

Liberal Club Federation

THE following of Liberalism among young men is one of the most hopeful and valuable indications of the growing strength of Liberalism in the Province of Ontario.

It is being rapidly organized by the Liberal Club Federation of Ontario, one of the most promising organizations in the political history of the Dominion.

The work and aims of the Federation are expressed officially as follows:

To give young men interested in politics (and what young man shouldn't be?) a chance to talk about politics and hear them discussed on broad, fundamental lines free from offensive and narrow partisanship.

To encourage belief in liberal principles. The Federation has no connection with the official organization of the Liberal party.

To encourage fraternal visits among young men.

To establish a first-class Speakers' Bureau to supply speakers to the Clubs.

After a month or two of preliminary work, the Federation was formed at a mass meeting held in Toronto during March of this year. Twenty-five Clubs were represented both at the Business Meeting and at the dinner given in honor of the delegates by Mr. N. W. Rowell, K.C., M.P.P., at the Ontario Club. A strong executive of eleven men from every section of the Province was chosen, with Mr. W. B. Preston of Brantford as President. The preliminary enrollment of twenty-five Clubs has already increased to forty and negotiations are in progress for a large number of new societies.

The Speakers' Bureau stands out as one of the most important projects of the Federation. Claude Sanagan of London is Chairman of this Committee but all the Clubs and members are co-operating to make the Bureau a success. Upon application to the Business office of the Federation, speakers will be supplied to various Clubs on special occasions when they desire outside speakers.

"No City too big, no countryside too small for a Federation Club" is one of the slogans of the new movement. The forty Clubs already in the union include Clubs in cities, towns, villages and rural districts. The general offices of the Federation are in the Canada Life Building, Toronto.

An interesting booklet just issued by the Federation gives a page of most useful business-like advice as to how to form a Club.

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PERSONALS.

Hon. T. W. Crothers is taking the rest cure in England.

Hon. Martin Burrell has just returned from England to help make up the necessary quorum in case of Cabinet meetings.

Hon. L. P. Pelletier is making a run across the Continent, giving Rt. Hon. Herbert Samuel, the British P. M. G. a few lessons on how to form a padlock syndicate.

Hon. Geo. E. Foster, Minister of Trade & Commerce, has just returned from enjoying a magnificent trip to China, Korea, Japan, Australia, New Zealand and Honolulu and other centres of Canadian trade.

Hon. W. T. White, Minister of Finance, has returned from spending a pleasant summer in England where he looked up the chance of securing another Canadian loan to assist the Dominion in making an "emergency" contribution to the Mother Country.

Hon. Robert Rogers, Minister of Public Works, has returned from a western trip, where he revived old acquaintances in Macdonald and Prince Albert.

Hon. Frank Cochrane is making a tour through the West, giving brief addresses on how to improve the National Transcontinental Railway by de-grading it.

Hon. Bruno Nantel, when last heard of, was patching up some broken political fences in Quebec province.*

* For further particulars regarding expenses of all these trips, see next Auditor General's report.

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(Unsigned by J. D. Hazen, Minister of Marine and Fisheries and Naval Affairs).

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