

West Durham Liberals Nominate W. T. Preston

Great Liberal Campaigner Named to Contest Seat for the Commons—Rousing Speeches and Ringing Declaration as to Policy.

The Liberal Convention at Orono yesterday (Tuesday) was representative of Liberalism in both East and West Durham. The main street of the village was well lined with the motors which conveyed the delegates from different points in the riding. At the hour appointed the President, W. T. R. Preston, took the chair and called the meeting to order. Hon. Jacques Bureau, K.C., M.P., of Three Rivers was unavoidably absent owing to serious illness, but his place was taken by Mr. R. R. Hall, late Liberal candidate in West Peterboro.

Mr. Preston stated in opening the meeting that he proposed to reply to the suggested enquiry as to why the Liberal Party should consider the advisability of placing a candidate in the field, in view of the fact that the Farmers' Union candidate was already nominated, and according to the policy of the Farmers' Party was also opposed to the Ottawa government. But he said that while there was agreement in views of Liberals and Farmers, there were such differences also upon one or two important points, that he did not see how in this country the Liberals could follow Mr. Reid, the Farmers' nominee. And upon another most important question of policy, in the interest of agriculture, which he intended presenting, the Farmers' candidate was in no position to take any active part in bringing into operation. Mr. Reid stood for the abolition of all tariffs. If this should be done, it meant that the other plank in the policy of the Farmers should be brought into operation, and that is that there should be direct taxation on the land to provide for the loss of the tariff revenue. This meant nothing less than that every farmer in this country would have to put his hand in his pocket and pay into the Dominion treasury not less than \$200 in addition to his income tax and the ordinary municipal rates. To this Mr. Preston said the Liberal Party was unalterably opposed, and he thought that every farmer, when he came to consider the question, would repudiate this part of the Farmers' policy.

Mr. Preston continued by saying that there was a policy which he desired the convention to adopt which meant more to the farmers of the riding than protection had, even meant to the manufacturers, but it would not work out to the disadvantage of any class on the community. The Guide regrets that this issue went of space and time prevents a full report of the case presented in all its phases by Mr. Preston. That must be left to a later date. No such case has ever been presented as directly beneficial to the entire agricultural community of Canada, as the policy upon which Mr. Preston asked the judgment and approval of the convention. It could only come from one who, like Mr. Preston, has studied the question abroad. The array of facts presented

was most startling in its character, and the inevitable conclusions that were arrived at were unanswerable. Mr. Preston pointed out that Great Britain was the only great market for certain perishable products of this country. He dealt particularly with the cost of transportation to England, the manner of disposing of Canadian products overseas, the cost of distribution, and the profits secured by the trade in Great Britain which operated in Canadian perishable products. Dealing with the apple interest he pointed out that apples valued at \$40,000,000 had been exported to Great Britain in twenty years. For the sale of these, Canadian farmers had received from \$1 to \$2.50 a barrel, averaging the prices prevailing in England during that period, according to his own experience, applies being invariably sold to the consumer over there by the pound, the consumer in Great Britain had paid for these apples in that time no less than the enormous sum of \$850,000,000, or an average of \$24 a barrel, for which the Canadian farmer had received from \$1 to \$2.50. Mr. Preston stated that he had tried for fourteen years to get action taken at Ottawa to remedy this situation and to save to the farmers of this country this enormous loss between the amount that they actually received for their apples and the amount which the British consumer paid. Now he proposed making it a public question, and in its importance he considered it far transcended any other question now before the political life of the country. The remedy which he had proposed was the erection of huge warehouses in Europe for this perishable product, cold storage accommodation when necessary, and the distribution of this product, as well as other perishable products by our own people. A policy of this kind in ten years would save \$200,000,000 for the Canadian farmer.

Another question Mr. Preston raised which was not dealt with at the same time was the control of the Atlantic steamship rates. This Atlantic combine turned the screw to the last point of endurance upon the export of our natural products. For twenty years he had in official reports directed the attention of governments to this question. In 1913 the Borden government had received an offer from an English syndicate to put a service on the Atlantic which would reduce the freight rate by one-half, and they never received a reply from the government. This indifference on the part of the Ottawa administration to the interest of the country he considered a monstrous crime, and had directly cost the tolling agriculturists of Canada millions of dollars. It was upon these all-important questions that he desired expression of opinion by the convention.

Mr. Preston's speech was listened to with rapt and enthusiastic attention. The convention immediately passed a resolution pledging its adherence to the policy which he had enunciated.

