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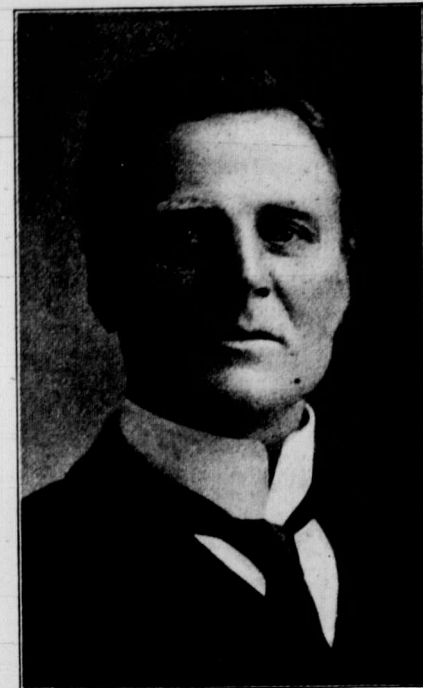
Grain Growers' President nominated by Macdonald Farmers

R. C. Henders, President of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association, was the unanimous choice of an enthusiastic convention held at Carman, on Friday last, to choose an independent progressive candidate to contest the constituency of Macdonald at the next federal election. About 50 delegates were present, most of whom were farmers, and almost every part of the large constituency was represented. C. I. Barager, of Elm Creek, was chairman, and among the speakers was F. J. Dixon, Independent Progressive M.P.P. for Centre Winnipeg. Mr. Dixon spoke chiefly on the tariff question and pointed out that as both the Liberal and Conservative parties were supporters of the protective tariff it was necessary for those who believed in free trade to elect independent representatives.

Mr. Henders was then unanimously asked to contest the seat and accepted the nomination in a short speech. He said that as a free trader he could not support either of the old parties and beside the tariff issue he differed from both Liberals and Conservatives in desiring to do away with patronage in the granting of contracts and in the civil service, and also in the matter of the enactment of election laws that would secure the punishment of those guilty of bribery and corruption.

A committee appointed by the recent Liberal convention was present, together with Andrew Graham, of Pomeroy, who had been selected by the Liberal party to contest the seat. After Mr. Henders' speech this committee held a consultation and thru their chairman, J. Haverson, announced that Mr. Graham would withdraw in favor of Mr. Henders. This announcement was received with cheers and a committee of Independents and Liberals was at once formed to arrange for the organization of the campaign. The committee, which has power to add to its number, consists of Andrew Graham, Pomeroy; C. I. Barager and

W. Bell, Elm Creek; E. A. August, Home-wood; D. Stewart and J. Haverson,



R. C. Henders, of Culross, nominated as Independent Progressive candidate for Macdonald at the next Federal election.

Carman; Frank Stockwin, Holland; James Christie and Frank Mitchell, Glenboro; B. McLaughlin, Stockton; and J. Marcombe, Cypress River.

The committee appointed by the Liberal Association, with assistance from Independent electors, will watch the revision of the voters' lists now in progress in the interests of Mr. Henders.

Common Prairie Birds

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The goshawk is a very graceful bird, standing or flying, of a general slaty-blue color above, but underneath the parts are evenly marked with wavy bars of grey and white. If you are ever near a museum such as can be seen in the Winnipeg Industrial Bureau, you will quickly get the right idea about these three robbers of poultry yards and then you will never stand for shooting dark hawks or the common marsh hawk.

Marsh Hawk

While we are on the hawk topic I may as well carry on the point and draw your attention to two other useful and easily distinguished members of the hawk tribe which come a little later than the others in April. First, there is the big, heavy hawk known as Swainson's hawk, whose feathers are much less barred and much more blotched with brown and dark patches. As this bird flies you can easily spot it by the large cinnamon-rufous patch in the centre of the breast. All these hawks prefer to nest in trees from 25 to 50 feet from the ground, with the exception of the marsh hawk, which builds on the ground. Their eggs are white or bluish white and generally scantily blotched with brown at the big end, again with the exception of the marsh hawk, whose eggs have no spots.

The Sparrow Hawk

Anywhere about April 15 to 20—this year April 13—you may expect to see balancing on the cross arms of a telephone pole or on the wires a graceful little hawk which, as you drive alongside, dives downwards and away ahead only to re-align on another similar perch. This, the sparrow hawk, is the smallest of American hawks and is a true falcon, sometimes called Kitty Hawk, on account of its call, "Kitty, Kitty, Kitty." Dr.



