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THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE.

It cannot be said that Mr. William H. Taft, the Republican candidate for the presidency of the United States, has sprung suddenly into the limelight, that he was a dark horse, an unexpected eventuality or any other sort of person or thing that occupies a front place in the public eye unexpectedly and without apparent plan or design. When all is said, however, it may perhaps be admitted that Mr. Taft is the Republican candidate because Mr. Roosevelt wanted him to be, planned for him to be, and saw that he was the recipient of that distinction.

Yet Mr. Taft has had a career that suggested for him the highest honor in the gift of his fellow countrymen. Mr. Taft is undoubtedly a big man mentally, physically and politically. "A great brain and a great heart in a great body," is the way Lyman Abbott, the well-known student of human affairs, characterized Taft, and it evidences him as he undoubtedly is, an all round man of the first class order. Mr. Taft is 51 years old, and a native of Mount Auburn, Ohio, the son of a judge. After graduating at Yale, he did some work on a Cincinnati newspaper, and later studied law, being admitted to the bar at the age of 23. Next year his first public office came to him, that of assistant prosecuting officer, in his home district. He was already taking an active part in politics, and his next position was collector of inland revenue. He didn't like the office, however, and returned to the law, and was appointed county solicitor, and from that he became a federal judge on circuit, and all before he was thirty-five years old.

President McKinley appointed Mr. Taft governor of the Philippines, and he made a good record there, and Roosevelt made him secretary of war, and has given him a good start for the presidency. Mr. Taft's enormous physical proportions have been the cause of many jokes at his expense.

While he was Governor General of the Philippines he made a long and toilsome journey to Bengal. On his return, knowing that the secretary of state would be somewhat concerned over his safety after making such a tour through the unsettled native country, he cabled as follows to Mr. Root:

"Arrived safe and sound after riding one hundred miles muleback."
The secretary of state at once replied:

"Congratulations. How is the mule?"
Even as grave a jurist as Justice Brewer of the Supreme court of the United States, took a friendly fling at Secretary Taft in the course of the hour of fun after a Yale dinner. "Secretary Taft," said he, "is the politest man I ever saw. Why I once saw him give up his seat to three ladies."

Just how much he weighs more or less than three hundred pounds the secretary refuses to divulge.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Ald. Weddall, who came from the Methodist conference for the civic bye election, returns to Moncton tomorrow, and at the close of the conference will, with Mrs. Weddall, spend two weeks' vacation with friends at Point du Chene.

Mr. Sumner has never been elected by a vote of the electors of Westmorland, the only time he ever got into the legislature was when he was able to arrange a deal with the Liberals, they taking three seats and Mr. Sumner the other.

Mr. Powell declined the Tory nomination in Westmorland, thereby revealing excellent judgment. He remembers that even with the assistance of that \$25,000 war from Montreal, he was nearly 1,000 votes behind Mr. Emmerson in 1904, and Mr. Powell does not court another such defeat.

Mr. Weddall has the qualifications to make him a useful alderman, and it is a hopeful sign when men like him, with large business interests, can be induced to enter the council. It was certainly not his own choice that led him into his new position, but rather a deference to public opinion, which has demanded that men of intelligence and substantial interest in the city shall control civic affairs.

Conservatives in Westmorland and Lunenburg on Monday nominated their candidates for the House of Commons. The selections will not

seriously alarm the Liberals. Mr. Sumner is to be the party's standard bearer in the former constituency and Dr. Marshall in the latter. Both are quite well known in political circles, and both have been defeated, Mr. Sumner twice in contesting for a seat in the legislature, and Dr. Marshall as an aspirant to parliament. Hon. Mr. Emmerson and Mr. A. K. McLean are reasonably sure of re-election.

Sir Hibbert Tupper declares that besides declining to accept nomination in any constituency for parliament he will take no part in the next election, and yet one year ago when he made his spectacular descent on Pictou, and routed poor old Mr. Bell out of the nomination, Sir Hibbert Tupper said he was going to set the heather on fire in Nova Scotia. What has happened in the meantime? Why has Sir Hibbert balked in his design to lead Nova Scotia back to Toryism?

