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Four Conventions Last Evening; Seven Candidates In The Field

THE POLITICAL CONTEST.

There was no difference of opinion at last night's Liberal convention of delegates regarding the sins of the old Borden government. The difference related entirely to best method of procedure at the present moment—whether a union government should be endorsed, or whether a partizan Liberal government should be made the goal of effort, under a leader who would render the military service act of no avail. More than two-thirds of those present decided in favor of the latter course, and nominated two candidates. They are for a straight partizan government and for a referendum before any more help is sent to the Canadians at Passchendaele, whose deeds have written so glorious a page in Canadian history.

Those at the convention who do not approve of abandoning the military service act, and who believe a union government is preferable to a partizan government in this great national crisis, withdrew and nominated a candidate to represent their views.

The issue is squarely joined. The Conservatives have nominated Mr. R. W. Wigmore, and the Liberal-Unionists have nominated Mr. Stanley E. Elkin, and each accepts the nominee of the other. The two candidates will stand together for union government for the period of the war, and for the application of the military service act to secure the sorely needed help for the Canadian heroes at the front. The Liberals have nominated Dr. Emery and Dr. Broderick, who stand for partizan government and a referendum.

There are three other candidates in the field, Mr. H. R. McLellan, who announces his own candidature, Mr. Daniel Mullin, who was nominated last evening as a labor candidate, and Mr. William Smith, who seeks nomination as a soldier candidate.

There is thus no lack of candidates. The electors may be somewhat confused at the outset, but as the campaign proceeds the clear-cut issue of help or no-help for the soldiers at the front will stand out more and more strongly, and on this the vote will be cast.

The tariff, patronage, personal ambition and every other consideration are dwarfed by the one supreme necessity, which was so well voiced by Sir Robert Borden in Halifax last night:—

"The message which I must give you is the overmastering necessity of sustaining the men who hold Canada's first line of defence on the western front. They have gone forth voluntarily in the flower of their youth, to undertake this duty which daily calls them to bivouac with death. The soil of France and Belgium is hallowed by the graves of their dead. If the task to which these consecrated their lives in the last sacrifice remains unaccomplished, shall we not stand silent, ashamed and humiliated before those who return? Not from the living alone but from the fallen also come to Canada, their beloved and benign mother, the call for aid. Their appeal, whether from the quick or the dead, tells you more eloquently than any words of mine that there is presently but one issue, one supreme issue, before the Canadian people. Shall Canada's effort in this war be maintained or withdrawn? Shall the Canadian army corps at the front be supported or deserted? Such is the issue."

THE UNION CANDIDATES.

Mr. Stanley E. Elkin is not only an able business man, and the successful manager of a very important industry, but he is also able to give clear expression to his views and make a favorable impression upon those who listen to his exposition of his views on public questions or business affairs. As chairman of the Liberal executive he has given valuable service. He enjoys the respect of men of all parties.

Mr. R. W. Wigmore's popularity has been proven in civic elections so very thoroughly that none can question it. It is a real sacrifice for him to enter into this political campaign, and he has done so with reluctance. He is a good speaker, a good organizer, and one upon whom his party has looked for several years as a coming leader.

Mr. Elkin and Mr. Wigmore make a strong team, and as representatives of those who believe in union government as the best means of throwing Canada's full strength into the war they will command public confidence to a very marked extent.

THE REAL ISSUE.

The speech of Sir Robert Borden in Halifax last night set out in clear terms the situation as it exists today. In one sentence it may be expressed by this question: Are the Canadian divisions at the front to be kept up to strength, or is Canada to desert them?

That is the real issue. No man can dodge it—however hard he may try to do so. It is not a question of Liberal or Conservative or Independent or Labor—but a plain question of throwing Canada's whole force into the war and sending the needed help, or fiddling away the precious time until one division after another has been reduced to a skeleton.

