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SEVENTEENTH YEAR

# SIR OLIVER MOWAT

## Ontario's Premier Decides to Enter the Federal Arena.

## HIS LETTER TO THE LIBERAL LEADER

### Sir Oliver Desires to Take a Seat in the Senate if the Liberals Win--He Casts Aside All Considerations of a Personal Kind in This Move--Can He Hold the Catholic Vote in Dominion Matters?--Probable Changes in the Provincial Cabinet When the Old Man Leaves It.

As announced in yesterday's Sun- day News, Sir Oliver Mowat has finally decided to cast in his lot with Hon. Wilfrid Laurier. The Premier on Saturday wrote the Liberal leader as follows:

Toronto, May 2, 1898.  
My dear Mr. Laurier,—When first the application was made to me some weeks ago to give up my position as Premier of Ontario and become a candidate for a seat in the House of Commons, which is considered expected to follow the general elections, the proposal seemed to me to be out of the question, there being in Parliament under your leadership a Conservative Government. I have been asked to add to their number. I disliked what was proposed, because, first of all, it involved severing me from the party which I have long loved and in which I have so many esteemed personal friends. Then, again, no position could be assigned to me in the Dominion Government would be equal in popular estimation or in my own of that of Premier of Canada's greatest province, and the Hon. Mr. Laurier's reasons important to myself and my family which appeared to forbid my making the change suggested. One of these was that the assumption of new duties in a new field would involve an increase of work and worry, while a public man nearly 75 years of age, however full of health and strength he might be, might reasonably be looking for less work and less worry rather than voluntarily taking upon himself more. While I am now abundantly equal to my present duties, and my medical adviser tells me that I do not take too much upon me if I look forward to years yet of active life, it seemed to me that the addition of anything like the duties of a contested election in a new constituency, and afterwards annual sessions of Parliament twice as long as in Ontario, and which would last for many months, would be a heavy burden. To remove to some extent this objection, it has been suggested that I might take a seat in the Senate instead of in the House of Commons. I perceive the advantages of this, both as regards myself personally and as regards the consideration of future constitutional changes. It would add to the second Chamber of the Dominion to be retained. How a second Chamber, consisting largely of the members of the present Senate now does, can be justified as a new Government of another party remains to be seen, and the necessity of early constitutional changes may depend on this.

Besides my correspondence with yourself and my personal interview with you, I have during the last few weeks had many conversations from representative Liberals, and it has been made plain to me that it is the general opinion in Ontario, and in favor and confidence are owing my 23 years of the Premiership of Ontario that the crisis is so grave that every personal sacrifice must be made, and every incidental risk run, if the country is to be rescued from the misgovernment which the Dominion has long been suffering from. From the remarks laid before me, I perceive that my long experience and my success in official life in this province are thought to be a guarantee that I could be of service to the people, our religious and Parliament of the Dominion. I feel that I have to consider the matter in the light of these opinions. I am happy to hear that you and I are, and I believe, have always been in substantial accord as regards Dominion questions. Our national origin is not the same, our religious opinions are different, but we are both of Canadian birth, we both love Canada and the Empire, and we both rejoice in our national progress and the well-being of all classes, conditions and creeds in its population, and I believe that we agree as to the best means of securing these objects.

We are, I believe, at one with respect to the tariff. I think, with you, that the introduction of the protective system was a mistake that has done our people. So, you, like myself, are a reformer, and not a revolutionist, and you recognize the necessity of legislation on the tariff being gradual and cautious. Adopting that policy, I am glad that you see your way meantime to changes which will be a relief to our farmers and at the same time will not injuriously affect but rather benefit manufacturers and their workmen. A Government owes a duty to all classes of the people.

## THE BOARD OF CONTROL

### ARE NOW RESPONSIBLE TO THE RATEPAYERS

For All Civic Expenditures, and They Must Start Right To-Day—What is to be their Policy on Permanent Pavement?—A Scheme of the Engineer's That Cannot be Justified on Any Good Reason Either in the Line of Economy or Public Convenience.

The Board of Control will to-day court and what is considered or desired by the Engineer to lay a permanent pavement on the railway track allowance on Dovercourt-road from Bloor to Eglinton-street, a distance of 3100 feet. The estimate of the engineer was that \$18,000 would be required to do the work. Taking the average life of the proposed pavement at seven years, the interest and sinking fund to liquidate the liability will be \$2707.60. Before approving of this work the Board of Control will be asked to certify that the expenditure is justified on any good reason either in the line of economy or public convenience.

