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LIBERAL CONVENTION

A Convention of the Liberal party of the County of York will be held on Saturday the nineteenth day of August instant at 2 o'clock p. m. at the Pitt's Building, York Street, Fredericton, for the purpose of selecting a candidate for the Dominion Election now about to be held.

Dated the 12th day of August 1911. EDWARD MOORE President York County Liberal Association.

A SERIOUS SITUATION

The Census returns for New Brunswick have not yet been given out at Ottawa, but it will be a matter for surprise if any marked increase in the population of this province is shown. Indeed most people would be well satisfied if the province during the last decade retained anything like the natural increase in population but it is scarcely likely that there will be any such exhibit. The decennial census taken in 1891 showed an increase of only thirty people, and for the decade which ended in 1901 there was an increase of 9,887. As already stated the returns of the census taken in June of this year are not yet available, but enough is already known to indicate that the increase in the population of the province of New Brunswick will not exceed ten thousand. This if it proves correct will bring the total increase for thirty years up to about twenty thousand. Just think of it; the province of New Brunswick, with a territory almost as large as that of England, a province inhabited by as sturdy a race of people as can be found on God's earth, a province rich in natural resources, increasing in population at the rate of only seven hundred a year. Surely in the light of this sad story it is not high time that thoughtful men in New Brunswick, both Liberals and Conservatives, laid aside party politics and acted together for the common good. High protection both American and Canadian has sapped our life blood and for thirty years this province has actually withered. If you think the picture is overdrawn then examine the census returns for the past fifty years, and see if we can afford to heed the "let well enough alone" cry of the Conservatives which is being made to do duty in this campaign. As is well known the old reciprocity treaty with the United States was in force from 1854 until 1866, and never before or since has New Brunswick enjoyed such prosperity as then existed.

The truth of this statement is shown by the census returns and it cannot be successfully contradicted. In 1851, New Brunswick had a population of 193,899 and in 1861 it had grown to 258,047, an increase of 58,157 or a little less than thirty per cent. The census of 1871 showed a population of 285,594 an increase of 33,547, and during the ten years ending 1881 there was a further increase of 35,939 which brought the total population up to 321,233. The National Policy was adopted by Parliament in 1879, and since that the total growth of population has not

been as great in the thirty years which have since elapsed as it was in any one of the three previous decades. In 1891 after the twelve years of the National Policy our population numbered 321,263, an increase of 30, which corresponded exactly with the increase in the number of patients in the provincial hospital for the year. For the ten years ending in 1901, which included five years of Liberal rule and four years of the British preference, our population had grown to 331,120 an increase of 9,887. The significance of these facts and figures can never be misunderstood nor too deeply deplored. In spite of the tariff reductions made by the Liberals, after 1896, and in spite of the British preference, which did much to increase our trade with Great Britain, New Brunswick and the other Maritime Provinces have practically stood still ever since the National Policy and high protection came into operation. These provinces have now reached a degree of decline which is very ominous for the future. It is enough to dishearten patriotic citizens and all lovers of this good old province.

Let the people of New Brunswick of all shades of politics give this matter serious consideration. Had our population gone on increasing since 1881 as it did during the thirty years preceding that date New Brunswick today would have not less than 450,000 inhabitants and York would have 45,000 instead of 30,000.

The lessons of this painful and disheartening tale are so perfectly simple and obvious that he who runs may read. No one who loves this good old province of New Brunswick and cares for its future should fail to take them to heart and put them to practice at the polls when the reciprocity question comes to be decided. We have long been deprived of our natural market and have suffered greatly in consequence. The boon of reciprocal trade with the United States which the greatest statesmen of both political parties have nearly fifty years put forth every effort to obtain, is now within our grasp. Shall we take advantage of this golden opportunity and open the doors to prosperity, or shall we reject it and continue a policy which has arrested the development of our resources and cause our population to decline.