The citizens of St. John are in some danger of being carried off their feet and having their attention diverted from the real issue. Up to a certain point every Liberal can endorse what is said in condemnation of the old government's failure to grapple with the war situation, but we must not miss the real issue of this moment, which turns on whether Canada is to send reinforcements or desert her own sons who are fighting her battles in France and Flanders.

This is not a time for petty squabbles. We want what Sir Robert Borden styles a regenerating sense of the national peril of this hour. What would our sons in France say to us if we failed them? Surely they would cry: "Down with partisanship and up with the standard of united effort to win the war."

A WORD FROM THE TRENCHES.

Note these words of Major Andrew Macphail, who is home from France, and is a stout supporter of the military service act and union government:

"The question for each of us to answer at this juncture was: Shall this incomparable Canadian army of ours be allowed to suffer for lack of reinforcements? We had at the front 120,000 men, in England we had 6,000 first class men, in France as first reserves 12,000 men. The casualties suffered were heavy and were a steady drain on our forces. In the Somme our casualties were 15,000, at Vimy Ridge 14,000, in Passchendaele, he supposed they would be 18,000, and the result was that our fifth division had been broken up to supply the wastage. With the reserves at present in sight Canada would be able to carry on only to Feb. 10, and unless we had reinforcements that would be the end of Canada's participation in the war. Even allowing the selective draft system to come into operation without delay, reinforcements could not be sent to the front in time, and there would be a period when our Canadian army would be at a standstill. That should not be in a democratic country like Canada, where every man had a right to be a soldier as well as a citizen. The boys at the front had faith that we in Canada would not fail them."

The Bangor Commercial tells this story of a fearless mayor in a southern city: "The owners of the sugar cane plantations in Louisiana have been very hard put to it because of lack of labor and the other day in their extremity appealed to the mayor of New Orleans for aid. The mayor at once proceeded to assist, although in rather an unsual manner. He ordered the New Orleans police to arrest all idlers at once and also ordered their release from the parish prison and house of detention, provided they would go to work on the sugar plantations. Otherwise they could remain in durance vile. The mayor also requested all charitable organizations to refuse to feed able-bodied men and to refer them to the federal labor employment agency. The national sugar scarcity demands drastic action and the mayor of New Orleans apparently has a realizing sense of this fact."

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Gen. Maurice says "there is much reason for optimism about the Italian situation on the Piave." This is very encouraging, and if his optimism is justified the Austro-German drive will fail to accomplish its object.

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The German submarines only sunk one British vessel of over 1,600 tons last week, and only five of smaller tonnage. This is a remarkable falling off, and is further important evidence of the failure of the submarine campaign.

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Those who keep their minds fixed on the men in France will best serve their country in the turmoil of this political campaign. "If the Germans win, nothing else matters."

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The two Albert county delegates who were offered a nomination by the Liberals last evening declined to accept. They are seasoned politicians who have a good knack of sizing up a situation.

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The British campaign on the Tigris and in Palestine is progressing very favorably, but the Turks are fighting with great courage and determination.

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With seven candidates in the field in St. John-Albert, the veriest glutton for political excitement should be able to get his fill before Dec. 17.

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It is again denied that Kerensky has entered Petrograd. The news from that quarter continues to be most contradictory.

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Nobody objects to a fair fight. Personal abuse and imputation of motives are not present in a fight that is fair.

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The Victory Loan offers every citizen who can afford to buy a bond an opportunity to help win the war.

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"If ye break faith with us who die,
"We shall not sleep, though poppies blow
"In Flanders fields."

Liberals Split And Separate

Unionists Nominate S. E. Elkin and Liberals Pick Dr. Emery and Dr. W. P. Broderick

Stanley E. Elkin was nominated as the Union Liberal candidate for the constituency of St. John-Albert by delegates who withdrew from the Liberal convention last evening after the majority had decided to place two candidates in the field as Laurier Liberals.

The remainder of the delegates proceeded to the nomination of candidates and selected Dr. Alban F. Emery and Dr. William P. Broderick as opponents of the union government, under the leadership of Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

The Liberal convention met in the Moose hall in Charlotte street. There was a large attendance, almost every district being fully represented. The first vote showed a total of 186 delegates present.

