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A POW-WOW SUGGESTED

The local hack organ rather cautiously throws out the suggestion that "the supporters of the provincial government in York" should meet in convention at an early day. The political situation in York at the present time is somewhat hazy, and while the hack organ's suggestion undoubtedly has much to commend it, there is some difference of opinion among the electorate as to just who would be qualified to attend a convention of supporters of the provincial government in York. In the hack organ's article the word "Conservative" does not appear, so it is to be presumed from this that the organ does not desire a gathering of the "grand old Liberal-Conservative party," which a little less than two years ago met in convention, placed a ticket in the field and elected it by an overwhelming majority. The recent bye-election, it will be remembered was not won by the Liberal-Conservative party, but by a new organization called "the local government party." The standard-bearer of this party was Mr. Percy Guthrie and he succeeded in winning out over a member of the old-time Conservative party by a majority about one-fourth as large as that rolled up by the government candidates in June, 1912. The so-called "local government party," which carried Mr. Guthrie to victory, was a somewhat homogeneous combination. It consisted of what is known as the graft element of the Conservative party, the purchasable element of both parties, some straight Liberals and certain of the electors who are always affiliated with the party which has control of the loaves and fishes for the time being. A convention of this "party" at the present time would be a tame affair and would accomplish no good purpose but on the other hand a convention of the Conservative party of York, made up of men who supported the candidates two years ago, would be decidedly interesting and could if it saw fit, do a lot towards purging the political atmosphere in this county. The fact that this is not the kind of convention the hack organ is agitating for furnishes the very best reason why such a convention should be held. The men who supported the local government in this county in the past are Conservatives and there is no good reason why they should want to sail under false colors. In setting forth some reasons why a convention should be held, the hack organ says:

"It is more than twenty years since the executive committee of the party were appointed directly by the convention. Vacancies in that committee have been filled altogether on the appointment of the executive itself and additions and other changes have been made likewise; and several of our townspeople naturally feel that in this way the committee have become not as representative of the party in this county as it should be." It will seem from this that the hack organ is not altogether satisfied with the results achieved by the fearful and wonderful Tory executive appointed in January last. This hungry aggregation of misfits undertook to freeze out Messrs. Pinder and Morehouse on patronage matters and has not been overly successful. Under the circumstances, the hack organ is certainly justified in saying that the executive "is not as representative of the party in this county as it should be." As a matter of fact the "executive" is absolutely without political influence and is regarded by the decent element of the party as a huge joke. "In recent years," says the \$16,000 hack organ, "OUR PARTY has grown largely in numbers; it embraces probably more than two-thirds of the electorate; its work and its responsibilities have increased accordingly. We must therefore be modern and thoroughly up-to-date in our organization machinery." The hack organ's party carried the county by 2,400 majority in the election of 1912 but in February of this year the majority was reduced to 641 a falling off of nearly three hundred

per cent. About the only evidence of growth that the average man has been able to see in the Tory party in York during the past year is the growth of internal dissension and that will continue until Boss McLeod and his principal henchmen and grafters are relegated to a back seat. The hack organ's desire to get rid of the present executive, substitute for it something "modern and thoroughly up-to-date" is probably due to lack of support in its efforts to have one of its staff appointed to the office of police magistrate in Fredericton.

With three graft investigations booked for the coming summer, a Tory convention would appear rather superfluous but then the average man enjoys a scrap, and a pow-wow of the warring elements of the Tory party in York county would be certain to prove the star attraction. By all means let us have one. The hack organ has asked for suggestions as to the date on which such a convention should be called. "We ourselves" would cheerfully suggest as the most appropriate time that it be held during the dog day season and that an admission fee be charged.

A portion of the Tory press in an effort to condone the action of the Borden Government in reimbursing the depositors of the defunct Farmers Bank attempts to lay the blame for failure of the bank at the door of the Laurier Government. The failure of the Farmers Bank according to the report made by Sir William R. Meredith who investigated its affairs for the government, was entirely due to dishonest management. The first president of the institution was the late Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, Tory boss of the City of Toronto, while the general manager was Mr. W. R. Travers who is now doing time in the Kingston penitentiary. Why should the taxpayers of New Brunswick be called upon to put their hands in their pockets and make good the loss to depositors of a defunct Ontario bank? Banks have failed in this province before now but it is not on record that the people of Ontario helped to reimburse those who lost money. Then why should an exception be made in this case?

It seems to be a pity that the investigation of the Mayoralty election has been somewhat restricted by the order of the court. There are quite a number of people who would like to know how many voters had their taxes paid for them, who put up the money for the purpose and what object they had in view.

MAILISMS

The time for the annual spring clean up will soon be here.

The Board of Trade should not forget that promised excursion to Chipman and Minto.

The single tax advocate who recently visited the city, made quite a number of converts.

