

UNITED FARMERS REALLY LIBERALS

Hon. G. S. Henry Speaks
Before West York
Conservatives.

The annual meeting of the West York Conservative Association was held in the town hall, Weston, Saturday. Officers elected for the current year were: President, Frank Reeves, Humber Bay; vice-president, R. J. Bull, ex-warden of York; secretary, Earl Lawson, and treasurer, Thos. Griffith, ex-warden of York.

Hon. G. S. Henry, Dr. Godfrey, M. L. A., and Col. Price, M. L. A., were the principal speakers, and the minister of agriculture, Mr. Henry, was the guest of honor.

The United Farmers had been defined by a student of them, as out for office, said Mr. Henry, and it was a peculiar fact that all the men who occupied an important position in the organization had actually taken some office or other.

He spoke of the criticism given to the agricultural policy and quoted various critics, chief of whom are the United Farmers of Ontario. Last year were caricatured as United Farmers, but in reality they were the wool grists. Referring to the election held in North Ontario recently, he reminded his audience that the United Farmers of Ontario candidate was a Liberal nominee for the Dominion election in 1917 and was out with Laurier Liberals tooth and nail.

The speaker proceeded to combat the charges made of inactivity in agricultural department. In 1915 the province had spent \$500,000 for agricultural development, and in 1918, \$1,500,000. What more consideration do they want? He said the United Farmers organization claim that that money has been wasted, but when asked to be specific they sat mum.

A supplementary grant of \$1,250,000 from the Dominion government will be added to the provincial grants for an even more extensive program. Last year \$1,250,000 was realized from automobile licenses and also the larger part of that sum was derived from the urban districts, it was largely spent on the roads in the rural sections. Not only country roads but townships' roads will be improved.

He referred to the proposed community halls in the various rural districts and that those halls were just the beginning of a wide program of improvement. He said the United Farmers of Ontario are the pioneers of the movement and that the people can look forward to a continual betterment of the conditions in farming communities.

Mr. Henry outlined the work done by the representatives of the department and showed conclusively how the farmers benefited from the advice and help of the district officers. Concluding, the speaker said that the member from North Oxford had recently said that if the rural population continued decreasing at its present rate in fifteen years there would be no use of schools.

An interruption from the audience to the effect that he must be a "blue" Galt was greeted with laughter. The other speakers briefly upheld the government's recent legislation and the Ontario temperance act was explained and discussed by Dr. Godfrey.

Criticism of O. T. A. Regarding the criticism leveled at the O. T. A., the minister said it was enacted in the interests of conservation during war time and was ordinarily have been submitted to the people in June or this year. Now that the war is over the government will submit the question to the people when all the men return from overseas. A comprehensive voters' list will be prepared and the question will take the form of a referendum rather than a plebiscite. Whatever the majority of the people want will become law and even a majority of one vote will be sufficient to carry the issue one way or the other.

Dr. Godfrey, M. L. A., spoke on the question of prohibition. He explained that the action taken by the government was in the interests of conservation in the stress of war. "We have been hoze now in Ontario," he said, "in the form of prohibition, which is manufactured at Windsor at the rate of 3,000 bottles per day and sold at \$1 per bottle. That preparation contains about 15 per cent. alcohol and the money spent on it represents an annual loss to the country of \$1,000,000. There are other liquors manufactured now which contain 15 to 20 per cent. alcohol but are sold in the guise of old-fashioned patent medicines."

He advocated the elimination of the words "unrest and Bolshevism" from the English language. "The latter stands for treason, rape and arson and has no place in the thoughts of Canadian citizens," declared Dr. Godfrey, "and I believe that some of the long-haired, red-eyed, dirty-faced fanatics say that they will let the streets of Toronto swim in blood. The statement is wild and impossible and when organized labor understands just what those so-called reformers mean it will kick them out."

Ontario's Water Powers. Col. Price, M. P. P., said recent developments of the water power of Ontario was largely responsible for the commercial progress made by the province in the last ten years. Sir Adam Beck, as the appointee of the late Whitney government and of the present one, had made public ownership a practical reality.

Referring to the placing of returned soldiers on the land, Col. Price thought that many of the veterans would wish to farm but that they should be given land in the older settlements. A good policy with that end in view would be for the government to obtain a comprehensive survey of older settled lands and with that in their hands such land could be placed in such a condition where the veteran could make a living in districts where he could take advantage of social and educational institutions.

