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DELEGATES CHOSEN ON JUNE 26 WILL STAND

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up for inspection. The records of some of them will be interesting reading, and those who can be praised in their work in that way can stand up and answer the charge of looking the soldier's homes during their absence. During my political career I have refrained from personalities, but there is plenty of ground to work upon among those who must assume the responsibilities of the personal attacks which have characterized The Standard newspaper's criticisms of myself.

"I do not propose to dwell further on any matters outside of the reasons for which this meeting has been called. Let me explain when the idea of a general national convention was being put forward by the Liberal party at Ottawa, as premier of the province and leader of the Liberal party in the provincial legislature. I was asked to express my views upon the desirability of a convention. I stated my views frankly and in substance they were to the effect that the longer a convention could be postponed, the better. My object in suggesting delay was based upon the fact that many Liberals who differed with their party upon the conscription issue, because that was the issue of the 1917 election, were pledged to support Union government until the demobilization of our troops, and as time went on the obstacles in the way of what might be termed a moral obligation to the conscriptionists they represented, would be removed and they would be more free to attend a convention when called. However, it was decided a convention should be called in August and notices to that effect were sent out, and this is the notice upon which the calling of a convention held a few weeks ago in this constituency was based.

As the leader of the Liberal government in this constituency, and as a Liberal all my life, I had been asked to act on the national advisory committee for that constituency. I had been a Liberal in the past and I intend to be a Liberal in the future, (cheers), and I consented to act.

The national committee at Ottawa held a meeting in the early part of June, and Liberal premiers were invited to attend. No question was raised whether a man had been previously a Unionist or not. Premier Martin was there, and as I listened to the proceedings, he was not asked whether he had shed his Unionist coat or not. Premier Stewart, likewise, who was an advocate of union government, did not have his on. I do not believe I was asked whether I had any or not, as the question never was referred to. It was decided at that meeting to which I referred that the call for conventions in the different provinces would be made by the premiers, as provincial members of the national committee. That statement appeared in the different newspapers in Canada and was given by me in an interview to the St. John Telegraph. Arrangements had not been completed for the calling of the conventions; indeed very few had been called in any of the larger constituencies in Canada when I left home for Upper Canada on Thursday, June 19, following, and talked over some of the arrangements for the convention, arriving in St. John on Saturday noon, the 21st. On Monday morning I telephoned Dr. Emery and tried to get Dr. Broderick, but could not reach him. It is not necessary for me to go into details regarding my conversation with Dr. Emery, except to say that the doctor expressed himself as being the proper person to call the convention. Now, on that point, what does it matter who calls the convention so long as proper notice was given, and the convention was representative and the delegates elected were such as would represent all the interests the promoters of the national convention were desirous of being represented? I want to say as a member of the national committee that I do not consider those results were attained, and after conferring with some friends, including some of those who attended the convention, I decided to issue the call for tonight.

"I want to be frank with you and I want to say frankly that I did not consider the election of four Catholic delegates a wise step. There were cries of protest from various parts of the hall, but Hon. Mr. Foster continued:

SHE SAYS IT WAS A BIG SURPRISE

St. John Woman Gains Nine Pounds — "Nothing Less Than Wonderful What Tanlac Has Done For Me," She Declared.

Statement after statement is now being made about Tanlac, the new medicine that is accomplishing such remarkable results in St. John and vicinity. One of the latest to testify to the powers of the medicine is Mrs. Annie Collins, wife of Charles E. Collins, well known employee of the Willett Fruit Company, residing at 44 Union street, St. John. Mrs. Collins, in relating her interesting experience, said:

"I had the surprise of my life when I got on the scales, after finishing my second bottle of Tanlac, and found I had actually gained nine pounds in weight. It certainly is wonderful how quickly the right medicine will get a person to feeling right again. My stomach had been in such a bad fix for two years that I could eat anything but what hurt me, and I had fallen off until I was almost a living skeleton. My food would sour and the gas from it would blow me up until I would almost smother. Why, my heart would palpitate at times until I thought each breath would be my last. I couldn't sleep at night on account of this gas and would have to get up for fear of smothering to death. I was nervous and tried all the time and in the mornings when I first got up I could hardly get around. My head would swim so that by the time I got to the top of the stairs I would have to stop and see where I was. I had no appetite and my stomach was so weak and upset that just the smell of things cooking would nauseate me, and I had gotten to where I was almost afraid to eat because I knew so well what I would have to suffer afterwards. I was so thin, weak and nervous that I would have to lay down often during the day and rest, and my stomach was in such a bad fix that it looked like I was going to starve. I had used so many different kinds of medicine without relief that I just didn't know what to try next.

When I saw what others were saying about Tanlac, I bought a bottle, not because I had faith in it, but because I was in so much misery that I was willing to try anything. But Tanlac proved to be the very thing I needed, for after taking my first few doses I began to get hungry and was surprised to find my food did not sour and my stomach never gives me any more trouble. That tired, nervous feeling as well as the dizziness, has left me and I am not only feeling fine, but, as I said, I have already gained nine pounds in weight. It is nothing less than wonderful what Tanlac has done for me in this short time and I will praise it longest day I live."

