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Conservative Members Called to Assist at the Capital on March Sixth

THE EX-PREMIER SENDS NOTICES

Defeated Candidates Have Also Been invited to Attend—The Debacle of December 6th Will Be Reviewed—Outlook for Toryism in Canada is Rather Gloomy.

Ottawa, Feb. 16—The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen has called a meeting of the Conservative members in the last election for March 6. It is expected that about one hundred men will be present in Ottawa.

The debacle of December 6 will be reviewed and after the weeping has been done and the tears mopped up, some plans will be made for the future. No one here expects that the Tories and western Ontario revolt against Mr. Meighen's leadership and tactics during the last campaign will come to a head at this meeting. The forces in opposition to him do not feel themselves well enough organized at present to do anything very drastic. Neither have they a man in sight upon whom they would like to throw the mantle of leadership. That is to come later.

Some of the Conservatives favor the calling of a great national convention. They would make it a free for all with so many delegates from each riding and then take their chances on a platform and perhaps the selection of a new leader. That is believed to be the view of some of the so-called revolvers from Toronto and western Ontario. They think that they could swing such a convention perhaps numbering 2,000, to their own ideas. There are other Conservatives who have an entirely different plan. They would have conventions called in each of the provinces.

In one of the provinces at present is there a Conservative government.

The political fences need fixing in the worst way. At these provincial conventions the plan is to have delegates selected for the federal powwow. The number of these delegates may be fixed according to their representations in the commons. These Conservatives figure that the Federal gathering ought not to number more than possibly 200 and then real work could be done. They think too, that some of the noisy ones from Ontario and Manitoba might be eliminated or their noise lessened to a large extent. Some of Mr. Meighen's friends argue strongly for the smaller convention. They also point out that there has never been a rational Conservative convention since some time away back in the 70's. Another argument against the big convention is the expense. It isn't often that the question of expense arises in party affairs, but in the present state of Conservative fortunes it carries some real weight. The meeting on March 6 will not be a celebration. Neither will it be a funeral. But it will not be a unanimous meeting unless a lot of things are left unuttered.

CANADIAN DOLLAR IS STEADILY GOING UP IN VALUE IN NEW YORK

New York, Feb. 16—Further strength in Canadian exchange today made Canadian dollars worth 96.43 cents, the highest price in over two years. One year ago Canadian dollars were selling in New York at 12 per cent discount.

While strength in sterling exchange is thought to have been primarily responsible for today's increase in the value of Canadian money, financial authorities attribute the steady recovery of the Canadian dollar mainly to the excellent trade condition of the dominion.

Expansion in Canada's trade with exports from the United States to the dominion have been declining sharply seems to be the best explanation for the improvement in Canadian currency in the New York money market.

WANT HEARST PUBLICATIONS KEPT OUT

Governor Carleton Chapter I.O. D.E. Discusses Matter—Annual Meeting Held, Mrs. G.C. VanWart Regent.

The annual meeting of the Governor Carleton Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire was held yesterday afternoon in the Board of Trade Office. The annual report and the secretary's report were read and the following officers were elected for the coming year:—

Regent—Mrs. G. C. VanWart.
1st Vice Regent—Mrs. John Harvey
2nd Vice Regent—Mrs. N. Dougherty.
Secretary—Mrs. Harry Robertson.
Assistant Secretary—Mrs. Havelock Coy.
Treasurer—Miss Helen Sterling.
"Echo" Secretary—Mrs. Brown Maxwell.
Educational Secretary—Miss Alexander.

Standard Bearer—Mrs. John Bebbington.
Ten members of the executive were also elected as follows:—Mrs. Chas. Weddall, Mrs. J. B. Crocker, Mrs. W. J. Glen, Mrs. George W. Hodge, Mrs. D. J. Shea, Mrs. Harry Walker, Mrs. Bedford Phillips, Mrs. S. D. Burns, and Mrs. J. D. Palmer.

Want Hearst Papers Barred.
The Chapter discussed the matter of banning the admission of Hearst publications into Canada because of the anti-Canadian and anti-British attitude taken by them. The opinion was expressed that Canadian publications should be encouraged and supported in their place.

M'DONALD CASE STANDS UNTIL NEXT TERM

Those present in Appeal Court today were Chief Justice Hazen, Judge Barry and Judge Crockett.

In McLean et al vs. Mullin H. A. Powell, K. C., continued, J.B.M. Baxter, K. C., in reply Court considers.

The divorce appeal of McDonald vs. McDonald, a St. John case in which Dr. Baxter, K. C., was to support appeal from the judgment of Judge Crockett stands until next session.

