

MAKE JAS. A. ROBB LIBERAL SPOKESMAN

His Selection by Federal Opposition is Relief to the Party.

Special to The Toronto World. Ottawa, Feb. 21.—The parliamentary situation is unchanged. James A. Robb, Liberal M.P. for Huntingdon-Colesburg and chief Liberal whip at the last session, will be the spokesman for, if not the leader of, the opposition at the present session. There may be an advisory committee appointed to assist him, but in a parliamentary sense at least, Mr. Robb will be the leader of the party. The actual choice will not be made until the party caucus on Monday, but an understanding seems to have been reached.

Mr. Robb's selection bridges his party over a delicate and difficult situation. The Liberal party can now set about the work of reconstruction. It can pretty well adopt any platform which seems to be expedient and select any leader who gives promise of popularity. It is a fortunate circumstance that the government has no intention or desire of bringing on an early election, and therefore time can be taken to heal old sores, and prepare for the future.

Interesting Session. The government will carry on thru the session, but many of its best friends are troubled by the outlook. There will be no doubt a tendency among some of the Liberal-Unionist supporters of the government, to make terms with their old friends and get back to the old party camp. The Liberals, led by an English speaking Protestant, will be in a stronger position in many of the provinces than they were under the leadership of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and it is quite possible that they may hold the advantage they have held in Quebec. The session there holds fair to be interesting not so much from what may be said on the floor of the house, as from the negotiations and manoeuvres that will be going on in the corridors and the back rooms of the parliament buildings.

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Dr. Dixon was asked that he did not think the ax had been used. "I hear that foreigners, when fighting, sometimes jump on each other with their knees," questioned Crown Attorney Washington.

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By Large Majority Ask Dominion to Set Crop Price.

NOT IN POLITICS

No Action as Association—Grain Growers' Bank Is Suggested.

Regina, Feb. 21.—A resolution urging the government to fix the price of the wheat crop for 1919 was before the Grain Growers' convention this morning, and a warm and lengthy debate resulted. Dr. Platt, of Taranath, objected to it, declaring that no government could take the action demanded, and that the farmers would stultify themselves if they adopted it. President Maharg, M.P., who has just returned from overseas, declared it was largely a question of credit. It was almost impossible to say anything definite about the market. The grain-growing countries will have to supply the major portion of the credit for purchase, and that point will have to enter largely into the question of fixing a price, said Mr. Maharg. Everything is pointing in the direction of open markets in the old country, and the United States is making provisions for the same thing.

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Woodbridge branch of the U.F.O. gave a banquet in the Woodbridge Hotel last night. Arrangements had been made for 250 guests but at 7.30 about 350 people were present. An efficient committee soon arranged for two sittings for dinner, and were thus able to make all the guests comfortable. H. Cole, president of the local branch, occupied the chair, and a good musical program was given during the evening. A feature of the banquet was the large number of women attending.

The first speaker, G. B. Padgett of Markham, deplored the fact that as soon as the farmer begins to speak of his grievances he is slighted by the government. The day of following anybody like a flock of sheep was ended, and the United Farmers of Canada, known as the only saving of daylight known in the world they could not get.

Press Muzzled. F. O. H. regretted that Mrs. G. Brodie, president of the women's organization, was not able to speak at this time. Now that the women have been given the ballot much good is expected from the organization. He suggested that the only saving of daylight known in the world they could not get.

Curse of Partyism. Defending himself against the accusation that he was a Liberal, the speaker said that he did not overlap the political lines of the platform of the U.F.O. which is neither Liberal nor Conservative, but is the agriculturalist's party, said the speaker.

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