

overshadow many other public questions now being discussed. The effect of the solution which I propose of the problem in question will be too widespread to be called class legislation. It will give the farmer a fair return for his labor. Every other interest in the Dominion will benefit by his prosperity. It will be an inducement for remaining on returning to the land. It will enable the farmer to meet the new conditions as well as to bear cheerfully the increased cost of farm labor. (Hear! hear!) Powerful interests will be ranged in opposition to my proposals, but at the same time, if the farmers are true to themselves, much more powerful interests will be ranged in support of them. (Applause.) The weal or woe of farming communities will be settled for many years by your decision on these questions, and I believe that I can confidently appeal to your good judgment in the matter. (Applause.)

Nomination of W. T. R. Preston

Following this speech the Convention proceeded to consider the selection of a candidate for the House of Commons at the next election. Mr. Thomas Baker, Reeve of Darlington, proposed Mr. W. T. R. Preston, of Port Hope, as the nominee of the Convention. He considered that the policy suggested by Mr. Preston to be the salvation of the agricultural interests of this Province. Mr. W. A. F. Campbell, of Port Hope, seconded the nomination. No other nominations being made, Mr. Preston's nomination was adopted unanimously by a standing and enthusiastic vote.

In accepting the nomination Mr. Preston thanked the Convention for the honor conferred upon him. He had not expected this, nor had he taken the slightest action towards securing it. He had worked for the

solution of the problems of which he had spoken for many years, and which were so vital to the farmers of his native Province, without ever expecting to fight for their accomplishment on the lines now looming up. While he had addressed them specially in reference to the apple trade, he desired them to remember that his arguments applied with equal force to every commodity for which the overseas market was available. Enormous influences would be introduced into this Riding to secure his defeat, but much more to prevent the operation of the policies which he had outlined but that prospect did not deter him from accepting the nomination. (Laughter and applause.) It rather added interest to the conflict. (Cheers.) He wanted to win, and he could not fail if the farmers were true to themselves. It was their fight more than it was his. (Hear! hear!) His personality would disappear in a short time, but the effect of the successful operation of the policy which he advocated would descend to their children and grandchildren. His personal knowledge of conditions overseas was the assurance that he understood the questions at issue. For these reasons he believed that he could appeal to the sober judgment of the old electors and the newly enfranchised womanhood to give him their hearty support. (Applause.) Their ballots will outweigh all the adverse outside influences which will be brought to bear against his success at the Pous. With these considerations he cheerfully entered the contest, firmly convinced that he was fighting for great principles, the fulfillment of which would bring peace, contentment and prosperity to the great rural population of this country. (Enthusiastic applause.)