

WENTWORTH LIBERALS SELECT STANDARD BEARER

W. O. Sealey Will Represent Them in the Next Election For the Dominion Parliament.

Received Majority on the First Ballot---Speeches By Hon. Wm. Paterson, Hon. Thomas Bain and Others.

Wentworth Liberals, assembled in convention, on Saturday afternoon, selected W. O. Sealey as the standard bearer in the next Federal election to oppose Col. Ptolemy, who will carry the Conservative colors. Four names were voted on, and although there was some division in the ranks before the ballots were counted, the big crowd presented a united front when the result was known, and with one accord gave a mighty cheer, followed by an outburst of enthusiastic applause.

"The spirit of Liberalism is not dead in Ontario." The truth of this battle cry of Hon. A. G. MacKay, the new Provincial leader, sounded by him during his recent address to Hamilton Liberals, was amply demonstrated on Saturday afternoon. The oldest campaigner in Wentworth county could not recall a larger, more enthusiastic convention, where the determination to win was more strongly emphasized. The big hall, the headquarters of the city Liberals, which seats nearly six hundred people, was packed to overflowing by 1 o'clock, and shortly after, when the convention buckled down to business, standing room was scarce. The big hall was prettily decorated with flags and bunting, festoons of red, white and blue adorning the walls. Colonel H. P. Van Wagner, President of the County Association, presided. A feature of the afternoon was an address by Hon. William Paterson, Minister of Customs.

Officers Elected.

Officers were elected as follows:
President, Col. H. P. Van Wagner.
Vice-President, North Wentworth, Robert McQueen.
Vice-President, South Wentworth, John B. Calder.
Secretary, North Wentworth, J. W. Lawraon.
Secretary, South Wentworth, George A. Cormau.
Treasurer, Major Knowles.
The above officers, the President, Vice-President and Secretary of the various township associations, comprise the Executive Committee.

Eighteen Nominations.

It was after 2 o'clock when the convention took up the question of nominating the candidate. To save time it was agreed to receive nominations for half an hour, and the names poured in fast. Eighteen were named when Chairman VanWagner declared the poll closed. A. J. Binkley was the first nominated, Dr. McQueen then arose and named W. O. Sealey. "I don't think I need to make any remarks regarding the candidate," said the doctor.

Geo. Hart, who seconded Mr. Sealey's name, after referring to the manner in which he had been nosed out of the seat before, said: "I ask you as representatives of the county of Wentworth to support Mr. Sealey at this next election. I ask you to stand by him for his noble sacrifice of his own interests on behalf of the Liberals of Wentworth."

J. W. Lawraon, of Dundas, in nominating Mayor Moss, said: "I think that we should keep in mind that the main fact before us is, who will be the strongest candidate for the party. There have been a great many names mentioned. I contend it is not a case of personal ambition. We must keep before us the one thing only, the interest of the Liberal party of Wentworth."

"Well, Sealey is the man," cried several voices.

"I think it is essential that we should have a man who is a resident of the county," said Joseph Pully, who seconded the nomination of William Martin, of Binbrook, as one of the men. "If we do not have a large number of electors who will not support the candidate, I have been out around the county, and that is the feeling of the people."

It was a good natured crowd. Israel Kelly, of West Flamboro, caused a ripple of laughter when he arose and jokingly remarked, "I would move that all the candidates who have not been nominated be nominated."

Some one immediately nominated Mr. Kelly. There was a rousing cheer when the name of Hon. Thomas Bain was mentioned.

Michael McGinn, a delegate from Hall's Corners, caused a little stir by questioning the procedure of nominating the candidates. Chairman VanWagner called for order.

"Have I got to sit down?" asked Mr. McGinn.

"Yes," said the colonel.

"Well, I am not going to," said Mr. McGinn.

The crowd cried, "Sit down," and McGinn obeyed.

The eighteen nominations were as follows:

A. J. Binkley, nominated by Dr. Brandon, seconded by W. C. Vansickle.

W. O. Sealey, Hamilton, nominated by Dr. McQueen, seconded by George Hart.

Colonel VanWagner, Stoney Creek, nominated by Isaac Geddes, seconded by J. H. McNeilly.

