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MR. HANNA'S MAGNIFICENT ADDRESS AT CONVENTION

Telling Expose and Arrangement of the Conduct of Messrs. Conmee and Bowman with Premier Ross' Endorsation

Largely Attended and Enthusiastic Gathering of Liberal-Conservatives—Resolution of Condolence to Relatives of Late Esteemed Vice-President—Spirited Addresses Inspire the Convention.

The Liberal-Conservatives of West Kent held a rousing convention in the I. O. O. F. Auditorium to-day. The convention was an enthusiastic one and very representative. The feature of the day was the speech of Mr. Hanna, M. P. P., West Lambton. Mr. Hanna has been making his presence felt in the Legislature at Toronto and his bold and fearless exposure of Government methods has made him the object of attack on the part of the Globe. His address was a masterpiece.

Amongst the many leading Conservatives present were H. S. Clements, the nominee for West Kent; Lewis Wigle, Federal candidate for South Essex; Mr. Hanna, M. P. P., Sarnia; Dr. Mitchell, Wallaceburg; Sidney Coatsworth and Percy Gahan, Romney; Geo. Chalmers and David Kitts, Tilbury; ex-Warden of Kent Ben. W. Willson, the Conservative Federal nominee for East Kent, and many others.

Dr. Thornton presided and, in opening, he referred to the death of the late Thomas C. O'Rourke, first vice-president of the Liberal-Conservative Association.

On motion of Mr. Clements, seconded by Mr. James Jenkins, Eugene Pettier was elected vice-president to succeed the late T. C. O'Rourke.

Mr. Clements tendered the following resolution: T. A. Smith seconded the resolution and said that he was sympathetic with the bereaved ones in the great affliction that has come to them, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Secretary to his sorrowing widow and his grief-stricken parents.

Whereas, in the Providence of God, there has been removed by death, in the person of the late T. C. O'Rourke, the Vice-President of this Conservative Association, a man, young in years, yet giving promise of a life of more than ordinary usefulness, a man of keen business ability, and strict moral integrity, a man who would, without doubt, have made for himself a name and a place, in business, social and political life:

Be it resolved: That the Liberal Conservative Association of Kent place on record our appreciation of worth, in life, our sense of loss in his apparently untimely death, and our sympathy with his bereaved ones in the great affliction that has come to them, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Secretary to his sorrowing widow and his grief-stricken parents.

J. S. Fraser nominated A. B. Carleton as representative from Wallaceburg upon the West Kent executive.

Mr. George nominated William Abram and Thomas Richardson as Chatham Township's representatives on the executive and both gentlemen were duly elected.

Dr. Thornton—it was thought five or six weeks ago that there would be a Provincial election about the beginning of June. It was largely on the suggestion of the farmers who attended the executive meeting that this date, May 4th, was chosen. It was expected that the session would be all over. The Spring had been late, however, and it was impossible for the farmers to attend.

Ward Stanworth said that this was a large constituency and two-thirds of the voters were from the country. If a candidate were chosen to-day it would look like the city had nominated their candidate. He moved that the nomination of a candidate be postponed.

Corey Purser, reeve of Dover, said that there were only a few days that the farmers could work this spring. He asked the convention to wait till a day when the farmers could be present.

Dr. Thornton said, before the vote was taken, he wanted to say that he was glad to be able to state that he did not belong to a party that was run by an organization at Toronto.

This convention could do as it pleased. Sidney Coatsworth was willing to abide by the vote of the meeting.

Dr. Mitchell suggested that the date of another convention should be named when it would be convenient for the farmers to be present.

T. A. Smith said that the candidate should not be sacrificed by being put in the field at the last moment.

Percy Graham counselled delay.

Dr. Thornton said that even possible candidates were not able to be present and it would be manifestly unfair to select a candidate to-day. The vote was then taken and it was decided to postpone the selecting of a candidate.

Dr. Thornton wanted to tell the

Convention that the strength of the Legislature today was on the left and not on the right of the speaker. He had heard Mr. Gibson, and the minister of education and the other government ministers. He had heard them all. They were not able to transcend the public business with a free hand. The men in power in Toronto were muzzled by the Sullivans, the Pritchetts, those whom the Globe described as baronies. It was the duty of the Conservative party to send men to Toronto who would be free men and not muzzled.

There was one man present whom all would be delighted to hear, the man whom the Toronto News had said editorially, would be one of the men, Mr. Hanna, M. P. P. Mr. Hanna was warmly welcomed. He referred to the weather conditions that had prevailed and the good reasons why the farmers were not out in force. Those who had come had done so at great personal inconvenience. It was only fair to those who couldn't come to postpone the selection of a candidate.

I am glad to be here to-day, glad to see the interest displayed in the work you have in hand and to know that you are ready to do your part in the coming fight. There is a reason. To one who has followed the last two sessions of the Legislature there is a long succession of reasons.

Starting with the majority of one in the House and a minority of 7,000 of the popular vote after the General Elections of May, 1902 we heard the Premier of this Province boldly stating in the Fall of that year that he would fight, and he spelled the word f-i-g-h-t so that his audience might now the intensity of his feeling. Later on we heard him say he would meet the House with a majority of nine. His dependants applauded. The Premier's calculations, however, miscarried in two important particulars. He failed to reverse the verdict in Center Bruce and when the House met in March, 1903, the Manitoulin investment was exposed and the boasted nine was further reduced to five, but the five held on throughout the session.

