RUSSIA MAY FIGHT GT. BRITAIN OVER CURZON'S NOTE

DECLARES RUSSIA MAY GO TO WAR WITH GT. BRITAIN

Soviet Official States Curzon's Ultimatum Cannot Be Accepted.

SPEED UP WORK

Lausanne Conference Delegates Warned That Something Must Be Done.

Associated Press Despatch.

Moscow, May 12.—The Soviet government does not desire a break with Great Britain and is willing to confer with that country; but it cannot accept such an ultimatum as that contained in Lord Curzon's recent note, said M. Ganetsky, deputy minister of foreign affairs, in speech delivered at a meeting here yesterday.

The meeting passed a resolution protesting against the British note and declaring that Russia is ready, if necessary to meet with armed force any nation which endeavors to infringe upon its independence.

DELEGATES ARE WARNED.

Lausanne, May 11.—The Vorovsky tragedy has acted as a warning to the delegates in the near east conference that the conference is dragging out too long and that the delay is paving the way for new complications, instead of tending toward peace.

The announced coming to Lausanne of M. Alexandreris, the Greek minister of foreign affairs, in a day or two, to serve notice on the conference that it must get along with its work or Greece will make a separate peace with Turkey, has acted as a stimulant, and the word has gone forth that the experts' committees must be ready to report early next week. Everybody seems nervous and desirous that the conference finish its work before a political catastrophe follows last night's crime.

The Swiss Federal Council today issued a communique expressing indignation over the attack on the Russians, and regretting especially that it occurred at the seat of a peace conference. The council has decided to express its sympathy to the families of the victims of last night's shooting, but it voted not to change its attitude towards Soviet Russia and continue to ignore officially the existence of the Soviet government.

Fears are expressed here over the safety of a delegation of Swiss watchmakers in Moscow to reopen the watch trade with Russia. Members of the Soviet group here are said to have threatened reprisals against the Swiss.

The police department asserts that it never received any complaints from the Russians that a plot had been formed against M. Vorovsky, who was shot and killed in the Hotel Cecil dining-room by Maurice Alexander Conradi. It was recalled by the department today that the Russians came incognito to the first conference, and that even Georges Tchitcherin, the Bolshevist minister of foreign affairs, arrived unannounced.

WILL DEPORT ALL WHO URGE ASSASSINATION

Bill To Amend Immigration Act Passes In House of Commons.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, May 12.—The bill to amend the immigration act was taken up in committee by the House of Commons shortly before 6 o'clock. There was some discussion of a clause which provides for the deportation of an alien who advocates the assassination of an official of the government. Right Hon. Arthur Meighen said the minister had failed to protect himself. "The alien must not advocate the assassination of an official of the government, but evidently he is permitted to advocate assassination of members of the government," Mr. Meighen remarked.

"Sometimes they may deserve it," remarked S. W. Jacobs.

Mr. Meighen asked why it should not be amended so as to provide for the deportation of an alien who advocated assassination.

A. R. McMaster: "It appears to me that assassination is undesirable in all cases and as applied to all persons."

Mr. Meighen moved an amendment making the advocacy of assassination of any person a cause for deportation.

The bill was put through the remaining stages and given third reading when the house resumed in the evening.

BOOTLEGGERS RESENT PRICES BEING BOOSTED

Illegal Vendors Can Only Grin When Man In Control Makes Increase.

Windsor, May 11.—Border City bootleggers are up in arms against the man who controls the sale of Canadian rye, raising the price to the bootlegging trade $10 per case. The reason for the increase is not given but a case of Canadian rye that sold for $38 to the blind-pigs and night clubs is now being sold at $48. The man who handles the liquor has the source of supply so well tied up that the rum-sellers have nothing to do but grin and bear it.

Federal officers of the United States government report that since the increase a large amount of liquor apparently bearing genuine Canadian labels and revenue stamps has been seized in Detroit, but in almost every case it is alcohol, colored with burnt sugar. An increase in the retail price is expected.

JOSEPH CRIDLAND,
member for South Norfolk in the late Drury administration, who in all probability will be selected as the U. F. O. candidate for the riding when the convention is held at Vittoria Saturday.