W. H. Moss, Mayor of Dundas, nominated by J. W. Lawraon, seconded by J. J. Haines.

William Robertson, Dundas, nominated by James A. Gray, seconded by Orlando Martin.

William Martin, Binbrook, nominated by William Switzer, seconded by Joseph Pully.

W. C. Vansickle, Ancaster, nominated by James Ellis, seconded by Judson Misenner.

R. L. Biggs, Freeport, nominated by R. L. Biggs, seconded by James L. Robertson.

E. J. Guest, ex-Reeve of Ancaster Township, nominated by George H. Hornig, seconded by A. Bradshaw.

R. A. Thompson, M. P. P., Lynden, nominated by William Betzner, seconded by Anthony Garroch.

R. L. Biggs, Beverly, nominated by John Malcolm, seconded by C. M. Jarvis.

Dr. Thompson, Stoney Creek, nominated by A. E. Wilcox, seconded by George Stewart.

Hon. Thomas Bain, Dundas, nominated



W. O. SEALEY,
Liberal Candidate for the Commons for Wentworth.

by J. B. Calder, seconded by G. E. Hornig.

George Awrey, Barton, nominated by Jacob Smuck, seconded by James Russell.

J. W. Lawraon, Dundas, nominated by J. Clarke, seconded by Mr. Jarvis.

Watson Trusdale, Barton, nominated by G. Clutton, seconded by J. W. Weldon.

Israel Kelly, West Flamboro, nominated by Dr. McQueen, seconded by Watson Trusdale.

Daniel Reed, M. P. for North Wentworth, nominated by Watson Trusdale, seconded by C. W. Schwenger.

It was agreed that no time should be taken up by those who did not wish to allow their names to stand, and a five-minute time limit was placed on the others. There were cries for the candidates to take the platform.

The candidates marched to the front and were greeted with applause.

The Right Tone.

Mr. A. J. Binkley, the first speaker, made a fighting address, urging Liberals throughout the county to unite in sending the representative, whoever he might be, to Parliament. When Wentworth was divided into two ridings, he said, the north and south elected their men without difficulty, and that in days of Conservative rule, a man who could carry the riding was wanted. "If I thought my best friend could not be elected I would tell him so," said Mr. Binkley.

Sealey Well Received.

Mr. Sealey was given a rousing reception as he arose to speak. "This splendid meeting," he said, "augurs well for the success of the coming campaign. I heartily thank you for the honor you have done me in nominating me today, and the support that has been accorded to me in the past. I would be delighted to have the opportunity of being your standard bearer again, and just for once, I feel the responsibility of having lost this riding, and I would like to redeem it. I would be just as pleased to support any other candidate, though, for we must win, in any event."

There were cries from the audience of, "You will be elected."

Wanted a County Man.

Colonel VanWagner said that in Saltfleet, they were having a hard time to retain the young men, and if they were to be encouraged they must be recognized.

"I don't believe in outside candidates," he said. "I don't think that a constituency that has no man in it to represent it should be represented, and in this I am voicing the sentiments of a majority of the people. Some people have such a hold on you that you are afraid your opinion will be dogged if you express your opinion. I tell you to-day that the people of Wentworth want a man who is a member of Parliament and the voice of some corporation. We don't want that and it must shut down. The farmers will never get justice from the corporations until you send farmers to the House. Another thing I would like to refer to is a story that has been circulated in the riding that I did not vote for Mr. Sealey at the last election." Mr. VanWagner declared that he did vote for Mr. Sealey.

Many Decline.

Mayor Moss, of Dundas, said that under certain conditions he would be pleased to accept the voice of the convention, but, as it was, he could not take the nomination, even though it was thrust upon him. He retired.

Mr. William Robertson declared himself out of the field, too. In the course of his address he said, "We need not be ashamed of the name of Liberalism. We have a leader at Ottawa, one of the greatest leaders the world ever saw, and one of the best leaders associated with the British Empire."

