

office were considerably lessened. The formation of the Unionist Government and the divisions created in the party at the time further diminished its work, The Liberal Monthly ceased publication altogether, and the pamphlets and leaflets grew fewer in numbers until these publications, too, all but completely ceased. A semblance of contact with the constituencies in the matter of organization was kept up and premises and physical equipment remained to be of service as occasion might demand. This was the situation at the time of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's death, and just prior to the holding of the National Convention in 1919. While the office was in existence, the funds necessary for its maintenance were raised by voluntary contributions made by leading members of the party. There was a subscription rate of \$1.00 a year for The Liberal Monthly, which with what was derived in a small way from advertising pretty well carried itself. There was at one time an agreement on the part of ^a considerable number of the outstanding members of the party to pay a definite sum over a period of years for the maintenance of the office, this understanding made possible the renting of suitable premises for offices, and securing the staff necessary to carry on its work. While there

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