DOHERTY CHOSEN U.F.O. CANDIDATE FOR EAST KENT

Three Hundred Delegates Decide On Minister's Name As Only One For Nomination.

TELLS OF EFFORTS

Nominee Declares Kent Paid Government $95,000 and Received $600,000.

Special to The Advertiser.

Thamesville, May 12.—Hon. Manning Doherty, minister of agriculture in the late Drury government, was yesterday unanimously selected as U. F. O. candidate in the coming provincial election. Delegates to the number of nearly 300, who met here, were seemingly of the one mind to honor the man who has represented them during the past four years, that his should be the only name placed in nomination.

Long before Chairman John Gibson called the meeting to order the Ferguson opera house was filled to capacity and standing room was at a premium. Great interest in the election is being shown here, as in all probability there will be a fight, with the prospects at present of a three-cornered one.

In an address, which lasted nearly two hours, Doherty rendered an account of his stewardship as representative of East Kent in the Ontario House. He could not wish to represent another riding, when the electors here had given him unfailing courtesy, and shown him unbounded kindness. His stewardship should be judged as to whether he had brought honor or dishonor to the riding during his term of office, both in his actions and conduct. He hoped that when he passed out the people could say the least of him that he had always been a decent and honest fellow.

Worked For Province.

His work in the legislature had been for the people, not only of Kent, but for the whole province, the farmers and all other classes. Among his activities he wished to be judged from the work he had done in the raising of the British embargo on Canadian cattle, a work which no other minister of any government in the Dominion had accomplished.

The securing of a reduction of freight rates on cattle meant a saving of $500,000 to the farmers of Ontario, he declared.

Speaking of East Kent, Doherty asked if he had given faithful attention to the constituency, citing as an example, the purchase of the Southern Counties Experimental Farm at Ridgetown, which had been chosen by heads of the several branches of agricultural work in the Dominion.

Gives Government Record.

Doherty then gave an account of the work of the Drury Government since coming into power in 1919. He defied anyone to pick out any former four years during the term of any other government which has seen enacted more sane and helpful legislation than the Drury government for the benefit of the farmers or to the ordinary common people of the province.

On closing Mr. Doherty mentioned briefly the Hicks and Currie incidents during the dying days of the session, stating the bomb, which had been set for the former incident, had exploded backwards.

He thought that for common ordinary decency the Curry letter should have been handed over to its proper owner.

The chief criticism of the government had been on the spending of money. Mr. Doherty answered that the total expenditure last year has been $60,000 less than the year in which they took office. The money sent to the provincial treasurer from Kent had been $95,000, while the amount coming back to the county from the government had been over $600,000.

EAST LAMBTON LIBERALS PREPARE FOR CONVENTION

Special to The Advertiser.

Watford, May 12.—The Liberals of East Lambton are beginning to show signs of renewed activity in view of the approaching election. A convention of the Liberals of East Lambton will be held in the Lyceum, Watford, Friday next, May 18 at 2 p.m., for the purpose of selecting a candidate. Prominent Liberal leaders will be on hand to address the convention, particularly R. L. Brackin, M.L.A., for Kent, and Senator A. McCoig. Some of the local stalwarts consider that the Liberals have a splendid chance to redeem the constituency.

Next week will bring any amount of political excitement to this village, with the U. F. O. convention in Watford Tuesday, and the Liberal convention here, Friday.

ASKS ELECTION OF CANDIDATES FAVORING HYDRO

Ex-Mayor Mercer of Galt Indorses M. M. MacBride, Brantford Nominee.

GIVEN FINE OVATION

Present Member Seeks To Have Assailants Meet Him Openly.

Special to The Advertiser.

Brantford, May 11.—The first bomb in the local election campaign was thrown last night when 2,000 people attended the meeting held by M. M. MacBride, M.L.A., at which several speakers of prominence indorsed the Independent candidate as the representative of hydro.

Mayor Maguire, Toronto; Rev. Banks Nelson, Hamilton; T. Hannigan, Guelph, and ex-Mayor Mercer, Galt, were the speakers who indorsed Mr. MacBride.

