

Dominion Election

NOMINATION, - Thursday, Oct. 27
POLLING, - - Thursday, Nov. 3

Liberal Candidate for York,
MR. ALEXANDER GIBSON, Jr.

DAILY HERALD

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1904.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

Fredericton has the distinction today of a visit from the Transcontinental Railway commissioners, who in the discharge of their very responsible duties are making a tour of the proposed route of the road in this province, and a general inspection of the work of surveying now in progress from Moncton to Lake Abitibi, a distance of some 900 miles.

The commissioners, every one of them, are practical men of business, and represent western as well as eastern Canada. Mr. F. C. Wade, chairman of the commission, is a Nova Scotian, Mr. Reid is of London Ont., Mr. Brunet of Montreal, and Mr. Young of Winnipeg.

Mr. Wade, as is well known, sat in the last parliament as the Liberal member for Annapolis, and held a leading place in the front rank of the eminent men comprising that body. He is not only an able lawyer, one of the leaders of the Nova Scotia bar, but a clever business man with considerable railway experience. Liberals everywhere sincerely regretted Mr. Wade's withdrawal from political life, but in his new position he will be able to render yeoman service to Canada.

PROGRESS OF THE CAMPAIGN.

Mr. Gibson and his friends are receiving most satisfactory assurances that the great heart of this constituency is with him in this campaign, and there is no doubt that he is absolutely certain of re-election. Nevertheless no efforts are being spared to make his victory overwhelming and complete.

The electors of York are not slow to recognize the fact that Sir Wilfrid Laurier, to whom Mr. Gibson has given an unswerving support, has placed Canada on a high plane of prosperity, and that he is certain of a renewal of the confidence of the country so emphatically expressed at the polls in 1896 and 1900.

Mr. Gibson is meeting with a most flattering reception in the parishes, while the Tory meetings are attended by a mere handful of people. The calibre of the men sent out to instruct the electors in Tory doctrines is entirely too small to make any impression, and the tide is running so strongly with Mr. Gibson, that in nearly every parish he is certain to poll a substantial majority.

THE SITUATION IN KENT.

The Richibucto Review says that Mr. LeBlanc, the Liberal candidate in Kent, is making a thorough canvas of the county and is meeting with a most encouraging reception. Mr. Pascal Herbert, who announces himself as an independent Liberal, is also in the field, not with any expectation of success, but merely to gratify a personal spite against Mr. LeBlanc, and if possible take votes away from the Liberal candidate. The Conservative nominating convention is being held this afternoon, but there is no strong man in view, and Mr. LeBlanc's return is taken as assured. He has proved a most energetic and successful representative, and well deserves a renewal of the constituency's confidence.

The Review announces important accessions to the list of Mr. LeBlanc's supporters, including Rev. Father Ouellet, of St. Marys, a lifelong Conservative, who says that he is still a Conservative, but he feels that Mr. LeBlanc deserves the support of the electors of his county, irrespective of party leanings, for his untiring zeal and energy in looking after the interests of the county.

Mr. Placide R. Goguen, of Dundas, another lifelong Conservative, and one of the leading business men of the county, has also announced his intention of supporting Mr. LeBlanc.

Mr. E. B. Osler, one of the Conservative candidates in Toronto, and a director of the C. P. R., in address-

ing a meeting of his electors on Wednesday night, declared that there was room in the northwest for six railways. He estimated that all the grain now grown in the northwest could be raised on 15 per cent. of a strip of land six miles wide on each side of the C. P. R. There was therefore plenty of room for the G. T. P. And yet the small minded Tory stumblers in this campaign declare that there is no need for another transcontinental railway.

If Dr. McLeod still professes to believe that the survey of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway now being made through this province and York county is a fake, he could get instant relief from the hallucination by interviewing Mr. F. B. Wade, ex-M. P., chairman of the Transcontinental Railway commission now in Fredericton with his fellow commissioners and the chiefs of his staff.

A KINGSCLEAR FREEZE OUT.

Tory Candidate Twice Failed to Get a Meeting.

The Tory candidate in York is meeting with a chilly reception in the country districts, and if he had not all to gain and nothing to lose by the campaign, he would never have the courage to face the music until polling day. Last evening Mr. Crockett, and that gallant political figure, Mr. Duncan Thomas, drove to Kingsclear, with the intention of holding a meeting in McKinley's hall. When they reached the hall at seven o'clock they found only the janitor waiting there to greet them and he was more concerned about collecting the rental fee than he was in anything they might say about political questions. The would be spellbinders remained chatting with the janitor for half an hour, at the end of which time an enthusiastic audience of two electors had collected. As there was no prospect of any further increase, the meeting had to be declared off.

Strange to say the meeting, if it can be called such, was to have been held on the previous evening, but had to be postponed on account of wet weather and non-attendance. There may be a few people in Kingsclear who will vote for the Tory candidate on election day, but they seem to be hard to locate at the present time.

Mr. H. F. McLeod spoke at Keswick Ridge last evening in the interests of the Tory candidate. The Herald has it on the authority of a leading Conservative farmer of the district that there was exactly six voters in the audience. Mr. McLeod was successful in making a lot of noise, and gave a very good gymnastic exhibition, but did no particular harm to the Liberal cause.

Liberal Rally at Canterbury.

Mr. Alex. Gibson, Jr., the Liberal candidate, opened his campaign in York by a rousing meeting at Canterbury last evening. In spite of the inclement weather there was a large audience and the candidate was given a most enthusiastic reception. The speakers were Mr. Gibson, Mr. George W. Allen, M. P. P., and Mr. N. W. Brown. It is confidently expected that Canterbury will do better for Mr. Gibson than even in the bye-election of 1901. The Liberal meeting to have been held at McAdam this evening had to be cancelled on account of their being no available hall at that place. Messrs. Gibson and Allen returned home by the noon train.

MINERS BADLY BURNED.

Sydney, N. S. Oct. 15.—Five miners were badly burned by an explosion at Reserve colliery last night. They escaped death by miracle.

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GREAT OVATION.

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AT THE GREAT MASSEY HALL MEETING, TORONTO.

Audience Went Wild Over Premier's Eloquent Address.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

Toronto, Oct. 15.—Magnificent is the only word which adequately describes the welcome hitherto Conservative Toronto gave Sir Wilfrid Laurier last night.

Many of those who desired admission to Massey Hall were not able to get within the friendly shelter of its portals.

The students came down in a body all armed with beribboned canes and were packed into the top gallery, where they were given an opportunity to "lat loosa."

Hundreds of people went away disappointed, and it is no exaggeration to say that another hall of equal size could have been filled.

At 7.30 Mayor Urquhart the Liberal candidate against Mr. Foster in North Toronto, came on the stage and met with a great reception.

Lady Laurier entered the box accompanied by Mrs. J. M. Kerr. She was recognized at once and was obliged to remain standing for some minutes acknowledging the plaudits of the audience.

The climax of the preliminary proceedings was the entrance of Premier Laurier, who was received with a round of huzzas.

Sir Wilfrid's speech touched only two great issues, the first was the preference with which he aroused the enthusiasm of the audience. His next was the Grand Trunk Pacific.

He gave the greater portion of his time to this question. The total liability of the people he claimed was a mere matter of \$14,000,000, and it would be easy to pay the whole of it out of one year's surplus in the treasury.

At the conclusion of the Premier's magnificent peroration the audience rose and cheered for three minutes.

Mr. Ayleworth, the new cabinet minister, and the local Liberal candidates, made speeches, and were warmly applauded.

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