When the convention proceeded to the business for which the convention was specially called, Reeve Thomas Baker, of Darlington, stated that there never was a time in the interest of the country that demanded greater care and consideration in the selection of a candidate for the House of Commons than the present. After outlining the qualifications which he thought a candidate should possess he stated that as there was only one who from his long experience and ability, could fill these requirements and around whom the riding could be reasonably asked to rally. He thought there was no one whose judgment would have greater weight in the new parliament than the gentleman whom he had in mind, and that was Mr. W. T. R. Preston, whom he then nominated as the Liberal standard bearer. (Enthusiastic applause.) Mr. W. A. F. Campbell seconded the motion in a short speech along the same lines as Mr. Baker.

Mr. Thomas Baker, who was subsequently elected President of the Association, took the chair, and after asking for other nominations and getting no response, he submitted his resolution which was enthusiastically adopted by a unanimous standing vote.

Mr. Preston, in rising to reply, was warmly cheered, and stated that he could not but be surprised, in the years when he had been fighting for the interests of the farmers on the lines to which he had referred, he never expected to be a candidate again for Parliament, or to receive this honor of a nomination at the hands of old associates. He knew well the extreme character of the

asked to enter. But that did not deter him. (Laughter and cheers.) He would fight (applause) and fight to win. (Applause.) He wished that he could obliterate his own personality for the moment, and would have them remember that he was only their leader or champion upon vital questions and great principles. He believed the questions he had presented represented the pressing needs of the hour, and to these he would devote the whole of his time and influence. It was their cause that was at stake, and their success would mean advantages and prosperity throughout the whole of this country. Among those who took part in the discussions of the convention were Mr. Bragg, M.P.P., West Durham; Mr. Jones, Liberal candidate in 1917; and Mr. W. J. B. Davidson of Port Hope; Mr. Thos. Holgate, of Bowmanville and Mr. W. A. F. Campbell of Port Hope.

Anniversary Celebration

A delightful time was spent by the congregation of St. Peter's Church, Madoc, and their friends who assembled on Wednesday evening last to celebrate the thirty-fifth anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. Dr. W. S. MacTavish. After devotional exercises had been conducted by the pastor, he called upon Mr. Jas. Caskey to occupy the chair, and right well did Mr. Caskey acquit himself. After the choir had rendered a fine selection, Mr. George West, Mr. J. E. Marcellus, B.A., and the chairman read messages of congratulation and good wishes from Mr. W. B. Wood, ex-M.P.P., Montreal, formerly clerk of session in the Presbyterian church, St. George, where Dr. MacTavish spent the first ten years of his ministry; from Mrs. E. E. Kitchen, one of the oldest surviving members of St. George Church, and for many years president of the W. M. Society; from Mr. S. Russell, ex-M.P.P., Belleville, who was clerk of the Session in the Church of the Redeemer, Deseronto, where Dr. MacTavish spent the second decade in his ministry; from Dr. MacGillivray, Kingston, ex-Moderator of the General Assembly, and from Rev. W. T. Wilkins, B.A., clerk of the Presbytery of Kingston. Mr. Marcellus read also an account taken from the Brantford Examiner of Sept. 11th, 1885, of the ordination and induction services held in St. George thirty-five years ago. This interesting and graphic account was available through the courtesy of the publisher of the Examiner who kindly had it copied from his files for that year.

Miss Lenore Vandervoort sang with great sweetness and power, "Ships that pass in the night," and Mrs. H. A. Breckell, in "Resignation" showed that her voice had lost none of its former flexibility and strength, even though it has not been heard as often lately as her friends desire. Mr. James Booth who had been recommended as the best baritone singer in Belleville, certainly made good and delighted the audience with three real original poems which were heartily applauded in felicitous terms. Rev. W. Higgs and Rev. T. H. H. Hall, on their behalf, and on behalf of the congregations they represented conveyed fraternal greetings and good wishes. Mr. D. A. Shaw of Kingston read a resolution passed by the session of Cooke's church, Kingston, and spoke very highly of the services rendered by Dr. MacTavish while minister in that city. Mr. William McMechan voiced the high opinion of the elders of St. Peter's church entertained for their pastor, and Mrs. Watson rendered a similar service for the Ladies Aid Society. To these addresses Dr. MacTavish replied briefly expressing his gratitude for the kindness shown him by his congregation and for the confidence reposed in him, and at the same time he thanked all who had contributed to the programme of the evening. Mrs. Alexander presided at the organ to the great pleasure of the congregation and to the entire satisfaction of all the vocalists whose accompaniments she played.