Mayor Fred W. Billo, chairman, opened the meeting with a brief address, in which he placed his views on hydro and public ownership before the gathering. "If hydro cost twice as much," he stated, "it is worth while to the province. The country is on the verge of the greatest industrial prosperity in history.

"Elect those men who are friends of hydro," said ex-Mayor Mercer of Galt, the first speaker, who took up the cudgel on behalf of hydro. Mr. MacBride's career as a supporter of hydro, he stated, had been satisfactory. "Premier Drury is anti-hydro and public ownership, and influenced by the large money interests of the province who want the profits," he declared. "The appointment of commissions by the premier has not been satisfactory to the people, but only to the commissioners and lawyers. How much hydro would be used if Mr. Drury had been in power when hydro was first utilized? None, and yet it has saved more to the people. The people must be careful because the moneyed interests are at work to take it away from them. The representatives of the people should be those who supported public ownership on this vital question."

History of Hydro.

T. Hannigan, secretary of the Ontario Hydro Association, in opening his address, delved into the history of hydro from the time of its inception in Waterloo county in 1902. "In 1906 a commission was appointed to investigate and report the money being supplied by several municipalities," he asserted. "They were to be responsible for the financial end of it, and the present system sprang from this. Up to the present every obligation, interest and principal has been paid and there are no arrears." Mr. Hannigan described the habit of the Drury government in appointing commissions. Mr. MacBride had stood foursquare on hydro and had always fought in its behalf, he declared.

"Four years ago, in a moment of weakness, the people elected a government which had not given what was promised," he said. "Members of the Drury government had pledged themselves to hydro, but had not carried out their pledges. A deputation waited on Premier Drury at his own time, but had to deal with his subordinates. Mr. Drury had resented being spoken to by the people of Ontario.

"The present government always sidestepped the issue, throwing the onus on the private members. Outside commissions were appointed, but had not accomplished anything. This was done to create election propaganda by getting the views of private ownership individuals. There have been extravagant governments in the past, but they knew nothing about spending when compared with that of Mr. Drury.

"Remove the Drury government because it is a menace and a danger to the province," concluded Mr. Hannigan. "We need men that can be depended on as long as the hydro fight lasts and this will be as long as men have money endangered by its promotion. We need men like MacBride. Elect him!"

Supports MacBride.

Speaking in a humorous vein, Rev. Dr. Banks Nelson urged the people to support Mr. MacBride as a strong worker for hydro.

The farmers of this country were fortunate in that they were able to get hydro, even though the cost in some zones was much more than in others, owing to distance from the source," he stated. "The people are not ashamed of Premier Drury but he has made mistakes and got hold of the wrong end of the hydro question. He has become mixed up when millions were mentioned and has called on the wrong advisors. He should have gone to Sir Adam Beck."

At the close of Banks Nelson's address M. MacBride arose to speak. He was greeted with a storm of applause. "Let us have a clean and honorable campaign," he pleaded. Proceeding, Mr. MacBride told of the falsehoods which had been circulated in certain quarters reflecting on his character and integrity. If any citizen had been informed of these allegations the speaker invited one and all to come to him and refer to the charges. "All I want," he said, "is a chance to defend myself." Concluding his brief address Mr. MacBride said: "Any man who espouses the cause of the people will make powerful enemies."

FINDS HERBERT WILSON GUILTLESS OF PLOT

Authorities State Former Evangelist Not Connected With Wall Street Explosion.

Associated Press Despatch.

Washington, May 12.—Investigation at Los Angeles has convinced department of justice officials that Herbert Wilson, who is in jail on a murder charge, was not implicated in the Wall Street bomb conspiracy. William J. Burns, head of the department's investigation bureau, who recently made a trip to Los Angeles, said yesterday, however, that Wilson's story that he had made the bomb, had led him to believe the prisoner had sold the nitro-glycerine used in the instrument without knowledge of the use to which it was to be put.

OUT ON A HONEYMOON STROLL.
First photograph of the Duke and Duchess of York on their honeymoon They are shown strolling in the woods at Polesden Lacy, England.