DEWSON ST. PARENTS PROTEST OVERCROWDING

At a meeting of residents in the region of Dewson street Saturday night, it was decided to send a delegation to the city hall today (Monday) to protest against the overcrowding of Dewson School. It is said that the school is overcrowded to the extent of five rooms, and that all the classes are 20 per cent. in excess of the regulations capacity. It is also charged that the Toronto board of education is neglecting Ward 5, and showing favoritism to other wards, notably Ward 2.

NORTH RE-ENDORSES METROPOLITAN DEAL

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Howe, W. L. Cuttler, A. M. Wootton, Herbert Waddington, ex-Alderman, Dr. Risk, Ald. H. H. Ball, George Hodgson. The Metropolitan question came up under the head of "undisputed business." The meeting appeared determined, however, to have a showdown and finish it this time. A. O. Thorne moved the following resolution:

"We, the ratepayers of North Toronto, re-endorse the agreement for the purchase of the Metropolitan railway, and approve of the changes as made by Mr. W. N. Tilley. We also affirm our confidence in the ability of city officials and Mr. Tilley, who have had the negotiations in hand, to adequately safeguard the city's interests."

In Support of Motion. W. G. Ellis took the platform to speak in support of the motion. "We thought," he said, "a couple of weeks ago, that our course was clear, and the agreement seemed to be satisfactory. But this whole question had at length been wisely settled. We thought that no person or no newspaper would attempt again to upset it. We were assured the agreement was satisfactory to all parties. But after all these appears to be one editor who is not satisfied."

Mr. Ellis then read the following editorial that appeared in The Telegram of Friday:

Toronto taxpayers should welcome G. R. Geary, K. C., back to his duties as corporation counsel. Toronto had reason to admire the spirit that adorned the fighting line of Canada's army with the presence of a man none too robust and almost beyond military age.

The municipality of Toronto made a sacrifice when Mayor Geary vacated his position on Toronto's line of defence at the city hall. The vigilance and ability of G. R. Geary, K. C., might have averted the perils of the Metropolitan agreement. The first work that awaits the corporation counsel is the duty of declaring his opinion as to whether or not the city is safe in accepting the agreement as endorsed by Messrs. Thomas Bradshaw and R. C. Harris.

Obscure Meaning. Mr. Ellis proceeded to analyze The Telegram's most obscure meaning. He went at the editorial sentence by sentence. He eliminated all of it as irrelevant, except the names mentioned and the words "might have averted the perils of the Metropolitan agreement," also the closing words, "Whether or not the city is safe in accepting the agreement as endorsed by Messrs. Thomas Bradshaw and R. C. Harris."

The proposition therefore worked out something like this: Malbrock comes home from the war to his termagant partner, happily not dead, but alive and monogamous. He finds the Metropolitan agreement as endorsed by Messrs. Thomas Bradshaw and R. C. Harris. The proposition therefore worked out something like this: Malbrock comes home from the war to his termagant partner, happily not dead, but alive and monogamous. He finds the Metropolitan agreement as endorsed by Messrs. Thomas Bradshaw and R. C. Harris.

"The Telegram," said Mr. Ellis, "has been a popular paper up here. In the past it has always battled for anything that was for the people's interest. It has helped so far in our battle to remove the Metropolitan from the streets. So far I have not read in the columns of The Telegram wherein it has pointed out any special trick in the safeguards contained in the agreement. I do not recall that it has opposed its opinion to anything particular in the body of the agreement. So far I have not noticed that it has complained of anything which city officials have done or neglected to do with respect to the agreement. What then are we to think? Are we to accept its word without any color or reason or cause that Mr. Harris, Mr. Bradshaw and the legal department of the city have failed to safeguard Toronto against what it calls 'The perils of the Metropolitan agreement'?"

What are these perils? We are not told by The Telegram. It does not even hint at the nature of what have the city authorities not done to prevent perils in the agreement? They submitted the agreement to Mr. Tilley, and he coincided, except in regard to two or three minor points upon which the agreement is amended, with the legal department of the city. Mr. Ellis read the editorial over again, and continued:

Simply Personal. "It does not sound right. It indicates nothing defective in the agreement. It looks like something in it that looks to me simply personal. There is something pretty. Either personal motives are placed higher than the public welfare, or the thing means nothing. I am convinced, however, that it must be met. (Applause). It must be met before the city council. It must be met before the Hydro; and it must be met before the Ontario legislature. We have to guard our agreement now. This does not look right to me." (Applause).

