

A BIG BANQUET TO PREMIER BORDEN

Halifax Conservatives Honor R. L. Borden and Cabinet Ministers—A Love Feast of the Victors—Biggest Function of Kind Ever Held in Nova Scotia City.

Halifax, Nov. 2.—The banquet in honor of R. L. Borden in this city tonight, given by the Conservatives of Halifax and of the province of Nova Scotia was the biggest function of the kind ever seen here.

The Premier in replying to the toast in his honor referred to the battles that his party had unsuccessfully waged in the past and the victory of last September.

The issue which confronted the people of Canada in the recent contest, he said, "was of surprising interest and perhaps not only to Canada, but to the whole empire. Its importance was realized by the people of Canada and it is not amiss on this occasion to express our appreciation of those Liberals who placed the interests of Canada above the ties of party allegiance and who in the welfare of Canada and of the empire, turned against their party."

Proceeding Mr. Borden took up the questions of the relations that have existed between Canada and the United States. He claimed that the reciprocity pact would have interfered with Canada's control of its fiscal system.

"Canada is," he continued "an autonomous nation within the British Empire and closely and inseparably united to that empire by ties of kinship or sentiment and of fealty by historic association and tradition, the character of its institutions and by the free will of its people. By the ties of kinship, by constant social and commercial intercourse, by proximity and mutual respect and good will, this country is closely associated with the United States."

Influence For Harmony. "Canada's voice and influence should be heard for harmony and not for discord between our empire and the great republic and I believe that she will always be a bond of abiding friendship between them. I trust that the anniversary of one hundred years of peace will be commemorated in two continents with a deep and solemn sense of national responsibility and that each will accomplish its destiny under the splendid inspiration of enduring and increasing friendship and good will."

The Election Record. Turning again to the result of the recent elections the Premier said: "We hold sixteen seats in the Maritime provinces today and considering the results in two counties in New Brunswick, there is good reason to believe that upon a fair and honest canvass there should have been eighteen at least. But our gains have not by any means been made by a deep and abiding friendship between them. I trust that the anniversary of one hundred years of peace will be commemorated in two continents with a deep and solemn sense of national responsibility and that each will accomplish its destiny under the splendid inspiration of enduring and increasing friendship and good will."

The marvelous growth of our western provinces will not only continue and there is no reason to suppose that similar if not equal development will not come to eastern Canada as well. In a country like Canada, with an enormous area and scattered population, the problem of transportation is of prime importance and it is impossible to secure the names of the Liberal-Conservative party which connect of binding together the provinces of Canada, first by the intercolonial railway and afterwards by the Canadian Pacific railway will be always alive to the vital importance of that and other problems of the west.

Nova Scotia Premier. "This little province by the sea has given to the public life of Canada, three prime ministers and all of them have been of the same political faith. The names are Sir Charles Dupper, Sir John Thomson, are honored today by every citizen in Canada irrespective of party. The courage, the faith, the achievements of these great leaders will not fail to be an inspiration to us and I shall be more than satisfied if I may be enabled to perform my allotted task with such advantage to my country and that which characterized their aims and their efforts. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the honor which you have done me tonight and for the encouragement which this magnificent demonstration and your splendid reception will ever linger with me in the work that lies before us."

WAR WOUND IN ONTARIO. Toronto, Nov. 1.—War in earnest is being waged by the temperance forces in Ontario, and on Nov. 1st nearly 100 municipalities will vote on local option. Of the 322 municipalities in the province, 122 are dry. Of the 280 still under license there are 136 where local option laws failed to carry in 1910 or 1911, and where, therefore, it will be impossible for contests to be brought in January next. There are only 244 municipalities under license in which campaigns are possible. The voting will take place in about one-third of the province.

Elated by the success of the past few years the temperance workers are going into the new contests with increased confidence and the liquor men will most certainly offer a more determined resistance than in the past. Three or four cities will likely be in line, including the twin towers of Fort Arthur and Fort William.

MAY BE GENERAL STRIKE ON G.T.P.

Winnipeg, Nov. 2.—It is expected among many machinists and boiler-makers of the G. T. P. now on strike, that a general strike may be declared if the company does not grant the men's demands in accordance with the terms of the award by the conciliation board.

FEW CITIZENS ASK TENANT'S FRANCHISE

Up To The Present Time but Thirty-Five Have Applied Under the Amendment to the City Charter Passed Last Session.