"It is not my wish to be a candidate for Parliamentary honors," said Mr. William Martin, who retired. "We have a majority of 200 or more in the county, why is it we can not elect our man?" he asked.

"Because we have not stood together," cried several voices.

Warden Vansickle retired, too. "I thank you," he said, "for the honor you have conferred upon me in naming me to be the standard bearer for this grand old county of Wentworth. Whoever the man may be, I hope he will be united,

stand by our man and elect him. The enthusiasm that prevails here this afternoon should prevail until the polls close on election day."

Dr. McQueen, in announcing that he would not permit his name to stand, gave the delegates some good advice.

There was no need, he said, to speak of the Liberal record. It needed no exposition; it stood for itself. He urged the delegates to have the largest amount of optimism possible in the candidate selected. In rural divisions, he urged proper organization. "We are not only fighting for the candidate," he said, "but for the great Liberal party."

E. J. Guest, who also retired, made an optimistic address.

North Wentworth Member.

There was another outburst of enthusiastic applause when Mr. R. A. Thompson, the member of North Wentworth, began to speak. Mr. Thompson said he had asked no one to nominate him and had called on no one to support his name if put.

"I have been satisfied, grandly satisfied," he said, "with the support that has been given me by the stalwarts of the north when I have appeared before them. I am content with my position in the north. I leave myself in your hands to do with me what you see fit. I will do my utmost to have the man elected who you nominate, if you do not desire me. I am very anxious that this riding should be won once again, and I will be if we stand shoulder to shoulder."

Hard work was the keynote of Mr. R. L. Biggs' address. After announcing that he would not be a candidate, he said, "We must not lose any more elections in Wentworth, or you will see where our majority is. The old marks vote as true as steel, although they may be tottering going to the polls. It is the young and rising generation we must look to."

Dr. Thompson, of Stoney Creek, in announcing his retirement, said he felt there were others who had better claims than he had. There was a Liberal majority of between two and three hundred in Wentworth. The Liberals could win, if they stood united behind their man.

Hon. Thomas Bain.

The appearance of Hon. Thomas Bain, that veteran old war horse, whose name will always be revered by Liberals, was the signal for a tremendous outburst of applause, which was repeated at intervals during his address.

"I am no stranger to the Liberals of Wentworth," he said. "Since September, 1872, down to the end of the century those Liberals never failed me in their support. I would be dead to every feeling of gratitude and the best impulses that govern man if I did not recognize the feeling with which you receive the mention of my name. Through good and evil report this riding never failed to stand by me. And I can say that if you give the same united hearty support to whoever may be nominated to-day, that when election night comes round we will send our friend Ptolemy to the burying ground, where we have sent so many before me. I ask those who nominated me to allow me to withdraw my name, remembering that I had the support of the county, the undoubted hearty support. Let me ask you to give that to your candidate, whoever he may be. I feel that at the age of 73 years the campaign is a little beyond your patience and my capacity."

Messrs. Awrey, Trusdale, and Kelly announced themselves out of the field. Mr. J. W. Lawraon, in retiring, said, "I heartily approve of the principle enunciated by Mr. Thompson. I do not approve or believe that in a Liberal or any other convention a man should seek the office. As intelligent men, I think we should select the man. No personal claims or personal ambition. We should look solely to the man who will carry us to victory."

South Wentworth Member.

Mr. Daniel Reed, the member for South Wentworth was given an ovation. "We are here to-day," said Mr. Reed, "to select a candidate and there is no reason why, if the Liberals do their duty, that Wentworth should not fall in line and return a representative to the Dominion House. I believe there is one little tinge of bitterness in Sir Wilfrid Laurier's cup of sweetness and that is

that Ontario has never sent him a Liberal majority. There is no reason why we should not give him active support."

Mr. Reed in withdrawing his name said that the man who recognized the strength of his opponent had half the victory won.

Four Go to Ballot.

The four names that remained to be voted on were:
W. O. Sealey, Hamilton.
Colonel H. P. VanWagner, Saltfleet.
R. A. Thompson, Lynden.
A. J. Binkley, Ancaster.