South Grey Conservative Nominee Accepts Honor But As Independent

Special to The Advertiser.

Durham, May 12. — Dr. David Jamieson, ex-speaker of the local house, was the unanimous choice of South Grey Conservatives at their convention yesterday afternoon. There were about 120 men and 20 ladies present and little enthusiasm was manifested. The doctor said he was not anxious to enter another contest, but so urgent were his friends, he consented.

"I intend to be to some extent independent if elected," he stated, "and if you accept me as an Independent Conservative I will give it another trial."

The only other speaker was Francis H. Stewart of Toronto, who, with the candidate, strongly criticized the Drury government for the enormous increase in public debt, the squandering of money on good roads, the spending of over a million dollars in legal fees, the useless costs incurred in hydro and hydro-radials commissions, and the injustices of the O. T. A. The Liberal convention, postponed yesterday, owing to unfavorable weather, will be held May 25th.

JUDGE OF STRATFORD JUVENILE COURT DIES

City and County Mourn Loss of James Torrance, Former Customs Collector.

Special to The Advertiser.

Stratford, May 12.—Stratford and Perth County mourn the loss of an honored and esteemed resident in the person of James Torrance, ex-M.P.P., and for some years collector of customs. He was in his 69th year. Few enjoyed the popularity Mr. Torrance had. Born in Spencerville, he was for over 60 years a resident of Milverton.

Thirteen years he spent teaching in Mornington and Milverton, later purchasing a drug business, which he operated for 16 years, and acting as village postmaster. In 1898 he was elected warden of Perth. In 1904 he resigned as postmaster to accept the Conservative nomination for the provincial house. He was elected and represented the riding until he retired in 1916.

On resigning as member, Mr. Torrance moved to Stratford, and on July 1 of the same year was appointed collector of customs. Early in the year it was decided to establish a juvenile court here and Mr. Torrance was appointed judge. Since that time he presided over 405 cases, acting without remuneration.

Mrs. Torrance, one son, Egerton, and one daughter, Mrs. F. Donegani of St. John, and four brothers, Andrew of Listowel, Adam of Mornington, and David and Robert of Eloise, Sask., survive.

REVEAL VICIOUS BAND OF LETTER WRITERS

New York District Attorney's Officers Find Clubmen Caused Deaths, Scandals.

Associated Press Despatch.

New York, May 11.—Existence in this city of a vicious band of well-to-do clubmen, who have specialized for years in sending to wealthy and socially prominent persons scurrilous letters attacking their relatives and friends, was disclosed today by District Attorney Banton, after news of the indictment of George Maxwell, president of the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers, had leaked out.

Activities of the band, Mr. Banton declared, have resulted in one or more suicides, the disruption of at least nine homes and the incarceration in private insane asylums or the banishment of several persons whose families were misled by the circumstantial nature of the stories concerning them.

The district attorney's office already has obtained possession of 157 of the scurrilous letters and more than 100 persons have been questioned by the grand jury which indicted Maxwell, and which still is being held for further developments. A number of witnesses whose stories Mr. Banton was eager to lay before the grand jury, have departed for the Bermudas and other foreign places, unwilling to face the publicity their connection with the case would be sure to bring.

ASKS SUIT OF BELGIAN GIRL AT TORONTO END

Lawyer For Doctor's Son In Breach of Promise Case Seeks Non-Suit.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, May 11.—At today's hearing in the retrial of the breach of promise action in which Mariette Van Hoorde, daughter of a Belgian dentist, is suing Walter Woods McKeown, son of a Toronto doctor, for damages, Mr. McKeown's lawyer moved for judgment of non-suit. He did so on the ground that Dr. McKeown, father of the defendant, had not given his consent to the marriage and that the promise had been, by the plaintiff's own admission, that the defendant would marry her when he had made enough to support her.

Miss Van Hoorde's lawyer contended that there was no evidence that the defendant had failed in his Cambridge examinations and that his later conduct evidenced an intention not to marry Miss Van Hoorde under any circumstances.

Dr. McKeown, father of the defendant, was the first witness. Under examination he stated that the first mention of marriage made to him by his son was in a letter which might have been written in 1920.

