

THE LIBERAL CONVENTION.

A LARGE ATTENDANCE.

THE LEADERS OF THE PARTY PRESENT.

On Tuesday afternoon, March 29th, a very largely attended meeting of representative men of the Liberal party of the district of Montreal and vicinity, was held in the Mechanics' Hall, for the purpose of completing arrangements in organizing for the coming general elections in the Province and Dominion. Among those present we noticed Messrs. Thomas Cramp, Adam Darling, A Perry, James Stewart (HERALD), H A Nelson, M P P, Jas McShane, M P P, Ald Gilman, O J Devlin, Ed Holton, M P, Denis Barry, E R Johnson (Stanstead), Arthur Jenkins, Robt Mackay, N W Trenholme, Hon Henry Starnes, Thomas Darling, James O'Halloran, Q C, J Scriver, M P, J McLean, W E Boyd, N B Corse, Alex Seath, R Seath, T Lyman, A McGoun, E C Monk, Hon R Laflamme, C R Black, H Lovell, M P P, A Isaacson, D Lyons, S Quinn, Hon H Mercier, M Mercier, Ald Stephens, Hon J R Thibault, W S Walker, F G Boutillier, M P P, Peter Fulton, T Robin, Sidney Fisher, J J Maclaren, Q C, J H Joseph, C Cushing, T H Turton (Globe), Edgar Judge, E Idler, J Duhamel, Q C, J Howley, C S Burrows, J Shea, Aeneas McMaster (Scotstown), Hon W Laurier, M P, R G Meikle, M P P, Hon L S Huntington, F X Archambault, J N Greenshields.

Letters of regret were read from Hon. Senator C A P Pelletier, P B Casgrain, M P, L'Islet; F X A Biron, St Cuthbert; M Matheson, J H Marchessault and others.

The meeting was called to order about two o'clock, the Hon. J. R. Thibault moving that Ald. Grenier act as Chairman of the meeting. The motion was carried with loud applause.

On the platform, with the Chairman, were Messrs Lovell, McShane, Marchand, Langelier, Holton, Dr Laberge, J O'Halloran, Meikle, Laurier, Boutillier, O J Devlin, Perry, A Darling, T Cramp, H Mackay, H Mercier, J N Greenshields, F X Archambault, W S Walker, J Scriver, F X Langelier, Marchand, Poirier and others.

The CHAIRMAN expressed his pleasure at the honour done him, and after referring to the necessity of the Liberal party at once organizing for the approaching election, requested the Hon. Mr. Mercier to address the meeting.

Hon. Mr. MERCIER, on rising, was greeted with loud applause. He began by stating that he was more than pleased at the intelligent complexion of the meeting and at the large numbers present. He, as well as others of the Liberal party in the district and vicinity, thought it a good time to begin organizing for the coming general elections in the Province and the Dominion, and, to that end, had sent invitations to the representative men of the party in the district and vicinity. The present meeting was in no sense a public one for the discussion of public questions, but one for the purpose of completing an electoral organization of the party, with the view of combatting their adversaries at the coming Federal and Provincial elections, in which contest he trusted they would come out victorious. He pointed out that it was of vital importance to the cause that the Liberal party should have its organizations complete in every parish and county through the Province, so that they might be able to guard and uphold the grand old principles of Reform, which had been handed down to them as a precious heritage by their forefathers. (Loud cheers.) He strongly advised them to at once appoint a strong-working Committee of capable and honest men, of all creeds and nationalities who had the confidence of the electors, to divide the division, and to aid and assist them in bringing out strong, upright and loyal candidates who would advocate and vote Liberal principles when duty called. (Cheers.) To aid and assist these Division Committees he would also recommend a Central Executive Committee, to be composed of the Senators and members of Parliament of the party, and of a well-selected number of leading gentlemen of the Province, whose duty it would be to direct