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Student Was Sent to Jail for 15 Years

Dartmouth Junior Pleaded Guilty to Manslaughter

WOODSVILLE, N. H., Sept. 16.—Robert T. Meads, of La Grange, Ill., the Dartmouth College junior who shot and killed Henry E. Maroney of Medford, Mass., a fellow student, after a drinking bout in a college dormitory last June, pleaded guilty to manslaughter yesterday. He was sentenced to serve 15 to 20 years at labor in the state prison.

Meads' plea and the sentence came unexpectedly. In advance of his indictment by the Grafton county grand jury on Tuesday, trial had been set for next Monday and the stage was being prepared, with interest in the case keen because of expected disclosures regarding the smuggling of whiskey into Dartmouth College from Canada, during the last college year.

The grand jury's indictment was for murder. Young Meads was taken to the court room from the county jail in an automobile of his father, A. H. Meads, Chicago, a lawyer, to make the formal answer to the indictment. At the direction of the court, the indictment for murder was read, and Meads was asked his plea. Coolly, he replied "I plead guilty of manslaughter." The indictment was handed to Judge John E. Allen, of Keene, who was presiding, and he passed down to the clerk his written sentence of not less than 15, or more than 20 years at hard labor in the state prison.

Again Meads showed entire self-control, hearing the sentence without any show of feeling. His father spoke with him and after a few minutes he was returned to the jail, where he has been since June. There his mother and sister, who have lived nearly all summer, awaited him. Maroney, a senior, who had passed all his examinations and with classmates was celebrating the approaching commencement, with a spree, was killed by Meads in Maroney's room, on the college campus in the early morning of June 19.

In the investigation which followed the shooting officials found evidence that whiskey had been run into the college town from Canada by students and others for several months. They found a cache of liquor in the basement of Meads' dormitory and learned of week-end trips by him and companions to Montreal, sometimes by train and at other times by automobile.

President Ernest M. Hopkins, Dartmouth College, announced that the activities of rum-runners had been causing the college authorities concern for some time, but that few students were involved; and that with the apprehension of Meads they felt the operations would be stopped.

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The School Marm

The teacher's the noblest saint a mortal can pursue; and yet we see her hunt for something else to do. She loves her high-captivity trade and quits it with a sigh, but she can't live on what she's paid, and can't afford to die. For years she studies night and day, to qualify to teach; and we behold her on her way and say she is a peach. We hand her nosegays when they're cheap, and call her Buttercup, and say the blessed schoolmarm keeps our bulwarks right side up. Without her this enlightened age would sadly be bereft; she guards the priceless heritage our well known fathers left. We hand her taffy with a spade, but when she makes complaint about the measly wage she's paid, we sweat some blood and faint. We may confess to spendthrift ways, hold miser greed a crime; but when the schoolmarm asks a raise, we're tightwads every time. And so she's going from the school to seek some other trade, to save her way with some new tool; it's corker or a spade. She can't thrive on nosegays sweet, or flourish on hot air, for she must have a prune to eat and decent rags to wear.

LARGE POTATOES.

Mr. George Gray of Rednersville, dug up four potatoes which have a total weight of five and a half pounds. One of the potatoes, which are Irish Cobblers, weighs one pound and a half. Mr. Gray planted one peck and raised twelve bushel of heavy clay soil.

Appeal Against Equalisation

Thurlow Appellant in Motion at Osgoode Hall Today.

At Osgoode Hall, Toronto, today the appeal of Thurlow township to set aside the equalisation of assessment bylaw of the County of Hastings passed at a special session of the county council on Aug. 6th, 1920 is being heard. Mr. F. E. O'Flynn appears for the township of Thurlow and County Solicitor S. Masson, K.C. for Hastings County.

At the special session of Aug. 5th the County Council raised Thurlow's equalised assessment \$549,000 on that of 1919. Reeve Vermilyea and Warden Sills strenuously objected on the grounds that the tax on the business assessment of \$390,000 on the Industrial Alcohol Company's business at Corbyville had not been collectable during the year 1919 by the township. They declared they did not intend to let this pass. "You are adding to Thurlow what she did not get," said the Warden.

Reeve Vermilyea said that the County Council could not change the equalisation after July 1st and that their action was illegal.