The Pelican

Fisher, one of the U. S. A. experts reported that out of some 300 stomachs of sparrow hawks examined one contained a game bird; 53, other birds; 89, mice; 12, other small animals such as mice; 12, frogs and such like; 215, various insects, and 29, spiders. To appreciate the beautiful plumage of this bird you want to see it with a glass or to hold it in your hand. Such a lovely combination of black, rufous, slaty-blue, white and buff. It nests in a hole in a tree and lays as many as seven eggs, varying from a creamy white to a reddish tinge generally finely and evenly marked with reddish brown. The eggs are laid on the bottom of the hole without any nest.

GOVERNMENT TO OPERATE N.T.R.

The announcement is made that the National Transcontinental Railway from Moncton, N.B., to Winnipeg, and the G.T.P. from Fort William to Superior Junction, have been taken over for operation by the Dominion government. This action is the result of the refusal of the Grand Trunk Railway company to take over the lines which have been built by the government and were to be leased by the Company.

INDEPENDENT FOR SOURIS

Deloraine, Man., May 3.—The Opera house was today filled with representative electors from the different parts of Souris constituency to select an Independent candidate to contest the Dominion seat of Souris. The meeting was addressed by F. J. Dixon, M.P.P. for Centre Winnipeg. At the evening session Rev. T. Beveridge was unanimously chosen as the standard bearer.

Lord Wimborne, who has succeeded Lord Aberdeen, as viceroy of Ireland, made his state entry into Dublin on April 14 and was given a hearty welcome by all classes of the people.

Lusitania Sunk by Germans

Fifteen Hundred Innocent Victims killed

The great Cunard liner, Lusitania, was torpedoed by a German submarine on Friday afternoon last off the Irish coast and sunk within twenty minutes, carrying nearly 1,500 people to a watery grave. Absolutely no warning was given by the submarine and no opportunity was given to the passengers and crew of the liner to leave the ship before she was sunk. At 2.30 in the afternoon, when the Lusitania was ten miles off the old Head of Kinsale, near Cork, a periscope was observed and the passengers upon deck were horrified to see the track of a torpedo racing toward the ship. The torpedo struck the forward end and the ship at once listed to starboard and began to sink. A second torpedo striking the engine room completed the work of destruction and the great vessel quickly filled and sank. There was no great panic, many of the passengers believing that the ship would be able to reach land, which was in plain sight, before sinking. There was, however, confusion in the launching of the lifeboats and several were swamped owing to the large number who crowded into them and to the speed of the ship which the captain was endeavoring to run ashore.

The full lists of lost and saved are not yet available, but it is believed that the dead will number nearly 1,500. Some 700 persons escaped drowning, but many have since died from their injuries or as the result of exposure. Captain Turner stood on the bridge and went down with his ship, but he came to the surface and clung to wreckage until picked up by a lifeboat two hours later.

Many Westerners Lost

One hundred and forty Western Canadian passengers were aboard and many of these were drowned, only eleven out of twenty-nine residents of Winnipeg having been reported saved up to Monday morning.

The lost include Rev. Canon Phair, of St. John's College, Winnipeg; Elbert Hubbard, publisher of The Philistine, and his wife; Alfred G. Vanderbilt, of New York, one of the richest men in the world; Charles Frohman, the well known

theatrical manager, and many other well known American and Canadian citizens.

The sinking of the Lusitania without first giving her passengers an opportunity to escape is regarded everywhere except in Germany and Austria as deliberate murder of non-combatant and unarmed men, women and children. It is recognized that as a British ship, the Lusitania was liable to capture or destruction by the German navy, but international law and usage require that passengers and crew of an unarmed merchant ship must be permitted to leave before the ship is sunk.

U. S. Citizens Murdered

As there were several hundred United States citizens among the passengers of the Lusitania, many of whom were the victims of the murderous attack, the whole world is now awaiting the action of the United States government. The German government was warned by President Wilson some months ago that the sinking of American ships or the killing of American citizens would be regarded most seriously and there are many who believe that after this latest example of German disregard for the rules of civilized warfare and the rights of non-combatants the United States will join the Allies and help to put an end to the barbaric conflict.

Berlin and Vienna held great rejoicings when the accomplishment of her submarine became known, and the school children of Germany were given a holiday to celebrate the event.

The sinking of the Lusitania is not a new departure in German tactics. The merchant ship Falaba was sunk with over a hundred non-combatants on board last month. The Germans have also violated the rules of civilized warfare by the use of poisonous and asphyxiating gas against the Allied troops in France and Belgium, they have poisoned wells in South Africa, they have murdered wounded soldiers who have fallen in battle, prisoners have been ill-treated and shot and it is reported that two Canadians who were captured in the battle of Langemarcke have been crucified.