Dr. McQueen, Mr. Daniel Reed and Mr. William Robertson were appointed scrutineers and after the 260 delegates responded to the roll call, the vote was taken. Mr. John B. Calder occupied the chair temporarily, in view of Colonel VanWagner being a candidate. He announced that if one of the candidates received more than half the votes, he would be the man. Otherwise the lowest man would drop out on the next ballot.

Confidence in MacKay.

While the ballots were being distributed and collected resolutions of confidence in the Dominion Government and Hon. A. G. MacKay, the new Provincial leader, and his followers, were passed with the greatest enthusiasm.

Mr. J. W. Lawraon, seconded by Mr. J. B. Calder, moved the latter resolution which was as follows:

And resolved that we, the Liberals of Wentworth in convention assembled, desire to express our confidence in the Honorable A. G. MacKay to the leadership of the Liberal party in Ontario. We feel that the new leader is a man of exceptional qualifications, his great powers as a public speaker, his long experience in the public affairs of the Province, his strong personality, good judgment, peculiarly qualifying him for the position to which he has been chosen. We desire to express our appreciation of the good work of the Liberal members in the Provincial House during the term of the present administration, and the irregularities of the Government in power, their insincerity in failing to carry out their pre-election pledges and their general unsatisfactory methods in dealing with the public affairs of the Province.

We desire to do and hereby express our confidence in the Honorable A. G. MacKay, and we are of the opinion that at the next general election of members to the Legislative Assembly the people of this Province will emphatically express their disapproval of the methods of the Whitney Government during the past four years.

Proud of Laurier.

The resolution of confidence in the Laurier Administration was moved by Mayor W. H. Moss and seconded by Warden W. C. Vansickle, as follows:

Resolved, that we, the Liberals of Wentworth, in convention assembled, desire to do and hereby express our unqualified confidence in the Government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, G. C. M. G., and his able colleagues. We desire to do and hereby express our appreciation of their capable administration of the affairs of this country since they were returned to power, and we view with satisfaction and pride the marvellous and unprecedented prosperity the country has enjoyed and is now experiencing under their regime. During their administration of the public affairs of Canada our country has been brought into a prominent position among the nations of the world, and at the same time she has never drawn closer to the Mother Country in bonds of unity and loyalty, differences of race and creed have almost entirely disappeared, the great Northwest lands have been developed to a marvellous extent, the manufacturers, agriculturists and laboring classes have prospered and are prospering as they never did before in the history of Canada, and as a result of the Government's progressive immigration policy the population has increased by leaps and bounds. We view with satisfaction the following among numerous other principles of policy adopted by the Government, which have contributed and will contribute to a large extent to the prosperity of the country, namely: (1) The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. (2) The British preferential tariff. (3) The Levesque Labor Disputes Act. (4) The creation of the Railway Commission. (5) Penny postage and postal reforms.

"I am firmly of the opinion that it would be no exaggeration to say that Canada if Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Government were not returned to power at the next general election and allowed to continue their great work in the development of the country and their capable administration of her public affairs."

Hon. Wm. Paterson.

While the ballots were being counted, Hon. William Paterson addressed the meeting, his appearance being greeted with prolonged applause, which was frequently renewed at intervals.

"It is a pleasure," he said, "for me to be here to-day, and it is especially pleasing to see such a large convention. It augurs well for success. If you are all united, as you have been exhorted to be, in support of your candidate, I see no reason why Wentworth should not be found in the Liberal column in the Federal House, as well as in the local House. I will not disguise from you that my feelings are strong in the direction that I would like to see from Ontario a good majority in support of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Though this may seem like speaking in a laudatory manner of the body of which I am a member, I assure you that the resolution of confidence in that Government justifies it. My anxiety is and was at the last election, that Sir Wilfrid Laurier should have a majority, not only in the country, where there was no danger of his losing the reins of power, and I don't believe there is any now, but I want to see my own Province, the banner Province of the Dominion, give a majority to the man who has done so much for Canada. I do not care how small it is; I want this Province to give him a majority. And why should you not do it? If no higher motive than that of self interest impelled the people of this country, they should support the Government."

