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THE LIBERAL CONVENTION

The Liberal National Convention must be an eye-opener to some few observers who had predicted that the Liberal party was going to disappear, or become a negligible quantity, or give place to some new organization in which Conservative influences and policies would be the ruling force. Today's convention has already taken rank as the greatest political gathering in the history of the country, and though the crucial work of selecting a leader and agreeing upon a platform such as will appeal strongly to the country at large and be conducive to Liberal unity, remains to be done, the deliberations thus far fortuitously have been of a character to warrant the belief that the outcome will be a happy one for both the country and the party.

Today the Liberals rule eight of the nine provinces. Even in 1911, in spite of all the extraneous questions, dragged in to distort the main issue in the campaign, the Liberals and reciprocity carried the majority of the popular vote in the whole Dominion with the exception of Ontario, where appeals to sectionalism and the concentrated influence of the interests produced a Tory majority.

The speeches thus far delivered, particularly that by Premier Murray of Nova Scotia, have given the country a most agreeable impression as to the character of the chief delegates at this convention, their ability, their grasp of public questions, and their earnest determination that the Liberal party shall measure up to the wonderful opportunity before it.

If the proceedings today and tomorrow bring the success generally expected it may well be thought that the chances for carrying on a permanent Unionist organization through enlisting Liberal support must be short-lived and soon reveal the old line Conservative machine standing alone against a Liberal and progressive army, which will be united and confident.

The proceedings thus far at Ottawa should be a lesson to Liberals in the Maritime Provinces, indicating the wisdom of burying past differences and uniting their strength, thus doing their share to equip and prepare the national Liberal party for the great work upon which evidently it will soon be called upon to enter.

SICK AND WOUNDED SOLDIERS.

An appeal has been issued by Major (Rev. E. Bertram Hooper, the old chaplain of the 26th Battalion, for contributions to his "Sick and Wounded Soldiers' Fund," a fund which his admirable administration made famous among Canadians in England and in Canada throughout the war, and to which many New Brunswickers were happy to add sums large or small, feeling that in doing so that they were ministering directly to the comfort and well being of the gallant fellows who had encountered wounds or illness while fighting for us.

Chaplain Hooper, when he returned from England and began to carry on the same work here among the sick and wounded in the various hospitals, brought back with him a balance of the Sick and Wounded Soldiers' Fund amounting to \$150. To this fund the work have since added \$121.30, but the expenditures since the Chaplain's return have exceeded the total by \$29.93. Chaplain Hooper's appeal was published this morning, and by this time, The Times has no doubt, the mere publication of the facts have begun to turn contributions his way. We should take this for granted, because the very nature of the work, when the people are reminded of it, makes an appeal too strong to be resisted by earnest and thoughtful people who are mindful of the debt we owe our fighting men, and particularly those who returned as casualties.

About 400 patients are today within the sphere of the Sick and Wounded Soldiers' Fund, the number including those in the Jordan Sanitarium at River Glade, the County Hospital at East St. John, the D. S. C. R. hospital at West St. John, and the Military Hospital at Fredericton. The country is providing these men with the necessities, and is giving them medical treatment where required; but they are entitled to little comforts and delicacies, to reading matter, smoking material, books and the like, and these are supplied, together with other articles, from the fund referred to. "Every dollar," says the chaplain, "is expended with an intimate knowledge of every case." Contributors have thus an opportunity of making the chaplain their personal agent in giving with delicacy and understanding the sort of service he describes so clearly in his published appeal. Think it over, and give what you can.

The future of St. John harbor as well as the port is a natural feature of the discussion on harbor commission. Just what is the programme of port and railway development which harbor commission is to bring? There should be a time-table for the work, too. There is no dodging the fact that the Halifax influence and that of the North Shore and Moncton are opposed to the full measure of development here—the meas-

ure demanded if national transportation interests are to govern plans and expenditures. The people of St. John should be told what is to be done within the next five years if the harbor is placed in commission. Who in authority is ready to give the information?

St. John ought never to be content with branch-line treatment from the National Railways. When a community too long tolerates that sort of thing the Dominion government is likely to assume that any old thing is good enough for a town that is so heedless or so long-suffering.

With speed and energy, and with commendable harmony and good taste, the work of preparation for August 14 and 15 goes on. If you have any useful suggestions to make, they will be welcome. The temptation to offer mere negative or destructive criticism should be rejected.

All together now, to make August 14 and 15 the greatest days in our civic history!

FLEW TO IRELAND.