"Has The Telegram merely employed G. R. Geary as its special agent to close the Metropolitan agreement? I hope not. It is too serious a matter for the city of Toronto. It is too serious a matter for the people of North Toronto."

Mr. Ellis went on to trace the history of the long battle with the Metropolitan. The city of Toronto had met so many opposing interests that he believed the city must insist in the legislature upon getting a charter of its own. (Applause). Within the city limits it must have control of its own streets. There can be no dual privileges. It seemed to him as the urbanites and ruralites could never succeed in seeing things in the same light or from the same angle. Whatever urbanites think they want the ruralites oppose. The city's right is undisputed to own its railway lines inside the city limits. But every approach to the realization of this right must go to the legislature. And because they had to go to the legislature with this agreement and get the consent of the Hydro radicals, they had to count upon danger. The Hydro Commission acknowledged Toronto as the foremost friend of public ownership in Canada. The Hydro Commission stands for municipal ownership of municipal utilities. And yet they had to count on danger and be prepared to meet it.

Would Be Disastrous. "Personally," said Mr. Ellis, "I don't care who operates the railways, whether they are publicly or privately owned. But it would be disastrous if there should be any control of Toronto streets within the city. Today we have the highest confidence in the man at the head of the Hydro radicals. But tomorrow may bring a different man. It is the duty of the people of Toronto to protect the rights of Toronto." (Applause).

Ex-Ald. Dr. Risk advised letting The Telegram show its hand. He could not find in the editorial of The Telegram what it wanted. The paper had not knocked the agreement up to the present. The people of Toronto are able to take care of Toronto. He advised unanimous approval of Mr. Thorne's motion.

Mr. Thorne: Before the vote is taken, Mr. Chairman, I desire to say a word. I saw John R. Robinson today. He practically told me in so many words that they are going to oppose this deal. It was but a short time I had with him; but he did not give me any alternative but to conclude that he did not like the deal, and that he would kill it. These may not be his exact words, but it is the effect of what he said.

The chairman: It is not possible that you in a hurried conversation may have misinterpreted what he said? Mr. Thorne: I do not think so at all.

Holds a Threat. E. V. Donnelly: There is a nigger on the fence somewhere. (Hear, hear.) Altho I cannot pretend to say what that editorial means, there is a threat there and possibly trouble. But the city is too big to have forced upon it by outside municipalities or the interests of the county something it does not want.

William Smith did not agree with other speakers that in the past The Telegram has not opposed the Metropolitan removal from North Toronto. A voice: Then we must bomb out the nigger.

Ald. Ball: Gentlemen, we are on delicate ground at the present time. All that has been said of the work of our legal department and of the opinion of Mr. Tilley is correct. But we have to get rid of an intolerable condition here, and if anybody has anything to advance against the agreement which we believe will relieve us, we want a show-down. We must hear what it is, and who says it. I am a great believer in Sir Adam Beck.

He is the biggest public ownership man in Canada. We have to get Hydro sanction for this deal. I am not going to believe that Sir Adam Beck and his colleagues, Hon. I. B. Lucas, will refuse sanction to this agreement. We know no reason why they should. If anyone else has a reason, there must be a show-down with that somebody before Sir Adam Beck and Mr. Lucas. In the meantime we must wait upon the council and do all that we can. There is nothing in the county claim which is satisfied that is not the ground for the ominous remarks we have commented upon here tonight. The stage has been reached by the people of North Toronto where further delay in affording them relief is impossible and cannot be tolerated. (Applause).

Mr. Ellis said that without regard to the city and in behalf of the county it had but twenty years' privilege and North Toronto has never acquiesced in any extension of that privilege. The legislature had not by its act put any semblance of basis under such a claim as was now talked of in behalf of the county.

Until Battle is Won. It was then decided to appoint twelve captains of teams to wait upon the city council, upon the Hydro or the legislature, whoever and wherever danger may be discerned to the consummation of the Metropolitan agreement. The first delegation will appear before the city council on Tuesday and after that the team captains will stay on the job till the battle is won.

Twelve captains at once volunteered from among those present for service in the emergency. The chairman then announced that Frank Howe, who goes farming on Yonge street, desired to resign from the office of vice-president. The resignation having been accepted a handsome solid silver service and tray were presented to Mr. Howe.

