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The By-Elections.

In our last issue we referred to the by-elections for the House of Commons, then approaching. It affords us pleasure to-day to announce that in each of the three constituencies in which contests were held the Government was defeated.

The Government left nothing undone to win Sherbrooke from the Conservatives. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, J. Israel Tarte, W. S. Fielding, Wm. Paterson, Sydney Fisher and other ministers of the Crown took the most prominent and active part in the campaign.

The campaign fund ever used in one election in the Dominion, it is said, has been sent into the riding to assist the Government to win, and the place was deluged with whiskey. Hon. Mr. Fisher, Minister of Agriculture, being the representative of the neighboring County of Brome, made the fight his own, and remained in Sherbrooke throughout the campaign.

Being a typical Grit purist, he believed in putting down bribery and corruption, and promoting the election of the Grit candidate by using lots of money to purchase votes. Being an ardent prohibitionist and a strenuous advocate of the Laurier brand of prohibition, he made sure that sufficient whiskey had been brought in to debauch, if possible, the whole electorate.

The following committee was appointed to draft resolutions to be submitted to the conference: Edward Hackett, Alex. Martin, Cyrus Shaw, Dr. J. T. Jenkins, A. A. McLean.

The following executive committee was appointed in addition to the convenors who are members ex-officio: PRINCE COUNTY. First District, J. E. Birch. Second District, A. Williams. Third District, Daniel McIntyre. Fourth District, Hubert McDonald.

unfortunate Liberals present were compelled to listen. He repeated the stale falsehoods of Conservative leaders like Mr. Foster and Mr. Davin and echoed the standers of the worst opponents of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. He magnified the expenditure by many millions just as the most unscrupulous section of the Conservative press is doing and accused Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Sir Richard Cartwright of going back on their pledges and policy. This from a gentleman who up to the early 90's was an ardent Conservative supporting the red parlor regime and prohibitive tariff duties, was not to be endured.

As briefly stated in our last issue, the Liberal Conservative Conference which opened in the City of Montreal on Tuesday the 27th inst. was a large and enthusiastic meeting of Liberal Conservatives from all parts of the Province. After the inaugural address of the President, Senator Ferguson, and the reading of the minutes of the previous annual conference, a committee on resolutions was appointed.

The election of officers of the conference was then proceeded with. The officers chosen for the ensuing year are as follows: Honorary President, Hon. Daniel Gordon. President, Alexander Martin, M. P. Vice-President, Edward Hackett. Secretary, Charles Smallwood. Delegates to the Liberal-Conservative Association, Hon. Senator Ferguson and A. C. McDonald, M. P. Federal Convenors: King's, John McLean. West Queen's, Patrick Blake. East Prince, Neil McQuarrie. West Prince, John P. Brennan.

PRINCE COUNTY. First District, Henry J. Pineau. M. L. A. Second District, John Forbes. Third District, Joseph F. Arsenault. Fourth District, Dr. Sutherland. Fifth District, Leonard Morris. QUEEN'S COUNTY. Charlottetown, S. W. Crabbe. First District, D. B. McLeod. Second District, Louis Jenkins. Third District, F. H. Horne. Fourth District, A. P. McLean.

KING'S COUNTY. First District, John Kickham, M. L. A. Second District, Lawrence Doyle. Third District, Cyrus Shaw, M. L. A. Fourth District, A. P. Prowse, M. L. A. Fifth District, A. J. McDonald, M. L. A.

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KING'S COUNTY. First District, C. H. Sterns. Second District, Edward Jardine. Third District, E. McDonald. Fourth District, John A. Stewart. Fifth District, Joseph Fairchild. A recess was then taken till 2:30 p.m. At the afternoon session the newly-elected president, Mr. Alexander Martin, M. P. took the chair. He thanked the conference for the honor that had been done him and expressed his intention of doing everything in his power to promote the interests of the Liberal-Conservative party.

Government in not providing for the granting of through freight privileges on goods shipped during the winter season from this Province by the Government road and steamer. Moved by S. W. Crabbe, seconded by Allan J. Macdonald.

Resolved, That the traffic and passenger rates on P. E. Island Railway, considering the facilities and accommodations given as compared with those given by other Government roads, are excessive. Moved by Joseph F. Arsenault, M. L. A., seconded by Mr. Delaney.

