

LIBERAL CONVENTION

A Convention of the Liberal Party in York will be held at the Y. M. C. A. Hall, York Street, Fredericton, at 2.30 Wednesday, Nov. 20th, to nominate a Candidate for the House of Commons.

All friends of the Party in this Constituency will be cordially welcomed.

Hon. Dr. Pugsley, Minister of Public Works, will be present and address the Convention.

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BOURASSA'S DEFEAT.

That bumptious young man from Labelle, Mr. Henri Bourassa, ex-M. P., grandson of Papineau, and a renegade Liberal, who evidently thinks he is destined to become a dictator in Canadian politics, received a rude jolt in the local bye-election in Bellechasse, on Monday when he was overwhelmingly defeated by Hon. Adelard Turgeon, minister of lands and forests, in the Quebec Liberal government.

Readers of The Herald will understand the circumstances that brought about the contest between these two gentlemen.

Mr. Bourassa, since he could not dictate to Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Liberal party at Ottawa, has allied himself with the Tories to destroy his former political friends, and has recently been running a campaign against the local government of Quebec, led by Hon. Lomer Guion, with the hope of breaking in on Sir Wilfrid's great hold on that province.

There is not a shadow of doubt that he is in league with the Tories, or that his campaign which closed so ingloriously for him on Monday was financed by the Quebec leaders of that party, and had he been successful his victory would have been heralded from one end of Canada to the other as a great Tory triumph, as a severe blow to the Quebec government, and as an indication of Laurier's waning prestige in that province.

But the thing didn't happen, and there is intense disappointment and chagrin in Tory circles. Mr. Bourassa and his Tory allies are overcome, prostrated, beaten right out of their boots, not only in Bellechasse, but in the three other constituencies where they tried a fall with the government.

Mr. Bourassa was at the bottom of an effort to cover the Quebec government and the Liberal party with slime and slander as is being done by the Tories in New Brunswick. He and his friends made all manner of wild charges against the Guion administration, and Hon. Mr. Turgeon, against whom the attack was chiefly directed, resigned his seat to seek the vindication of his constituency, and challenged Mr. Bourassa to contest it. The latter accepted resigned his seat in the House of Commons, and he has his answer in the enormous majority piled up against him.

He must feel pretty cheap today, and the Tories who backed him, share his defeat and discomfiture.

Mr. Bourassa had come to regard himself as one of the chief factors in Canadian public life. The son of a Seigneur, with all the prestige that that implies in Quebec, the grandson of Papineau, he felt that the day must come when he could rival Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the confidence of his fellow French Canadians, but his overwhelming defeat by a farmer's son, although backed by all the influence the Tory party could muster, is a serious set back to the aspiring little man, who not so long ago, when he acted with the Liberal party, was held up by the Tory press as disloyal, whose radical, almost rebellious utterances, were quoted in the Tory press as those of a bosom friend of Laurier, the more mendacious of the Tory sheets going so far as to hold the Premier responsible for Bourassa's sentiments.

The whole country should rejoice that a man of Bourassa's dangerous tendencies, has been so effectively checked. He preaches doctrines that do not make for the peace and prosperity of Canada, for good feeling between the leading nationalities of this country, and it would be a blessing if he were never again heard of in public life.

GREAT LIBERAL TRIUMPH.

Ordinarily Quebec bye elections would not excite any great degree of interest in this part of Canada, but the contests which took place in four constituencies of that province on Monday were in three cases, at least, out of the usual order, and were regarded with attention all over Canada.

The excellent Liberal government led by Hon. Lomer Guion was practically on its trial before the people, no less than three ministers of the crown appealing for reelection. Had they been defeated or had even one of them gone down it would have been a serious blow to the administration and to the whole Liberal party in

Quebec.

There were no Liberal defeats, however, all four constituencies returning the straight Liberal candidates by most decisive majorities, and the dreams of the Tories that something to their advantage was about to happen in the sister province, has had a rude awakening.

Two of the ministers on trial are new to the cabinet. The Minister of Public Works, Hon. C. R. Devlin, has recently been a member of the Imperial parliament for Galway, and on his return to this country a year ago, was returned to the House of Commons for Nicolet. His great ability marked him for promotion, and on invitation of the Quebec government he accepted a portfolio, appealing to the same constituency with the result of his triumphant return. Mr. Devlin has thus held a seat in the Imperial parliament, the Dominion House of Commons and the Quebec legislature, all within one year—a unique experience, which has never been duplicated.

