

## THAT CAUCUS CAUSES MIRTH

Toronto Telegram, Old Line  
Tory, Makes Merry Over  
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(Toronto Telegram.)  
Ottawa, March 8.—(Staff Special)—It is once more the Liberal Conservative party, and it is going to hold a convention—some time. That is the sum total of the two days' work of the caucus called to endorse Hon. Arthur Meighen as the leader of a once great organization. The endorsement was easy for there was no one else in sight for the job. But it is evident from the start that the young statesman surrounded by a band of advisers who could be guaranteed to wreck any government or party that took its advice, was still prepared to continue a pussy-footing policy and accept as its motto: "Do nothing and do it badly." It took nearly two days of argument to bite off half of the elongated name and take preliminary steps towards a national convention. But the time was well spent. Only pity is that the meeting ended so peacefully. If the crew of the Tory ship had mutilated and thrown a few of its alleged officers overboard the caucus would have been even more of a success. Out of the Wilderness.  
But anyway the "get back to the old flag" party prevailed. The stand-patters were overwhelmed and the party goes back to the old name. It no longer wanders in the wilderness as the homeless, illegitimate, off-spring of the Union government. It has a chance to forget some things of the electors will be obliging enough to do the same. When the committee reported to the caucus yesterday it was all for a con-



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vention, and the methods by which it should be called. But not a mention was made of the name. It was Dr. Sheard who brought the bunch up standing with the question:

"Under what name are you going to call the convention?"

Then it started all over again. Col. J. A. Currie said there were five names, ex-ministers, who might be affected by the change, viz.:—Hons. Manion, Guthrie, Ballantyne, Mewburn and Tolmie.

Very Few Objectors.

Hon. Hugh Guthrie came through without an effort. It was useless to put the thing off any longer he admitted. The Liberal-Conservative was good enough for him. Hon. C. C. Ballantyne smiled that it had to be done and might

as well be done now. Hon. S. C. Mewburn was a trifle more coy, but blushing consented. While Dr. Manion rather reluctantly declared that he would not stand in the way. Hon. Harry Stevens made one more attempt to lead on the pussy-foot brigade, helped by one Monty from the wilds of Quebec, who was a member of the Meighen Government for long enough to lose his deposit. But the crowd was 90 per cent. for the change, and when it was moved by Col. J. A. Currie, and seconded by Dave Spence that the party go back to its old name, it went through without a murmur.

And Such a Committee.

It almost looks too as if there might be a convention—some day. It was decided to hold one and the arrangements were put in the hands of a National committee of one man from each province, and two extras from Ontario and Quebec. The Ontario group met later and elected as its representatives Hon. J. A. Stewart, Hon. Sidney Mewburn, and Sir Edward Kemp—all good men and true. Only thing is that they are all ex-members of that jerkwater cabinet with which Hon. Arthur Meighen faced the electors. And all through the present pow-wow every ex-member of the famous body seemed to be doing everything in his power to either head off a conven-

tion or to chase it so far into the future that no one could see it with the naked eye. And the question naturally arises: "Will those ex-ministers accomplish in committee what they failed to pull off in caucus?" Anyway it might have been well to leave the arrangements to the active politicians. When a statesman takes refuge in the senate he should stay there.

However, there's hope. The same outburst of sentiment that forced the change in name may bring on the convention. And then as you size up the parties to the argument in caucus you must admit that old Tory Toronto has at least had a voice in something at Ottawa.

### HELD FOR MURDER.

Sherbrooke, Que., March 10.—At the preliminary hearing held in Sherbrooke today, Raoul Brodeur was committed for trial on a charge of murdering Henri Royce, with an axe.

### MASONIC LECTURE.

A lecture on Masonic Symbolism was delivered by Rev. C. Gordon Lawrence, Hampton, grand chaplain of the grand lodge of New Brunswick, in the Masonic Temple last evening with an exceptionally large number of the order it attendance. The address was given under the banner of Hibernia Lodge, F. & A. M., and is the third of a series of five lectures on interesting Masonic subjects. After a short discussion on the address, several musical selections added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening. The next lecture will be delivered by Dr. H. S. Bridges on "Landmarks of Masonry." The committee in charge of arrangements for these lectures is composed of George D. Ellis, Frank A. Godsoe, and F. F. Burpee.

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