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AN ADVANCED PLATFORM.

The convention of opponents of the Provincial Government, which met in St. John on Monday and closed on Tuesday, was one of the most important political gatherings held in this province for many years. Upwards of two hundred representative men from all sections of New Brunswick, composed the convention, and the proceedings were characterized by an earnestness and determination on the part of each and every one to do his utmost to bring about a more honest and business-like administration of our provincial affairs. An advanced platform was adopted and when carried into effect, as it will be after the next election, cannot fail to be of untold benefit to all classes of people in the province. The several planks in the platform were prepared by a committee composed of men who have made a careful study of political and economic conditions in this province.

We feel confident that the result of the convention's deliberations in this respect will heartily commend itself to a great majority of the right-thinking people of both political parties, who, having become disgusted with the incompetency of the present Government and its record of broken promises and maladministration will heartily welcome a change.

The enlightened policy adopted with respect to the public domain should appeal to all who have the best interests of the province at heart. All that stands between the people of New Brunswick and direct taxation today is the seven million acres of Crown Lands belonging to the province. It is important therefore, that these lands should be administered not in the interests of a few wealthy individuals or large corporations, but in the interests of all the people. The Opposition being desirous of doing the greatest good to the greatest number, propose to place the control of the Crown Lands, including game and inland fisheries, in the hands of a non-partisan commission, which will be responsible not to the Government, but to the Provincial Legislature. The proposal is a practical and statesmanlike one, and should be hailed with satisfaction not only by those who own the lands, but by those who lease and operate them.

When the present Government went into power in 1908 it promised to hand over control of the highways to the people. All know how shamelessly that promise has been violated. Conditions have become worse instead of better. Money is squandered by incompetent officials, and the roads are not as good today as they were twenty or twenty-five years ago. The Opposition promise to have the people of the different parishes elect their own supervisors, just as they now choose their own school trustees. The provincial grant will be turned over to the supervisors, and they will have in addition the amounts collected in the various districts. They will be compelled to submit a detailed report to a public meeting of the ratepayers once a year. If it should then be found that the supervisors have failed to properly perform their duties, the ratepayers will not need to be told what course to pursue. This plan works satisfactorily in connection with school matters; it will be made to work satisfactorily in connection with the administration of our highways.

On the temperance question

the Convention declared itself in no uncertain way. A prohibitory act will be passed and submitted to the people in the form of a referendum within three months. If approved by a majority of the voters, the act will be brought into force by proclamation within one year. The Opposition have no compact with the liquor dealers and are prepared to carry out the wishes of the people on this great question fearlessly and honestly.

Much to the regret of the Convention, Hon. C. W. Robinson, who was elected leader of the Opposition one year ago, finds that he is unable for business reasons to continue in that capacity. No successor has yet been selected to the important post, but a committee of leadership consisting of seven members will for the present direct the affairs of the party.

The Convention was, on the whole, highly satisfactory, and the result of its careful deliberations is certain to mark an epoch in the onward march of New Brunswick towards a greater prosperity and development.

Montreal Herald: On the whole, the New Year honors announced for Canadians are well selected. They represent in the fullest degree recognition of public service rather than of social position or of wealth. As such they will be as pleasing to the Canadian people as they are gratifying to the recipients. They are a reminder that the binding link of the Empire is the crown. Also that the most lowly-born boy anywhere in the British Dominions may aspire some day to the highest honors which the crown, as head of the Empire, can bestow.

PEACE DELEGATE**PERMITTED TO LEAVE**

(Canadian Press.)

London, Jan. 12—The Daily Express says today that Andrew J. Betha, Lieutenant governor of South Carolina, and a companion from the Ford peace party, who have been detained at Tilbury, opposite Gravesend, having satisfied the British authorities that they have no intention to prosecute a peace campaign in England, have been given permission to proceed to America and will take the first boat available.

STOCK MARKET

(Quotations by J. M. Robison & Sons, Bankers and Brokers, Queen Street.)

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SECRET BALLOT IN LOCAL OPTION CONTEST

Quebec, Jan. 12.—Abolition of open voting on local option in the province and substitution of the secret ballot is to be the subject of a government bill this session.

Dr. T. J. Bourque, of Richibucto, is a guest at the Barker House.

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AMERICANS KILLED BY MEXICAN REBELS

(Canadian Press)

Washington, Jan. 12—Secretary of State Lansing today telegraphed General Carranza, calling for the prompt punishment of the bandits who executed seventeen Americans near Chihuahua Monday. Through Eliseo Arredondo, the new appointed Mexican ambassador here, it was arranged to bring the bodies from Chihuahua to Suarez today on a special train.

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 12—With the expected arrival here today of the bodies of the nineteen foreigners executed by former Villa soldiers Monday, near San Yzabel, fifty miles from Chihuahua city, details of the tragedy were eagerly awaited by hundreds of mining men and others formerly active in industrial affairs in Northern Mexico. Telegraph offices and other sources of information were crowded throughout the night with those eager for news of the execution. The censorship imposed shortly after the first news of the affair came through, shut off all but the mere announcement of what had transpired. Final checking up by the American Smelting and Refining Company of its employees today, showed nineteen foreigners unaccounted for.

Washington, Jan. 12—Confirmation of the reported killing of seventeen American mining men by former Villa soldiers near Chihuahua City, Mexico was awaited today with grave anxiety by President Wilson and Secretary Lansing. If reports are borne out by further advices, urgent representations probably will be sent to General Carranza immediately, demanding the capture of the murderers and that precautions be taken to guard against a recurrence of such crimes.

COUNCIL OF WOMEN**MEET AT WASHINGTON**

(Canadian Press.)

Washington, Jan. 12—The National Council of Women began a three days convention here today. The Marchioness of Aberdeen, president of the International Council of Women, and Mrs. W. E. Sanford of Hamilton, international treasurer, are guests of the National Council, which is affiliated with the international organization. The object of the society is to bring about a closer relationship between American women and those of twenty-seven other countries of the world, in seeking better social and economic conditions.

RUSSIA AND JAPAN**MAY FORM ALLIANCE**

(Canadian Press.)

Tokio, Japan, Jan. 12—There is much interest here in the fortnight visit of the Russian Grand Duke Mikhailovitch, who has come to Tokio to convey the congratulations of Emperor Nicholas to Emperor Yoshigito on the latter's coronation. The public regards that visit as the sealing of the friendship of Russia and Japan, based on mutual interests and hopes are expressed in high quarters that the war alliance now in operation will merge into a formal alliance between the two countries.

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New York, Jan. 12—Great Britain has already taken steps to capture a portion of the export trade which was enjoyed by Germany previous to the outbreak of the war, according to R. W. Dalton, a British trade commissioner, who arrived here today on the steamship Philadelphia, en route to New Zealand. Mr. Dalton said that he is going to Canada for a short stay and from there to New Zealand in an effort to secure for Canada the business which was previously done between Germany and New Zealand.

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