Then followed the bye-elections, and we saw the disgraceful methods resorted to at the Soo. In September we saw the men in distress. In early October we had the declaration in the Globe that through the activity of C. N. Smith, the Reform candidate at the Soo, the Government would pay the wages of the men. Then followed the announcement of the elections for the 26th of October. On the 23rd of October, two days before the elections, we witnessed the spectacle of two Ministers of the Crown on a political platform, at the Soo, reading correspondence to the electors that through the interposition of the Government the mills would resume operations early in the following week.

We saw two Ministers of the Crown in their political desperation, in their determination to hold on to power at any sacrifice to themselves or the high positions they occupied, holding out to that distracted people as cold a bribe as ever was held out to a people in distress a bribe to the knowledge of these two Ministers of the Crown, for, before leaving the platform, the Honorable, the Attorney General, felt the necessity for qualifying his conduct and he said to that people, "The reading of this correspondence must not influence your votes on Tuesday next one iota." Fancy a candidate for election canvassing the poor elector in distress three days before an election and just as he leaves them handing them a five dollar bill. Fancy how completely he would be covering his tracks by turning to that poor elector and telling him "Now, you must not let this influence your vote one iota." What an admission of guilt that would be on the part of the candidate; how much greater the offence when committed by a Minister of the Crown.

But this was not all. While this scene was being enacted, for days before and after, the agents of this Government, the nominees of these Ministers of the Crown, were engaged in paying over the money of the Province, not to worthy men, wage earners, and mechanics alone, but to Presidents and Secretaries and Treasurers and Officers and Lawyers of the allied companies, with princely incomes, and all to relieve distress and to prevent riot and bloodshed. Think of it, salaries of all the wages from \$1,000 per year up to \$30,000 per year in arrears and paid with your money and mine.

I can see the merit in paying the poor woodmen, or laborer, or mechanic, who was without his \$2.00

per day, without work or the means to take him where it was, and without bread for himself and family. I can appreciate the distress that would prevail there and the need for relieving it, but when we fancy a man deprived of \$100 a day, as was poor Shields, and we see that distress increased fifty-fold, description fails us. Who could stay our hand? Should we not rush to rescue and to save? I see the picture. For two months and a half his pay over due, the wine cellar depleted. He is reduced to plain diet. That goes. The last crust has been eaten. The bone has been gnawed white. He is a veritable skull and crossbones. The last card is to be played. It is his political influence in the elections of the coming week. He plays it. He gets \$6,500 from the Government to relieve distress and to prevent riot and bloodshed. There is joy in the house of Shields and in the Government at Toronto, for they are both saved.

We saw the election in North Renfrew held off for upwards of 18 months in the hope that the Government could snatch a verdict but the verdict was reversed to the tune of 900 votes.

The protests were in sight, the dates were fixed, the Government dare not face the Courts. There was one way to avoid it, call the House. They did it and with a majority of three the Session opened. The pretext "urgent business." The Temseaming Railway needed money and must have it at once or the Province would suffer. Four weeks we sat and no business introduced, every day exposing the pretext on which the House was called.

Business was introduced, and what a record! This session stands unique as the most costly Session in several millions that the people of Ontario ever saw.

The financial condition of this Province can be told in a word. Let me repeat the statement of Mr. Ross in my hearing to upwards of 300 delegates of the University of Toronto. Said he, "The normal expenditure of this Province is one million dollars per annum in excess of the normal income." Under these circumstances we would not expect a policy of retrenchment and not of reckless extravagance, but not so. The Government in power to-day can't adopt a policy of retrenchment because their majority is only three and their only idea is to hold their seats at any cost and some of their followers know it and welcome the opportunity it affords, while others of their followers have been dragged into accepting this doctrine as good enough for them. They have thrown principle to the winds. They accepted of necessity propositions that ten years ago would not have been considered by the Reform Leaders of that day. To their shame the Government converted their following in the House into a mere mechanical force and carried their measures by a "brute majority."

To the James Bay Railway from the City of Toronto they gave a guarantee of \$20,000 per mile, to Messrs. MacKenzie & Mann who already had \$6,400 per mile in cash from the Dominion Government, leaving these gentlemen with \$26,400 per mile financed without touching their own pockets. enough, it is said, to build the road and which means if the road pays MacKenzie & Mann will own it at the expense of the Government. If it loses this Province can have it without loss to Messrs. MacKenzie & Mann. This credit amounted in all to over five millions of dollars. Your member disregarded his patron principles, disregarded the mandate this constituency gave him in May, 1902, responded to the party Whip and voted for it.

To the Grand Trunk Pacific was given \$2,000 per mile in cash and 6,000 acres of land per mile, meaning upwards of \$400,000 in cash and upwards of 1,200,000 acres of land for a road that must be built in any event to connect the \$150,000,000 investment of the Dominion Government with the Great Lakes, a thing that must be done, even should this Province not contribute one cent. Your member voted for it. The Conservative party opposed it. Is it any wonder that everything in this constituency to-day spells "success" for your cause at the first opportunity.

Not content with this reckless record the bill to guarantee \$2,000,000 to the bankrupt industries at the Soo is introduced. It is called a guarantee, good for two years, that will surely be deemed by the Companies. It is more properly a debt which this Province in two years will be called upon to pay principal and interest, or more properly still, gentlemen, it is a raid on the Treasury of this Province by a band of political highwaymen, who knew the Premier's

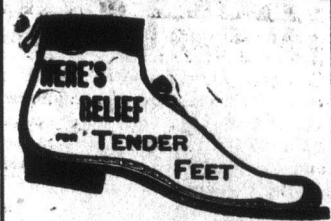
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