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Foster continued: "I respect every man's religion, but as a matter of politics I do believe that the delegation should have been more representative of all elements of the party. "It is claimed in some quarters that I am an autocrat and that I want to rule with an iron hand. Far be it from me to want to enforce my views upon those who think other than I do. If I were like some of my predecessors I would pay no heed to dominion affairs, but take advantage of every opportunity to strengthen our provincial party. Sometimes I could do so at the expense of our dominion friends. I did not seek the position I occupy as a member of the national committee. I have problems of my own, but being on that committee I intend to carry out my duties until retired. I therefore appeal to this

meeting in the friendliest spirit to support my views and elect delegates who will represent all sections of the party, who will go to Ottawa prepared to advocate Liberal principles, more particularly that principle of a revision downward in the tariff.

"The tariff issue will be the main issue before the people of this country when the next Dominion election is held. Great unrest exists in Canada today, due to some extent to the fact that abnormal conditions exist in all countries which have been engaged in the war, but due most of all to the fact that the cost of living has reached a point not before known in the history of this country. It is therefore the duty of the people of New Brunswick who desire to see put into effect a progressive platform, to see that we are fully represented at the convention which will be held at Ottawa. As I said before, the tariff will be the main issue. I do not wish to enter upon a discussion of such a broad question as that at this moment, but I firmly believe that a lower tariff on food, clothing and fuel would contribute to some extent to a decrease in the cost of living.

In conclusion, I desire to point out that there is danger of the progressive forces of this country being divided. No greater misfortune could befall us. Division will defeat the object we have in view. This is a time when everyone desiring reform should stand united and there is only I believe great things will be accomplished.

"I will ask those present to consider the matter carefully and see if we cannot get together and elect delegates in a broad and fairminded manner."

Hon. Mr. Foster suggested the appointment of a secretary and in response to calls from the audience, E. J. Hennessy was requested to act.

Albert County.

Premier Foster then suggested that the meeting decide on the allotment of delegates to Albert county. He had heard from Mr. Thompson of Albert county, who had asked that the meeting give that county the same right as accorded

at the previous meeting, to choose their own delegates. On motion of G. H. Allan, Albert county was accorded the right to choose two delegates.

Out of Order. Mr. Harrington moved that the meeting confirm the action of the previous convention. This was seconded, but Premier Foster questioned if it were in order. At the request of a delegate he read the call for the convention. Regarding the section suggesting that local conventions be held by June 30, he said that at the last meeting of the advisory committee it was asked to call the local convention by that date and it was agreed that it was not necessary merely desirable. In Saskatchewan they were being held as late as July 17.

Ernest C. Wilson moved that the convention proceed to nominate and elect four delegates. Michael Kelly asked permission to speak. He complimented the premier on his remarks regarding provincial politics, but added that the matter at issue was the legality of the convention that already held, and that then in progress. He said he had received a communication from a very prominent man in the party saying that Doctors Broderick and Emery were justified in culling the previous convention. He believed that the premier had the right of supervision and the right to call conventions when the local candidates failed to do so. He wondered if the premier would have been satisfied if the previous convention had elected two Protestants and two Catholics. He did not care what a man's religion was if he were fit for the duties entrusted to him. He felt that it would save a lot of time and trouble if this meeting endorsed the action of the previous convention.

A. F. Bentley. A. F. Bentley of St. Martins, said he had several serious objections to some things Mr. Kelly had said. The Liberal-Unionists gave the Borden government a new lease of power and the very reason the calling of the conventions was placed in the hands of the



premier, just to avoid situations such as had arisen in St. John. He was present in the interests of unity and harmony. Without unity the party could not win. At the previous meeting the premier was practically read out of the party. When the Liberal party in New Brunswick wanted leadership, when he himself had gone throughout the province begging every likely man to help pull them out of the hole, Mr. Foster was the man who had consented to try, and had done it. No greater blow could be struck against the party than a blow at the premier.

Union Necessary. Glendon Allan said that, at the previous meeting, his motion for reconciliation had been voted down, but they had to have union to get anywhere. A split would only help the Conservative party. He had resigned from the executive because he did not regard that meeting as representative.

Hon. Mr. Foster announced that he could not accept the motion for endorsement. The matter of the premier continuing as chairman was raised, and he put a

motion that he continue in the chair, and declared the motion carried. There were some vehement protests and the premier asked Messrs. O'Brien and Magee to act as scrutineers. J. Fred Belyea protested that as no one was accredited it would be impossible to tell who had the right to vote. On the vote being polled the scrutineers declared the motion carried, a decision which was greeted with applause. J. A. Barry drew attention to the fact that the last convention had been called by the defeated candidates according to instructions received by them. He attended and heard the statement that the call had been delayed until almost June 30 and that the convention had been called in accordance with their instructions, and by means of primaries.

A voice—"What are your politics?" Mr. Barry—"Since 1904, since I was able to vote, never have I turned my back on Sir Wilfrid Laurier."

Continuing, Mr. Barry said that nothing had been done to keep any one out. If they had chosen four Protestant delegates would there have been any protest? he asked. Premier Foster—"I would have objected."

Mr. Barry said that the previous convention was representative and they had chosen their delegates. As one of those chosen he would obey that convention.

Joseph Dwyer said that this gathering was the most unconstitutional convention he had ever heard of. He thought it wrong that they should be asked to overlook the proceedings of June 26. He was willing to co-operate with anyone but he did not think the premier had any right to overrule that convention.

The chairman then put the motion that the meeting should proceed to the election of four delegates, saying that if different delegates were chosen, Ottawa would decide which should be accredited. The scrutineers declared the motion carried.

John McKinnon moved that the meeting adjourn, and this being carried, the meeting terminated.

Premier Foster said last night that he would hand over the credential certificates which were forwarded by the national Liberal committee in Ottawa, at once. The convention last night left no other course open, and the premier's action will doubtless be endorsed by all

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