In Montmorency the bye election was caused by the appointment of the sitting member, Hon. Alex. Taschereau to the portfolio of Mines and Colonization, and in Bellechasse the contest was brought on as mentioned in another article by the voluntary resignation of Hon. Adelard Turgeon, Minister of Lands and Forests, to seek a vindication of himself against the charges levelled at him by his opponent, Mr. Bourassa. The contest in Rimouski was between two Liberals.

There are only seven members of the Quebec government altogether, so that nearly one half of the administration was on trial in Monday's bye elections, and the splendid triumph of Liberalism will delight the party all over Canada, and is an indication that Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his political associates continue to hold the confidence and esteem of the great province of Quebec.

The legislature of that province will have only one more session before dissolution, and the grip which the government has shown it possesses on the country as a result of the bye elections, will go a long way towards assuring another Liberal victory in that province, when the general election comes around next year.

COLCHESTER ELECTION

Colchester's vacant seat in the House of Commons, caused by the elevation of Hon. F. A. Lawrence to the Supreme court bench, will soon be filled. Nominations take place Nov. 21st, and polling Nov. 28th, the day parliament opens. Both parties are to meet in convention at Truro Thursday to nominate candidates, and the Truro News hears that the likely men are Charles Hill of Onslow, Liberal, and John Stanfield of Truro, Conservative. Mr. Hill is one of the most prominent and popular farmers of the county, and brother of Mr. Davidson Hill, M. P. P. for Colchester, and Mr. Stanfield is a manufacturer, head of the Truro company which makes "Stanfield's Unshrinkable Underwear." No charge for the ad. The fight will probably be a hot one, with the chances in favor of the Liberals, who gave Mr. Lawrence a majority of 191 over the late Mr. Seymour Gourley, in the general election of 1904.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Municipal treasurers outside of St. John seem to have careless business habits. One up at Berlin, Ontario, is short of over \$800.

Slander has not succeeded against the government of Quebec, and it will fail against the New Brunswick administration. Mr. Hazen and his friends should take warning from the fate of Mr. Bourassa.

The efforts of the Tory organs to appear cheerful under the Bourassa defeat are at least commendable. Then there's McKeown going in by acclamation in St. John. These are hard times for our Tory friends.

Mr. Hazen's political friends, feeling that he is rapidly losing prestige and sinking out of sight, are to banquet him at St. John on Dec. 4th, and the Telegraph says that supporters of both federal parties will attend. We doubt it, but if any Liberal is present he should be captured alive and exhibited as a curiosity.

The Tory papers are very flat since the appointment of Hon. H. A. McKeown removed their opportunity to jeer about the lost attorney general. Even the St. John Times' new reporter feels the lack of material, but perhaps he may be able to employ himself in the effort to find the alleged missing thousands in the St. John civic accounts.

However, Dr. Pugsley has never been known to render a bill for services on Sundays. That happened in the case of a Royal Prohibition Commissioner in the days of Toryism, and the gentleman is not unknown to a prominent member of the York local Tory ticket. Ten dollars charged for every Sunday absent from home, but the bill was cut out.

There will be no opposition to the election of Hon. H. A. McKeown, attorney general on St. John county. The Tory party leaders met and decided not to put up a candidate, but Mr. J. King Kelly talked of running. However, he says Mr. Hazen has called him off, and Mr. McKeown on Friday next will be returned by acclamation according to present appearances.

The new Consolidated school at Hampton is to be formally opened by the Lieut. Governor on Thursday, and it is expected that Premier Robinson and other members of the Board of Education will be present, as well as Chief Supt. Inch. The Hampton school is under the principalship of Mr. Horace G. Perry, a most efficient teacher, and for some

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New Brunswickers will grieve to hear of the death of Hon. Dr. McInnis, provincial secretary and minister of education in the Manitoba government and a native of St. John. The circumstances of his demise are particularly sad. Stricken with appendicitis, he underwent a surgical operation, but never rallied from the shock. He has been in political life since 1899 as the member for Brandon in the Manitoba assembly, and received his portfolio during the past summer. He was a clever young man, whose political future gave great promise, and his friends in his adopted province will mourn his death as sincerely as those of his native New Brunswick.

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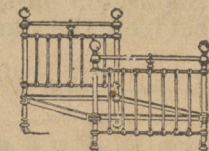
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