"Was he in a position to marry?"

"He hadn't a cent."

"What reply did you make?"

"I suppose I told him not to be a fool. I didn't take it seriously."

INVITES EVERY CLASS TO DINNER FOR PRINCE

Lady Astor Gives Brilliant Reception Which Labor

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Special to The Advertiser.

London, May 11.—Viscountess Lady Astor gave a dinner and reception at their London residence tonight, "to meet the Prince of Wales." It was a very representative gathering, there being guests from the realms of the church, parliament, journalism, art, literature, diplomacy and law. A number of Labor members of the House of Commons were invited, and some of them attended with their wives.

The 50 guests for dinner included the Earl of Balfour, the Duke and Duchess of Sutherland, Viscount Haldane, the Bishop of London, Stanley Baldwin and Mrs. Baldwin, Lieut.-Col. Amery and Mrs. Amery, Sir Edward Grigg and Mrs. Grigg, and many members of the House of Commons.

The Labor members included Arthur Henderson, Vernon Hartshorn and Will Thorne.

Robert Clynes, with his wife and daughter, and James Henry Thomas and his wife, were among the 500 guests at the reception.

FUNERAL TODAY.

Edward Copeland, the 21-year-old South London youth who in a fit of despondency Thursday afternoon hanged himself with an electric light cord to his bedroom door, will be buried this afternoon from Killingsworth's undertaking parlors to Woodland Cemetery. The services will be in charge of John Kumpf, International Bible Student.

"Crossing the Bar" With Real Beer Costs Sandwich Man $1,000 In Fine

Special to The Advertiser.

Windsor, May 12.—A fine of $1,000 and costs was imposed by Magistrate Gundy, when Ben Williams, of Sandwich, pleaded guilty in police court yesterday to keeping liquor for sale in the Dominion House at Sandwich.

Counsel for Harry Sands, proprietor of the hotel, said Sands could not appear as he was ill, and M. N. Mousseau, license inspector, agreed to withdraw the charge against Sands and file a similar complaint against Williams.

Williams pleaded guilty to ownership of several kegs of beer to which were attached taps in the bar that could be turned off by an electrical contrivance.

The Dominion house was raided last week by Provincial police. Six convictions have been obtained against proprietors of the hotel in the last six months for breaches of the Ontario Temperance Act, according to the police.

GRAHAM SENSES RETURN TO PARTY RULE TO ONTARIO

Stirs South Essex In Speech, When William B. Clifford Chosen By Liberals.

HAY RAPS FERGUSON

Declares Province Doesn't Need Curry Type Who Read Others' Letters.

Special to The Advertiser by a Staff Reporter.

Kingsville, May 12.—A battery of brilliant Liberal orators turned their guns with telling consequences in the general direction of the Drury administration during the big nomination rally here yesterday.

William B. Clifford, reeve of Gosfield South, was chosen by a record convention, to carry the fiery torch of Liberalism through the south riding of Essex, winning this signal honor from Reeve W. H. Ferris of Colchester South, the only other of the ten nominees to allow his name to go before the session.

With even renewed vigor and directness, Wellington Hay, leader of the Ontario Liberals, challenged the record of the government of the day, ably assisted by such competent administrators as Hon. George P. Graham, M.P., for South Essex, and newly-created minister of railways and canals; Major J. C. Tolmie, M. P.P., for Windsor; Albert E. Healy, M.P., Windsor; Mayor J. W. Bowie of this municipality; Lambert P. Wigle, ex-M.P.P., and a host of others.

No riding of Ontario, with the possible exception of historic South Oxford, has given more men to public achievement or to the Liberal cause than the south riding of Essex, and in no section of the province of Ontario is such loyalty and enthusiasm registered for Wellington Hay and his followers, as was demonstrated here today.

Senses U. F. O. Defeat.

Sensing the utter rout of the United Farmer movement at the coming contest, Hon. George P. Graham (the "Old War Horse," as he was dubbed by his local admirers) predicted that the next election would witness the return of party government rule to the good old Province of Ontario.

