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GRIT CONVENTION.

Premier Ross of Ontario, Asks His Friends

TO MEET AT TORONTO FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Dissolution Will Follow.

Toronto, Nov. 11.—The political situation in this province at the present time is possibly without parallel. At the time when either the bye-elections or a general local election must be held is rapidly approaching, developments are chasing one another in most interesting fashion.

The crux of the situation is to be found in what is practically a deadlock between the parties. The majority which the Liberal government has had for thirty-two years has practically disappeared. The majority which Premier Ross had in the last legislature is now represented by five vacant ridings, namely: North Perth, North Norfolk, North Renfrew, North York and Sault Ste. Marie, whose members have been unseated by the election counts.

Premier Ross wants to have a general election instead of the "byes" in these constituencies. Many members of his party want the "byes" first. Premier Ross wants to appeal to the country on advanced temperance legislation lines, even prohibition, but a considerable element of his government and the rank and file of his followers are opposed to that course.

He has endeavored to replace these members of his Cabinet opposed to prohibition with men who would adopt such a policy, but has apparently been unsuccessful. The Premier therefore found it necessary to adopt other means of solving the difficulty which, however, has not ruffled in anyway the friendship that has existed between him and every member of the Cabinet.

It was intended that dissolution should have taken place on Tuesday afternoon, and that Hon. Mr. Stratton should announce his retirement when accepting the cabinet of silver on Tuesday night. The expected arrangements did not materialize, however.

The only course left was a consultation with the party as a whole. The Executive or Provincial Liberal Association, therefore, which had not met for years, was called together yesterday afternoon, and they in turn decided to call a convention of the rank and file of the party.

At this gathering Premier Ross will advise of the Liberal party as to what

course he should pursue on the vexed question of prohibition, Cabinet reconstruction and dissolution.

It is worthy of note that a convention of the Liberals of the province has not been held since 1882 when the late Sir Oliver Mowat was Premier.

The date for the Provincial Liberal convention to be held in Toronto is November 23 d. Those entitled to attend are as follows:

- (1) Liberal Senators from the province of Ontario.
- (2) Liberal members and ex-members of the House of Commons, or candidates in the last Dominion election.
- (3) Liberal members and ex-members of the House of Commons or candidates who are now in the field for election.
- (4) President and all Vice-Presidents and secretary and secretary treasurer of every riding association.
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riding in the Province of Ontario, to be nominated by the association for riding or by its executive.

The Globe discussing the call says: "The convention will have a tendency to clear the air and define the attitude of the Liberal party on those questions of the day which are pressing for solution."

Marysville News.

(By Our Own Reporter.)

Nov. 12.—The K. of P. bazaar at the Orange Hall was well attended on both Thursday and Friday evening and the voting contest for the most popular bandman is causing quite a flurry of excitement among the friends of Bradford Pond of the Marysville brass band, and George Parker of the Fredericton brass band and as both men are well known and very popular there will be a very large vote cast and a close contest is expected. The Marysville Knights are to be congratulated on the grand success of the whole affair as the bazaar proved to be a drawing attraction.

The numerous friends of Mr. Robinson Pettigrove will be sorry to hear of his serious illness.

The many friends of Mr. Wm. Scott, will be pleased to hear that he is a little better today although very ill yet and suffering a great deal.

The home of Mrs. Charles Hill was gladdened this week by the arrival of a baby girl. We extend congratulations.

This being the fall of the year it would not be out of place to mention a few facts in reference to pig raising, as all the farmers are about ready to kill their pork. Perhaps the largest pig in York county is the one raised by Mrs. Fred Gibson. It is certainly a dandy and weighs nearly four hundred pounds. Mrs. E. G. Merritt of Gibson, spent the

day in Marysville yesterday, visiting her numerous friends.

A large number of our citizens took advantage of the late train last evening and attended Uncle Tom's Cabaret at the Opera House.

Miss Kate Flowers returned yesterday from a flying visit to Gibson, where she was visiting friends.

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9.50 a.m.—For St. John and East.

5.50 p.m.—For St. Stephen, Houlton, Woodstock, Boston, etc., Montreal and West. Palace Sleeper Fredericton Jet. to Montreal. Pullman Sleeper Fredericton Jet. to Boston.

9.00 p.m.—For St. John and East.

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