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LIBERALS WILL CONVENE ON POLICY FOR ONTARIO

Arrangements Under Way for Rally of 2500 Delegates in Massey Hall Next Month—Hon. Geo. P. Graham Actively Interested—Likely Planks in Platform.

What will be the new provincial Liberal program to be formed at their big party convention held next month? is a question being discussed in local Liberal inner circles.

According to some of those who are discussing the matter, the arrangements are well under way for an Ontario Reform Convention at Massey Hall, early in March. The promoters expect an attendance of 2500 accredited delegates.

H. M. Mowat, K.C., president of the Ontario Reform Association, and F. S. Meares, president of the Toronto Reform Association, are taking an active part in the arrangements, backed by Hon. George P. Graham, minister of railways, and Hon. A. G. MacKay, opposition leader in the Ontario Legislature.

The Party Program. If the views of the progressive element among the young Liberals are crystallized into form and adopted, the planks of the new Ontario Reform platform will be: Grouped constituencies. Proportional representation. Local option by municipalities respecting the taxation of improvements. Abolition of the three-fifths clause. Extension of the present municipal woman's suffrage.

Organizers Active. Great activity is being manifested at the new offices of the Toronto Reform Association, in the Forum Building. This has been accelerated by the likelihood of an early dissolution on the reciprocity issue.

A. E. Hacker, organizer for the Toronto district, has a district staff busily employed, and there is an evident determination on the part of the association to be ready to put up a stiff fight in the Toronto ridings.

ANOTHER ARREST IN OXFORD GRAFT CASES

James Vance, Bridge Contractor, Hearing a Warrant Was Out, Gave Himself Up.

WOODSTOCK, Feb. 10.—A further arrest in the Oxford graft inquiry took place this afternoon, when James Vance, bridge contractor from near Tavistock, went into that village and gave himself up to Constable Frick.

A warrant was issued for his arrest at the same time as the others, and given to Constable Hobbs to execute. The constable could not locate him yesterday, but hearing he was wanted, he went to Tavistock and gave Vance himself into custody.

The village constable and his man came to Woodstock this afternoon, and before Magistrate Bell being given before \$2500 cash and \$2500 security. It is charged that Vance gave a county councillor \$50 to get a bridge contract, and that the charge was perjury in the recent investigation before Judge Snyder, the information against the others being for various grafts.

Byron Mcarty is accused of accepting a bribe of \$1000, while councillor, from a firm in London in Oxford County purchases. These three, with Youngs, will have preliminary hearings on Feb. 17 before Magistrate Bell.

UNABLE TO AGREE

Unionists Said to Differ as to Plan of Attack.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—Apparently the Unionist leaders in parliament have been unable to agree on lines of action in opposition to the government's policy. On the eve of the meeting of parliament, it was intimated that Lord Lansdowne, the leader of the opposition in the house of lords, was ready to introduce a bill for the reform of the upper house, while the Times stated that it would be undesirable to introduce such a bill. Both these elements lack confirmation in responsible quarters.

Lord Curzon, of Kedleston, in a speech here to-night, deprecated the presentation of a strike-provoking veto bill at a moment when preparations for the coronation were being made, and urged the importance of both parties seeking to arrive at a permanent settlement of the Erie Canal matter.

At a meeting of the executive of the Toronto branch of the C. M. A. yesterday the resolution passed last April in favor of the Welland Canal Improvements was reaffirmed and sent to Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

The resolution added that the members felt even more strongly than they did last April and that the completion of the Erie Canal might mean the loss of traffic by the Canadian grain route entirely.

TWO MILLION MAY STARVE

Conditions in Chinese Famine District Horrifying—Plague Also Making Heavy Inroads on Population.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Unless relieved, 2,000,000 people in China will die of starvation. This is a calamity predicted by American Consul-General Wilder at Shanghai, in a cablegram received from him today by the American National Red Cross Society.

The consul-general appeals for quick assistance for the suffering people, and says that a half million dollars is needed immediately. There will be no crops until the end of May, and Chinese relief is inadequate, he adds.

In describing the pitiful conditions, Mr. Wilder says the scenes in the famine district are horrifying. Children are being given away by the afflicted people, dead lay by the roadside, and the misery of the sufferers is increasing on account of snow and cold. The famine area stretches over a territory 300 miles long. The Shanghai relief committee, which has been formed to alleviate the condition of the starving inhabitants, is trusted worthy of the consul-general's address.

The Red Cross to-day cabled to China \$5000, which was contributed by John D. Rockefeller. Red Cross committees throughout the United States are collecting supplies to be sent to the stricken people on an army transport from Seattle, Wash.

In addition to the famine, the plague is also making heavy inroads upon the population. A cablegram received to-day from Mr. Richard P. Strons, the American plague expert in Manila, stated that he would leave that city by the first steamer for Fekin, where he will join the British, Japanese and French experts to assist in fighting the plague.

HON. A. G. MACKAY Who will play prominent part in Liberal convention next month.

HAVE 700 MEN WORKING ON PORCUPINE RAILWAY

Extension of T. N. O. Will Be Completed by July 1 This Year.

Things are bustling on the new Porcupine extension of the T. & N. O. Chairman Englehart of the railway commission, in an interview with The World last evening, said that the road started to lay rails this week for four miles. At the end of that point there was a bad opening, which would take two weeks of cutting and filling in.

There were several soft spots along the route which would require a lot of work, but they had twenty miles of nice, clear going. "The whole district is well manned—yes, from stem to stem," he said. "We have 700 men at work and are rushing in supplies for the spring as fast as possible. A great many treaties have been shipped in already."

Mr. Englehart said there was 42 inches of snow on the level, and he didn't expect a "break-up" till the latter part of March. "The road will be able to shake hands with Porcupine before Dominion Day, anyway," he concluded.

