

W. G. Charlton and W. H. Mills Liberal Candidates in E. Elgin

Convention Held Here Last Thursday was Largest and Best Represented in the History of the Riding

Mr. Charlton Received Unanimous Re-endorsement. Mr. Mills' Nomination was Surprise to Many Won on First Ballot Over S. S. McDermant and N. S. Cornell —Women Show Great Interest

The convention of the Liberals of East Elgin, held in the Town Hall here last Thursday afternoon, was one of the best represented Liberal meetings in the history of the riding. Great interest and enthusiasm was shown, in all the work of the afternoon, and all the speakers expressed their confidence in the success of the next election for the Liberal party.

W. G. Charlton, of this place was unanimously nominated Liberal candidate for East Elgin for the Federal Government at the next election, and Wilson H. Mills, of Sparta, Deputy-Reeve of Yarmouth was chosen as Liberal candidate for the Provincial Legislature. Mr. Mills nomination came as a surprise to himself as well as to many of those present. Of the nine candidates nominated for the local house only three permitted their names to be balloted upon: W. H. Mills, Sydney McDermant and Ex-Warden N. S. Cornell, of Port Stanley. On the first ballot the vote stood:

W. H. Mills34
S. S. McDermant25
N. S. Cornell8

Giving Mr. Mills a majority over both opponents of 1 vote. When the result was announced Mr. McDermant immediately submitted a motion that a unanimous vote be given Mr. Mills. This was seconded by Mr. Cornell and the motion was passed unanimously.

In accepting the nomination Mr. Mills acknowledged that it came most unexpectedly and he hoped that his supporters would have no cause to regret their action. He said it was the pleasure of his life-time to be the choice of the convention, and he declared that the next thing to do was to get out and win, which he certainly intended to do. He solicited the co-operation of all, as he realized he must have the assistance of all, to win. The country had too long been represented by men who only go down to vote Grit or Tory. He wished to see men elected to the local legislature who would represent the constituencies that sent them there. He would go to Toronto, if elected, to represent the masses and not the classes. He considered that the big interests in Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa had run Canada long enough.

Mr. Mills, who occupied the chair by virtue of his office as president of the East Elgin Liberal Association, resigned the presidency and chair in favor of Percy Dennis the vice-president.

The Nominations

For the Federal House.
W. G. Charlton—N. S. Cornell, M. M. Black.
For the Provincial House
S. S. McDermant—Blake Miller, E. Cheeseman.
N. S. Cornell—J. R. Moore, C. W. Wonnacott.
W. H. Mills—C. Lewis, M. M. Black.
W. M. McCredie—S. Charlton, W. Corless.
J. C. Dance—W. Wagner, W. G. Charlton.
Dr. F. H. Miller—S. P. Wilson, C. D. Phelps.
C. W. Wonnacott—G. W. Howse, N. S. Cornell.
M. M. Black—Roy Charlton, Dr. Miller.
Miss Murray—W. McCredie, Lew Morrison.
A remarkable feature of the con-

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Rye, per bus.	1 25	1 25
Buckwheat, per bus.	1 00	1 00
Potatoes, per peck	35	35
Bran, per cwt.	2 05	2 05
Shorts, per cwt.	2 15	2 25
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vention was the fact that fully one-third of the large crowd present were women, who took an active part in the discussions and elections.

As mentioned by Mr. Charlton in his address, Miss Murray has the honor of being the first woman candidate proposed for the Legislature in the Province of Ontario, and it is pleasing to note that East Elgin is the first to recognize the fact, that women are now entitled to the same political honors as the men.

Miss Murray in declining the nomination said that while it may have been done in a spirit of a joke, she nevertheless accepted it as a compliment and as a Reform woman would give every assistance possible to secure the election of the candidate named by the convention.

In declining nomination, all the candidates made short addresses in which they expressed confidence of the results of the next election, and pledged their support to the candidates elected.

Mr. McDermant Took Independent Position

Mr. McDermant, in his brief address previous to the balloting, explained his reason for resigning the candidacy. Women, he stated had not been given the franchise in 1916 when he had been chosen candidate and without having had their voice in the matter he had felt that he had been representing only about one-half of the electors of East Elgin. He felt it was in the best interests of Liberalism that he should resign and a new convention be called.

Mr. McDermant stated that he had been accused of being too independent; that he was not straight enough along the lines of Liberalism. He declared that there had been points on both sides with which he could not conscientiously agree and he felt he should take an independent position.

"For me to sacrifice a principle and endorse some of the work which has been done is not in my line," he stated. "I cannot endorse what I feel is not right. If I am chosen as candidate again and elected I will endeavor to serve the masses of the people, irrespective of class."

He deeply regretted the fact that the member, to the Federal House, for East Elgin, David Marshall, does not sit at Ottawa. He declared that the country needed just such a man there.

Mr. Cornell Stated His Position

Mr. Cornell expressed his keen pleasure in seeing, for the first time ladies included with the men in the convention. He knew of no reason under heaven why women should not vote; as, he stated, in many instances the intelligence of the women was much greater than that of a great many men who had had the franchise all their life.

He spoke of the big interests which he declared owned the country body and soul; and he believed that, while it was true the soldiers had won for democracy over autocracy in France, there were many other forms of autocracy right at home that would have to be vanquished. He declared that there was political autocracy creeping into Canada as bad, if not worse, than German culture. The big interests, he stated, would furnish all the money required for the candidate who would do all they asked of him.

Mr. Cornell appealed to the electors to support the successful candidate. He stated that the man who got the convention's vote was going to win the election. He was of the opinion that many of the elections were won right at the conventions. He requested that everything be done fair and above board.

"Let there be no hole and corner work," he said. "Elect the man whom you think is strongest—irrespective of any personal feelings."

Mr. Charlton Scored Union Government

Mr. Charlton, in his introductory remarks mentioned that the axiom that true Liberalism is democracy personified, was never better illustrated than in the choice of a candidate for the local legislature.

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The troop trains came at half hour intervals from Bramshott to South-

ampton throughout the day. The men were naturally in the highest spirits. The citizens of Southampton have again evidenced the friendliest interest in the embarkment.

The composition of the contingent on the transport follows: twenty-three officers, 616 other ranks of the 52nd Battalion and some small details for Port Arthur; 89 officers, 2,060 other of the 116th Battalion, the 3rd Machine Gun Engineers and Details for Toronto.

Three hundred returning engineers Mr. Elliott Hunt, who has made his for London, Ont., district sailed thishome in the Canadian West for sever-morning on the Olympic from South-al years, is visiting his daughters ampton. Misses Irene and Laura, here.

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