

Bird Notes

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The Millwaith Ornithological Club

One of the conspicuous birds that has recently arrived is the Brown Thrasher, and he is all too little appreciated. Travelers rave about the singing of the Mocking Bird, but if those same people were within hearing of one of our Canadian Brown Thrashers in full song they would not be able to tell which was which. The bird inhabits scrubby districts with brush heaps or other cover for the nest, and from a tree-top the male pours out his soul in music. My own opinion is that our bird is not quite so much of a mimic as the Mocking, and that they may be distinguished in that way, but my experience is slight and founded on very little familiarity with the latter. But when the Thrasher mounts to the top of a tree and tells one what he knows, the listener cannot fail to be impressed with the idea that he says a lot. The song is unlike that of any other of our birds, with the single exception of the Catbird, and between the two there is not sufficient similarity to confuse the student. We call it music, and there is much of music in it, though one is forced to admit that the screeches and scolds are not very musical. Such a hodge-podge of song is rare enough to command attention, and there are those who enjoy listening to the Thrasher better than to any other bird. Like several others, the Thrasher, often called the Brown Thrush, which he is not, arrives here with his song partially learnt. Most of our birds drop their song during the winter, if not earlier, and when spring comes they must pick it up again, and very often the breeding season is nearly on us before he has it perfected. The less energetic bird student sees one advantage in the Thrasher's song—it may be heard from a car on the road without alighting. All one needs to do is to go on one of the less frequented roads and stop by a brushy field, and very often the Thrasher will be heard at no great distance. Thirteen inches long, half of him tail, and a song that reaches across lots.

W. E. SAUNDERS.

WESTERN FAIR EXECUTIVES
WILL MEET COMMISSIONER

J. H. Saunders, president of the Western Fair Association, will leave London tonight for Toronto, where they will attend a conference of representatives of the province called by the live stock commissioner at Ottawa for Friday at 10 o'clock. The meeting, which is one of a



LITERARY LEADERS IN NORMAL SCHOOL.

The Normal School has always given prominence to its literary activities. This year the literary executive is fully up to the standard of any that have preceded it. Here is the group as photographed by the



EMBRYO EDITORS AT NORMAL.

The ladies and gentlemen who edit the "Advertiser," which is prepared and read at the weekly meetings of the Normal School Literary Society, were

ken, G. Wilson, H. Scarsbrooke, E. Walker, E. Mitchell, V. Cooper. Third Row—A. G. McCall, J. Perdue, W. Charlton, M. McFadden, M. McVean, W. C. Hildred. Back Row—W. H. Heston, J. Wilis, E. Lusty, C. Macdonald.

ONTARIO LIBERALS VOTE
AGAINST JOINING DRURY

Convention in Toronto Yesterday Decides To Run a Candidate in Every Riding—Wellington Hay Says Liberals Are Out to Fight Election to the End.

ADDRESSES LARGE GATHERING AT BANQUET

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, April 25.—Official Ontario Liberalism apart from the elected members of the Legislature decided emphatically yesterday to "stand on its own pins" in the approaching provincial elections. The executive of the Ontario Liberal Association in the morning passed a resolution recommending that the Liberals run a candidate in every riding. This afternoon the Liberal Club Federation of Ontario passed a resolution "that in order to establish and maintain a stable and progressive form of government in Ontario, it is necessary for all like-minded citizens to unite with the Liberals in returning to power a Liberal Government." Previous to this resolution being adopted, E. Fielding of Toronto rose to speak, advocating that the Liberals join with Premier Drury. He got no further than a few sentences before he was howled down. As a result the resolution passed unanimously. At the meeting of the Liberal Club Federation, Senator A. C. Hardy gave some explanation of his letter addressed to J. A. Currie, M. L. A., but which was intended for J. W. Currie. He said that he had no apology to offer, and that if anyone doubted his Liberalism after his own record and that of his family, that he was prepared to welcome their doubts. "It was a most informal letter. It represented no official opinion," he said. "I never discussed with any of the Liberal leaders the proposition

of amalgamation. I had in Ottawa an informal call from J. W. Currie and the letter followed. This morning the executive of the Liberal Association was good enough to insist that I remain as president for the full period of my term.

Favors Alternative Vote.

The reading of the letter, he said, showed the nature of the following behind G. Howard Ferguson, Senator Hardy said that the present cabinet was no credit to Mr. Drury and that Mr. Hay would be the next prime minister because he had earned the respect of all Ontario.

The federation passed resolutions favoring the alternative vote in ridings where two or more candidates offered themselves for election; that representation by population should be observed with a due regard for county boundaries and that redistribution measures should not be brought down during the dying years of a parliament but during the first session following a census; that proportional representation should be the method of election and should be tried out by grouping certain ridings. Another resolution stated that the Liberals were supporters and believers in the generation and transmission of hydro-electric power, and wished to extend the benefits thereof, resolved that the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission be instructed to report forthwith upon the plans for the development of the St. Lawrence with the governments of Canada and

All the Theatres

ALLEN'S
THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY—Jackie Coogan in "Daddy."