Up to the present time only thirty-five persons have taken advantage of their right as tenants to have their names included in the voters' list for the year 1911-12. The privilege of voting in the municipal elections was granted to tenants by the provincial legislature last fall. This extension, so far from being made at the request of the city council, was opposed by a delegation of aldermen. Despite their protest, however, the change was made. It was thought that many would avail themselves of this privilege. Up to the present, however, only thirty-five persons have been included in the list.

The list will be published on or about the fifth of the present month. From that date fifteen days will be allowed for those who have the right to vote but are not included to make application to the assessor. The final revision will then be made and only those persons included in the list will be entitled to vote during the ensuing year.

The list will show a marked increase in the total number of voters over that of last year. The total number of voters was then 6,342. This has already been increased to 8,000, and further additions will doubtless be made before the final revision is made.

One of the questions which has arisen out of applications from tenants who desire to be included in the list is the question whether a person renting a room in a house occupied by some other person or a person occupying a site of rooms in an apartment block is a tenant within the meaning of the charter. City Solicitor Bowen was asked by Assessor MacMillan this morning to submit a report on this question.

BIG CORNER IN WHEAT IN U.S. GRAIN CENTRES

Department of Justice Investigating That Armour Grain Co. Now Control 62,000,000 Bushels of Wheat—The Government to Break the Corner.

Washington, Nov. 2.—An alleged corner in wheat centering at Chicago and extending to Minneapolis, Duluth, Buffalo and Baltimore, by which it is declared 60 per cent. of the country's wheat supply is controlled, has been under investigation by agents of the department of justice for some time, and results may be presented to respective grand juries within a few days. To illustrate the extent of the government's interest, it is said, is about to ask the grand jury at Duluth to investigate the Armour Grain company, of that city, through which it is alleged those who control the corner operate, from transferring or disposing of any of its warehouse receipts. Sixty-two million bushels of wheat, it is charged, are being held in the trade centers concerned, but it is impossible to secure the names of the people whom the government believes to be behind the corner.

Denies There is a Corner. Chicago, Nov. 2.—President Geo. E. Marcy, of the Armour Grain company, was shown the Washington dispatches being brought to bear on the wheat. He was standing within a few feet of the trading pit on the exchange and was engaged in directing his subordinates, but he took time to read the telegram carefully and then said: "It is not true. We are, to be sure, engaged in the grain business, but are not ashamed or afraid of anything we have done and are entirely willing that the facts regarding our operations be known."

TWO OF HUNTING PARTY KILLED

Another Hunter Mistakes Them for Supposed Deer. Mays Landing New Jersey, Nov. 1.—Eager to have a shot at a deer, which he supposed was coming down an unused road in the gloom of the early dawn today, Charles Norcross, of Jones, N.J., fired into a party of four other hunters, killing two and seriously wounding a third. Norcross is in the county jail here, awaiting the action of the coroner's inquest.

TEN JURYMEN CHOSEN

If There is No Further Hich Entire Twelve May Be Secured Tonight. Los Angeles, Nov. 2.—Barring one man, the third venire of jurors was exhausted at the close of court tonight in the McNamara case. Altogether 207 veniremen have been drawn. Of these, ten sat in the jury box tonight, having been accepted as to cause by both sides in the trial of James E. McNamara. Renewed predictions that the entire twelve might be accepted by tomorrow night if there was no hitch in getting more veniremen to examine.

LIBERALS HAVE NOT DROPPED RECIPROCITY

Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King Declares Lower Tariff is a Fundamental Principle of the Liberal Party—Predicts Brief Term of Office for Borden.

Toronto, Oct. 31.—That the Liberal party has not dropped the policy of reciprocity with the United States in its platform for Federal purposes was clearly indicated by Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King in his inaugural address as president of the General Reciprocity Association at the annual meeting here today.

Mr. King lamented the rejection of the reciprocity agreement on September 21, for he held that it would have meant money for the farmers, lower prices for consumers and closer friendship with the republic. "The Conservatives must take the responsibility for its rejection," said the ex-Minister of Labor. "We, as Liberals, must keep close to this fundamental principle. It is a thing for which we have always fought and which it seems to me will commend itself to the people."