"I am a party man. I believe in party government," asserted the minister of railways, "and while we may pretend that there has been a new division in the province that is found to dislike the party movement, it is not so. That division is still a party, and we find now three parties struggling in the legislature."

"One striking point of argument by the U. F. O. was their objection to the party caucus, and they included this protest in their platform, and now we find the U. F. O. staging their own caucuses and voting more or less in a body generally."

"But a change is coming again in this province. The old line party system is coming back when it was diamond cut diamond and a flint strikes steel, and the country benefited as a whole."

Hay Raps Expenditure.

The minister o frailways declined naturally to discuss federal affairs from a provincial platform, commenting but briefly upon the situation at Ottawa. "The King government is making remarkable progress," he related, "despite its great handicap, little finances, no majority and less patronage."

In his characteristic aggressive manner, Wellington Hay denounced the lavish and continued expenditures of the Drury government, stressing the great need for a re-audit of the books and accounts of the province of Ontario in order that the people might know the definite extent of their liabilities and when and how they expected to liquidate the same.

The Liberal leader scored the Drury administration for failure to re-cast the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission immediately upon assuming the reins of office in 1919, in order that the municipalities called upon to shoulder the financial burden would be adequately represented on a commission that directs all operations in connection with the Chippewa Canal and other hydro enterprises.

Mr. Hay did not doubt for an instant the prediction that these ventures would prove real assets to the people of Ontario in the years to come, but he did reason that every precaution should be exercised that no money should be wasted or time exploited for naught. The leader of the Ontario Liberals predicted that Premier Drury would be soon journeying down through the byways and highways and shouting from the hustings that he had saved the people an expenditure of millions because his administration had refused to indorse the bonds for hydro radials.

Saved Province Nothing.

Wellington Hay challenges the premier of Ontario in this instance, in that he had saved the province nothing and flays his record in his most scathing manner because it fails to reveal where he took any action to make it "comfortable" for those municipalities who desired to embark upon hydro radial developments at their own initiative and liability and without the initial commendation of the province.

"Premier Drury did not indorse the hydro radial proposals for two reasons," declared the leader emphatically. "First, because I claim that he had no right and, secondly, because the government had assumed control of the G.T.R. and other corporations."

In general terms Mr. Hay criticized every department of the Drury regime, alleging continued and lavish expenditures, and the people, he declared, have been too prone to accept these big liabilities without question, seeking no information as to when or how they proposed to overcome the debts.

In his concluding remarks the Liberal leader prophesied that the day would come when the urban communities would stop running to the government for the many grants for hospitals, educational institutions and the like.

Must Pay Experts.

The time is inevitable, he announced, when the cities and towns will get away from the centralization of money expenditure, he pronounced, "Who knows better than the people locally what they want and not have to be running down to the government all the time, after which the official inspectors come down from Toronto?"

"The government has to collect the money from you in the finish and you have to pay for these expensive technical experts sent from the capital who know nothing about economy and who would attempt to erect institutions in your towns that would justify construction in the larger cities."

"There is no division of thought among the Liberals in the legislature," declared Major Tolmie during the course of an address that aroused the fervor of his audience even as much as the stirring messages from the Liberal chieftain and his colleagues.

"That report is all tommyrot," he continued, "I find a solid sentiment not only among the Liberal members but throughout the countryside for Wellington Hay and his party."

"I don't believe that the country is calling for Howard Ferguson or his chief lieutenant, Col. Currie, who had the audacity to stand in a house among honorable gentlemen and read another man's letter. I don't think that they are the type of men that Ontario needs at this time.

Liberal Looks Forward.

"The Liberal is as ever looking forward. The real Conservative must be a man with eyes in the back of his head as the Tory party is forever looking back and pondering upon what has passed. They advocate the policy, 'leave well enough alone,' while the Liberals say 'No.' There is such a thing as noble discontent.'"

Major Tolmie sketched briefly but quite effectively the Liberal record in the last house, showing that as a party, and individually, they had always supported Premier Drury in any movement for the general betterment of mankind. He cited the mothers' pension scheme, amendments of the workmen's compensation act, the girls' minimum wage law and many other acts of social betterment. He left the question of finances to be satisfactorily handled by his leader and the other speakers.