GRAND
TUESDAY, FOR 5 DAYS—Douglass Fairbanks in "Robin Hood."

LOEW'S
THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY—"The Sign of the Cross" in "Bella Donna"; vaudeville.

MAJESTIC
GLADDE PLAYERS.

PATRICIA
THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY—Chas. Jones in "Boss of Camp Four."

The United States. The resolution asserted provincial rights to waters within the province not wanted for navigation. Another resolution demanded that hydro municipalities have better and adequate representation upon the hydro commission. Another resolution more equitable hydro power rates in Ontario. Other resolutions favored greater educational advantages and the creation of a bureau of agricultural scientific research, better marketing facilities for farm products and the teaching of more practical agriculture in educational institutions.

Officers Are Elected.
The federation elected the following officers: Honorary presidents, Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King and Wellington Hay; president, W. K. Murphy, Toronto; vice-presidents, L. M. Patterson, Fort William, Col. E. D. O'Flynn, Belleville, Russell Trevelyan, Hamilton, Dr. J. M. Rogers, Ingersoll; secretary, J. D. Peck, Toronto; treasurer, D. W. Lang, Toronto; executive, Gordon Conant, former president, Ontario Liberal Association, Hamilton; J. H. Currie, K.K.M.L.A., Hamilton, that Liberal candidates be nominated in every riding. Speeches were made by Wellington Hay, Liberal leader, J. H. Currie, K.K.M.L.A., and Major J. C. Tolmie, M.L.A.

Speaking last night at a banquet of representative Ontario Liberals under the auspices of the Ontario Liberal Club Federation, Wellington Hay made declarations that will be the underlying principles of the Liberal campaign in the provincial elections. These were generalities but they deny any Liberal affiliations with the announcement that the Liberals would run a candidate wherever possible, constitute an ultimatum that the Liberal party is out for war to win.

Permits No Compromise.

"Liberalism, tested and tried, permits of no party compromises, no hyphenates, no fusions aimed solely at the gaining of or retention of office," said Mr. Hay. "Liberalism in Ontario as an entity must keep step with the times, must progress as it has done down the years, always imbued with the ideal that the people are sovereign, that the government is responsible to the people."

We as Liberals have ever been

unflinchingly and positively opposed to class or occupational government. Our view has been that no class or occupation, or combination of two classes can legislate wisely and efficiently for a people as a whole. We believe in party government as the best yet devised by human brains. The Liberal party embraces all occupations and Liberal principles are comprehensive enough, and tolerant enough to take care of all classes, making Liberal government a reflection of the people, not a portion of the people. With this in view the Liberal party has helped in the enactment of useful legislation and had also criticized.

Mr. Hay paid a tribute to H. H. Dewar as the man who was more responsible for the overthrow of the Harts Government in Ontario than any other. He exhorted his audience to have candidates in every riding worthy of the Liberal cause. He promised that the Liberal party would have cabinet ministers who would be responsible, instead of passing responsibility. He said the Liberals supported public ownership, having been the pioneers of it in Ontario. He thought that the municipalities should have more voice on the hydro power commission, and that Eastern and Northern Ontario should have a greater development of their water powers.

Resolved to Dominate.

"We will not fall short of 50 Liberals in the next Legislature, which means domination, and we will probably have a majority. We are prepared at least to dominate the government of the next four years. We ought to have had redistribution." Hon. Ernest Lapointe did not mention provincial issues, preferring, as he said, to deal only with national issues. Liberalism, he declared, was not an association of men and women to reach a goal, but a creed, a doctrine, and an attitude of mind which challenged the enemy of obstruction and destruction. It was a pride of Liberals to respond respectfully opinion, as freedom of mind and speech were its cardinal principles, for in the long run, truth would always prevail.

Mr. Lapointe made a plea for unity

east and west, appealing for a larger measure of fair play. He declared that men who advocated separation of east and west were enemies of confederation. It was for Liberalism to continue the great policy of unity and toleration that made for harmony and progress. Class, continued Mr. Lapointe, should be expelled from political vocabulary, because a nation was as wide as human nature and as deep as human need. The best way to prevent groups was to take away the necessity for groups. Liberalism could do it if it was faithful to the traditions of Brown, Blake, Dorrie and Laurier. It was, therefore, up to Liberalism to remain true, for "Toryism is powerless when it unmask itself and Liberalism is undefeated when it defends itself."

Among the other speakers were women and men prominent in Ontario Liberal circles. Several hundred were present at the banquet.

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