

YORK COUNTY

ALEX. McCOWAN IS THE MAN FOR EAST YORK

Big Convention Was Unanimous For Him—A Notable Meeting—News Notes.

EAST TORONTO, Oct. 28.—(Special.)—It was a tremendous manifestation of confidence and affection which on Saturday afternoon in the Y.M.C.A. Hall in East Toronto tendered to Alex. McCowan the unanimous nomination of the East York Liberal Conservative Association, practically eliminating every other name, and greeted with a volley of cheers his acceptance. Probably never before in the history of this old and historic riding has such a meeting animated by a common purpose, been convened and carried to such a successful conclusion.

It was a mighty representative meeting, too, and gathered from every quarter of the big constituency they came, not a single sub-division unrepresented, and scores there were there who, while bearing no official mandate from their divisions, had a personal interest in the afternoon's events. As for the selection of delegates, this formally might just as well have gone by default. Nobody ever thought of such a thing. Other names it is true, were put in evidence, but the nominees were quick to realize the trend of public sentiment and were among the first to hail with pleasure the unanimous selection of the late member. It was Alex. McCowan all the way.

East York, as a riding, is made up of many units, and these fully represented, he has been said, comprise the municipalities of York Township, Scarborough Township, Markham Township, the Town of North Toronto, the Village of Richmond Hill, Markham and Stouffville, and the eastern section of the city, embracing the old Town of East Toronto.

Candidate Was Frank.

Two outstanding features there were, too, at Saturday's meeting, which, next to Alex's sweep, ranked well in importance. One of these was the nominee's frank and outspoken declaration in answer to a question from one of his constituents on the bilingual schools, and his attitude thereon. "I state without hesitation my firm belief that if the Roman Catholics desire a separate school education, they ought to procure it elsewhere than in the public schools of Ontario," was one of the declarations which brought forth a hurricane of applause.

Another was with respect to the domination of the Ontario Railway Board by Chairman Leitch, and the overriding of the rights of North Toronto and all the municipalities along Yonge-street by the Metropolitan Railway in the turning of this great thoroughfare into switching yards. This motion was introduced by Mayor A. J. Brown of that town, and seconded by W. G. Ellis. "Resolved that the members of the East York Conservative Association disapprove of the action of the Ontario Railway Board in dealing with the radial railway matters, especially in regard to the Metropolitan, and that the nominee of the convention be requested to endeavor to get such legislation passed as will preserve the rights of the municipalities to the original privileges of the highways."

Must Go Ahead.

Speaking to this resolution, H. H. Ball of North Toronto charged that the duty of the legislature was not alone to preserve the rights of the people, but to introduce advanced legislation. He commented adversely on the action of the chairman of the Ontario Railway Board in giving the Metropolitan Railway rights belonging to the people, and strongly urged the meeting to endorse the resolution submitted. At the same time, Mr. Ball, while acknowledging the honor conferred in a nomination, announced his retirement.

Councillor Frank Howe of North Toronto in a strong and vigorous criticism of the action of Chairman Leitch declared that the conditions in that town were outrageous; that the railway were arrogating to themselves the control of Yonge-street, and that legislation must be sought and secured, and that Sir James Whitney must condescend to the men who formed the railway board. He urged the convention to pass the resolution, and then to pass the resolution, and they took him at his word, and it went thru with a sweep. And Alex. McCowan will see to it that North Toronto gets a fair deal.

This question of practical business politics out of the way, the meeting quickly swung back again to its cheering, enthusiastic mood, and Dave Beidam, the president, who was in the chair, with Alex. Baird as secretary, called a big bunch of notables up to serve as a bodyguard. Among those on the platform were Alex. McCowan,

Milne, and Reeve Tefft of Markham Village, W. H. Pugsley and H. A. Nicholls of Richmond Hill, George S. Henry of York Township, Hon. Dr. Pyne, minister of education, Capt. T. G. Wallace, Dr. W. A. Walters, and ex-Ald. Andy McMillan of East Toronto; J. W. Moyes of Deer Park, C. C. Lyon of Balmy Beach, Dr. Forbes Godfrey, M.L.A., and William Armstrong of Locust Hill.