Lambert Wigle, ex-M.P.P., spoke briefly but with a keen knowledge of the provincial situation. He commented upon the retirement of Milton Fox, his former adversary, and sitting member for this riding, stating that such action must be prompted from one of two reasons or both He was ashamed of his own record or the record of the Drury government.

Other Names Submitted.

Others, who were nominated, but subsequently withdrew, were W. H. Ferris, reeve, of Colchester South; John A. Campbell, Mersea Township; Dr. J. W. Bowie, mayor of Kingsville; Lambert P. Wigle, ex-M.L.A., Kingsville; Charles Clark, Harrow; Mrs. William Link, Leamington; John Coghill, Kingsville; D. J. Parker, Leamington; and N. B. Buckland of Cottam.

Mr. Buckland also proved a very capable chairman. Without exception the several nominees delivered spirited addresses, and it was W. H. Ferris who moved that Mr. Clifford's nomination be considered unanimous.

The biggest Liberal meeting of a public nature in this district is expected in Ford City tomorrow afternoon. Both Wellington Hay and Hon. George Graham will remain over for tomorrow's onslaught upon the enemy forces.

LISTOWEL SUNDAY SCHOOL SELECTS 1923 OFFICERS

Special to The Advertiser.

Listowel, May 11.—The local Methodist Sunday School has elected the following officers for the coming term: Superintendent, C. V. Blachford; associate superintendents, J. C. McDonald, and A. W. Zurbrigg; secretary-treasurer, R. A. Seaman; assistants, J. A. Barber, W. W. Karges; pianist, Mrs. E. D. Bennett; assistants, Harry Rheim and Lola Fair; leader of orchestra, Thos. Dempsey; superintendent of cradle roll, Mr. Edwards; assistant, Mrs. M. R. Hay; auditors, Simon Squire, Carl Gabel; teachers, Mrs. J. Hunt, Mrs. T. J. Smith, Capt. Edwards, M. R. Hay, Miss A. Purcell, Mrs. E. D. Bennett, Mrs. J. C. McDonald, Miss M. C. Johnstone, Mrs. E. W. Edwards, J. P. Walter, Mrs. A. R. Seaman, Miss S. Cooper, Mrs. G. C. Fothergill, Miss E. Ogam, J. C. McDonald, Mrs. Wm. Spence, Miss P. Vines, Ed. Stewart, Mabel Rehon, Marguerite McDonald, Lola Fair and Mrs. Henry Young.

H. H. DEWART TO ADDRESS LIBERALS OF WATERLOO

Special to The Advertiser.

Kitchener, May 12.—Political sages of Waterloo are displaying tense interest in the convention of the Independent Liberal Association of North Waterloo, which will be called to order by President J. A. Scellan at the Waterloo town hall today. The sitting member in the legislature is a Liberal and is seeking renomination with E. O. Weber looming in opposition. Largely upon the outcome of the convention depends the action of the U.F.O., Labor and Conservatives. The principal speaker will be H. H. Dewart.

T. P. O'CONNOR,
Irish M.P. for the Scotland Division of Liverpool, will be honored by the British House of Commons on his 75th birthday on May 15. He is the "father" of the House, having held his seat since 1880.

DR. DUNCOMBE IS LIBERALS' CHOICE IN NORTH NORFOLK

Declares U. F. O. Ministers Incompetent and Government Ridden With Commissions.

DEWART SEES WIN

States Party Favors Agricultural Investigation To Remedy Farmers' Grievances.

Special to The Advertiser.

Simcoe, May 12.—The triumphant return of Liberalism to a new lease of life was the keynote of an intensely enthusiastic gathering of North Norfolk Liberals here yesterday, when Dr. O. H. Duncombe, V.S., prominent citizen of Waterford and popular president of the North Norfolk Liberal Association, was unanimously picked as the Liberal standard-bearer to contest this riding in the June elections.

