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**DR. COWAN
IN THE FIELD**
Announces Himself as a Candidate in Opposition to J. K. McInnis and W. M. Martin in Regina Constituency.

On Saturday last Dr. W. D. Cowan announced himself as a candidate for this constituency for the House of Commons. He will run as an Independent Conservative. The announcement is contained in the following card—which appears in the daily press of the city:

To the Electors of the Federal Constituency of Regina.

Herewith I announce my candidature as an Independent Conservative for the Federal Constituency of Regina, at the election to be held shortly. The platform upon which I will appeal to you for support will be one which I believe to be in the interests of a producing community such as this one is. This I will announce in a more extended form in the near future.

Yours respectfully,
W. D. COWAN.

The doctor does not give any public reasons why he has taken this course. He was at the convention which nominated J. K. McInnis and was one of those who moved to make the nomination of Mr. McInnis unanimous. He has all along been a staunch advocate of the Borden platform. The West interviewed Dr. Cowan yesterday and he did not seem inclined to talk for publication further than to say that he would have more to say later on.

The West also called on J. K. McInnis on Monday. He could give no explanation of the action taken by Dr. Cowan. Mr. McInnis was not very communicative and did not want to give anything out to us for publication. What he had to say had and would appear in the Standard.

Both candidates assume an air of mystery, and we confess that we don't know where either of them is at and have concluded that the best interests of the Conservative party in this constituency would be best served by the holding of another convention.

**GUIDED BY
BASE ELEMENT**
Martin Burrell Says Laurier is Hanging on to and Being Dragged Down by Baser Element of Liberal Party.

At the Conservative convention in Victoria which was held recently, a speech which contains much good logic of interest was delivered by Mr. Martin Burrell, the Conservative candidate for Yale-Garibou. He is reported as follows by the Colonist: Having remarked that in spite of the very bad cold from which he was suffering, he was only too delighted to be present, he said that he was confident from what he had observed that instead of the province being disgraced by the present solid Liberal seven in the next parliament, this aggregation would be rendered, at the very worst a very fluid affair indeed. (Applause.)

Mr. Templeman had had the unique pleasure of being four times defeated in this city, (hear, hear and a voice: "And this will make the fifth") (cheers.)

Mr. Burrell: "And there was every reason for believing that on this occasion also the Minister of Inland Revenue would again be unsuccessful." (Cheers.)

Mr. Templeman asked why indeed should he be defeated, and then added that a splendid new dredge was being built. (Laughter) These gentlemen like other leaders of the Liberal party were simply fighting for party success and they never raised a single finger for the benefit of Canada, unless such action promised a distinct party advantage. (Hear, hear.)

The only plank in the famous platform of 1895 which had been carried out was the acceptance of provincial voters' lists, and had the Ayresworth bill passed this plank, too, would have been shattered. (Hear, hear.)

Having complimented Mr. Borden upon his able generalship during the past session, he entered upon a discussion of the G.T.Ry. Co. policy in 1904. Mr. Borden estimated the cost of this line would be 150 millions, against the then 13 million figures of the government, but the Hon. Mr. Gieseler now admitted that instead of \$13,000 a mile the eastern section would cost \$65,427 a mile. (Hear, hear.) And that instead of 10 millions this portion of the road alone would cost 114 millions. (Hear, hear.) The cash obligation in bonds would be at least 192 millions; on the government's own figures; while Mr. Borden made the total cost of the road 350 millions. (Hear, hear.) He then went on to say:

"In the history of all self governing countries there are times when the great questions to which I have been referring, the transportation and the educational issues, which in occasion divide us into hostile camps but there are other times in the history of every self-governing people when a different need, an altogether different cry, clear and strong rises above all frittering party politics, such as this: 'Is not Democracy itself in danger?'

"There are times when the actual life of the nation itself is in danger, and the question arises whether Democracy is a success or is it a failure if this kind of thing goes on! When some great crucial question comes up and then is the time when the electors ask, is this the fundamental vital question which is at stake, or is it some purely material thing?"

"I believe that the people of Canada at the present time realize that at this time and hour the fundamental and vital issue is not a purely material but a moral one; and it is this, gentlemen, whether the public lives of the public men of Canada are to be above reproach and are their characters to be above reproach, and whether the assets and affairs of this great country are to be exploited and administered in the interests of the few people who happen for the time being to hold the reins of power in the Dominion! For that, gentlemen, is the vital and overwhelming issue which is before the people of Canada today. (Hear, hear and loud cheers.) This gentlemen, the degrading state of affairs which we have witnessed is in a great measure Sir Wilfrid Laurier's work! (Hear, hear.) And is this the particular work which he is to be returned to power to finish? (Hear, hear.)