Resolved, That this conference expresses the hope that the team service substituted for railway mail service last winter between Cape Tormentine and the I. C. R. will be discarded during this season, and that a special train service be established between Cape Tormentine and Sackville so as to give prompt despatch to the conveyance of mails and passengers. Moved by Mr. W. E. Dawson and seconded by Mr. W. F. H. Carwell.

Resolved, That this conference hereby expresses its deep regret as well as sense of public loss occasioned by the death of Malcolm McLeod, Esq., Q. C., who was an ornament to the legal profession and an influential supporter of the Liberal Conservative party in all measures initiated by it for the promotion of the best interests of his native Province and the Dominion of Canada. Moved by Mr. A. C. Shaw, seconded by Mr. W. E. Crabbe.

Resolved, That the interests and the isolated position of the Province of P. E. Island, require direct communication with the Mother Country, to carry away our meats, poultry and all kinds of products; and, Therefore, Our senators and members of the House of Commons be instructed to urge on the Government at Ottawa to grant a subsidy to any company which may provide a steamer for that purpose. All these resolutions were adopted, and after giving hearty cheers for the Queen and the officers of the conference the meeting was brought to a close by singing the National Anthem.

Resolved, That the proposition of the present Government to change the constitution of Parliament by providing for a joint vote of both Houses in all matters regarding a disagreement may arise would swamp the influence of the smaller provinces and imperil the constitutional right of the electorate to be appealed to regarding any new and important question. Moved by Murdoch McKinnon, M. L. A., seconded by John McQuaid.

Resolved, That we deplore and condemn the maladministration of the affairs of the Yukon District, and enter a solemn protest against the conduct of the government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in refusing to allow an independent and impartial investigation into the serious charges of official corruption preferred in the House of Commons on the parliamentary responsibility of Sir Charles H. Tupper, a public man of undoubted standing. Moved by W. McNeil Simpson, seconded by Mr. H. J. Pineau, M. L. A.

Resolved, That the electoral districts of New London, Tynagh, Belfast and Murray Harbor are entitled to the thanks of this convention, on behalf of the taxpayers of this Province, for having at the recent partial elections so decisively expressed condemnation of the Farquharson government and the enormous public debt created by them through their extravagance and inefficient management of public affairs. Moved by the Hon. A. J. McDonald, M. L. A., seconded by Mr. Ernest Harris.

Resolved, That the open and almost universal disregard of pre-election promises by the members of the present administration is calculated to lower the respect in which public life has been held in Canada. Moved by Mr. A. J. McDonald, M. L. A., seconded by Peter Scott.

Resolved, That this conference disapproves of the great and unnecessary delay which has taken place in proceeding with the construction of railway and Hillborough bridge, and authorizing the construction thereof having passed the Parliament of Canada and the Legislature of the Province. Moved by Edward Hackett, Esq., seconded by Daniel McIntyre.

Resolved, That we joyfully endorse the straightforward and patriotic course pursued by the Hon. Daniel Gordon and his colleagues in the Local Legislature, and pledge ourselves to support them in their efforts to establish honest and economical administration in our provincial affairs. Moved by T. A. McLean, Esq., seconded by Mr. Hamilton Coffin.

Resolved, That this conference regrets that the Dominion Government has laid up the slipper "Stanley," which in the opinion of this convention should now be employed in giving greater facilities for communication from Charlottetown and the ports in this province to the mainland. Moved by James Paton, seconded by Abraham Brown.

Resolved, That this conference desires to bring to the attention of the Government the great hardship and loss experienced by the people of this province by reason of the neglect of the

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BYE-ELECTIONS.

CONSERVATIVES VICTORIOUS AT SHERBROOKE.—AND GOVERNMENT DEFEAT IN THREE BY-ELECTIONS.—MR. TARTÉ'S APPEAL TO THE FRENCH—A CAMPAIGN THAT FAILED—THE MACHINE SMASHED IN LOTBINIERA.—"FIELDING THE UNREADY"—REPORTS ARE NOT OUT IN TIME—MR. BLAIR AS A RAILWAY FINANCIER.

OTTAWA, Jan. 26.—Before the date of next week's letter parliament will be in session. How the second and third bye-elections will be held in one respect, however, the ministers are believed to have been given a year since they took office. Only one important blue book dealing with the business of the year ending so long ago as November or December, has been delivered in January. The Trade and Navigation report containing the details of the trade of the year, has not been seen or heard from. Sir Mackenzie Bowell usually had it ready in November or December. The auditor general's big book, the most interesting and instructive publication of all, which contains the details of the expenditure of all the departments, should have been circulated before the end of 1899. We need not expect it until some time after the house meets. Last year the house met late, but not so late as the year before, for it was May before the whole of the expenditure statement was before the people. The auditor general explained that he had not been able to get the statements from the departments in time for earlier publication. As parliament meets six weeks earlier this year the house may be deprived of this information until nearly the close of the session. Yet it is a large part of the business of the house of commons to enquire into the expenditure of public money, and one of its special duties the investigation of the accounts appearing in the auditor's blue book. The title assigned to an Anglo-Saxon blue book is "Fielding the Unready."