Engineer Burke is directing the operations.

ORDERED SPECIAL REPORT

London Chamber of Commerce to Be Informed on Reciprocity.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable). LONDON, Feb. 10.—Joseph Rank, a wheat importer from the Morning Post that Canada now has a market at her very doors, and he fears the British supply will be diminished. The London Chamber of Commerce has ordered a special report on the reciprocity agreement.

The Telegraph says the Ottawa dealer neither knows nor cares for the agreement. He is uneasy and mainly hostile to the agreement. Regarding Borden and Fielding's attempt to decide between them, "The only question," it says, "is do we mean to keep the already valuable and potentially priceless commercial privileges of the Canadian preference, which have given us a hundred million sterling?"

NEW G. N. R. DEPOT.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 10.—Ald. Douglas announced to-day that the Great Northern Railway will build a depot of its own at Winnipeg, from the Canadian Pacific Depot, and have trains running in from the south within a year. The alderman says that James J. Hill and Louis Hill told him that the railway will establish a daily fruit special from Minneapolis. It is intended to erect a modern cold storage plant in close proximity to the new depot.

Watch for It. A chief feature in your paper this week will be the story of the evolution of the world's population, which will be given in a series of articles by the author of the "Story of the World's Population."

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SEEING JAILS A HOBBY WITH MISS PANKHURST

Bytown's Institution Has Good and Bad Points—Chicago's Worst of All.

Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, the gifted daughter of the heroic leader of the English suffragettes, arrived in Toronto last night.

Mrs. Pankhurst came on the evening train from Ottawa, and drove to the residence of Mrs. J. B. Leathes, 61 Oriole-road.

Miss Pankhurst stated to The World that since her arrival at New York she had been encouraged at every city visited on the coast by the great interest manifested by her audiences in the equal suffrage movement. The meetings had been well attended and sympathetic.

Miss Pankhurst said that she would remain at her hostess' residence during the forenoon to-day attending to correspondence.

"I arrived at New York on Jan. 5," said Miss Pankhurst, "and in addition to addresses at that city, French Canada has permitted me to address his morning class, which I considered very nice of him."

At Des Moines, Ia., a joint session of the state senate and legislative chamber was held to hear my views on the suffrage bill, which was being introduced there.

Ottawa Jail Good, But—"My visit for the last two days at Ottawa was very interesting, as I had an opportunity to attend the session of parliament. Having served two terms in jail I have taken every convenient chance to address to-night at the different cities. This I did at Ottawa. The jail there is in many respects better than those visited elsewhere, but it was a matter of regret to learn that there is no attempt made to teach the prisoners anything while serving their terms, so that they may be of any permanent benefit to the community."

"The women jail I have visited on this continent was one at Chicago, where men and women are kept in darkened cells, serving 30-day terms, in a building without any civilized sanitary equipment, the drain being actually on open sewer."

Miss Pankhurst will revisit Chicago, and is likely to startle the authorities there by her comments on the jail in question.

Great expectations are entertained by the Women's Suffrage Association with respect to the meeting, which Miss Pankhurst will address to-night at the Massey Hall, where the program will include solos by Rebecca Tandy.

The valiant young lady apostle of equal rights will return from Toronto back to New York, and will visit Albany, Washington and a number of other cities before sailing for home at the end of March.

MARKS FIFTY YEARS.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Blaikie, who on Feb. 12 celebrate the 50th anniversary of their marriage. Mr. Blaikie has been a resident of Toronto for fifty years.

A Ladies' Matinee. Recs said has certainly made a great success in Charles Klein's new play, "Mozzie Pepper." It is a play that all the ladies in Toronto will want to see. The matinee to-day should test the capacity of the Princess Theatre.

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FRUIT GROWERS MAKE PROTEST

Fully Fifteen Hundred of Them Tell Premier Industry Will Be Killed by Reciprocity.

OTTAWA, Feb. 10.—(Special.)—Fully 1500 fruit and vegetable growers flooded the house of commons to-day to present their memorial in opposition to the proposed lowering of the tariff barriers against American products. They represented widely separated parts of Ontario.

Altho the largest contingent hailed from the Niagara peninsula, there were many representatives also from Halton, Essex and the vicinity of Toronto. The Quebec farmers were also represented.

The deputation was introduced by W. O. Sealey, M. P., and in addition to the premier and Hon. W. S. Fielding, Hon. G. E. Foster and Mr. Borden other members of parliament were present.

The memorial was read by Mr. Johnston as follows: "The Memorial. 'This memorial, presented by the fruit and vegetable growers of the Province of Ontario, humbly sheweth: 'Whereas the government of Canada has for many years fostered and encouraged the development of fruit and vegetable growing in this Dominion, as has been evidenced by their action in the past, being largely guided by the views and opinions of many prominent men and organizations in close touch with the conditions surrounding these industries, and has given such assistance as has resulted in great activity and progress in the extension of orchards and vineyards, producing a rapidly increasing supply of Canadian fruits; 'And whereas, in connection with this movement, certain of the transportation lines have been developed along certain lines and an extensive campaign has been undertaken to fully supply every part of Canada with seasonable fruits at moderate prices; 'And whereas the attention of the outside world has been drawn to the country largely thru the medium of the fruit industry whereby many thousands of new settlers from Great Britain and other countries have been induced to invest their capital in fruit lands; 'And whereas it is desirable to encourage rather than discourage the increase and subdivision of our extensive areas of valuable fruit lands, setting them with a thrifty and intelligent population; 'And whereas the government proposes to admit American tender fruit and vegetables free of duty, of the varieties grown in Canada; 'And whereas we believe that such action will most seriously uproot the fruit industry of this Dominion under present conditions and compel Canadian

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