In accepting the nomination, Dr. Duncombe in ringing tones asserted: "I was born a Liberal and could not be anything else, and my uncle, Dr. Charles Duncombe, was a member of the William Lyon MacKenzie government, which, in 1837, repudiated the family compact and inaugurated responsible government." Dr. Duncombe denounced the U.F.O. government as an aggregation of reckless spendthrifts, totally devoid of ability and intelligence. "We want a responsible government," he stated, and not the class legislation of the U.F.O. regime. In his opinion, Mr. Drury was a clever man, but his ministers were grossly incompetent. The government was ridden to death by commissions, and in fact, the Drury administration never should have existed.

Dr. Duncombe promised to exert his utmost efforts to carry Wellington Hay and the Liberal party to victory, and predicted that with the energetic support of North Norfolk Liberals and discontented U.F.O. supporters, his party would sweep the riding. The Liberal candidate is an able, ready speaker and his convincing assertions elicited rounds of applause.

Would Aid Agriculture.

Hon. Hartley Dewart, K.C. was delighted at the opportunity of addressing Liberals of Norfolk County, a land rich in tradition and possessing marvelous natural resources. The Ryersons, Mabees, Charltons and Duncombes were men who have played an integral part in molding the life of Ontario. They were men of character and vision, claimed Mr. Dewart, and the present candidate, Dr. O. H. Duncombe, is a worthy successor to such familiar names as Dr. Chas. Duncombe, Dr. John Rolph and Hon. John Charlton. He predicted the election of the Liberal selection would constitute a great service to agriculture in Ontario. Mr. Dewart launched into a discussion of the political situation in Ontario during the past four years. The Liberal party were responsible for the collapse of the Hearst-Ferguson autocrats in 1919, a verdict which still holds good.

The Farmers' party came in on a tidal wave, borrowed the Liberal platform in its entirety and after horribly mutilating it, neglected to return it. "We give the U. F. O. unappreciated consideration. We endeavored to support them in giving safe and sound legislation," said the speaker. "Now they think they own the province." The present government had broken all their pledges not only their promises to retrench and to abolish the hateful party patronage. Never a party handled Ontario's finances so extravagantly as has the U. F. O. Every possible avenue of extraction has been employed and consequently taxation has broken even the high records of the Whitney administration. Peter Smith's surplus was contrived by a despicable trick of bookkeeping, the expense account having been closed on October 31st, while nearly $800,000, along with the succession duties on the Sir John Eaton estate, totalling $1,600,000, secured through concessions, and which should have swelled the revenues of the current year, was adroitly added to the receipts side of the ledger, after October 31st, in order to provide Peter Smith with a surplus of $1,064,000, whereas a deficit of about one million and a half dollars should have been recorded.

Blames Commissions Cost.

In spite of new avenues of income, from race tracks, liquor dispensaries, moving picture shows and succession duties, the expenditure has steadily mounted from 21 millions in 1919 to more than 37 millions in the past year. In other words the increase within four years has been equal to that of the previous 15 years. Mr. Dewitt attributed this amazing example of extravagance to the tremendous cost of commissions.

"A medley of 26 expensive commissions, but not a single one for agriculture," was the Liberal lawyer's comment.

Due to prevailing conditions in the rural sections, the Liberal party was strongly in favor of an agricultural investigation to remedy the farmers' grievances. This is one plank in the Liberal platform.

No government ever shirked and avoided responsibility as has the U. F. O. When Premier Drury was chosen to form the government, the Liberal party offered to co-operate and assist, but the olive branch was rejected.

Mr. Dewart anticipated, in glowing terms, a grand revival of Liberalsim and the return of Wellington Hay, a real businessman, to lead the business Province of Ontario. The Liberal party for four years has been waging the battle against an autocratic party and it is an opportune time for their return to power. Mr. Dewart and the Liberal candidate were accorded a rousing ovation and the gathering dispersed with the feeling prevalent that Liberalism is about to regain its former status in North Norfolk.

CHAMBER CANVASSES.

Special to The Advertiser.

Petrolea, May 11.—The Chamber of Commerce staged its annual drive for membership here today. The drive opened at 9 o'clock with a parade of the members led by the Petrolea Citizens' band.

The canvassers report a big increase of membership.