THE SHERBROOKE DISASTER. When the returns from yesterday's bye-elections reached the premier and two of his colleagues they became sad. The government had staked much on the Sherbrooke election. They had counted on the fact that the late Mr. Ives, as a member of the government and a man of high personal and family influence, had great strength in the riding, and supposed that his death would transfer Sherbrooke to the Liberal column. It is in a sense a metropolitan. The Eastern Townships, though in Ontario province, comprises an important and somewhat self-contained district of ten or twelve constituencies, of which Sherbrooke is the largest. The Eastern Townships are always represented in the cabinet, and have given the country such names as Sir Alexander Gait, Hon. J. H. Pope, L. S. Huntington, C. C. Colby and J. B. Ives. The present minister of agriculture is their successor, and Mr. Fisher has made the Sherbrooke fight his own, in so far that he has given his whole time to the campaign, recognizing that his status as a leader depended upon his success in holding the key to the Eastern Townships position. Mr. Fisher's prohibition record, and the ridiculous force of the plebiscite have done great harm to his reputation. Here was an opportunity to show that he was still a factor in politics.

THE PREMIER AND HIS MASTER. Sherbrooke is rather more than half French and a goodly battalion of voters who speak that language were turned loose on the country. Sir Wilfrid made an impassioned appeal to the people to support a leader of their own race. But he left the strong speaking to Mr. Tarte, whose speeches in French make interesting reading when translated into English from the reports given by his own paper. In his last appeal, made on a short notice, he told his French Canadian audience that the one question at issue was whether a Frenchman was as good as an Englishman for premier of Canada. He declared solemnly to the people that Sir Charles Tupper was appealing to the prejudices of all the English provinces against the French. He asserted that the Liberal Conservative press in English Canada was calling on the English people to rise up against us, cause us to disappear as a political influence. The closing words of his appeal are worth transcribing. Mr. Tarte said: "I hope that there are conservatives among you who hear me, and I beg of you to speak to all the French Canadian conservatives of Sherbrooke and ask them why they should wish to drive Sir Wilfrid Laurier out of power. All I want to know is, if you hear me, I want to know if because the government has at its head one of ourselves it does not merit confidence."

APOLGIZED FOR LOYALTY. In the same speech Mr. Tarte went some way with a disclosure of the secret of the dispute in the cabinet over the offer of a contingent. He stated plainly, as he has done before, that he opposed taking the step with the offer of a contingent. In this he was over-ruled by his colleagues. He went on to explain how important it was to the French minority that the rights and liberties of the people should be respected and how he had tried to indicate them. It seems that he even thought of resigning, for he explained: "When my friends demanded of me that I should go out of the government I asked myself where I should turn myself. Would it be on the side of Sir Charles Tupper, who would have been ready to send 100,000 troops to Africa without consulting parliament. I remain a member of the government, and I thank Providence today that Sir Tarte did not resign, for he has given me power to stay at my post. He will be seen that the reason Mr. Tarte did not resign was that he found his present colleagues less disposed to carry out his policy than Sir Charles Tupper would be. He could do nothing better than to stay with the least loyal company he could find, and so he remained and appealed to the Sherbrooke French to support Sir Wilfrid because he was a Frenchman."

IT FAILED. Sherbrooke did not support Sir Wilfrid. It gave a majority of 90 or more to the opposition candidate. It is believed here and at Montreal that the largest campaign fund ever made up for a single constituency was sent into the constituency in behalf of the government. Mr. Tarte's contractors and other beneficiaries of the party were urged to the largest sacrifice, and it is understood that they responded with a sign of that gratitude which is defined as "a lively sense of favors come." But it all went for nothing. So did the oratory of the minister of finance, who was the only one of the other four ministers who appeared on the scene, and who are all back here now. Mr. Tarte's contractors and other beneficiaries of the party were urged to the largest sacrifice, and it is understood that they responded with a sign of that gratitude which is defined as "a lively sense of favors come." But it all went for nothing. 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