After the meeting was called to order by S. E. Elkin, chairman of the Liberal executive, who briefly stated the objects of the gathering, Hon. C. J. Osman, of Hillsboro, Albert county, was selected as chairman, and W. M. Ryan as secretary.

A resolution, approving the formation of a union government during the continuance of the war and pledging the convention to the support of candidates with that object in view, was presented by J. A. Sinclair and seconded by A. O. Skinner.

An amendment to this resolution, calling upon the convention to nominate two straight Liberals as supporters of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, was introduced by Arthur W. Carten and vigorously supported by several speakers. A lively discussion followed, the debate being marked by some disorder which emanated chiefly from a group who had refused to leave when those who were not delegates were asked to withdraw. A. M. Belding replied briefly to some of the statements which had been made.

On the division it was found that the amendment had been carried by 180 to 56 ballots.

The names of Dr. A. F. Emery, Dr. W. P. Broderick, W. E. Scully and Lieutenant-Colonel J. L. McAvity, of St. John, and Hon. C. J. Osman and S. S. Ryan, of Albert, were offered in nomination, but that of Lieutenant-Colonel McAvity was withdrawn and the Albert county gentlemen declined to run. When the ballots were counted the standing was: Emery, 120; Broderick, 70, and Scully, 54. Dr. Emery and Dr. Broderick were declared the choice of the convention and this was made practically unanimous.

The nomination proceedings were marked by some questions regarding the attitude of the candidates and they were heard in a statement of their principles, all pledging to follow Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

While other issues were discussed, it appeared that interest centered largely in the conscription bill and the sentiment of those in favor of a straight Liberal ticket was strongly opposed to the adoption of the Military Service act without a referendum.

Hon. Mr. Osman performed the duties of chairman, at times a somewhat difficult role, with a fairness and ability which was warmly commended.

When the division on the question of union or straight Liberal candidates occurred, those who were in favor of union and who found themselves in the minority, a group of about fifty, including several from Albert county, withdrew.

THE CANDIDATES.

Liberal Unionist—S. E. Elkin.
Conservative Unionist—R. W. Wigmore.
Laurier Liberals—Dr. A. F. Emery, and Dr. W. P. Broderick.
Labor—D Mullin, K. C.
Independent Liberal—H. R. McLellan.
Independent Soldier—Sergt. Wm. Smith.

Conservatives Nominate One

Commissioner Wigmore Selected as Union Candidate at Harmonious Meeting

They later met in the offices of Lockhart & Ritchie where, after discussing the situation, they nominated S. E. Elkin as the Union Liberal candidate.

The meeting adjourned to resume in the Seaman's Institute on Friday evening, when all Liberals who are willing to support a union candidate are invited to be present to confirm their action and plan the campaign.

Delegates in Attendance.

Sharply at 8 o'clock, Stanley E. Elkin, chairman of the Liberal executive, called the meeting to order and briefly explained its purpose. He then proceeded to call the roll of delegates and the following answered:

The Delegates.

Queens—J. J. Lelacheur, H. A. Lynam, W. A. Lockhart, Dr. A. F. Emery, G. Heber Vroom, Wm. A. Knodell, G. H. Green, Clarence Nixon, W. J. Magee, Fred. Driscoll, C. B. Dickson.

Dukes—Captain Potter, J. B. Magee, Dr. S. B. Smith, A. W. Adams, A. M. Belding, Dr. A. S. Smith, H. F. Rankine, H. S. Daly, F. J. Roderick.

Kings—H. S. Climo, Timothy O'Brien, Dr. W. B. Wallace, Dr. C. F. Gorham, K. J. MacRae, H. S. Keith, S. H. Taylor, W. J. Mahoney, Dr. Walsh.