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It is positively announced that a Liberal candidate will be nominated to oppose Mr. La Riviere in Provencher.

West Assinibola Liberals have nominated J. A. Grant, rancher, of Fort Walsh to oppose Mr. Davin.

Mr. Daly has notified the party organizers here that he is not a candidate for Brandon.

One hundred Austrians arrived on Saturday to settle in the vicinity of Whittemore, near the eastern boundary of the Province.

Mathews Goes Free. This Toronto Man, Sent Down for Three Years, It Transpires Drove a Knife in Self Defence.

Ottawa, May 3.—(Special)—The Minister of Justice has ordered the release of a Toronto man named Mathews, who was sentenced to three years at Kingston by the Police Magistrate of Ottawa three weeks ago for stabbing C. D. Graham, an Ottawa livery stable keeper. It has transpired since the trial that Mathews simply drew the knife in self defence.

A Scarcity of Skins. Furs Will Be Much More Expensive Next Winter.

During the last few years winter in the Old Country has been much more severe than formerly, and consequently more furs are required. This will create a scarcity of the best skins in Canada, as the demand in Europe has greatly increased. Next winter furs will be much more expensive than heretofore, and those who contemplate purchasing a new outfit will have to pay more money if they would buy now. A large alteration sale includes a stock of furs which, at the lowest price, are worth \$60,000.

The enormous sale of hats, which commenced on Saturday, brought purchasers to the store at a sacrifice, and at the rate the goods are selling, the big stock will be disposed of in a trice. The goods are of the highest quality, and include a large variety of styles, including the latest in millinery, and many of the styles are of the highest quality.

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Lakeview Hotel, corner Parliament and Winchester-streets; steam heated, bath-room on each floor; rates \$1 and \$1.50 per day; special arrangements for weekly board. John H. Ayre, proprietor.

Ask your druggist for Gibbons' Toothache Gum. Price, 10c.

Highlanders at the Armouries May 3. The Franny Man on Appetite. A humorous paragraph going the rounds reads thus: "What do you charge for board? 'Do you ride a bicycle?' 'Yes, what difference does that make?' 'I'll be \$1 more a week!' On the same principle those who use bicycles should pay higher prices for board, for that refreshing beverage is a wonderful appetizer."

Bicycle Suits to measure from \$7.00 up. Dominion Trusser Co., 12 Leader-lane.

