. They will subdivide it and put it on the market. Mr. Wood bought at \$500 an acre and sold at \$700. The property is a mile and a quarter east of Yonge-street, at the end of Davingville-avenue. McGregor & McIntyre, the well-known steel construction firm, have bought about ten acres at the head of Shaw-street, alongside the Canadian Pacific Railway, where they intend to erect a modern plant for steel construction work. In all probability they will employ a great many more hands as soon as they get into the new quarters.

A PROGRESSIVE POLICY

Chairman Englehart of T. N. O. Likes Premier's Plans.
Chairman J. L. Englehart of the T. and N. O. Railway Commission was well pleased yesterday over Sir James Whitney's announcement of the progressive policy outlined for the Ontario Government railway. The anticipated bonus of nearly \$2,000,000 that is to be asked for from the new government will be very much needed, according to Mr. Englehart. "Of course we'll have to wait till after the election," said he, "but we certainly could use the money."

HOME RULE BILL DISCUSSED BY ASQUITH GOVERNMENT

Subsidy of \$75,000,000 to \$150,000,000 Will Be Asked To Launch Irish Government—Imperial Parliament May Retain Control of Customs and Excise.

LONDON, Oct. 31.—The home rule consider this an exaggeration by at scheme, which has under set at least \$150,000,000. They contend that any preparation for some time past at the Irish deficit is due to extravagant expenses imposed by parliament, notably Birrell, Chief Secretary for Ireland, as stated by Sir John Simon and other prominent members of the house of commons, was discussed to-day by the cabinet. It is believed, for the first time, report to-night credits the committee in charge of the home rule scheme as endorsing this. The best opinion is that the imperial parliament will keep control of Irish customs and excise, thus insuring a general system for the United Kingdom and preventing Ireland from raising a protective wall against England, as the largest colonies have done. The treasury estimates that the Irish expenditure exceeds the revenue by \$5,500,000 annually. The Nationalists

COUNCIL FAVORS ANNEXATION OF N. TORONTO

Division Was 13 to 9 and at Next Meeting Two-thirds Requirement Will be Overridden — Waterworks Department Will Be Separate One With "Competent Head."

Had it not been for the technicality, requiring a two-thirds vote on the third reading of a bill to provide a change in rules of the city council, the annexation of North Toronto would probably have been approved by city council last night. As it was, the bill was started rolling and the matter will probably be put thru at the next meeting. It was necessary to change the rules in order to allow the questions to be reconsidered. The proposal failed to pass some time ago and it was not reopened at a subsequent meeting. Because it was not reopened directly it was declared dead by the rules of procedure. It required a two-thirds vote to pass the third reading of the bill last night, but it can be passed by a majority vote at the next meeting. The bill passed the first and second readings easily, but when it came to the third, there were not enough votes to carry it over the two-thirds clause. How They Voted. The vote on the third reading was as follows: For—The mayor, Ald. Weston, McCausland, May, Sweeney, Ward, Yeomans, McCarthy, Rowland, McBride, McBrien, Controllers Church and Spence—13. Against—Ald. Hilton, Phelan, Anderson, Baird, Dunn, McMurrich, Masurs, Chisholm, and Graham—9. The vote on the first reading of the bill to change the rules was as follows: The mayor, Ald. McCausland, May, Weston, Sweeney, McBrien, McCarthy, Rowland, McBride, Graham, Controllers Church, Ward and Spence—12. Against—Ald. Chisholm, McMurrich, Dunn, Anderson, Phelan and Hilton—4. Works Department Shake-up. The motion to reorganize the works department was carried after three and one-half hours' discussion. As carried, it was as follows: "That the board of control be directed to make such reorganization of the city engineer's department as will place the waterworks department as a separate branch of the civic service, and that they recommend to the council a competent head for such department." Those who voted against it were as follows: Controllers Spence, Ward, Church, Ald. Graham, McCausland, Anderson, McMurrich, Baird and the Mayor—9. That the matter was discussed from about 8.45 until 6, when the council adjourned for dinner. On coming back at 8 the discussion was proceeded with and finished at 8.30. The motion to adjourn was made at the first stroke of the bell at midnight. When Controller Church said: "I— a little bell struck. After he had finished with "— move we adjourn," another bell rang. Scores Works Department. When Ald. McCarthy opened the matter of reorganization of the works department, he moved that his original motion be curtailed. It read that the board of control be directed to make such reorganization of the city engineer's department as will place the waterworks department as a separate branch of the civic service; that they recommend to the council a competent head for such department, and that matters relating to such department be placed under the control of the committee on property instead of the committee on works, and that the necessary by-laws be amended to give effect thereto. He suggested that the proposal to transfer the authority from one committee to the other should stand over. Ald. McCarthy said the works department had not been satisfactory. He

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The Soft Felt and the Velour.
The soft felt alpine and the Austrian velour hats are extremely popular for fall wear this season. In fact, it seems that they are absolutely proper for everything but function wear. Europe has sent us a hundred different blocks, made from as many different materials. So that any man can find a becoming hat in color or design. The Dineen Company are showing a new consignment of English and Austrian hats just received. The very finest material and the latest of blocks.