In making the presentation Chairman Baker made a speech full of sincere affection for Mr. Howe and appreciation of what he had accomplished for North Toronto in the twenty-four years of his residence there in various public offices, as well as in the Ratepayers' Association.

In acknowledging the presentation Mr. Howe regretted that he would not be in the transportation fight. He said there was not one word of opposition to the agreement, and he could not understand how any advocate of public ownership in the street or in public could offer opposition at this stage.

Towards the Hydro and their agreement should receive the prompt and hearty approval of the Hydro. He believed it would be met before the city council and the agreement received its final ratification. (Cheers).

All Home Again.

All home again by July and comfortably settled down again in homes that have been renovated to receive them. To do this it is necessary to see that proper lighting is installed. The Electric Wiring and Lighting Co., of 261 College street, are offering special inducements in order to make it possible for those not in a position to pay cash. They will wire and fixture a house complete and make time payments at no extra charge and in doing the wiring guarantee not to break the plaster or mark the decorations. It takes about three days to complete the installation and is perfectly safe and inspected by the Hydro-Electric inspection department. This firm sells solid brass fixtures at greatly reduced prices and makes no charge for installing them. The fixture showrooms are located at southeast corner of College and Spadina avenue. Phone College 1878.

WARD'S BOATHOUSE DAMAGED BY FIRE

Fire believed to have started from sparks from a small stove, damaged the boathouse of Fred Ward, at the western sanitar. The blaze was discovered at 5.15 Saturday evening, and covered by the high wind, the one-story building was completely destroyed, and a mass of flames. Two large motor launches and a number of large fishing nets were completely destroyed, and the loss was placed roughly at \$2000. The motor launches were insured.

MEAT CUTTERS SYRONGER.

The Toronto local Meat Cutters' Union now has 1500 members, 500 of whom were recently initiated at the Labor Temple.

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Postmaster General Blondin
Asks for Harmonious Settlement.

Hon. P. E. Blondin, postmaster general of Canada, has wired to the executive of the Federated Association of Letter Carriers of Western Canada to send five representatives to Ottawa to confer with the government with a view to reaching a harmonious settlement of the present crisis in which the carriers have expressed their determination to go out on strike if their demands are not acceded to by the government. Little hope is expressed that the western men will vote to send over any members for any conference. In the meantime the Postal Clerks' Association is holding an executive session at the S. O. E. Hall, Bert street, tonight, to decide as to what action shall be taken in case the western men go out. E. R. Eisan, secretary of the clerks' association, stated Saturday afternoon that if the carriers went out the clerks might be involved also, and that a mass meeting would likely be called for Tuesday or Wednesday.

Commence Balloting for Executive Guelph Chamber of Commerce

Guelph, March 30.—The preliminary balloting for the executive of the new chamber of commerce was concluded yesterday, and resulted in the following obtaining the largest number of votes: J. M. Taylor, E. A. MacDonald, F. E. Partridge, C. L. Dunbar, W. A. Mahoney, H. Westoby, R. W. Gladstone, J. E. Carter, H. Quarmby, T. J. Hannigan, W. E. Buckingham, R. L. Torrance, J. J. Small, D. M. Sanson, E. Bagelman, A. C. Mackintosh, F. R. Bennett, J. M. Duff, J. H. Simpson, P. L. Freedman, G. H. Hedley, J. W. Lyon, W. H. Burgess, J. A. Hewitt. The final vote will take place this week.

TELEGRAPH RATES UP TWENTY PER CENT. IN U. S.

Washington, March 29.—Increase of 20 per cent. in domestic telegraph rates, effective April 1, was announced today by Postmaster Burleson. The increase was agreed upon at a meeting of the federal wire board, and was made necessary, Mr. Burleson's announcement said, to "meet the increased cost of operation occasioned by wage increases now in effect, made during the past year."

Mr. Burleson added that the advance would be "hardly sufficient" for this purpose. The order affects both government and commercial messages, but it was announced that there would be no increase in special press rates for newspapers or in charges for special wires leased by press associations and newspapers.

Believe City of Brantford To Experience Building Boom

Brantford, March 30.—A review of building prospects here shows that three contracts which will be placed shortly total \$410,000, while there is considerable promise of housebuilding owing to the great shortage here, the city endorsement of the housing act is expected to bring a boom.

SPECIAL NOTICE

THE Federal authorities having decided against the adoption of Daylight Saving, night rates for long distance telephone service must be based on Standard Time.

In view of variations in time used by different communities, care should be exercised in making appointments for long distance calls.

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