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Will Demand Reduction in Licenses and a "Dry" District, and Organize for Campaign.

The Methodist Church of Toronto proposes to take an active part in the organized body in the approaching municipal elections. At a well attended meeting held in the Queen-street church last night, an organization was formed to commence active work at once, and an executive committee, consisting of Dr. German, convener, Rev. J. G. Scott and A. M. Featherston, from the central Toronto conference; Rev. Dr. Chambers, Rev. J. L. Rankin, J. N. Lake and Alex. Elliott, from the eastern district; and Rev. W. O. Johnston, Rev. Dr. A. D. Watson, from the western district, was appointed to lay out a plan of action. They will meet at Mr. Featherston's office in the Temple Building on Thursday afternoon at 4.30.

Hostility to George H. Gooderham was the keynote of the meeting, and the conference of the Executive Committee which was held at the residence of Dr. German, which was attended by a large number of prominent members of the church, was devoted to discussing matters from a religious point of view. The wisdom of the action taken was commended by all, and the outspoken attitude would do more to arouse opposition than a quiet campaign in the churches.

The meeting was called to order by Rev. Dr. German, who referred to the object of the gathering, Rev. G. M. Brown, president of the conference, was elected chairman and William Hamilton, secretary.

For a Prohibition District
The first resolution, which was adopted, was that the committee be authorized to wait on the city council and to advocate a reduction of tavern licenses in the city from 150 to 125. Dr. German said that a movement for practical prohibition was on foot, by which the district of Yonge-street and north of College-street to the city limits, would be withdrawn from the city, and six square miles in extent. There were five taverns in the district, which did not give any accommodations to travelers and were saloons pure and simple. Three of these were kept by Roman Catholics and he wanted to know if it was because of their political pull they got their licenses.

Dr. German said that the spirit of the law was being violated now. This resolution would affect the city, and the number of licenses. Rev. M. L. Pearson of Beverley-street church opposed the plan, and said that the city would be divided into two parts, and that the number of licenses be reduced and that the license be increased. Mr. Hamilton said that no question needed agitation more, and that the committee would be authorized to wait on the city council and to advocate a reduction of tavern licenses in the city from 150 to 125. Dr. German said that a movement for practical prohibition was on foot, by which the district of Yonge-street and north of College-street to the city limits, would be withdrawn from the city, and six square miles in extent. There were five taverns in the district, which did not give any accommodations to travelers and were saloons pure and simple. Three of these were kept by Roman Catholics and he wanted to know if it was because of their political pull they got their licenses.

Dr. A. D. Watson thought the municipal elections should be watched, and moved a resolution calling on all Methodists to exert their efforts to secure the election of a mayor and council that would carry out the prohibition law. Both of these resolutions were carried unanimously, the first being referred to the Executive Committee.

William Sumnerville.
Rev. Dr. Spence reported on the progress of the committee. He moved that a small committee be appointed to wait on the city council and to advocate a reduction of tavern licenses in the city from 150 to 125. Dr. German said that a movement for practical prohibition was on foot, by which the district of Yonge-street and north of College-street to the city limits, would be withdrawn from the city, and six square miles in extent. There were five taverns in the district, which did not give any accommodations to travelers and were saloons pure and simple. Three of these were kept by Roman Catholics and he wanted to know if it was because of their political pull they got their licenses.

On Dangerous Ground
Dr. Chambers feared they were treading on dangerous ground by holding up certain men as being the only ones entitled to support, they might defeat their object. There were good men who did not favor prohibition, and the people should have intelligence enough to know for whom to vote. The chairman drew the meeting's attention to the fact that the motion said nothing about corruption, and it carried unanimously.

Ex-Aid. Bates moved for the appointment of a committee to ascertain the views of municipal candidates and to present a political discussion. Mr. Williams said that by organization the churches could elect whom they wished if they were right, and that they should organize once. Candidates were in the field already. Their work should be done in the churches and not in the saloons.

Question and Answer.
"Do you know if George Gooderham is a prohibitionist?" asked a delegate. "There is no reason to suppose he is on account of his name." He was answered by the statement that the nomination question was described as a distiller. That would Emerson Cateswood ask another. Dr. Pearson said Mr. Gooderham had given up smoking cigars, and that was the best example to his Sunday school class. It was then decided to form a temperance and moral reform association of the three Toronto districts of the Methodist Church. "If I had been told two years ago

WON'T SUFFER FROM NEGLECT SAYS HARGREAVES OF VARSITY

Makes Promise of Realizing Reasonable Temporary Demands at the University College Dinner.