Difficulties Ahead of Borden. Mr. King predicted that the Borden government would meet with difficulties and that the Liberals would soon return to office. Turning to provincial affairs, Mr. King said that the Whitley government was becoming too much of an oligarchy and that it had curtailed the franchise of the people. Mr. King concluded by saying that with its next leader, the Liberal party could hope "in the course of the next election to roll up a first rate number of seats."

The following officers were elected: President, Hon. W. Mackenzie King; vice-presidents, F. F. Pardee, M.P., Southampton; A. J. Young, North Bay; Edmund Groulx, M.P., L'Orignal; local secretary, G. G. Wood, Toronto; treasurer, E. Dymally, Toronto; Toronto; auditor, J. F. Mackay, Toronto.

South Westward Nomination

Hamilton, Oct. 31.—H. Hogan, of Anacaster, was nominated by South Westward Conservatives to oppose Daniel Reed, of the Liberal party, at the polls on Saturday next. Mr. Hogan was backed by 219 votes in 1908.

Pieton, Oct. 31.—The Conservative Party in Ontario has today nominated Philip Bowyer, M.P., as its candidate for the legislature.

Ridgeway, Ont., Oct. 31.—At the Conservative nomination today, Philip Bowyer, M.P., was nominated unanimously. His opponent is G. A. Ferguson, of Thamesville, who is this morning to submit a report on this question.

NO CONSERVATIVES BY ACCLAMATION

New Leader of Ontario Liberals Has Issued Orders That Every Seat in Province Is To Be Contested at the Provincial Election. Toronto, Nov. 2.—It is probable that the new platform of the provincial Liberal party will be completed by tomorrow or Saturday afternoon and made public. The special sub-committee working in conjunction with the new leader, N. W. Rowell, K.C., made good progress today. At that time, one of the members of the committee, Mr. Rowell goes over the completed platform and it will be published as a manifesto.

It is probable that no mention will be made of bilingual schools as the party may wait for Mr. Merchant's report before taking any action on that question. The temperance question, however, will be one of the main planks in the platform. The abolition of the three-fifths rule is also demanded as it has been demanded in the legislature for the past five years and other advanced legislation will be favored.

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OBJECT TO WESTERN BOARD

Said That Western Division of Railway Commissioners Would Not Be Feasible. Ottawa, Nov. 1.—Some objections are being raised to the proposal which has been made to create a western division of the Dominion Railway Board with headquarters in Winnipeg and practically independent jurisdiction. It is said that it would be practically impossible to have in Canada two railway boards practically independent of one another and that there must be one supreme authority to deal with all matters affecting the whole Dominion.

Work on New Railway.

Ottawa, Nov. 1.—According to reports received at the N.E.R. commission work on the Winnipeg-Moncton section of the new transcontinental line has been completed. At the end of October the rails had been laid on 145 miles out of 184 miles which comprise this part of the system. Construction has not been commenced on the Athabasca section owing to the impossibility of getting supplies until other sections are completed.

BEAUTIFUL PICTURES PAINTED BY TORIES

Orators at Winnipeg Banquet to Rogers and Roche Vie With Each to the Progressing Future of Canada—Rogers Outlines Policy of Immigration.

Winnipeg, Nov. 1.—Nearly one thousand persons attended the banquet last evening to honor Robert Rogers and Hon. Dr. Roche Vie. Robert Rogers, replying to the toast of the evening, said that he had long sought better conditions for the province of Manitoba and he was not going to go back on his word. After a remonstrance, when he went back to the early days of Conservatism in the province, he said that his main efforts would be in the direction of a great campaign for immigrants from the south. Despite the result of the election of last month they were still on friendly footing with the great republic. He would also seek to bring to the best settlers from Europe for he felt that in view of the recent census returns there was but one thing to do, and that was to get the immigration of the old country to say the next word. It was time to turn now to the problem of gaining the assistance of the overseas Dominions in protecting and extending the empire.

But it was left for the new member for Brandon, J. A. Atkins, to lead still further into the fields that the new party had to traverse. Mr. Atkins was careful to state at the start that he spoke not as one with authority. It was a wide range of vision opened by the former orator of the P. R. including as it did a hint of cheaper freight rates. Several lines of thought were followed by Mr. Atkins, including as it did a hint of cheaper freight rates. Several lines of thought were followed by Mr. Atkins, including as it did a hint of cheaper freight rates.

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President Taft Views Mighty Fleet

Greatest Line of Fighting Craft Under U.S. Flag in Hudson—Will Urge U.S. Navy to Purchase—Armourers Urging Peace Believe in Being Prepared.