Those who staked their money on a May pole this year is going to lose it.

The election for mayor and commissioners of St. John takes place tomorrow. A wager was made this morning that McLellan would be elected mayor and Messrs. Wigmore, Agar, Potts and Fisher commissioners.

The Local Government seems to be having difficulty in getting capable men to serve as Royal Commissioners on the graft charges.

The opening of navigation means a lot to Fredericton. It means the abolition of double freight rates on the C. P. R. between St. John and Fredericton.

The local members for York do not appear to agree on anything.

Great events scheduled for this week; housecleaning and moving.

It looks as if the Mexican war was going to give the Yankees an opportunity to do a lot of blowing.

The Borden Government is going to keep one pre-election promise. It is going to reimburse depositors of the defunct Farmers Bank at the public expense.

The headline writers for Yankee newspapers are working overtime these days.

Premier Flemming ignoring the Tory slogan of no truck or trade with the Yankees is going to New York to consult a specialist.

VILE TREATMENT IS CHARGED

Chicago, Ill., April 27—Five hundred witnesses have been summoned to testify at the hearings which were begun today by the legislative committee appointed to investigate public and private institutions that care for babies and orphans. According to Thomas Curran, chairman of the committee, atrocities and the vilest forms of treatment have been discovered in some instances and will be revealed by the testimony of the witnesses.

VATICAN ANXIOUS FOR PEACE

Rome, April 26—The vatican today instructed the papal nuncios in Argentina, Brazil and Chile to support any action of the governments to which they are accredited looking to a peaceful solution of the Mexican crisis.

"UNFERMENTED" WINE WAS OVER-PROOF

Collingwood, April 22—Wm. Mueller of the Tremont House and Fred Dunbar of the Queen's Hotel were fined \$200 and costs each this morning for keeping intoxicating liquor for sale. The convictions are the sequel to a seizure of liquor labelled unfermented wine, which upon analysis was found to be over proof. Subsequent to the hearing of these cases a charge of soliciting orders for intoxicating liquor in a local opinion district was laid by Chief of Police Johnson against John Murray of London whom the defendants named as the manufacturer of the liquor found on their premises.

A GOOD PROSPECT.

The Amherst correspondent of The Halifax Chronicle writes:—"J. C. Reeves, the lumber expert from Rhodes, Curry Co., has just returned from a trip over the National Transcontinental Railway from Moncton to Plaster Rock. Mr. Reeves is very enthusiastic over this new line. He considers the roadbed as one of the best in the provinces. The opportunities for both hardwood, spruce and cedar are excellent and in many sections the agricultural possibilities are unexcelled. Already new settlers are taking up land from Blue Bell east to Edmundston, N.B. Mr. Reeves was looking over the lumber prospects for his firm."

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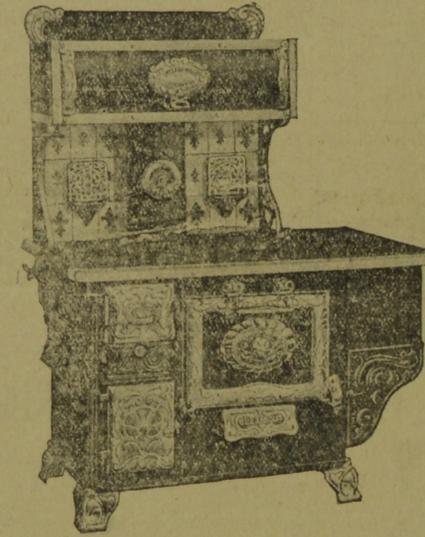
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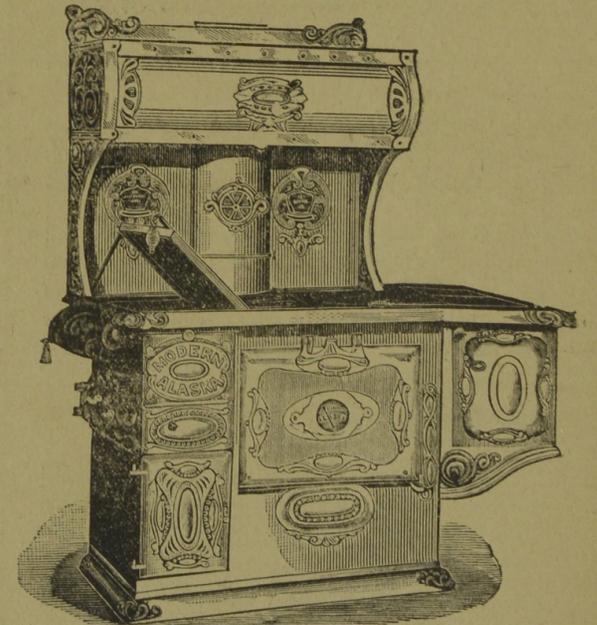
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