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SAYS THAT HON. MR. ROWELL HAS CROSSED THE FLOOR

His Letter to a Constituent on the Approaching Liberal Convention Discussed by the Toronto Globe—Does Not Agree With the Views Expressed by the President of the Council
Eclipse of Liberalism in Canada is but Temporary.

(Toronto Globe)

The letter of Mr. Rowell to Mr. W. P. B. Davison, of Port Hope, giving reasons why Liberals who voted for a war-time Union Government to enforce the Military Service Act should continue to support the Unionist party ignores the most important aspect of the situation—the fact that it has been decided by a majority of the Liberal-Unionist members now in Parliament to join forces permanently with Sir Robert Borden and his friends in the organization of a new political party.

The Liberals of Durham who voted for Mr. Rowell gave him no authority to destroy the historic Liberal Party of Canada by agreeing to a political merger with the Conservative party. If Mr. Rowell, during the campaign of December, 1917, had told the electors of Durham that a vote for him meant a vote for the creation of a new party to take the place of the Liberal and Conservative parties as formerly constituted, it is extremely doubtful whether he could have been elected. Both Liberal-Unionists and Conservative-Unionists believed that all they were asked to support was a temporary coalition, such as that formed by Mr. Brown and Sir John Macdonald to bring about Confederation. It was clearly understood that after the war was over the men on both sides of politics who had united to support a non-partisan, or rather a bi-partisan, War Ministry would be free to return to their former political homes and resume the consideration of the questions that have heretofore divided political parties in Canada.

All this is now set aside by a relatively small group of Parliamentarians without any mandate from their constituents Mr. Rowell does not tell Mr. Davison and the Durham Liberals that he has agreed to take part in the organization of a new political party in which Conservative electors and Conservative policies must be dominant. He asks the Liberals of Durham to ignore the Liberal Convention at Ottawa because it "will not be in a position to represent or speak for the Liberals who supported Union Government," but he does not add, as he ought to have added that he would like to obtain from the Liberal-Unionists of Durham an expression of opinion as to whether they desire to cut loose permanently from Liberalism and become followers of Sir Robert Borden.

House Leader. That claim can be made no longer. The policies of the new party to which Mr. Rowell and the majority of the Liberal-Unionists have given their adhesion have not been defined in any official pronouncement, but the Conservative Press declares that the maintenance in its integrity of the policy of adequate protection must be the foundation-stone of Unionism. There has been no disclaimer from Mr. Rowell, and it is therefore reasonable to suppose that the Unionism of the future will be essentially a high tariff and Big Interests party, steeped in the traditions of Conservatism.

With such a party electors of progressive views who believe that the eclipse of Liberalism in Canada is but temporary can have no part or lot. They know that the solid block of about a hundred former Conservative members who at present furnish the bulk of the Parliamentary support of the new party will insist upon the acceptance of their viewpoint as to the policies which should find a place on the platform of the Unionist party. After the next general election the West will no longer exercise a moderating influence within the party, for it is fairly certain that the West will then return to progressive Liberalism with the United Farmers' candidates as alternatives—instead of sending Unionists to Ottawa to vote for high protection.

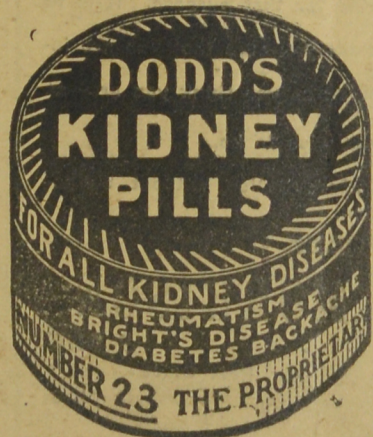
Looking at the situation as it is today, and as it is likely to develop throughout the balance of the Parliamentary term during which it is the manifest intention of the present Ministry to remain in office, it becomes clear that by 1912 the Liberal members who have joined the new party will have merged their identity with and become absorbed in the Conservative organization. If they seek re-election it will be on a Conservative platform and by the support of electors largely of Conservative leanings. The Globe does not believe that Mr. Rowell will carry many Liberals with him into the Unionist camp on these terms. The mass of Liberal electors who supported the Unionist Government at the last election on war issues will unquestionably refuse to regard past issues as sufficient cause for the creation of a permanent party. They will seek rather to ally themselves with forward-looking men who will consider the questions which must come before the electors in the future on their merits and in their bearing upon the welfare and happiness of the Canadian people.

There is no logical reason for the permanent alliance of men who hold widely divergent views concerning the vital issues of the future in the fact that two years ago they held an identical view regarding an issue that has been settled, and that has now no more than historical interest. Liberalism and Conservatism are principles of political action that will survive long after the men of today disappear from the stage. That is why the Liberals of Ontario will fall in any great numbers to follow Mr. Rowell into the camp of the party that, however it may name itself, is still in all essentials the traditional Conservative party of Macdonald, Cartier, Tupper, Thompson, and Borden, and that still nails the flag of privilege to the masthead.