"In the Liberal reign of eleven years of power, what has been the record of the development of the country? Compare it with the eleven years spent by the Government that preceded it. In those first eleven years trade and commerce increased fifty million dollars. That was progress, but not such progress as you should have from a country like Canada. At the end of the last eleven years the increase was \$350,000,000. Seven times as much. Why should any one desire to put those gentlemen back in power? They will tell you that it is the old National Policy. Surely if they worked it for eleven years, with the result of a \$50,000,000 increase, and the present Government has given \$350,000,000, it should be left there to work it. But it is not the old National Policy. It is a new policy, the result of the convention at Ottawa in 1893."

The speaker asked the audience to judge from the revenue derived whether it was the old National Policy. He referred to the protective tariff and the trade policy of the Liberal Government. Under the Conservative imports totalled \$111,000,000 in eleven years; under the Liberals \$300,000,000. He quoted statistics showing a reduction of fourteen per cent. from the taxes collected by the Conservatives in 1896, and yet the Liberal Government showed three times the revenue under a lower rate of taxation. Dealing with revenue from the Post Office, he pointed out that under the Conservative rule it was about \$3,000,000, while under the present regime it was \$6,000,000, and yet letters that cost three cents were carried for two, and those that cost five cents were carried for three.

"Money has flowed into the treasury as a result of this free trade," he said, "making the country populous and prosperous. We have three-times the revenue coming in that was derived under the old Government, less taxes levied on the people than was taken from them before. It must be quite evident from this that we have pursued a very different policy."

Mr. Paterson made reference to the British preference tariff, which had reduced the burden on the people, leading the mother country, even though no act was passed, to give Canada a preference on the home market.

Sealey on First Ballot.

At this point it was announced that the scrutineers had finished their work.

"We find that Mr. Sealey has a majority," said Mr. Daniel Reed.

There was a wild outburst of enthusiasm at the announcement, and the delegates with one voice cheered the candidate.

Mr. Thompson, the member for the north, was one of the first to congratulate Mr. Sealey. "I wish to heartily congratulate Mr. Sealey on being the choice of this convention," he said, "and I move that we make the nomination unanimous. Let us now go into it heartily, to elect him, and put him in the House as our next representative, as we can do."

Mr. Sealey briefly thanked the convention for the honor conferred on him and urged the delegates to accord him their best support.

Three hearty cheers were given for the King, for the candidate, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. Mr. Paterson.

FOUR MEN DROWNED.

They Were Crossing Lake St. Louis in a Storm.

Montreal, Nov. 10.—Word reached the city on Saturday of a drowning accident near Beauharnois, on Lake St. Louis, by which four men lost their lives last Tuesday. During a severe storm three Poles and two French-Canadians tried to cross the lake, but their boat capsized, and the Poles and Mr. Valois, owner of the boat, were drowned. Another occupant, named Perron, was rescued by a fisherman named Fortier.

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Both McKenzie and Guthro were experienced miners, and Superintendent Donald is known to be one of the most careful men in camp at all times. This is the first accident he has had at any mine in the camp.

HORSE'S TAIL CUT OFF.

Peter Barker, of Morpeth, Sued William Call and Lost.

Chatham, Nov. 10.—Before Judge Dowlin in Ridgeway on Friday, Peter Barker sued William Call, both of Morpeth, for \$800 damages, alleging that Call had cut off the tail of plaintiff's horse on the evening of Aug. 3. Plaintiff left his horse standing outside the house while he went in to dress for a ball. Coming down he found the animal minus its tail. The judge non-suited the plaintiff.

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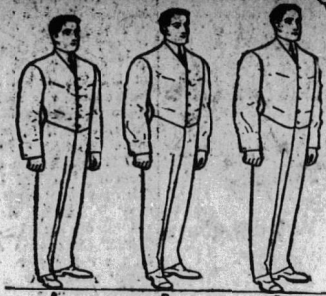
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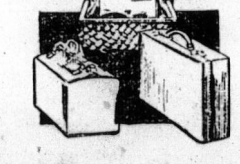
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