The trouble started with an appeal by Sidney township over the June 19 equalisation. A report of the investigation committee on sales, assessment and equalisation stated that the committee felt that Sidney was justified in its appeal. The special meeting was held at which the equalisation was changed. Long discussion took place over the equalisation. Finally Thurlow's equalised assessment was raised to \$2,358,000.

Wedding Bells

CONWAY—GIBSON

A wedding of interest to the people of Campbellford and vicinity was solemnized in St. Mary's Church on Tuesday morning at 7 o'clock by Rev. Father Whibbs, when Miss Josephine Gibson, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Gibson, Queen St., was united in marriage to Mr. Frank Conway, of Erie, Pennsylvania.

The bride wore a travelling dress of brown velvet, with ermine fur, the bridesmaid, her niece, Miss Mary Quigley, of London, wearing a gown of similar material. Mr. Thomas Murphy, of Toronto, performed the duties of best man. Only immediate relatives were present. After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was partaken of at the bride's home.

The bride, who is one of our popular young ladies, and who makes friends wherever she is known, was the recipient of many useful and beautiful gifts.

The best wishes of many friends here will follow Mr. and Mrs. Conway through life, in which kindly offices the Herald joins.—Campbellford Herald.

SLEEPER—McRAE APPEARS—McRAE

An event of unusual interest was celebrated on Wednesday, Sept. 20th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Gunter, Westmoreland, Cashes Township. The two daughters of Mrs. Harvey Gunter by her first marriage, the Misses Grace Irene and Cora Lee McRae were led to the altar by Norman D. Sleeper, Cashes, and Mr. Clayton Appleby, Frankford, respectively. Rev. W. G. Clarke pastor of Wesley Church, Trenton, performed the ceremony. A large company of guests were present from many points in Hastings County, including Gunter, Bancroft, Frankford, Trenton, etc. The present were many beautiful and useful. A bridal arch had been erected. The sun beamed down in warmth and brilliancy in benediction upon the occasion.

Promptly at high noon Mrs. V. Sine took her place at the organ as the bridegrooms took position under the arch. The brides charmingly attired were given away by their father, Mr. Harvey Gunter. Beautiful bouquets were borne by Marion and Fletcher Sine.

The solemn words were spoken uniting in happy bonds the lives of the contracting couples, amid the best wishes and prayers of the assembled guests.—Madoc Review.

WALKER—EVANS

A very pretty wedding took place on Saturday evening, Sept. 4, at St. George's Church, Homer, when Edna, eldest daughter of Mrs. Geo. Evans, Niagara Falls, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Daniel, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. Walker, of Tweed. The bride was charmingly attired in white crepe de chene and wore a tiara of pearls, the gift of the bridegroom. Mr. Keith MacLeod

of Stamford was best man. The Rev. J. D. MacKenzie-Naughton performed the ceremony. The young couple were the recipients of many beautiful and useful gifts. Upon their return from a trip to the States Mr. and Mrs. Walker will reside at Niagara Falls.—Madoc Review.

Co-operation With Methodists Discussed

Kingston Presbytery Took Practical Steps at Meeting Here—Induction of New Minister to Stirling Charge.

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LAI'D TO REST

The funeral of the late Mr. R. W. Lidster, was conducted yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock from the family home, 4th concession of Sidney to Wallbridge Methodist church. Rev. Mr. Wallace, of Sidney, conducted the last sad rites. Burial took place at Belleville cemetery. The bearers were Messrs. Sanford Reddick, Lewis Bell, Peter Graham, George Westover, Howard Bowers and Chester Bowers.

Miss Pearl Davis rendered the solo very feelingly, "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," during the service at Church.

There was a large attendance of sympathizing friends. There were floral tributes from the following:—
Bible—Family.
Wreaths—Mrs. Davis and Pearl, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Naylor and Mr. and Mrs. G. Fairbrother.
Gates Ajar—Mr. and Mrs. Norman Dufresne, Mr. and Mrs. James Jackson Spray—Mr. and Mrs. L. Bell, and Mr. and Mrs. George Jackson. Sprays—Laura Jackson, Mrs. Bell Lockwood, Mr. and Mrs. W. Sharpe, Mrs. J. White, and Family.
Anchor—Mr. and Mrs. Percy Westover.