HON. N. W. ROWELL

Until the recent caucus at Ottawa Mr. Rowell was the Ontario leader of a group of men in Parliament who regarded themselves as no less representative of Canadian Liberalism than the anti-conscriptionists who followed Mr. McKenzie, the Liberal



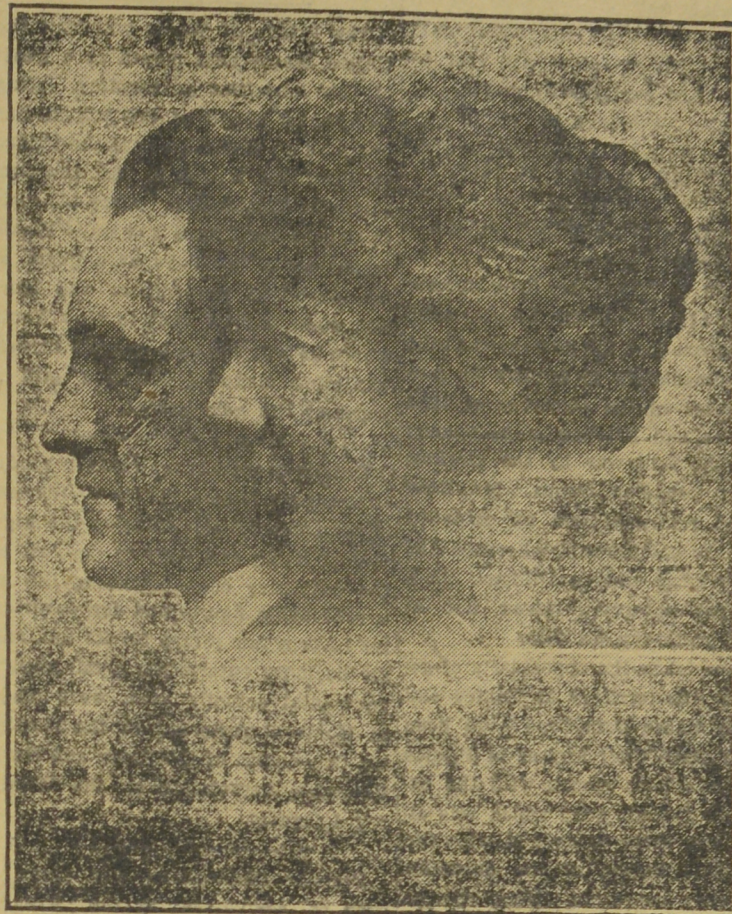
OFFER NOT ACCEPTED

St. John, July 23.—Some weeks ago the N. B. Power Company offered a place on its directorate to a member of the union of the company's employees. The union has decided not to accept now, but take up the matter six months hence.

One of the most picturesque motion picture studios in the United States is being erected at Culver City, Cal., just outside Los Angeles, by Henry Lehrman, producer of screen comedies. The facade of the new Lehrman studios will be a bit of Venice, with the entire front of the property being done in the distinctive architecture of the old Italian city. A broad canal will run for 600 feet before the main buildings, to which access will be gained by means of ornamental bridges spanning the water. The Venetian atmosphere will be maintained in detail.

The Opera "PINAFORE"

FIFTH EVENING AT CHAUTAUQUA



ALEXANDER MASON AND BLANCHE UPHAM.

A worthy successor to the opera "Robin Hood" which made such a tremendous hit throughout the "B" circuit last summer is the famous Gilbert and Sullivan opera "Pinafore." More people are perhaps familiar with Pinafore than any other opera of its kind. It has pleased countless play-goers in the large cities and its every repetition is attended with renewed success.

Last summer "Pinafore" was given on the Chautauqua "A" circuit and pleased even more than had the "Mikado" or the "Chimes of Normandy." The Pinafore company which comes to your Chautauqua this summer is composed of a full cast of characters, each an experienced singer. There is an orchestra to render the instrumental accompaniment to that tuneful music for which "Pinafore" is justly renowned. The principal characters are of national reputation and include Arthur Wooley, Harry Luckstone, Mary White, William H. White, Alexander Mason, Blanche Upham and Lillian Chapdelaine.

Each of these principals has appeared in the most noted operas in the largest cities in the world. The chorus is composed of fine, clean young men and women with good voices, trained by artists.

Elaborate costuming, special scenery, star performers as leading characters, tuneful music and perfect team work. This is a combination which cannot fail to produce a result fully up to the high standard set by last year's performance of "Robin Hood." This opera will be given the fifth night of the Chautauqua program, and it is freely predicted that seats will be at a premium that evening. Have you yours?

MOVEMENTS OF THE STARS IN FILM LAND

Enid Bennett has completed work on "The Gay Miss Fortesque."

Ruth Stonehouse is leading woman for Hale Hamilton in the Metro star's latest screen play, "The Four Flushers."

Eugene Walters is writing the screen story in which Eugene O'Brien is to star. The picture will be named "Scaled Hearts."

"Through the Wrong Door," from the novel by Jesse Lynch Williams, is Madge Kennedy's newest Goldwyn picture.

Charles Ray has begun work on another original story by Julien Josephson, author of most of his successes. The working title of this picture is "A

Man's Money."

Allan Sears, who played the leading male role in Mae Murray's "The Big Little Person," has been cast for a prominent role in "Playing the Game," a vivid drama of newspaper life which is in the making at Universal City.

Robert Anderson, who recently finished playing the part of a denatured Bolshevik in "The Right to Happiness" in support of Dorothy Phillips, will have another Slav role in "Common Property," a drama of the nationalization of women in Russia.

The Famous Players-Lasky Corporation has obtained the Estees Studio and Laboratory at West 125th street. This addition is necessary to handle the producing activities of the corporation in the east. Work on the new \$2,000,000 studio at Long Island City is being rushed. The excavating for the studio is nearly completed and the first floor of the laboratory has been laid.

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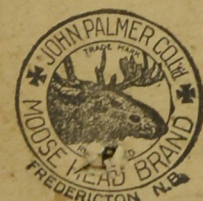
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