Prince—H. Beck, W. J. Crawford, U. J. Sweeney, J. V. Holland, Thomas Tracey, Dr. J. R. Nugent, Michael Kelly, George Stafford, Robert Garnett, jr., James McNulty, Joseph Nichols, Harry Crawford, E. J. Moran, James McSherry, Robert Lawson.

Dufferin—Thomas Foley, M. T. Cohoolan, George Chamberlain, George Harding, James LeClair, John Morrissy, W. J. McKenzie, L. Donovan, Harry McLaughlin, H. E. Codner, Gordon Johnston, Wm. Morris, Bernard Gallagher.

Wellington—T. Collins, A. O. Skinner, J. A. Sinclair, W. J. Thomas, W. Ratchford, George Colwell, James Keenan, H. A. Porter, Thomas M. Burns, F. J. McDonald.

Stanley—Francis Kerr, Joseph Kervan, John McMinamin.

Lansdowne—Thomas Armour, Hartley Haslett, Geo. R. Craigie, Thos. Buckley, F. W. Tapley, J. J. McDonald, T. Dever, H. C. Olive, Wm. Gillen, Jas. Huey, Jas. Craigie, M. D. Sweeney.

Lorne—O. F. Price, F. R. Pidgeon, G. E. Day, Geo. B. Reynolds, T. McCarthy, Albert Machum, Frank Scott, T. Hilyard, A. Connor, P. McGovern, Thomas McCarty, George Mullin, Jas. McCormack, Benjamin Logan, Charles McCormack.

Victoria—T. A. Linton, G. K. Berton, H. Scott, C. W. Romans, J. Cullinan, Edward Farren, A. G. McMulkin, W. G. Scovil, A. S. Belyea, J. K. Hamm.

Sydney—John Stevens, F. J. Alexander, O. W. Chesley, J. M. Elmore, Sterling Lordly, Frank Ross, Frank O'Brien.

Brooks—Patrick Walsh, Fred McKee, Richard Lee, Paul McDade, Daniel Pullen, John White.

Guys—E. Young, H. Belyea, James Scott, Wm. Salmderson, Capt. Frink, Wm. Lee, J. F. Belyea, Wm. Belyea, George Belyea, John O'Brien, Wm. Regan, H. McLean, M. F. Mooney.

St. Martins—E. J. Shanklin, A. H. Nugent, John Howard, W. B. Bentley, Wm. Walsh.

Simonds, No. 1—J. C. Dalzell, John McNamee, Ed. Owens, F. J. Rafferty, J. M. Donovan, Wr. Welsh, P. Jennings.

Simonds, No. 2—Wm. Newcombe.

Simonds, No. 3—Wm. Morgan, George Duffey, Frank McKinnon, Howard Sudsbear, A. F. Johnston.

Beaconsfield—Wm. McKee, Geo. Maxwell, A. B. Thorne, John W. Long.

Milford—J. W. Dwyer, Edward Long, George Melanson, John Robichaud.

Fairville—A. W. Anderson, H. P. Tibbets, John McKinnon, Arthur Carten, John Collins, Frank V. Hamm.

Lorneville—J. McMann.

Albert—Hon. C. J. Osman, S. S. Ryan, Dr. Dash, John P. Beatteay, F. O. Erb, E. L. McHenry, E. B. Livingston, John B. Layden, Rev. K. Kingston, Irvine Leyden, L. Colpitts, George Hopper, Leonard Leaman, Snowball Colpitts, Geo. C. Babkirk, Wm. DeMille, John Kaskin, J. J. Reed, George F. Wallace, James Ryan, Martin Barrett, F. M. Thompson, Angus O'Hanley, J. B. Babkirk, John Gaskin, James Russell, Arthur Russell, E. P. Wilson, W. J. Carnworth, Philip McCarron.

Confined to Delegates.

The chairman then announced that, as the meeting was for delegates only, he would have to ask all others to withdraw.

Some one in the rear of the hall demanded the right for spectators to remain.