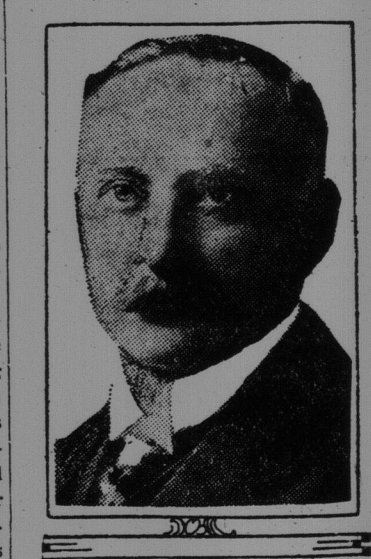
General Seely recently made the trip from Scotland to Aldergrove, near Belfast, in 14½ minutes. He is the first minister to fly to Ireland.

LIBERAL CONVENTION.



Dr. H. S. Beland, M. P. for Beauce, who is the chairman of the soldiers' committee of the Liberal convention.

POLITICAL RUMOR.



H. B. Morphy, M. P. for North Perth, whose name is mentioned as a possible solicitor-general.

COALS TO NEWCASTLE.

General Charles T. Mencher, the brave commander of the brave Rainbow Division, said at a dinner in Washington: "The civilian who tried to teach a soldier how to conduct a court martial reminds me of the young man who tried to teach the parrot to talk. 'This young man said he knew all about parrots and guaranteed to teach a bird—a bird he thought was young and untrained—to say 'hello'. 'So he sat down in front of the parrot and said, 'Hello, hello, hello'—like that—for forty-five minutes. The parrot didn't pay him the slightest attention, but when he got through it opened its eyes, lazily, drawled, 'Line busy, ring off,' and then closed its eyes again."

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"Does Mrs. Dubwaite in the course of a little disagreement, ever remind you of the men she might have married?" "No," answered Mr. Dubwaite, according to the Birmingham Age-Herald. "In an argument like that I would have a decided advantage."

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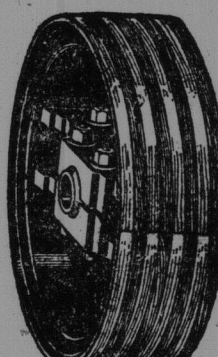
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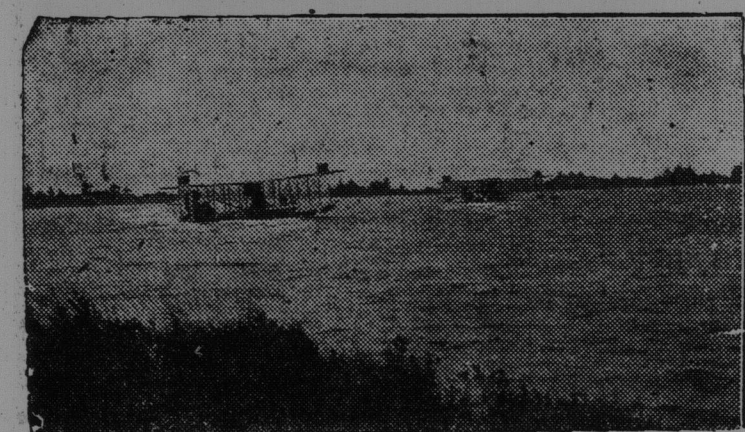
REVISION OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

London, July 10.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—With the approval of King George the British national anthem was revised for the period of the peace celebration so as to include certain sentiments that will appeal to the entire empire. The revised anthem, as sung in the thanksgiving service at St. Paul's, retains the first stanza of the time-honored hymn, but the next two are replaced by the following:

"One realm of races four,
Blest more and evermore,
God save our land,
Home of the brave and free,
Set in the silver sea,
True nurse of chivalry
God save our land."

"Kinsfolk in love and birth,
From utmost ends of earth,
God save us all.
Bid strife and hatred cease,
Bid hope and joy increase,
Spread universal peace
God save us all."

AIRPLANES IN FORESTRY



Two hydroplanes used in scouting over the forests of Quebec to detect fires. In this way thousands of dollars' worth of fire havoc has been prevented this season alone.—British and Colonial Press photograph.

Those Girls.

Edith—The dear boy keeps saying he is not worthy of me.
Maud—Oh, he'll discover his error before long, dear.

Rising By Going Under.

"Why did you choose diving as a profession?"
"A fellow has to do something, you know, to keep his head above water."

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