Chairman Beidam lost no time in preliminaries, beyond stating that he expected to live to be 100 years old, a statement which the crowd hailed with delight, and then when Alex. Baird had read extracts from the bylaws nominations were called for.

The Nominees.

These were nominated: Alex. McCowan, by George Dodd and William Shanks; Robert Miller, by Mr. Todd and Mr. Gray; Dr. Walters, by J. Booth and Jas. McMillan; H. H. Ball, by Frank Howe and Mr. Reynolds; Archie Milne, by George Morrison and Dr. Armstrong, and J. W. Moyes, by Dr. A. R. Jennings and Dorey McGee.

As the first man nominated, Mr. McCowan essayed to speak, but it was a long time before the convention would let him get under way. Cheers and more cheers blocked the road, and about as much time was taken up in this as in the speech itself. The late and coming member for East York spoke briefly, but effectively, and what he said was good and to the point. He declared that he was a candidate, urged his work in committee and out of it, and avowed his confidence in Sir James Whitney and the Conservative party, and voiced his disapproval of bilingual schools. And then there was more and more cheering.

Robert Miller made a fine address, and in the few minutes at his disposal gained a mighty big hold on the respect and confidence of his audience, many of whom heard him for the first time. Mr. Miller told of the difficulties encountered in getting Stouffville included any riding by reason of its overwhelmingly Liberal principles. He urged hard work.

Dr. W. A. Walters likewise got a splendid reception, and while declining the nomination at the present time, made it clear that at some time in the future he might be an aspirant for legislative honors.

John W. Moyes, whom no man got a heartier welcome, and one that must have gladdened his heart, in kindly and well-chosen language expressed his approval of the straightforward course adopted by Alex. McCowan, and decided to allow his name to go before the convention.

A. Ward Milne briefly expressed his thanks for the courtesy extended, and withdrew, as did H. H. Ball, the name of Mr. McCowan was then, on motion of Dr. Walters, made unanimous.

Mayor Geary at this stage entered the hall and was given a royal welcome.

Will Wait for Report.

Hon. Dr. Pyne spoke briefly, touching upon the question of bilingual schools, and declared that as soon as the report of the inspector appointed by the government was submitted, the legislature would act upon it without fear or favor. Commenting briefly on the work of the Ontario Railway Board, the minister touched a responsive chord when he said that every municipality ought to control its own highways.

Cent. Wallace, M.P., who met the greater part of his constituents for the first time since the handling of Sept. 21, thanked them most cordially for the great victory won, contrasted the personnel of the house at Ottawa with that in the Queen's Park to the disappointment of the latter, and wound up the speaking for the day.

Cheers for the King, Sir James Whitney, Hon. Mr. Borden and Alex. McCowan brought the greatest convention in East York in a decade to a close.

NORTH TORONTO.