University College held its eighth annual dinner in McConkey's parlors last night, when there were present 335 graduates and undergraduates. Last year there were only 25 at the same function, but last year it was purely a college affair, while this year the university was represented. The students, after a rehearsal, spent a most enjoyable evening, listening to speeches, full of high aspirations, educational and otherwise. The speaker of the evening was Mr. Hargreaves, who in his address, both in regard to the political and educational progress of Canada. Between the speeches the students made merry with college songs, and songs were given by L. M. Robinson and H. E. Pickett. Prof. Ramsey Wright presided, and in asking the assembly to rise and sing God Save the King, took occasion to give a history of the tune of our National Anthem. He incidentally remarked that no education could be called a liberal education which did not provide for the arts at least, and he thought that music might well be adopted as one of the courses in the university curriculum. Premier Ross, Hon. G. G. Graham and Hon. George Mackay, and Hugh Guthrie were unavoidably absent. The chairman in introducing "The Maple Leaf" as a greeting, and the toast "Canada and the Empire" stated that he was pleased to say that the song had been officially adopted by the Ontario legislature as the national song. Among the guests presenting the university of Canada, with others, were: McGill, H. S. Howitt; Queen's, R. M. Robinson; Rev. Dr. Emory, Western London, I. F. Powell; Medicals, W. A. Allison; McMaster, W. E. Matthews; H. Truempel; Graduates, F. Aylesworth, W. A. Loudon, W. A. McColl, E. H. Kerr, H. G. Jacques, W. W. Collins, W. F. Mackenzie, R. A. Lury, W. A. Addison, Eric Armour, Capt. A. F. Hinton, Prof. Alexander, Principal Auden, Uper, Canada College, Principal Hutton, Prof. Goldwin Smith, Hon. H. Hargreaves, Principal Galbraith, Hon. G. E. Foster, Dr. R. A. Reeve, Mayor Urquhart, Edward Bristol, J. A. MacDonald and J. J. Kyle.

Habitant is Loyal.
Hon. George E. Foster in responding to the toast "Canada and the Empire" continued his remarks to Canada, which he said, had a creditable history. There had been no great wars, no great carnages. There is an air of picturesque about our country which gives it a peculiar charm. It is seen in its mighty vastness, in its wild and painted tribes; by the rivers which strike one most in its simple, plain plodding honesty with which the unclaimed and uncultivated land has been turned into an organized and civilized country. Looking back to the old explorer, the trader, the man in the field, we see that out of them has evolved a new nation, the product of the faith and work of its founders and progenitors.

Canada is patriotic to its very core. No section has its excellence more than another. The habitant loves his country pre-eminently. He is born in it, he lives in it, he loves it. The people of Ontario love Canada. The people of Quebec love Canada. The people of the west love their country. Loyalty is not only distinguishable in our country and its institutions, but our people have the interests of other colonies and dependencies.

He closed his address with reference to the educational advantages of Canada, which tend to good morals and high citizenship.

Canadian Development.
Hon. Richard Harcourt regretted the absence of the premier, who he said, had the welfare of the country at heart, and dwell on the development of Canada. Our people make for prosperity, and our colleges and universities make for a happy people. Reading notices of the progress of this in our foreign newspapers there was this remark in common: "How is his duty to point out some urgent need of the institution in question." He cared for the extensive was the demand of the industry, if that demand was reasonable, he would assume them, and the college would not suffer from neglect.

Prof. Goldwin Smith, who spoke with glowing cheers, was recalled by Alma Mater, and he in reply, in a genial mood, gave a description of college life at Oxford. His humorous remarks were well appreciated by the graduates. W. H. Tuckberry also responded to this toast.

The principal Hutton responded to the toast "Our Guest," which was responded to by Mayor Urquhart, "Sister Toronto," was proposed by H. S. Howitt and replied to by H. S. Howitt of McGill, S. M. Polson of Queen's, Dr. Emory of Ottawa and F. Powell of London. "The Press" had J. A. MacDonald and C. R. Jamison to speak in their behalf, and "The Athletics" were represented by C. G. Heyd and F. Downington.

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HOW THE OLD MAN SIZES IT UP.

Richardson and Russell Receive Appointments from Premier Ross

One Clerk of York County Court, the Other Registrar of Deeds for Hastings.

The general elections for the province will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 23, and the nominations a week earlier. The writs will be issued Dec. 23. The lieutenant-governor announced his suggestions for the provincial government yesterday. His honor has been criticized for restricting information of importance to a political section, but he is in the hands of the premier in all parties. It had been expected that the appointments would be made this morning, but the news from North York on Monday night proved to be so disconcerting that a hasty decision was taken to close the nominations until the Hon. A. G. Mackay's election campaign is immediately dissolved. Further embarrassment is thus saved to the government.

John Richardson Rewarded.
The premier held a cabinet council in the afternoon in the course of which John Richardson of East York received the reward for which he so long has been patiently waited. Mr. Richardson is now clerk of the county court for York County, and Mr. Russell, a former member of East Hastings, was appointed registrar of deeds for the county of Hastings. Mr. Richardson had been a trustee of the General Hospital, in place of G. H. Gooderham, resigned, and had been acting as registrar of deeds for the county of Hastings for some time. He had been a member of the Liberal executive for some time, and had been a member of the Liberal executive for some time. He had been a member of the Liberal executive for some time, and had been a member of the Liberal executive for some time.

