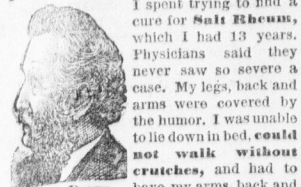


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Liberal Tariff Platform.

We, the Liberal party of Canada, in convention assembled declare:

That the customs tariff of the Dominion should be based, not as it now is, upon the protective principle, but upon the requirements of the public service.

That the existing tariff, founded upon an unsound principle and used as it has been by the Government as a corrupting agency, should be kept themselves in office, has developed monopolies, trusts and combinations.

It has decreased the value of farm and other landed property.

It has oppressed the masses to the enrichment of the few.

It has checked immigration.

It has caused great loss of population.

It has impeded commerce.

It has discriminated against Great Britain.

In these, and in many other ways, it has caused great public and private injury, all of which will continue to grow as long as the present tariff system remains in force.

The highest interests of Canada demand a removal of this obstacle to our country's progress, by the adoption of a sound fiscal policy, which, while not doing injustice to any class, will promote domestic and foreign trade and hasten the return of prosperity to our people.

That to that end, the tariff should be reduced to the needs of honest, economical and efficient government.

That it should be so adjusted as to make free, or to bear as lightly as possible upon the necessities of life and should be so arranged as to promote free trade with the whole world, more particularly Great Britain and the United States.

We believe that the results of the protective system have grievously disappointed thousands of persons who honestly supported it, and that the country in the light of experience is now prepared to declare for a sound fiscal policy.

The issue between the two political parties on this great question is now clearly defined.

The Government themselves admit the failure of their fiscal policy, and now profess their willingness to make some changes, but they say that such changes must be based only on the principle of protection.

We denounce the principle of protection as radically unsound and unjust to the masses of the people, and we declare our conviction that any tariff changes based on that principle must fail to afford any substantial relief from the burdens under which the country labors.

This issue we unhesitatingly accept and upon it we await with the fullest confidence the verdict of the electors of Canada.

An Essex Man's Interesting Discovery.

Windsor, Dec. 11.—Thomas May, while looking over some papers in his residence at Pike Creek, found about \$100 worth of bills on the defunct Upper Canada Bank that were put away in 1863. He presented them at the Essex County Bank this morning, and they have been sent to Toronto to see if they are worth anything.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.

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Annual Conference of Methodist Church Workers.

Names of the Delegates Who Were Present.

Interesting Discussion on the Superannuation and Sustainment Fund.

"How to Promote a Revival."

The annual conference of the Methodist church workers opened yesterday afternoon in the Askin Street Church. Each church in the London district had been requested to send two delegates, a large number of whom were present. The object of the convention is to promote the interests of the church in all its branches, including the superannuation and missionary funds, and Sunday school work. The proceedings opened at 2 o'clock. Rev. J. R. Gundy was chosen chairman, and Rev. T. W. Blatchford, of Lambeth, secretary. To the roll call the following delegates answered:

Siloam—Rev. Mr. Ferguson and Mr. W. Pack.

Thornhill—Rev. J. G. Kerr and Mr. Patterson.

Dorchester—Rev. W. Quance and Mr. E. McCann.

Lambeth—Rev. J. W. Andrews, Rev. T. W. Blatchford, Mr. and Mrs. Poole, Mr. James Barrows, and Mr. John Kelly.

Westminster—Rev. R. J. Garbutt, Messrs. Joseph Howlett, J. M. Keyser, Bodkin, Samuel Hunt and Ezra Hunt.

Deinware—Mr. J. S. Campbell.

King Street Methodist—Rev. W. Rigby.

London West Methodist—Rev. B. Clement.

Hamilton Road Methodist—Rev. Joseph Ward.

Queen's Avenue—Miss Sanderson.

Dundas Street Center—Rev. W. H. Laird and Dr. Antiff.

Wellington Street—Mr. W. H. McCutcheon.

Richmond Street and Kensington Missions—Rev. S. McVitty.

Colborne Street—Mr. H. Pratt.

Centennial—Miss Ada Anderson, Miss Guest and Mr. Henry Watts.

Askin Street—Rev. T. Cullen, Mr. and Mrs. Griffith, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Messrs. W. Westcott, Baker, Cook, Kelly, Deacon and W. Geary.

The superannuation fund was discussed by Rev. W. S. Griffin, of Toronto. When a person enters the ministry that person was guaranteed at least \$300 a year for the support of himself and family. So it is with the superannuation fund; it guarantees to a minister who has worked and worn his system down to such a condition that he is unable to perform any further labor a yearly grant, for the raising of which some thought a tax was imposed. But what was a tax? The speaker did not know that there was anything wrong about a tax. The Lord had taxed the people in his days, and we belong to the old Abrahamian church. A tax in the modern sense is what all should consider. "I do not believe," said the speaker, "in taxing churches. I have a thousand reasons for taxing ministers and parsonages. Circuits should have some scheme of fixing the amounts to be received from each church by such a scheme a great deal of trouble would be averted, in that the amounts to be given each minister on the fund could be easily fixed. The number of ministers now on the fund is about 37, some of these having served till they were 60 years of age, while a good many had served a great deal longer. The beauty of the superannuation fund is that it supplies ministers in the prime of life and full of vigor. That is what the people of the present day want—no matter where you go you will find all congregations looking for young preachers. As a result of the Methodist Church supplying such men they lead all other denominations in numbers by about 100,000, and I will guarantee to say that in ten years that number will be doubled."

