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**PROVINCIAL OPPOSITION CONVENTION**

A Convention of the Opposition Party (male and female) in the Province of New Brunswick, will be held in the

**SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE, ST. JOHN, N. B.  
 THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH, 1919**

Three sessions will be held. Morning session called at 10 o'clock. Afternoon session at 2.30 o'clock. Evening session at 8 o'clock.

In addition to the members of the legislature and the defeated candidates in the last Provincial election supporting the present opposition the basis of representation is three delegates for each Parish in each County and for each Ward in each City and Town, besides the chairmen of the Ward and Parish organizations. It is particularly desired that each Ward and Parish should choose at least one lady delegate.

In the interest of Provincial affairs it is urgently requested that each Parish in the Province, as well as each Ward in the towns and cities, should send a complete representation to this Convention.

L. P. D. Tilley,  
 John B. M. Baxter,  
 Geo. B. Jones,  
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 Harry W. Smith,  
 Convention Committee.

**Some Canadian  
 Political Topics**

**B. C. Conservatives and Provincial Resources—Montreal Star on Obsolete Government Machinery—Mr. Lapointe Challenges Nationalists in Quebec—Hooligan Politics in Ontario.**

(B. C. Conservative)  
 The British Columbia Conservative convention at Vancouver seems to have had effect in raising some of the old party sentiment and enthusiasm. The platform adopted included many planks, most of them local in their application. The giving of votes to Orientals was opposed and pensions for needy mothers were favored, on motion of one of the women members. The policy in dealing with the natural resources of the province was set out in the following:  
 "This convention is of the opinion that there should be no further absolute alienation of our natural resources, but that some policy be evolved similar in principle to that of the timber policy enunciated by the McBride Government, by which the province shall receive its fair share of royalty or otherwise on the actual developed product of our natural resources, except actual agricultural products; and further, that any license or rights granted should be conditional upon the actual development of the product within such reasonable time as may be considered to be fair and as will give the maximum encouragement to development."

**Two Notable Victims.**  
 (Montreal Star.)  
 Broken by the strain of official business, President Wilson and Premier Borden are both ill. Neither can give personal attention to matters of grave importance pressing for consideration. The wonder is not that some men in high government office break down, but that so many of them manage to keep their feet in the performance of duties they have to perform somehow. Only those of iron constitution can stand the life they are forced to lead, with its feverish round of tasks from early morning till late into the night.  
 The machinery of government at Ottawa is obsolete. It is as if public officials were still transacting business by candle-light, using quill pens and traveling in stage coaches. The system can be tolerated only by a form of ancestor-worship allied to the spirit of a real and growing democracy.  
 Dust the cobwebs out of the government machinery, scrap the burdensome routine and open a few windows of business management to let the pure air of efficiency circulate through the offices. Then, and then only, will the place be fit for healthy existence, personal and national.

**The Financial Guilt.**  
 (Ottawa Journal.)  
 Sir Thomas White's warning as to the seriousness of the financial situation is strongly supported by the monthly statement of the Finance Department. It shows that during the month of September alone the debt of the country increased by sixty-five million dollars, or more than two millions a day; that expenditure on account of war was greater this September than for September a year ago; that the ordinary expense of administration during the past six months has been a hundred and sixty-two millions, or about twice the amount expended for the same purpose in the corresponding period last year; and that, finally, the national debt now stands at the significant figure (considering the country's population) of one and three quarters billion dollars.

These facts challenge serious attention. It is not enough to wave them aside with a sweep of the hand and talk about the richness of our resources and the great place we are destined to take in the world. What we must do is to come down out of the clouds, realize that unless we economize to the last cent we shall rush headlong into bankruptcy, and act, both as a people and individually, accordingly.

**In Quebec East.**  
 (Ottawa Journal.)  
 The contest in Quebec East, Sir Wilfrid Laurier's old seat, where Mr. Ernest Lapointe has accepted the Liberal nomination, and will likely be opposed by Mr. Armand Lavergne, sometime first lieutenant to Mr. Bourassa, promises to be an unusually interesting one. Since the passing of Sir Wilfrid, Mr. Lapointe, although a comparatively young man, has loomed large on the Quebec political horizon. More radical than Mr. Lemieux, and, in the opinion of many, more able, he has become recognized as the Quebec federal leader, and it is reported, not without signs of good foundation, that he has set as his first task defeat of Nationalism under Mr. Bourassa and of Conservative-Liberalism under Sir Lomer Gouin.

The result in Quebec will largely indicate what possibilities he may have of success. If he succeeds in worsting the fiery young Nationalist, it will be a sign that Nationalism in Quebec is well on the wane, and it will greatly strengthen his hands to combat against Sir Lomer Gouin.  
 It is a situation of far greater than local interest.

**Mr. Demart Degenerating.**  
 (Montreal Gazette.)  
 As the date of polling (October 29) in the Ontario general election draws near the bitterness of some of the participants becomes more notable. Mr. Demart who began his leadership with certain declarations calculated to gain for him public respect, is degenerating as the weariness of a campaign in which he has to do most of the work tells upon him. In one of his latest addresses at Toronto he said there were two types of thought represented in the government. One is the type of inefficiency and one the type of dishonesty. The type of inefficiency is represented by the attorney-general, whom he accuses of failing to prosecute the combines. He alleged, also, that the lumbermen were made to contribute to the funds of the government party and generally indulged in an old-time outburst. The effect does not appear to have been notable.

**Elevating Influence of Women.**  
 (La Patrie.)  
 "For the first time women are allowed to aspire to legislative functions and become candidates for the Legislature of Ontario, and Madame Sears has been proposed for nomination in Ottawa West. The contest in that constituency will therefore be of a novel character and one very interesting to observe. Generally, rival candidates in an election campaign are not sparing in their attacks upon one another, but the laws of gallantry will naturally not allow them to attack a woman. Hence, woman's entry into the political arena will, by her elevating influence, character and one very interesting to observe. Generally, rival candidates



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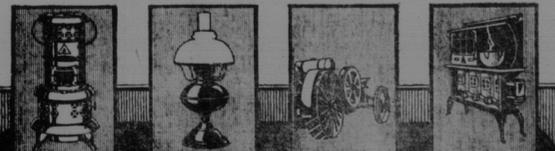
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