

Would Avoid Old Reproach.

Mr. A. J. Young said the weakness of the old Reform Association of Ontario was that it was centred in and around Toronto, and, for some reason, the outlying ridings got the idea that the Liberal party was being run by a clique. When they had the district organizations they could not get them to the convention. He thought if they could have a combination of the two things it would meet the wishes of many.

Mr. Bartram said the amendment submitted on the previous day covered everything necessary to put the officers and Executive on a democratic basis. According to that amendment, which had not yet been reported back by the Resolutions Committee, each riding would select one Executive member to be appointed by the delegates represented at the convention. The suggestion was made that the ladies should be represented, and he thought they should be. That morning at the Resolutions Committee a suggestion was made that, instead of having one representative from each riding, they should have two—one man and one woman. That would meet the situation very nicely.

Avoiding a Difficulty.

To obviate the charge of Toronto having too much influence at the meetings, Mr. R. D. McKinnon, Guelph, moved that not more than one man and one woman from any county, city or town should be eligible for the Management Committee, which should consist of 20 men and 10 women. That would guarantee that the activities of Liberalism were not centralized in Toronto.

Finally, after a number of amendments had been submitted, it was decided that the Executive Committee should consist of one man and one woman from each electoral district.

The question of what number should form a quorum then gave rise to considerable debate. The constitution, as originally submitted, mentioned a quorum of 10. Some delegates thought this would enable Toronto to have too much control of affairs, while others were of the opinion that, if they insisted on a larger quorum, there would not be the requisite attendance, and it would not be possible to transact business.

The difficulty was overcome by adopting the suggestion of Mr. Geo. Wilkie to appoint a Management Committee consisting of 20 men and 10 women. The quorum for this committee was fixed at 10 members.

At length the convention settled down to the election of officers, Senator Hardy of Brockville being unanimously chosen President, his being the only name submitted.

Vice-Presidents Elected.

There were about twenty names put forward for the four Vice-Presidents, the following being elected: Mr. E. S. Little, London; W. H. S. Cane, Newmarket; Mrs. H. H. Carpenter, Hamilton, and Mr. J. H. Spence, Toronto. Mr. Geo. Wilkie was appointed Treasurer.

The Secretary was instructed to communicate with the various organizations for the appointments to the Executive Committee, and in the meantime, until the Executive is appointed and a meeting can be called, the officers will elect a temporary Management Committee.