Rev. J. R. Gundy's name was connected with the sustenance fund. The object of the fund, according to Mr. Gundy's remarks, was to relieve those circuits having no claim upon the mission fund of the church, in which circuits the salaries of the ministers were not adequate for their support, and to make some appropriation in such cases as may be decided at the conference. Another object was to raise the salary of the pastors from \$650 to \$750 if possible. The amount raised last year in this circuit was not very large, and this was divided into a number of circuits. The minimum amount of a minister's salary was stated in the constitution as \$650, and a claim from a circuit would not be considered if the sum had reached that amount.

One of the delegates then asked the chairman if he did not think \$650 a sufficient salary for a minister to live upon. Workingmen all over the country having large families were living on less than this—some, in fact, on a great deal less.

To this query Rev. Dr. Antiff replied in a very impressive manner. He said that his door bell rang three or four times a day, the callers being persons asking for help. "I have never," said Dr. Antiff, "turned anyone away in a case where I think assistance is required. My experience is a living one in my ministry—the larger salary I receive the more I give away and the less I have. I make a point of giving away at least one-tenth of my salary every year for various charitable causes. Should not the ministers have the pleasure of helping those who are in need? Of course they should. It is their duty and I would not be in favor of keeping the minister down to a certain line. He is and always was to person to whom people would apply, and to comply with the requests a minister cannot live on \$500. Do not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. Give the ministers a good salary, and I am prepared to say that they will not hard it up."

Monday Evening.

The evening session of the church workers was more largely attended than the afternoon, and the enthusiasm displayed was accordingly greater. The choir assisted in the service by singing several antiphons in a very satisfactory manner. In the absence of Rev. J. R. Gundy, who was attending the anniversary of the Wellington Street Church, Rev. Thomas Cullen occupied the chair.

Rev. J. H. Laird and Joseph Ward spoke on "The relation of the class meeting to the spiritual life of the people." Both speakers considered it a means of grace, and spoke of the spiritual helpfulness of the class meetings to their lives and the opportunities afforded to the members of the church to bring others to Christ.

Mr. Jas. Barrows, of Lambeth, followed Mr. Ward, taking as his subject "How to promote a revival." Mr. Barrows pre-

sented his views in a clear manner, and gave as a definition of the word "revival" a condition of the soul when it is brought into contact with God, which contact produces a hatred of sin and a love of the Lord. No other church work was so important as this, saying, as it did, from a life here and an eternal consequence. The power to conduct such a revival was only to be obtained through earnest, believing prayer.

Rev. Dr. Antiff was the next speaker on the subject of revival, and his remarks were listened to with an intense interest. He said that Methodism was born in a revival of religion, and has been maintained through such a course, and if the church lost the power of the revival it might be written upon it. There had been times of great revival in the history of the Methodist Church. Revival implies the bringing back of life where it had partially departed. The reverend gentleman gave his experience in connection with a charge in Sheffield, England, ago. No souls were being saved, and finally the members were asked to remain after the service one Sunday night. A covenant was entered into, by which the members agreed to pray for a revival of the work, and for six months afterward converts were gained every week.

The last topic of the evening was "Consecration in its relation to the prosperity of the church." Mr. Ezra Hunt, of Lambeth, was the first speaker on this subject. He believed that every consecrated church is a prosperous church, but whether every prosperous church was a consecrated church was a question which he did not wish to discuss. Several views were given as to what constituted a prosperous church. A certain class of people would call a successful church one which had a large attendance and in which the minor offices were filled with active persons. Others would call a prosperous church one in which were women's missionary societies, ladies' aid, a Christian Endeavor, Band of Hope, and all societies belonging to the Methodist body. Any church having all these societies holds a good position, but the speaker held that a church may be in such a position and still lack the power which comes from on high, that power which increases love and saves souls. The prosperity of a church can only be estimated by the number of souls saved and by the number of persons influenced to consecrate their lives to the work of the Master. If the church was consecrated to a proper degree there would soon be enough gold on the altar to send the Bible into every part of the world.

Rev. T. W. Blatchford, of Lambeth, also discussed the subject of consecration, endorsing the views expressed by Mr. Hunt.

In Support of Prohibition.

GRAVENHURST, Dec. 11.—On Friday the Women's Christian Temperance Union held an "at home." The president, Mrs. J. P. Cockburn, received the guests. During the evening Mrs. McKee, of Barter's district president, delivered an eloquent and effective address, after which the following resolution was carried unanimously:

"Whereas an expression of public conviction has been solicited by the Ontario Legislature on the subject of the prohibition of the liquor traffic, and it has always been the policy of the temperance advocates to seek light on every phase of this important subject, the meeting held with delight the opportunity given to the electors to record their convictions independent of all political or other embarrassment whatever."

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