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NOT A UNITED PARTY

While the heads of the Conservative party at Ottawa were meeting to settle who would be the leaders of the party in parliament, and when the much talked of convention would be held, another meeting was being held in Albert County to nominate delegates to the convention. We are told the Albert County Convention was most enthusiastic. Whether it was or not delegates were elected. The Ottawa gathering was not brimming over with enthusiasm. It was not even united but on the contrary many of those who attended had much fault to find with each other and with a section of their own press, which was charged with being disloyal and seeking to represent that the party was divided on many important questions not the least of which was who were to be the leaders. This has been an important issue ever since 1896 and does not appear to be any nearer a solution than it was 14 years ago. Not much has been said of what occurred at this Ottawa caucus but Mr. Foster and Mr. Monk have both been turned down. Hereafter Mr. Doherty will be the Quebec lieutenant of Mr. Borden and Mr. Foster will perhaps have less to say in parliament and the party councils than formerly. It will be discovered that neither of these gentlemen will be easily suppressed and while they continue in parliament will make as much trouble for Mr. Borden as they have for themselves.

The Conservative party is not gaining ground in Canada. It is fighting for no great principle, but is simply opposing every measure brought forward by the government. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his cabinet have given Canada a progressive government under which the country has made remarkable strides. Before this defeat at 1896 the Conservative party showed signs of disruption mainly caused by internal strife. It was not the strong party which Sir John A. Macdonald led and held together by the force of his own will. It was only the fog end of that party growing perceptibly weaker every year and it remains the fog end of a party even now. The convention is postponed for another year apparently in the hope that the situation turn itself meanwhile. Before the last general election the policy of the party was to discover imaginary scandals and since the election the policy has not changed. Until the present methods are abandoned and the scandal mongers at Ottawa cease their attacks they will lack the confidence of the Canadian people.

PROHIBITION IN NOVA SCOTIA

The prohibitory liquor law introduced into the Nova Scotia legislature as a government measure, does not materially alter conditions in that province as outside of Halifax and Richmond counties the whole province is now under the Scott Act. Whether or not an effort will be made to bring the new act into operation, in Nova Scotia, as was done by the prohibitionists in Prince Edward Island, remains to be seen. When prohibition was enacted in Prince Edward Island Charlottetown was the only place on the Island where the Scott Act was not in operation and there was a strong belief that prohibition was enacted by the Island legislature for the purpose of making Charlottetown "dry." Since the enactment of the prohibitory law on the island the counties formerly under the Scott Act have come under the provincial law by repealing the Scott Act. The same thing will in all probability happen in Nova Scotia. Up to the present time no attempt has been made to bring the Scott Act into operation in Halifax but the new spirit which seems to be taking hold of the people of the adjoining province may bring on an election under the prohibition law and a "no license" vote may pass. The experiment of prohibition in Nova Scotia will be watched with interest.

THE VALLEY RAILWAY

Mr. D. F. Maxwell has been appointed chief engineer of the Valley Railway survey. Mr. Maxwell has had much experience in railway surveys

in this province, and his appointment while not altogether a surprise to those who have known what was going on during the past few days will not appeal to the friends of Mr. P. S. Archibald, who regarded his appointment as certain three weeks ago. Mr. Maxwell is one of the engineers who made the alternative survey of the St. John river valley route for the National Transcontinental Commissioners and is therefore more familiar with the territory through which the proposed railway will run. No survey has been made from Fredericton to St. John and the location of a route for this section will be his most important work. The survey will be commenced at once and it will not be many months before his report will be in the hands of the government.

The people living along the line of this proposed railway should see to it that they are not fooled into accepting a cheap trolley line with heavy grades which can be constructed at much less than \$25,000 a mile, and which when completed would not be adapted to through traffic. To build such a line simply means that it could not be operated on a basis that would pay the interest on the guaranteed bonds and which would either have to be closed down or operated at a loss to the province, in addition to the interest on the bonds. Such a road would not develop the country but on the contrary would compel the government to resort to direct taxation to keep it open.

BIG POWER SCHEME KILLED AT OTTAWA

Ottawa, April 13.—The bill to incorporate the International Waterways Canal and Construction Company with power to construct a large canal from Lake Winnipeg to Lake Superior and develop and sell water power en route was killed today by the commons railway committee by a vote of 58 to 51.

The project involved a total expenditure of about \$20,000,000 and was backed by American chieftains in Chicago, St. Paul and Duluth.

Objection was taken to the bill on the ground that it was merely a disguised attempt to obtain control of the immensely valuable water powers along the Rainy River and on other streams in North Western Ontario to the detriment of the public interest as a whole.

It was strongly opposed by the conservation commission.