Mr. Elkin explained that the meeting was supposed to be for delegates only, that the policy of the party was in the hands of the delegates, and that they should be left unhampered. As he was not a delegate he would have to withdraw and he asked the others not entitled to stay to go with him. To those who remained he urged that the business of the meeting be carried on in a calm and moderate way in view of the importance of the crisis which the country faces.

On the motion of J. A. Sinclair, Hon. C. J. Osman, of Albert county, was elected chairman. W. M. Ryan was then elected secretary.

The chairman then again called on all who were not delegates to withdraw. Some did so but the stairway soon became blocked and those left in the hall said they could not get out. When order was restored the chairman opened the meeting.

Hon. C. J. Osman.

Hon. Mr. Osman expressed the pride he felt in presiding at such a gathering, saying he felt that it was a compliment to the county of Albert. Proceeding he said he was a Canadian, an Englishman born, a firm and loyal supporter of Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

"I will take no back place to any man in my loyalty to the Liberal party," he said. "Some apprehensions have arisen. Some time ago I was invited to meet some of the leaders in Moncton and we talked things over. The compliment paid to me at that meeting was this, that these gentlemen from St. John said they decided to have a representative from Albert and intimated that my name might not be unacceptable. That was before there was any talk of union government. When that came up we were called into conference and a 'saw-off' was discussed. I felt that, if possible, this would be the best thing. You know that Hon. Dr. Pugsley is no longer aavilable, but at that time when the other side, who made the proposition, questioned our choice of Dr. Pugsley, we maintained our right to choose whom we pleased.

"I understand that there are some who do not approve of a saw-off. I cannot see this. There will be no loss of identity. We have the word of Sir Wilfrid Laurier that any supporter of his who may uphold the Military Service bill may still be considered a member of the party. Let us proceed to business with cool heads and with the best interests of our country at heart."

J. A. Sinclair.

J. A. Sinclair, as a member of the St. John executive, asked permission to describe their attitude. He referred to the meeting at which a "saw-off" was discussed. Following this, a committee interviewed Hon. Mr. Carvell, who told them that, if each party selected a candidate, he would recognize both as government candidates. Neither would be bound to any fiscal policy. All they would be bound to would be to support the government's war measures. The committee reported back to the executive and at that meeting it was almost the unanimous feeling that it would be advisable to enter into such an arrangement. A standing committee was appointed to carry on negotiations and an invitation was received from the Conservative party to meet their committee. In the opinion of that joint committee it was decided unanimously that it would be best to avoid an election. It was felt by the merchants that an election in the week before Christmas would be inadvisable and it was felt by all that in this crisis of national affairs it would be much wiser to avoid the bitterness of a party election. The committee did not bind the party; it merely promised to report back. The report was presented to the executive and in that body the great majority was in favor of each party nominating one member. A resolution was passed that the executive should report to the nominating convention and leave the delegates to act as they saw fit. Mr. Carvell said that the

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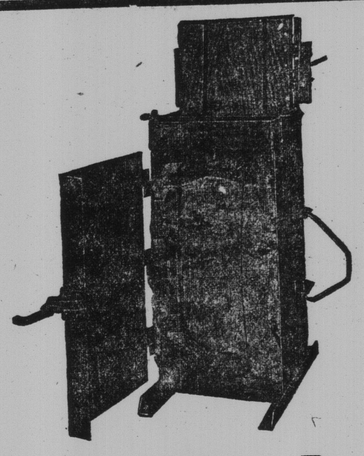
Labor Men Will Have Candidate

Convention Pledges Support To Daniel Mullin as Labor Representative



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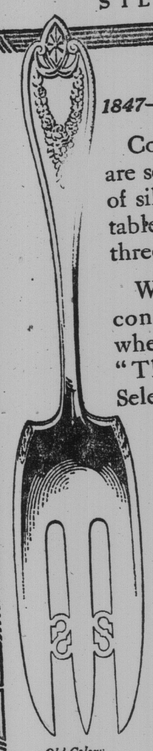

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