New York, Nov. 2.—Fresh from his cross-continent tour of 13,000 miles during which he received senatorial pledges which seem to indicate the early ratification of the treaties of peace and arbitration with Great Britain and France, President Taft today from the wind-swept bridge of the historic little cruiser yacht Mayflower reviewed the mightiest line of fighting craft ever assembled under the American flag.

The President had indicated in all his speeches in advocacy of the treaties of peace and arbitration that he was in favor of the navy to lead in the world. He said that he would immediately be made a thing of the party and that he would be a step in the right direction, that the armed camps of Europe were pointing the way to the States to lead in what might prove to be a great world movement toward the goal of peace. He said that for a long time to come the suggestion of disarmament would have no force.

ONTARIO LIBERALS DRAWING UP PLATFORM

Number of Knotty Problems to be Solved—Among Most Important is Abolition That Party Is To Take Upon the Prohibition Question. Toronto, Nov. 1.—The committee of the Liberal party in Ontario is busy drawing up a platform for the party in Ontario in actual operation. The canal, he declared, would double the efficiency of the party and that the time one battleship a year might suffice to keep the American navy in the forefront of the world's military powers. Thousands of people joined with the President in paying tribute to the five scores which lay at anchor in the Hudson. Twenty-four first-class battleships were in the line, grinning in their preparedness for war. The party in Ontario is busy drawing up a platform for the party in Ontario in actual operation. The canal, he declared, would double the efficiency of the party and that the time one battleship a year might suffice to keep the American navy in the forefront of the world's military powers.

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Cut in Grain Shipment Rate

Duluth, Minn., Oct. 31.—The wheat rate for grain shipments experienced a sharp decline today. It was learned that tonnage was offered at one cent a cut of 14 cents on the rate which prevailed last week. One vessel was chartered today at the one cent rate. Practically all grain moved in last week was shipped by the Canadian head of the lakes and is for export. Lumber cargoes are in demand and coal shipments are heavy.

Charged With Manslaughter

New York City, Oct. 31.—Isaac Harris and Max Blau, proprietors of the Triangle Waist Co., the fire in whose lobby on March 25 resulted in the loss of 146 lives, will go to trial under indictment of manslaughter in the first degree. Judge O'Sullivan in the court of general sessions today disallowed the demurrers to seven indictments against them. It is not likely that the trial will start for some weeks.

SIL DONALD MANN IS OUT OF DANGER

Toronto, Oct. 31.—Sir Donald Mann's physician stated today that the railway magnate was out of danger and would probably make a speedy recovery from the operation performed on his gall stones.

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THE CORNERING OF THE GRAIN MARKET

Believed That Investigation in United States is Under Way—Reports from Chicago—Armourers Urging Big Transfer to Group of Milling Interests.

Chicago, Nov. 2.—Any man or set of men who buy so much grain that the price is held out of line or out of reach of buyers may be considered as acting in restraint of trade. That is the basis upon which, in the opinion of President J. C. F. Merrill, of the Chicago board of trade, Washington agents are working in the investigation of an alleged corner of wheat centered at Chicago and extending from Duluth and Minneapolis to the seaboard.

Although declaring that no investigation of the Chicago board of trade itself is under way to the best of his knowledge, President Merrill said: "I do know that the Federal agents are working in the investigation of an alleged corner of wheat centered at Chicago and extending from Duluth and Minneapolis to the seaboard."

WHEAT SUPPLY CONTROLLED

Rumors were current this afternoon that a former stenographer of T. Weichmaster's office of the board had given evidence to the government. According to reports in circulation, 90 per cent. of the country's wheat supply is controlled by an illegal combination of speculators, and that 17,000,000 bushels of the total holdings of the clique are in Chicago grain elevators.

CAUSES INCONVENIENCE AND LOSS TO MONTREAL FARMERS

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OUTLINED AGAIN IN COURT

Ottawa, Nov. 1.—Dr. J. Alexander Guimet, of Hull, appeared again in the police court today on the charge of performing a criminal operation on Mrs. Alex Ferguson, of Carleton Place, but as the Crown was not ready to go with preliminary hearing, the case was adjourned for another week. Mrs. Ferguson, chief witness for the prosecution, is in St. Luke's hospital, but is expected to be well enough to appear next week.

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