In Carmichael vs. Bowes et al Dr. Baxter K. C., for defendants supported appeal from judgment of Mr. Justice Crockett, and moved to enter verdict for the defendant or for new trial.

M. G. Teed K. C., counsel for plaintiff asked that Jacob Dewitt of the Quebec Bar be heard with him in this case.

Chief Justice Hazen stated that the court would extend the courtesy to Mr. Dewitt.

R. W. Thorne of Regina is in the city today.

Casualties in Belfast Now Number 114; Two Men Killed Yesterday

The City Has Taken on a Mournful Aspect—Funeral Processions are Escorted by Armoured Cars—Ulster Cabinet Expresses Its Appreciation of the Restraint Shown by Loyalists—Collins Sends Telegram to Churchill.

Belfast, Feb. 16—While Mr. Britton, a draper with a store in Main street and Mr. Gallagher, a whiskey dealer, were in Gallagher's saloon in Donegal today, both were shot and fatally injured. Members of the Irish Republican army later arrested Private Alfred Thompson of the rifle brigade in connection with the shooting. Ernest Lawson, a former soldier and son of a public house keeper in Donegal, also was arrested. It was alleged that he pointed a loaded revolver at two members of the Irish Republican army and that he was in possession of knowledge concerning the shooting of Britton and Gallagher.

The city of Belfast today bore a mournful aspect. There were many funerals during the day of persons killed in the recent disorders. The processions in all cases were escorted by armored cars and lorries containing soldiers, while strong forces of police and troops occupied the danger zones through which the corteges passed. Several of the victims were buried with Orange honors. There were no untoward incidents.

OUTBREAK HAS BEEN QUELLED

During the afternoon and evening the city was quiet except for a sudden outbreak of firing late in the evening which was quickly suppressed. There were no casualties.

Sir James Craig, the Ulster premier presided over a meeting of his cabinet today, which afterwards issued a statement expressing appreciation for the restraint shown by the loyalists of the six northern counties and appealing for a continuance of "such praiseworthy conduct."

The total casualties in Belfast since Saturday were 114, of which thirty-four were fatal. Twenty-four of the Ulster Unionists kidnapped in last week's raids were conveyed to the Cavan station this afternoon and dispatched to various destinations. Major Moutray grand master of the Tyrone Orangemen, was believed to have been among those released. A majority of them were elderly men, wearing rugs around their shoulders.

COLLINS WANTS FAIR PLAY

Dublin, Feb. 16—Michael Collins, head of the provisional government, tonight sent a long telegram to Winston Spencer Churchill, British secretary for the colonies. It was in the nature of a manifesto to the British people asking for fair play for the treaty in respect to the recent happenings in Ulster and for the apportionment of the blame for them in the proper places.

Alluding to the suspension of the evacuation of Ireland by the British troops, the message said:

"The best way the English government can help us is not by suspending but by carrying out the treaty, thereby convincing Ireland that England is really delivering the goods this time".

FREDERICTON HIGH OUTCLASSED SUSSEX HIGH

Sussex, Feb. 16—Fredericton High School crossed sticks with the Sussex High School hockey team here tonight in the first interscholastic league game played here this season. The Fredericton team defeated the home boys by a score of 8 to 1.

Summary: First period, Fredericton 2, Sussex 0; second, Fredericton 3, Sussex 0; third, Fredericton 3, Sussex 1.

The score does not altogether indicate the merit of play as the game was fast and interesting. The Fredericton team are heavier and faster skaters. Hunter, the Sussex star centre, played a great game and if he had received the support he should have the result would have been different.

New Glasgow Leads Again.
New Glasgow, N. S., Feb. 16—New Glasgow regained the leadership of the Independent League by defeating Amherst, 7 to 2, here this evening. Only a fair sized crowd saw the contest.

Thirty-Five Apply.
Thirty-five applications for employment have been registered at the civil bureau. Temporary employment found for only two.

MT. ALLISON BEAT ACADIA IN EASY STYLE

Sackville, Feb. 16—A different complexion was given to the maritime intercollegiate hockey league when Mt. Allison defeated Acadia here tonight by 6 to 1.

Tonight was Mount Allison's night. The hard ice gave her speedy forwards a chance to show form, and their slower opponents could not stand their terrific pace. This, with the phenomenal work of Appleby, Mt. Allison's goalie, tells the story of the game.

Acadia played a hard fought game but seemed to lack scoring ability and were away off in their shooting. The Mount Allison defence proved impregnable, Smith and Taylor allowing nothing through. Mount Allison's forward line, consisting of Captain Pickard, Wyse and Glennie, outskated their opponents and back checked well.