ORDINATION AND CONFIRMATION

Rev. E. J. Bidwell, D. C., D. C.L., Bishop of Kingston, will conduct services, morning and evening at Christ church, in this city. At the morning service, the ceremony of ordination will take place, one or two candidates for the ministry being expected to offer themselves. In the evening confirmation service will be held and a class will be examined and received into connection with the church. During his stay in the city Dr. Bidwell will be the guest of Rev. and Mrs. W. G. Swayne.

HAULED ABOARD IN FISH NET.

Unencumbered by even a 'one-piece bathing suit' a Winnipeg girl jumped into the Assiniboine river the other day and announced that she had undertaken a long-distance swim with Montreal as her destination. When she had gone a mile and a half the police boat caught up, so the officers hauled her aboard in a fish net.

BRITAINS

Chas. M. I.

Here is another illustration of the world grows smaller—difficulty increases of aloofness from the world family of Nations.

After nearly ten years' gation and study, the British telegraph commission reported a plan for linking of the far-apart corners of Great Britain by wireless.

According to the report found practicable to cover over links 2000 miles in basis is adopted as a feasible. It is proposed the center of the system, England. The first link to Cairo Egypt, the second to Nairobi, East Africa. Thus the west of Africa will be swum system and tied to Great Britain (three links).

Radiating again from C will carry to Poon, India from Poon to Singapore Straits Settlements, and a Singapore to Hong Kong fourth from Singapore to terminal at Port Darwin, in Australia.

Alcohol Shorter

Since prohibition came in the United States we have had a great demand for life insurance of paying money for beer, paying premiums of life policies and the life insurance companies say that it is better the saloon men and the brewers than it is worse. Mr. E. shall, assistant attorney of Mutual Life, declares that ties are all against alcohol.

"Among policy holders, booze but were in no sense drinkers the death rate has third greater than the average from all causes.

"The policy holders who having consumed an excess of liquor made a record which is three-fourths time age.

"These careful investigations that every day 'alcoholics' kill people; but they show behind suicide, diabetes, monia and tuberculosis, holders who were light drinkers who died of these diseases as numerous as the abstemious of the same thing.

He says also:

"Mortality in reference to prohibition may be divided four groups as follows:

- (1) Total abstainers;
- (2) Moderate users of wines and ale;
- (3) Regular beer drinkers, summing four or more glasses;
- (4) Regular whiskey drinkers.

"Taking this as a basis, the death rate of an abstainer of group one is 15 per cent, greater than one. In group three, the drinkers which the New Jersey legislature wants to bring into the death rate is 32 per cent in group one, and in the whiskey and gin, the death rate jumps to 153 per cent.

"Another group is among policy holders drinkers at some time taking insurance, but who and who became abstainers though total abstainers for the effect of alcohol on blood years before cause rate, which was one-third the average, this in spite that only those who came back to what was the pink of condition was insurance."

This is surely a "dry" of uncommon force. An many like it.

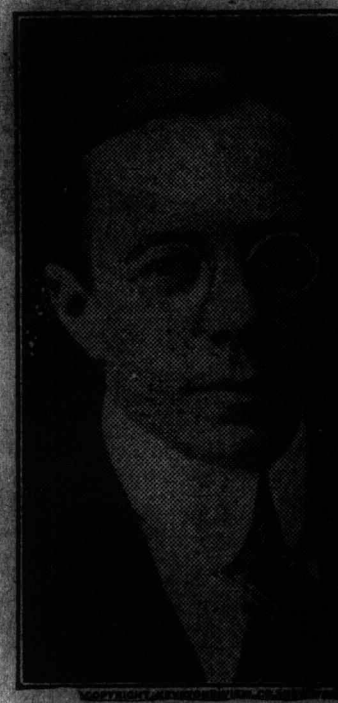
BIRTH.

EMERSON—On Sept. 15, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. 28 Fort St., a son.

DIED.

POTTER—At Belleville, 15, 1920, John Dees his 47th year.

"Books For Everybody"



James L. Clarke, Second Vice-President of the National Bank of Commerce, who will be in active charge of the finances as treasurer of the "Books for Everybody" movement of the American Library Association and the Immigrant Publication Society in New York. Mr. Clarke was originally a newspaper man. He then entered the services of the National Bank of Commerce as advertising manager from which position he was appointed Second Vice-President.

Those Who Secure Positions

Editor Ontario.—
Seems to me the only soldiers securing positions under the present regime are those who fought in England.

Capt. T. E. Hyland, Belleville Sept. 18, 219 Coleman St.