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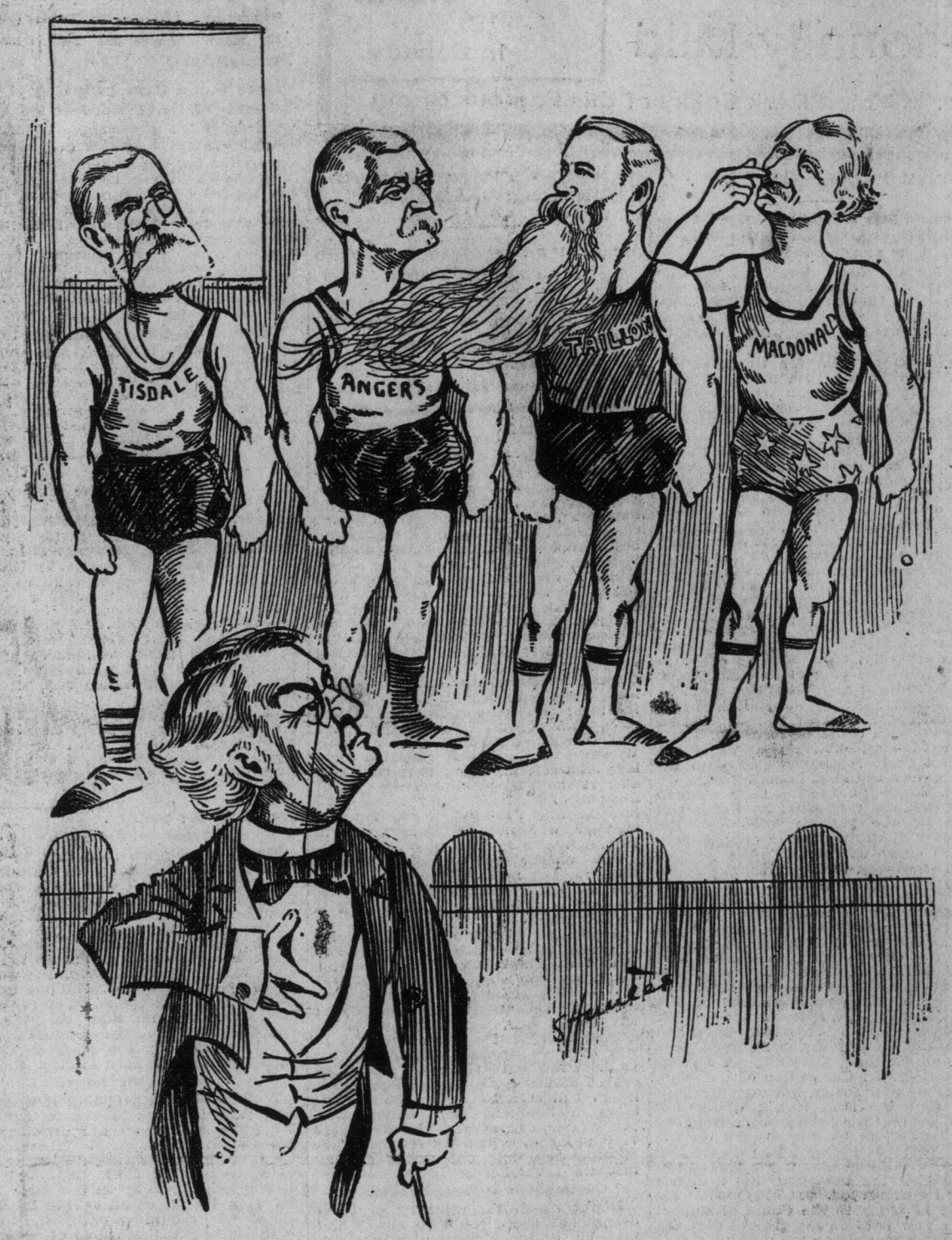
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# At War.

## A THRILLING ACT.



MANAGER TUPPER: Ladies and gentlemen, the next on the program is the Four Strong Men in their great feat of Carrying the Country.

## MARTIN DIED AT MIDNIGHT

### His Unknown Associates Are Suspected.

Their Victim Never Once Recovered Consciousness—In His Dying Moments a Lady From Ogdensburg Claims to Be His Wife—Inquest This Afternoon.

Joe Martin, the horse owner, who was so brutally assaulted by two unknown men at the Woodbine stables last Tuesday night, is dead. He never regained consciousness sufficiently to say a word that would lead to the capture of his murderers, and there is no clue at present to their identity.

At half-past 11 his brother, William, who has been in constant attendance upon him, was summoned to his bedside. On arriving at the hospital he found a lady of middle age beside his brother's bed. She claimed to be his wife, and she was with him when he was struck. She said that she was falling rapidly and just before the clock struck the midnight hour he breathed his last.

From the outset he did not regain consciousness, but when his brother first saw him, he showed faint signs of recognition.

The lady who claims the dead man's name is understood to have been a widow resident in Ogdensburg, N.Y., where Martin frequently made his home. His relatives have never heard of a marriage and are loath to accept the lady's statement without proof.

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## ANOTHER CANADIAN FEEB.

### It is Rumored That High Honors are Awaiting Sir Donald Smith on the Queen's Birthday.

Montreal, May 3.—(Special)—It is stated on good authority that Sir Donald Smith, High Commissioner for Canada, will be created a peer of the United Kingdom on the Queen's birthday. The new honor will be richly deserved, and Sir Donald Smith will receive universal congratulations.

Would You Put a Bank. "Not I," he replied, "I should invest it in life insurance policies, on the employer's plan."

The same question was put to another banker, who smiled at its innocence, remarking that the bank rate was uncertain from day to day. It might be 3 1/2 per cent; it might be much less.

Recommended by the highest medical authorities for indigestion—Adams' Fruit and Nut Flax—is on each 5-cent wrapper.

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## FISHING STOCKINGS

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## SIR CHARLES TALKS.