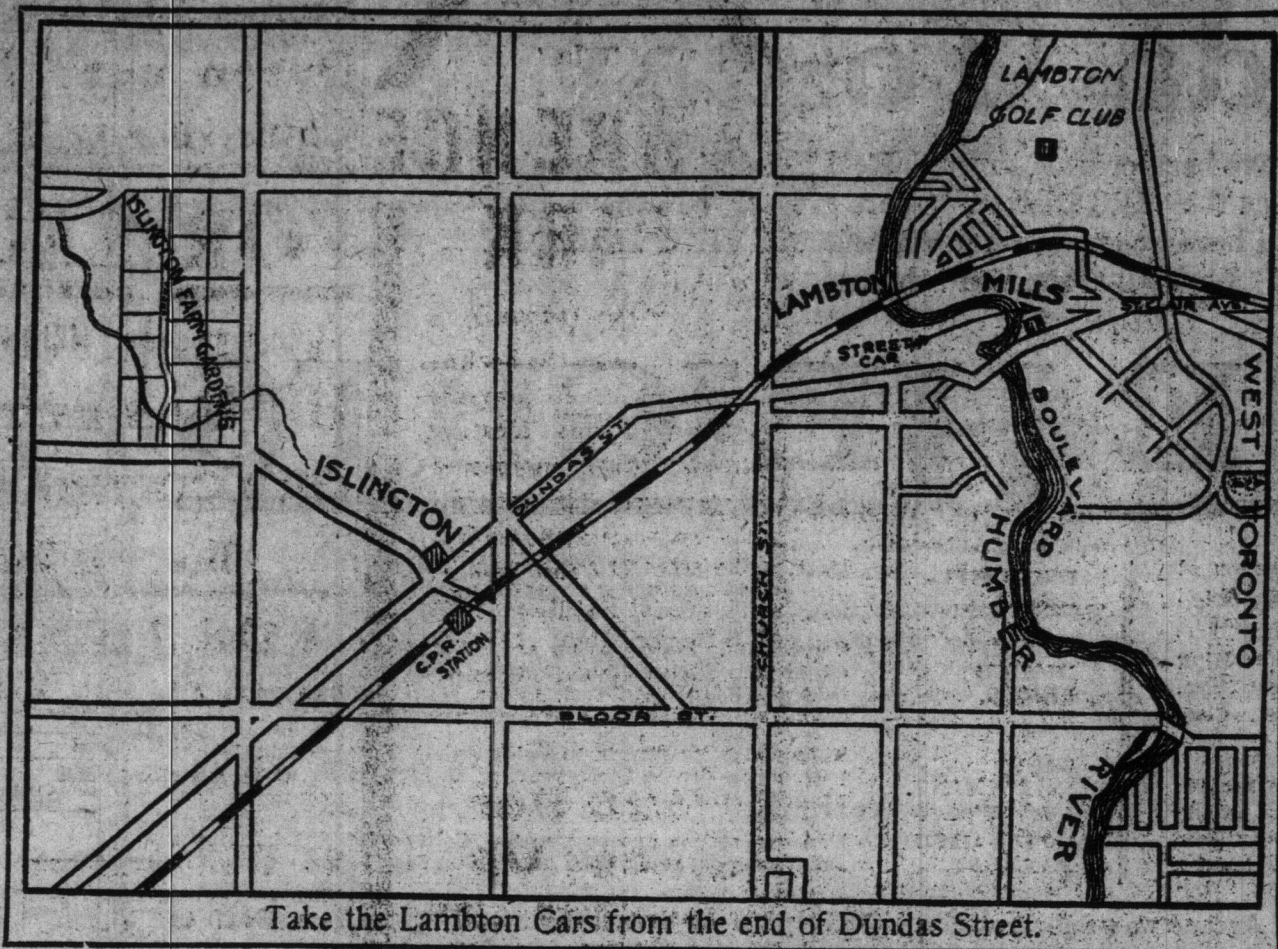
Small Crowd But Meeting Was One of the Best Ever.

NORTH TORONTO, Oct. 28.—(Special.)—It's a long time since an address so replete with information and wit, and so interesting as that of Controller Hocken's dealing with the tube and transportation questions of North Toronto, and the city itself has been given in this town as that of Saturday evening when at the Raters' Assembly the controller dealt briefly but concisely with the subject.

Together with Controller Hocken's address was that of J. W. Moyes, who spoke from an engineering and altogether practical standpoint. Not alone did he support the views advanced by the controller in regard to the tubes, but he was even more sanguine as to the financial results likely to accrue from the very first from a municipal event so handled by the city.