Montreal Herald.—There is an ostentatious display of money in this campaign, on the part of those who profess to be so pure. Where does it come from? They do not tell, for it would be seen that some of those who have had their turn, who begged the farmer to be generous and let them have it, are ready and willing to pay to keep the farmer from taking his chance when it offers. The spirit of fair play is not in such people. And neither is the spirit of fair play in those who, having said this question must be submitted to the people, are now moving heaven and earth rather than let the people vote on it. They have made their bed; let them lie in it. The farmer must have his turn, even if the Tories have to stay out of office a couple of years more.

Coun. Tabor C. Everett of Kingsclear, one of the leading farmers of York County, and a life-long Conservative, has come out strongly in favor of reciprocity. He laughs at the idea of New Brunswick farmers being injured by competition from the United States.

Under reciprocity the farmers of York County will be provided with a staple market for their products; there will be greater production, more farmers and better times.

Mr. O. S. Crockett is said to have promised the Tory leaders as Ottawa a gain of six seats in New Brunswick. He will experience some difficulty in delivering the goods.

Potatoes are reported to be an excellent crop in all sections of York and Sunbury. With a shortage of ninety million bushels in the United States our farmers ought to do some business under reciprocity.

Freight traffic on the St. John River under reciprocity is sure to enjoy an unprecedented boom.

The men who have their money in saw mills and other industries in York County which give employment to labor, are in favor of reciprocity.

NOTES OF THE CAMPAIGN

Mr. Borden's failure to materialize in bodily presence at a big rallying of Conservatives assembled at the Toronto Exhibition Hall on Monday night, after he had been previously announced led to the political market being flooded with unsold Conservative badges. This in spite of the fact that they bore the portrait and the legend "Our Future Premier" not to mention the solemn junction under the picture "Keep Canada Within the Empire." Opposition had been erected a big sign on which was a suitable motto, a painting that bore the resemblance to the features of the absent leader, and a smaller one that might have been meant for "Sir John A." There were plenty of shouting close to the speaker's table, but there was probably more thinking done among the people who had come to bear presented one side of a large public question.

A great deal of discussion has been caused by the nomination of Mr. Duncan McMartin as Conservative candidate for Gleggarry at the convention on Saturday of last week and various rumors as to the domination of the campaign from New York have been started. While it is not yet certain whether Mr. McMartin will accept the nomination or not he was nominated as an old Gleggarry boy who had left the district and made a fortune, since which time he has, with members of his family, shown much interest in affairs of his own home district.

Messrs Buchanan of Lethbridge, Bennett of Calgary and Dr. Warnock of Pincher Creek have resigned their seats in the Alberta legislature to run for the House of Commons. Mr. Buchanan will be the Liberal candidate in Medicine Hat, Dr. Warnock will oppose the Tory candidate in Alberta constituency and Mr. Bennett will be the Tory candidate in Calgary.

Mr. J. F. Morin, lawyer, Montreal, has been chosen by the Conservatives of L'Assomption to run against Mr. Seguin in that county.

The Montreal Herald says that a bet of five to one was made in that city on Thursday on the return of the Laurier Government. The offer

was made by one of the leading financiers in Montreal.

Mr. Leighton McCarthy, ex-M. P., a nephew of the late Mr. Dalton McCarthy has been nominated by the Liberals of North Simcoe, Ont.

Mr. H. J. Logan, ex-M.P. has accepted the Liberal nomination in Cumberland, N. S.

Speaker Marcell has again been nominated by the Liberals of Bonaventure, P. Q.

Mr. D. D. McKenzie has been re-nominated by the Liberals of North Cape Breton.

Mr. Rufus Pape, ex-M. P. may be the Conservative candidate in Compton.

Hon. W. A. Charlton ex-speaker of the Ontario Legislature has been nominated by the Liberals of Norfolk, Ont.

Mr. H. B. Ames has been re-nominated by the Conservatives of St. Antoine, Montreal.