### Premier Has No Apprehension as to the Outcome

### OF THE GREAT CONTEST AT HAND

### Has, He Says, the Best Possible News From Ontario.

While the Conservatives will lose some constituencies in this Province, they will gain in other—from the Maritime Provinces, Sir Charles remarks, the Government will come back just as strong as in the last Parliament.

Montreal, May 3.—(Special)—The Canadian Prime Minister made his first statement to your correspondent to-day regarding the prospects of the party at the polls.

"Our friends," began Sir Charles, "need have no apprehension as to the outcome of the great contest now so near at hand. My information from the Maritime Provinces goes to show that the Government will come back just as strong as in the last House."

Everything indicates that Quebec will nobly respond to duty's call, and then Sir Charles turned toward the great premier province of the confederation and said, "I think, perhaps, the greatest surprise will come from the Province of Ontario, where we have the best possible news. Ontario will certainly send as strong a Conservative delegation to the next Parliament as she did to the last. We may possibly lose some counties, but where one is lost, one or two will be gained."

"As for the next," Sir Charles said, that the acceptance of office by the son of the late lamented leader, Sir John Macdonald, had produced the best possible effect, and the Prime Minister predicted a decisive triumph for the great lakes of the old party, the old flag and the old cause. "There is no doubt whatever," concluded the leader, "that the present Government will be strongly supported at the polls, and their policy vindicated by a decisive majority in the House of Commons."

In an interview, Hon. Hugh John Macdonald stated that he had no doubt that Mr. Mackenzie would easily defeat Hon. Mr. Laurier in Saskatchewan.

THE OUTLOOK IN QUEBEC. During the Past Twenty-Four Hours the Feeling Has Greatly Improved.

Montreal, May 3.—(Special)—The French-Canadian Ministers having returned to their native land and having been brought into immediate contact with their friends and supporters, the feeling has greatly improved during the last 24 hours, and it now looks as if all classes and colonies in the Liberal-Conservative party would go to work and loyally help the Hon. Messrs. Angers, Tallon and Desjardins to win another victory for the Ministerial arms. It is pretty generally understood that the Hon. Mr. Tallon will contest Mr. Chapleau's constituency, the County of Terrebonne, and it is remembered that Chapleau, Tallon and Desjardins are sons of Terrebonne and all three studied together in the college of that name.

The Hon. Mr. Angers will measure swords with Ald. Proutfaine in the new division of Malouineville and the fight will be a very interesting one.

The Hon. Mr. Angers will seek a constituency in the Quebec district, and it is reported to-day that the president of the Council will lay siege to the Hon. Mr. Laurier in the last Parliament. Laurier's lieutenant showed the white feather in the face of a man of far less weight than the popular Angers, it is more than probable that the man who sent Mercier to the right about face will wheel 'L' into line with the Conservative cause.

A few were kicking yesterday, but almost every one says to-day that the combination of the two parties would not have been improved, considering the difficult position in which Sir Charles Tupper, Bart., found himself.

Deputy Speaker Bergeron authorized your correspondent to-day to say that the Hon. Mr. Laurier would not be his representation in the Cabinet and he thinks the party will win a great victory on the 23rd of next month.

The protest in La Minerve of yesterday has given place to an article highly eulogistic of the new Ministers, and Sir Adolphe Caron's paper declares that "the personnel will be satisfactory to the Province of Quebec and we will give them the same support that we accorded their predecessors. Realizing the eminent services rendered to the good cause by Messrs. Oulmet and Caron we expressed the wish to see them called to the present Cabinet. However, the exigencies of the situation called for different results and Sir Charles Tupper could not have made a more acceptable change than the one we announce to-day."

The French-Canadian arriving from Ottawa said that Sir A. P. Caron is simply superb in his retirement from the Ministry. He says that he is too young a man to be buried in the High Commissioner's office at London and will come to Montreal, throw his energy into La Minerve and make it a paying property and a power in the Province of Quebec.

Four correspondents have been told that the Hon. J. A. Oulmet will be a candidate in Laval, and if so, there need be no trouble as to his return, yet, on the other hand, it is rumored on the street to-day that the ex-Minister of Public Works will be appointed Judge of the Court of Appeals, the Hon. Justice Bay taking his seat.

It took the French Conservative newspapers a couple of days to get (Continued on Page 5.)