"The whole question of the public life of men who are governing Canada, as today vitally affects every man in this country, whether he has a vote or not. I do not wish to be misunderstood. I do not wish to take the stand that everything is rotten and corrupt, with them and that only among ourselves is to be found a proper standard in public life. For I

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TWO MEN LOSE LIVES
Overcome by Gas While Boring a Well—Wm. Ryan and His Assistant Lose Their Lives.

Another fatality in connection with a well, in which two lives were lost took place yesterday morning about 11 miles south of Regina on the farm of John Bolan.

The two men who lost their lives were Wm. Ryan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ryan of Regina and John Richardson, who came here some time ago from London, Ont., and has been assisting Mr. Ryan in his well boring operations, for the latter owns the well boring outfit and has been operating in the Regina district for the last couple of years.

At the well on the Bolan farm they had bored down about forty feet when they struck a rock. On Monday night they had used dynamite and on Tuesday morning Richardson was let down the well to see how things stood. It appears he was overcome with gas and Ryan went down to rescue him. A threshing gang nearby assisted. The precaution of tying himself with a rope was not taken, and when Ryan had secured Richardson and got him with in about twelve feet of the top he became exhausted and both men fell to the bottom, and before their bodies were taken out life was extinct. The word was brought to Regina early in the forenoon. Coroner Thomson was notified and went out, but decided that an inquest was not necessary. The remains were brought to Regina by Mr. George Speers, the undertaker. The remains of Ryan will be interred at Regina, but the body of Richardson will be sent to London for interment.

Hon. W. R. Scott, secretary of state, has resigned from the Dominion cabinet, owing to advancing years. He will be succeeded by Chas. Murphy, K.C., Irish Catholic of Ottawa.

It is expected that Dr. Neesley will resign his seat at Humboldt to make way for J. A. Calder, minister of education. Should Dr. Neesley resign, it will be with the understanding that he is to get the Liberal convention in the federal contest.

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I think that the many discords and divisions which rent our own party in 1894 probably justified the country in sending us out of power in that time and I will go still further. I do not desire to say that they are all unsound, that they have not men who are above reproach and whose characters are above suspicion, or that they have not passed a great many measures which have worked towards the good of the country at large, such as the establishment of the railway commission, while probably his usefulness can be extended, as Mr. Borden has suggested, through the appointment of a great utilities commission by which matters of this kind and of great importance can be administered in a very large way.

"There is the burning Oriental question, which they claim to have solved. There is the Japanese question, and the most fairminded man must be absolutely convinced that the Liberal government stand condemned by the people of British Columbia today on this very same Japanese question. (Cheers.) For they had it at one time in their power and you have only to turn up the pages of Hansard to find that this is perfectly true, not to accede to the treaty with Japan, unless certain stipulations and restrictions upon this class of immigration were inserted. They were approached and asked to put in that clause which would have saved us from Japanese immigration, and they deliberately turned it down. (Hear, hear.) And they now occupy this unfortunate position; they have trusted to the efforts of Sir Wilfrid

Laurier, of individual ministers and men to restrain the immigration which can legally come here at the present time from Japan, and we are absolutely in this respect at the mercy of that country (Hear, hear.) I give credit to the Liberal government for their policy in reference to Hindu immigration, and there are men in that party whose characters are above suspicion.

"I think that we are sometimes inclined to be too bitter against public men, and there are men like Mr. Flieiding, Mr. Fisher and Sir Wilfrid Laurier whose characters are above reproach, and from point of view of his private character we have some reasons to be proud of Sir Wilfrid Laurier; but we cannot at the same time for a moment forget—we must

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Political Notes

The recount in the Saskatoon county resulted in increasing Sutherland's majority by three.

Hon. R. P. Roblin, premier of Manitoba; is at present touring the maritime provinces with Hon. R. L. Borden.

J. T. Brown, the Liberal candidate for Qu'Appelle has returned from Chicago, where he has been consulting specialists about his health which is not very robust.

The Liberals of the federal constituency of Saskatoon will hold their

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convention at Saskatoon on September 22nd. It is expected that G. E. McCraney will be nominated.

The Conservative convention for the federal constituency of Prince Albert will be held in the city of Prince Albert on Sept. 17th.

Senator T. O. Davis will resign from the senate to contest Prince Albert in the Liberal interests. It is probable that Jas. McKay, K.C., will be the Conservative candidate.