Both Parties are Fairly Well Prepared for the Struggle through the province, and in Toronto no candidates have been named. The Liberal executive has been called for to-morrow night in the Hotel Windsor, and the Conservative executive has been called for to-morrow night in the Hotel Windsor. The Liberal executive has been called for to-morrow night in the Hotel Windsor, and the Conservative executive has been called for to-morrow night in the Hotel Windsor.

OLD MAN ONTARIO: Why am I determined to defeat you? Well, if all this rascality has been practiced with your knowledge you are a thoroughly corrupt politician. If it has all been done without your knowledge you are too simple-minded a man to guard my interests. That's why.

BOSTON MEN FOR RECIPROcity URGING FAIRBANKS TO ACTION

Movement on Foot in Washington Aiming to Have the Joint High Commission Called Together.

Washington, D.C., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—The probability of the British-American joint high commission being convened to consider reciprocity between the United States and Canada is increasing daily. Prosser in this section is being brought to bear from all sides. Negotiations are in progress looking to a determination as to whether anything could be accomplished by a meeting of the commission. It is desired that an understanding be reached in advance regarding the questions of reciprocity, and a delegation from Boston, comprising Messrs. Hill, Webster and Andrews, is expected to leave for Washington to-morrow.

Robert John on Water Wagon.
There is a rumor that Robert John is planning to submit himself as a candidate to the suffrages of the voters in the coming election. He is a member of the house of commons, and has had a long career in the assessment department.

Excites Some Doubt.
The temperance vote still excites some doubt in the minds of amateur politicians. The leading prohibitionists are feeling very sore. They were assured, as indeed was everyone, that the rank and file of temperance men are ready to support the prohibition platform, and when the premier threw them down when victory was apparently in their hands, their feelings that have been aroused are not of clemency and forgiveness. But the rank and file of temperance men are expected, as in days of yore, to march out on Jan. 25 and vote with their political parties.

Now Three Protest.
There was only one protest received yesterday by Registrar Holmstead. Four blocks was the time when the period should expire for protests to be filed, and those who expected several to be filed in the last moment were disappointed.

Early in the day, however, James Baird, living at the petitioner, John Agar, County of Grey, appeared with a protest against the election of William Holmstead, the Liberal candidate, to the office of Registrar.

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WORTH GREY CHARGES BURKED BY PREMIER'S RESORT TO DISSOLUTION

The Statute is Silent in Effect, Chief Justice Moss Draws the Curtain on Election Trial.

Owen Sound, Dec. 13.—(Special.)—After the judges had resumed their seats at the court house this morning, Chief Justice Moss was seen to have in his hand a telegram which bore the following words: "Toronto, Dec. 13, 1904.—Lieutenant-governor Ross has dissolved parliament to-day." Dec. 13. (Signed) Charles Clark, clerk, legislative assembly.

The chief justice explained that he held in his hand a telegram signed by the lieutenant-governor, and he was pleased to dissolve the legislature and decided the opinion of counsel as to the functions of the tribunal in such an event.

George T. Blackstock said that they could not admit surprise at the proceeding. They had been threatened with this very thing two or three times during the progress of this election trial. What they contended was that there was no evidence before the court that a dissolution had actually taken place. They would not admit that there was anything in a telegram that might be considered evidence, and they were not prepared to admit anything whatever on the ground that the lieutenant-governor had dissolved parliament. They contended that the proceedings, and they were unable to see what effect it could have.

Their lordships would remember the English rulings where a dissolution of the legislature had been effected by the lieutenant-governor, and in such cases the special tribunal which tried the cases was the committee on privileges and elections, which was a committee of parliament. In this case the jurisdiction had been transferred to a special tribunal, which remained unaffected by a dissolution. Arguing from the English act it was contended that a dissolution ended the trial. The cases were not analogous since under section 12 of the constitution the power of dissolution is vested by operation of law. That being the case, dissolution would affect the vacated seat, for it had been automatically vacated previously by operation of law. The position was an anomalous one, and created by the statute, and it was contended that it was not to be argued that the dissolution in no way impaired the functions of the tribunal or the protest, and that the petitioner had on two occasions at great expense been ready to proceed, and now was said to have taken place, thus forcing an admission that the government was in violation of the statute. "We make no admission whatever with respect to the telegram."

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CAMPBELL TO THE GABINET

West York Member Likely to Succeed Sir Richard

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—(Special.)—The report that Archie Campbell, M.P., is to be made speaker of the house of commons is not credited here. Mr. Campbell has been understood to build rather a portfolio than the speakership, and it is felt that he would be a competitor for the speakership, which at present is unusually weak in Ontario.

The probability is that Mr. Campbell will be made minister of trade and commerce. Sir Richard Cartwright, retiring in a few days, has been suggested by Sir Richard that he should succeed Sir Henry Judd as lieutenant-governor of Ontario.

The speaker of the house is likely to be N. A. Belcourt.

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FAIR AND COLD.
Observer, Toronto, Ont., Dec. 13.—More moderate temperatures have prevailed to-day in Manitoba, and the weather conditions are similar to those in the Maritimes. Light snowfalls have occurred in Nova Scotia and the Georgian Bay region.