Mr. O. Carbonneau, former member of the legislature will probably contest L'Islet against Dr. Paquet, the Conservative candidate.

The Conservatives of Kings-Albert have nominated Mr. George W. Fowler as their candidate to oppose Dr. McAllister.

Dr. J. B. Black has been re-nominated by the Liberals of Hants, N.S.

Mr. B. B. Law, M.P. will again carry the Liberal standard to victory in Yarmouth.

Mr. J. H. Sinclair has been nominated by the Liberals of Guysboro. Sir Wilfrid Laurier will open the

Liberal campaign at Simcoe, Ont., on Tuesday next. Preparations have been made to give the Premier a great welcome.

Mr. R. D. Wilmot, ex-M.P. has called a convention of the Conservatives of Sunbury and Queens to meet at Gagetown on August 15th to nominate a candidate for the House of Commons.

"THIS DATE IN HISTORY"

1776—Maryland adopted a State Constitution.

1781—Washington decided to transfer his army from New York to Virginia.

1848—The Territory of Oregon organized by Act of Congress.

1857—The new Louvre, Paris, inaugurated with great ceremony by Napoleon III.

1861—The Confederate Congress warned all citizens of the United States, fourteen years old and upwards, to remove from the Confederate States within 40 days.

1862—Under orders of Gen. Halleck, the army of Gen. McClellan began to change its base from Harrison's Landing to the Pappanocock.

1864—Gen. Grant made a heavy demonstration in the direction of Richmond, on the north side of the James River.

1870—Admiral David C. Farragut died. Born July 5, 1801.

1876—First wire stretched across the East River from the Brooklyn suspension bridge.

A volcanic eruption occurred on the summit of Cape Harrison, in Labrador.

1900—Relief of the Pekin legations by the Allies.

1910—A fire caused much damage to the International Exposition at Brussels.

The Liberals of Halifax County have nominated Attorney General McLean and Dr. Blackadar to oppose Mr. R. L. Borden and Adam Crosby.

Under reciprocity York County will at least hold its natural increase of population.

Reciprocity and the larger market

HARMON AVOIDS BRYAN

Columbus, O., Aug. 14.—The Jefferson Club the insurgent Democratic organization of Franklin County held its annual meeting at Okwanganypark today with William J. Bryan as the guest of honor and principal speaker. Governor Harmon declined an invitation to attend the gathering. The reason for his designation according to his friends, was his desire not to meet face to face in his own State Capitol, the Nebraska leader, who has so openly declared war upon him as a presidential candidate.

PHARMACIST'S MEET IN BOSTON

Boston, Mass., Aug. 14.—Pharmacists from all over the United States and Canada are gathering in Boston for the annual convention of the American Pharmaceutical Association which will hold forth here during the greater part of the week. In connection with the convention there will be meetings of the national association of boards of pharmacy and the American convention of pharmaceutical faculties.

CONTRACTS AWARDED

Moncton, Aug. 13.—Dr. C. A. Murray and John A. Lea have been awarded a contract by the Grand Trunk commissioners to erect stations and other buildings on the G. T.P. between Moncton and Beaver Brook. Buildings are to be erected at the following places: Lutesville, Segawa, North Branch, Alward, Pangburn, Bronson, Chipman, Vanton, Bunbury, Bantaglor, North Cairns, McGivney's Junction, Maple Grove, Napadogan, Roverside, Juniper, Summit, Beaver Brook.

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MONDAY

Annual tournament of the Trans-Mississippi Golf Association opens at Ormaha.

Oklahoma State championship tennis tournament opens at Albon, Zkla Iowa State championship tennis tournament opens at Des Moines. Washington State championship

tennis tournament opens at Seattle.

Polo matches for the Grenfell Challenge Cup begin in Montreal. Corinthian Foot team of England plays at Cobalt, Ont.

Beginning of the natural life competitions at Camp Perry, O. Opening of the Grand Circuit race meeting at Fort Erie.

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