CANADIAN TENNIS TOURNAMENT IN ST. JOHN

St. John, April 14.—The definite announcement that the Canadian Lawn Tennis Association would hold their annual meet in this city during the middle week in August, was made last evening after a meeting of the managing and ladies' committees, which accepted the decision of the Canadian executive in favor of St. John. This will be the first year in which the championships have come east of Montreal and should result in a great season for the New Brunswick clubs. All the leading tennis players of the Dominion, including champions and ex-champions are expected to compete and the best players of New England will probably enter the open championships. The St. John courts are now in excellent condition and will not require any enlargement to accommodate the contestants for the tennis honors of the Dominion. The tournament will extend over one week.

BOUGHT HISTORIC RELIC, THE SWORD OF CROMWELL

New York, April 14.—The sword of Oliver Cromwell was the most important sale yesterday at the Yerkes mansion where the American art association disposed of the last of the household belongings and it went to E. H. Lithfield of Brooklyn for \$1,500. The sword had been locked in a safe and was brought to light after the other articles had been scheduled. It was formerly in the museum of war-wickshire museum England. It was cast with medallions the pommel corresponding. The broad blade is pannelled, and bears the arms and motto of the commonwealth of England. The sword is dated 1639. There were several competitors for it.

CITIZENS AND FIREMEN SAVE A BURNING CITY

Behsburg, Pa., April 14.—A fire, which threatened for a time to wipe out this place was checked today by the hard work of firemen, aided by hundreds of citizens. The loss caused by the fire will probably reach \$125,000. One man, injured by falling walls will probably die.

CONSERVATIVE PARTY

BADLY BROKEN UP

Convention Indefinitely Postponed in Order to Give Time for Settlement of Differences.

Ottawa, April 13.—The Conservatives, in caucus this morning concurred in the recommendation of the committee on general arrangements that the dominion convention of the party, originally fixed for Ottawa in June, be postponed. No definite time for the gathering has been agreed upon, but the chances are that it will not be held this year. The general committee will meet at the call of the leader.

Mr. Foster was last week invited by no less a person than Mr. Borden to retire from parliament and relieve the Conservatives of his personality. He declined, but at a subsequent meeting he agreed to a measure of relief undertaking to sing exceeding small in parliament hereafter.

Following this a new leader of the opposition appeared in parliament in the person of Judge Doherty, of Montreal. In the absence of Mr. Borden, and although Hon. John Haggart, George Taylor and Dr. Sproule were present, Judge Doherty assumed the position of first lieutenant, and led the opposition for the whole of the morning sitting. His first official act was to get the government to put off the discussion of the naval bill until Mr. Borden could be present.

Now it is announced that the long heralded Conservative convention will not take place. The leaders of the party feel that their relations are not sufficiently harmonious to enable them to effectively face a gathering of delegates from all parts of the country. The convention will not be held this spring and it is felt now that it will never be held.

UTILITIES BOARD, F. P. ROBINSON, SEC'Y

The provincial government has appointed the Public Utilities Commission, under the act of last session. This commission is a court authorized to hear complaints against companies or firms administering public utilities, under the jurisdiction of the province, to investigate the matters in question and to determine the remedy. Following are the commissioners:

Col. D. McLeod Vince, K. C., barrister of Woodstock, chairman.

O. M. Melanson, merchant of Shediac.

G. O. D. Otty, barrister of Hampton, secretary treasurer of the municipality of Kings.

The secretary is Mr. Fred P. Robinson of Fredericton.

This last appointment will come as a pleasant surprise to the friends of Mr. Robinson, who, during successive campaigns, rendered good service to his party.

As mentioned, the new official, who received his education at the Fredericton Grammar School, has been of late a citizen of Fredericton.

For some years past he has been 1st vice-president of the Fredericton Exhibition Association. Mr. Robinson is a member of one of the oldest families in the province and is well known as a man of energy and resource and as a man of energy and resource and marked business ability. The appointments will undoubtedly prove popular.

TAXPAYER COMPLAINS RE BRUNSWICK STREET

Editor of Daily Mail:

Is anything ever going to be done to Brunswick Street between York and Regent Streets? It has been a regular "Otnabog" this spring, and a place to be avoided after every rain. The gutters would not be creditable to the most primitive country village while the approach to Allen Street and the Old Grave Yard is disgraceful in the extreme. Instead of a proper cement side-walk, as there should be, there is only a mud path, and yet this is right in the centre of a town we invite tourists to visit that they may see its beauties.

I believe the Local Improvement Society contemplate putting out some new trees where wanted, and also placing some more around the Grave Yard. But this would be an opportune time for the new chairman of the road committee to take a walk along the suburban pathway. All the road money should not be spent on one part of the town to the neglect of the other parts.

April 14. TAXPAYER.

GRABBED BY SHARK

Vallejo, Cal., April 14.—Letters received here from Cristobal, Panama, stated that on March 31, Samuel Barnea, a marine on the United States cruiser Tacoma, fell overboard and was carried under by a shark. The body was not recovered.

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