There was only one unfortunate feature, and that was the smallness of the gathering, which all told did not muster more than 25 or 30 taxpayers. It is regrettable that North Toronto people are not more alive to the big problems confronting them than was evidenced

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The Baptist Church here were held today, Rev. R. M. Nobles preaching in the morning and again in the evening to large congregations.

KING CITY.

KING CITY, Oct. 28.—(Special.)—Don't forget the annual match of the King Township Plowing Association at Eversley, on Friday, Nov. 3. There will be a fine list of prizes, and it looks like one of the best matches in years. The next meeting of the Women's Institute, King East branch, takes place at the home of Mrs. John Kerswell, on Wednesday, Nov. 1. The program will be an especially interesting one.

EAST YORK PLOWMEN.

Remember the annual match of the East York Plowmen's Association on the farm of Alex. Donaldson near Milliken's Corner, on Wednesday, Nov. 1. A lot of money will be paid out in prizes, and everybody is welcome to go and see just about how plowing ought

to be done. Frank Weir of Agincourt is the secretary, and with him entries may be made up to the morning of the match.

WYCHWOOD.

The Wychwood Carpet Ball League will play their first game in Wychwood Hall on Thursday next, Nov. 2. Teams from the L. O. L. and I. O. F. will compete. The officers of the leagues are: President, E. Boggs; S.O.E., vice-president, A. Bell; I.O.O.F., secretary, W. Garrett; I.O.F., treasurer, W. Dever; L.O.L., J. H. Smith.

Yarmouth Lodge, S.O.F., will hold their regular W. R. meeting on Tuesday next, Oct. 31. All members and candidates for advancement are required to be present.

MARKHAM VILLAGE.

Will Be a Vote on Local Option All Right.

MARKHAM VILLAGE, Oct. 28.—

LOCAL FRUIT MARKET.

Apples, per barrel \$1.00 to \$1.25
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Carrots, per bag 0.50 to 0.75
Cauliflowers, per doz 0.75 to 1.00
Cranberries, Cape Cod, bbl. 8.00 to 10.00
Cranberries, N. Scotia, bbl. 7.00 to 8.00
Grapes, all kinds, basket 0.50 to 1.00
Onions, Canadian, bag 1.75 to 2.00
Potatoes, per bag, car lots 1.10 to 1.25
Oranges, late Valencia, case 6.00 to 7.00

Cheese Boards.

LONDON, Ont., Oct. 28.—Seven first prizes offered 652 cases all choice cheese, at 10-day's auction, sold at 14 1/2c; bidding 13 1/2c to 14 1/2c.

BELLA VILLAGE, Oct. 28.—At weekly cheese market 10-day 840 white cheese were offered. Sales were 350 at 13 1/2c and 305 at 13 1/2c.

Toronto Hunter Has Luck.

Dr. Norman Allen, one of Toronto's dauntless hunters, is back from the wilds of New Ontario with a magnificent moose, weighing about 1400 pounds. Mr. Allen says that there are great numbers of moose and deer up in that country.

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WEST TORONTO.

WEST TORONTO, Oct. 28.—(Special.)—The annual harvest thanksgiving services were held today in St. John's Church. In the morning, the service was taken by Rev. Canon Dixon, rector of Trinity Church east, assisted by Rev. R. S. Mason, and at the evening service, Rev. R. A. Sims was the special preacher. Special harvest music was rendered at both services by the choir.

Howard Ellis, who for the last month has been visiting his parents in Clarendon-avenue, returned to his business at New York yesterday.

The story-tellers of Runnymede delighted the juveniles in the monthly story-hour, which was held at the library in the public library building on Herbert-street.

Mrs. H. Howson, a daughter of a former pastor of the High Park-avenue Methodist Church, and a deaconess and nurse at the schools in Bella-Bella, is visiting at the residence of Dr. MacNamara on Davenport-road.

The football team of St. John's Boys' Club will play the Davenport Albions' juniors tomorrow morning at the Joyce-avenue grounds.

SCHOMBERG.

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