The line-up:
Mount Allison Goal Acadia
Appleby Defence Elderkin
Smith Defence Clark
Taylor Defence Murray
Wyse Centre Hirtle

The Government is Being Urged to Investigate the Merchant's Bank Affair

MEMORY OF EVENTS WAS CLOUDED

Lavigne Assault Case Attracted Many Spectators This Morning—Friendly Game of Cards.

The famous assault case in which Abe Lavigne is charged by Albert Rosenfeldt with committing an assault and causing bodily harm was before the Police Court this morning. The informant who appeared with head heavily bandaged had J. B. Dickson as counsel. J. B. McNair represented the accused. The majority of the Jewish population of the city was on hand and also many spectators who were not Jewish.

The decorum of the court was jarred several times while evidence was being given. Once when S. Wiseman a witness explained that it was just a "friendly game" of poker which resulted in the row. This prompted the magistrate to remarks that there evidently had been a point in the game where friendship ceased.

Witnesses heard were the complainant, S. Wiseman, A. Grossman and Nathan Levinsky. The trouble occurred at Lavigne's home last Sunday. The party played with a "put and take" top until some one suggested cards, when Lavigne, Rosenfeldt, Levinsky and Wiseman sat into a poker game. Wiseman when asked what stopped the game said that "one man seemed to be better than the other."

The story until a table was upset was clear. After that witnesses did not have a clear memory. The fragment of a glass vase with which the informant says he was hit was produced.

PROGRAMME AT THE GAIETY

The Friday-Saturday Play is Moral Fiber with Corrine Griffiths the featured player.

A Summer visitor deceives a simple country boy into loving her and ed woman he grows despondent and kills himself. His little sister vows vengeance and when she grows up everything happens to give her an opportunity to get even with her brother's deceiver. Th husband of the woman and her brother as well cross the girls path. She tries to lead the husband astray but falls in love with the brother so that her plan for revenge fails. She gives the wife a severe lesson and in the end

Left Wing
Pickard Morrison
Right Wing
Glennie Conrad
Substitutes
Kieth Mason
Elliott Read
Cane McKay
The result of the game makes a three cornered tie among U. N. B. Mt. Allison and Acadia.

RETAIL PRICE OF CLOTH IS NOW FOUR TIMES THE COST AT MILL

Toronto, Feb. 17—Addressing the annual meeting of the Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association at the Carls-Rite Hotel last night, H. S. Arkell, Live Stock Commissioner, showed that all profiters are not yet dead.

He said that during an investigation he had conducted he found that woolen cloth which sold in the retail stores for \$12 a yard sold at the mills for \$3 a yard.

In view of this statement the association decided to form a committee to confer with Mr. Arkell in order to take steps for the protection of the wool growing industry in this matter.

MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION

Danger That a Probe Will Hit Some Concerns Which Now Have a Fair Chance to Get on Their Feet—Possibility of Criminal Action Being Taken Against the Wreckers

Ottawa, Feb. 16—The government is feeling much pressure for a complete investigation of the affairs of the Merchants Bank, the shareholders of which have agreed to an amalgamation with the Bank of Montreal after it had been shown that the bank's reserves were depleted about \$8,000,000.

So far the bank's affairs have been the subject of much serious consideration on the part of several members of the cabinet. It has been pointed out to the ministers that a ruthless government investigation at the present time might implicate firms which have a fair chance of making up their losses if given a little leeway. This argument comes from sources which have a pretty thorough knowledge of present day Canadian financial conditions.

It is announced that there is no desire on their part to hide the men who were responsible for practically wrecking the bank, but they do say that action by the government right now would bring down firms which have been proceeding along strictly business and legal lines. The government has accurate knowledge of the ramifications of the Merchants Bank affair and all this is being thoroughly discussed by the ministers.

Possible Criminal Action.
It is also pointed out that criminal action may be taken, this resting with any of the Merchants Bank shareholders. Any shareholder has the right to make a complaint, which of course would go to the courts.

Hon. W. S. Fielding, the minister of finance, has not yet given his consent to be amalgamation, but some financial men here do not see how this can be withheld.

One effect of the Merchants Bank merger may be to hurry the revision to the bank act which it not due till next year. It is even possible that some outline of policy in this connection may be given the parliament at the coming session.

marries the brother.

William Parks handles a short part well and Harry C. Browne gives his usual sterling performance. The settings and costumes are expensive-looking and the photography excellent.

Death of Mrs. Webb.
Mrs. Dora Webb wife of Henry Webb died at an early hour this morning at her home Northumberland street. She was aged sixty-two years. Four sons survive Blake of Fredericton Junction, Tyler of Minto, Leland of Fredericton and Horace of Chatham. The funeral will take place Saturday morning the body being taken to Tracey for interment. Rev. Dr. Keirstead will conduct the service at the late home of the deceased.