IMPORTANT REPORT

Recommendations on Temperance and Moral Reform Submitted to the Conference.

MONCTON, June 22.—Important recommendations, including the prohibition of opium and intoxicating liquors, were contained in the report of the temperance prohibition and moral reform committee submitted this morning to the N. B. and P. E. I. Methodist conference. The report was in part as follows:

"That the committee asks the Dominion government to prohibit the importation, manufacture and sale of opium for other than medical purposes.
"That the conference memorialize the provincial government requesting that provision be made in the course of study in all the public schools for definite instruction in morals and good citizenship, and that Mount Allison provide a chair to be devoted to the education of students in the science of sociology and to receive such instruction in that science as is considered desirable in all the perfectly equipped Universities of the continent.

"That the criminal code be amended so as to suppress the business of negotiating bets on race tracks and in connection with horse races.

"We endorse the action of the political purity campaign in connection with the last elections in New Brunswick and hope that such a movement will become general throughout the Dominion.

"That the conference join the moral and social reform council of New Brunswick if the object of this council shall be the promotion of the following moral and social reforms, political purity and the suppression of gambling, the social evil, the traffic in intoxicating liquor for beverage purposes and such other reforms as may be adopted by two-thirds majority of those present and voting at any meeting at the proposed council.

"That the conference respectfully ask the Dominion government that in case that a minor is called for witness in any prosecution for the illegal selling of cigarettes or tobacco he should be required to disclose where he obtained his cigarettes or tobacco.

"That we express our highest gratification at the result of the recent Scott Act election in the city of Fredericton and recommend that the officers be compelled to enforce the law.

"We would welcome the establishment of a paper by the general board of temperance and moral reform for the advancement of moral and social reform.

"That the conference make an earnest effort to raise for the temperance and moral reform work one per cent of the assessable funds.

"That we reaffirm our approval of the prohibition act now in operation in P. E. Island, and we heartily endorse the policy the New Brunswick federation in seeking to bring about a similar law for New Brunswick.

"We rejoice in the fact that the government has made illegal the carrying by mail of intoxicating liquors.

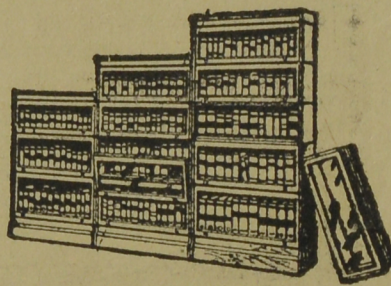
"That the militia department be immediately communicated with and requested not to allow any canteen in connection with the annual drill.

"That we recommend the re-appointment of a standing committee for our conference and nominate the following: Revs. J. Stothard, J. J. Colter, G. A. Sellar, L. J. Wasson, Chas. Flemington, and Messrs. J. A. Pickering, R. Duncan Smith, F. S. Moore, J. J. Weddall, J. R. Woodburn.

"That the following be appointed as representatives of the conference on the board of temperance and moral reform: Rev. H. E. Thomas, and Charles Flemington, and Messrs. J. Hunter White and Peter McCallum.

"We rejoice in the progressive and fine work of Rev. Dr. Chown, general secretary of temperance and moral reform as related by him in his most eloquent and soul stirring address before this conference, and place our

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ROBERT WILSON, Chairman,
G. AYERS, Secretary.

MCLEOD-SUTHERLAND.

CHATHAM, N. B., June 23.—(Special)—E. C. McLeod, manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia here left yesterday for Oakville, near Toronto, where on Wednesday he will be united in marriage with Miss Beatrice Sutherland, daughter of J. N. Sutherland, formerly general freight agent for the C. P. R. at St. John. Mr. and Mrs. McLeod will travel west after their marriage to visit Mr. McLeod's parents at Winnipeg. At the end of a month's honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. McLeod will take up their residence in Chatham.

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