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**EAST YORK.**  
**A ROUSING CONVENTION.**  
**N. W. ROWELL NOMINATED.**

East York Liberals are generally enthusiastic, but the mass meeting of the electors in East Toronto on Friday last was probably the most enthusiastic ever held there. The meeting was called for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the House of Commons, and every elector present took a deep interest in securing the nomination for the one which he considered was the best and strongest man. The chair was occupied by Mr. W. H. Grant, president of the association, and with him on the platform were such Liberals as Rev. Dr. Dewart, Elias Rogers, Arch Campbell, M. P., W. J. Hill, M. P., John Richardson, M. P., Geo. Flint and others.

There were about a dozen candidates proposed, but with the exception of Ald. J. K. Leslie, N. W. Rowell and Peter Ryan (the last not being present) all retired after making short but interesting speeches. Later in the afternoon Mr. Leslie decided that he would not allow his name to go to a vote, and then the contest was between Mr. Rowell and Peter Ryan. On the vote being taken it was found that more than two-thirds were cast in favor of Mr. Rowell. Mr. Ryan would doubtless have received a large number had not several of his friends assured the convention that he was not in the field. Mr. G. R. Vanzant who nominated Peter Ryan afterwards moved a resolution making Mr. Rowell's nomination unanimous, and this was carried amid cheers.

The following candidates were nominated:—Mr. N. W. Rowell, Mr. J. K. Leslie, Mr. Arch Campbell, Mr. Elias Rogers, Mr. J. H. Mackenzie, Mr. John Richardson, Mr. Peter Ryan, Mr. H. P. Crosby, Mr. Levi Annis, Mr. H. H. Cook, Mr. F. G. Inwood, Mr. W. J. Hill, M. P., and Mr. Geo. Flint.

Each of the candidates made a brief speech pledging himself to the support of the nominee of the convention and expressed confidence that the riding would be redeemed.

The following is part of Mr. Rowell's speech made before the vote was taken:—

He said he would be very unappreciative of kindness were he not sincerely grateful for the very kind things which had been said about him, and by the way in which his nomination had been received by the convention. At the outset he desired to say that this nomination had not been of his own seeking, but had come to him. He recalled the fact that he had appeared once before upon that platform under vastly different circumstances. It was at a Conservative meeting in Leslie-Maclean contest, when he found opposed to him Mr. Hugh John Macdonald, Mr. A. Ingram, M. P., Dr. Montague and Mr. W. F. Maclean. He assured the convention that whether Mr. Leslie or himself were the nominee he would not feel one whit different towards any member present. He took part in these campaigns because he felt that every man who really loves his country and had the welfare of the Dominion at heart owed it to his country to do something. Three weeks ago he would have laughed at the possibility of his being a candidate, but it had been so pressed upon him that after considering and weighing the matter, and although he believed it was against his own interest to do so, he yielded to the desire of his friends. He mentioned this because of rumors that had been circulated in the riding and which appeared in The Mail and Empire, that he had been thrown upon the riding by the machine, and was nominated by Mr. Mulock. The only men who had approached him to run were electors of the riding or were his own personal friends. He had not seen Mr. Mulock or discussed the matter with him.

It had also been stated in the papers that he had agreed to be at the bidding of Mr. Mulock. Those who knew him best would be somewhat surprised at such a statement. If he were their representative in Parliament they would, he thought, expect that he would use his very best judgment upon every question that came up—(here, here)—and not support any measure, no matter what party brought it forth, unless he believed it to be in the interests of the country. He wanted to say that if they chose to select him as their candidate and he went down to Ottawa that must be distinctly understood, for though he was thoroughly in accord with the policy of the Liberal party, only the best government can be secured for this country when every man who goes there does so with the intention of exercising his heart and intellect for the best interests of the country. In the same arti-

cle it was said that he was best known as "a purity partisan orator." He was assured that if they sent a representative to Ottawa he would best voice the sentiments of East York if, upon issues that arise in the House where moral questions are involved, he takes the moral side of those issues, and lest there be any misapprehension in the convention on that point he desired to say, before his name was placed in nomination, that if they selected him as their candidate he would claim the right, if he went to Ottawa, on every question that involved moral issues to take what he believed to be the moral side. He was quite aware of the fact that in politics some men think there is a certain flexibility necessary on the part of a man engaged in political life on moral issues, and that he should be able to accommodate himself to what was termed party expediency. He did not agree with this, and if it were regarded as necessary that he should upon such issues deviate by one hair's breadth from what he believed to be true and right, or what his conscientious convictions told him to be right, he wanted no nomination at the hands of the convention. (Cheers.)

He was a firm believer in the motto of that great and good man who had represented them with honor to himself, and who honored them in representing them—Alexander Mackenzie—who, when asked to do in public life that which he would not do in private life, replied: "That which is wrong in principle cannot be right in politics." (Cheers.) He believed that which was wrong in morals could not be right in politics, and if he were to enter political life he wanted no higher ideal than that great and good man whose name he had mentioned. He regretted that his name was to go before the convention for ballot with that of his friend, Mr. Ryan; Mr. Leslie and he were good friends, and he had understood there would be a ballot between them. He had great admiration for Mr. Ryan's ability. He did not know, however, that Mr. Ryan was a candidate, and that he had a personal letter from that gentleman, which he could not use. If he were not the choice of the convention, he would, as in the past, give his time and service in the support of the candidate chosen. He asked them to remember that in this contest there was something more important at stake than the individual. Whatever claim Mr. Leslie might have on the riding, he had none; he was simply there because he was asked to be there, and if they did not want him they could say so; neither had he any axes to grind; he wanted nothing at the hands of the party, and he had never asked anything at their hands. Since he had left the farm he had managed to get along, depending upon his own efforts. The issues in this contest were so supremely important that they should subordinate all personal feelings to that one great issue of sustaining the Laurier Government.

They all knew the conditions in this country four years ago, the depression and stagnation in trade. They remembered how this Province was stirred as it had never been over an issue involving the religious creed of our people. Had the Conservative Government been returned to power it would have given rise to strife in Canada that would have taken years to allay, and which would have struck at the very foundations of Confederation. All these difficulties had been removed, and the impartial historian of the future, whether he gave the credit of being the founder of Confederation to Sir John Macdonald or to George Brown, would say that whoever is entitled to that credit, to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and to him alone, belongs the title of "The saviour of Confederation." (Cheers.) Mr. Rowell then referred to his experience in the Province of Quebec this summer, where he found some French-Canadians who had stated that Sir Wilfrid Laurier had been dazzled by his reception in England, and that he had forgotten his poor fellow-countrymen, the habitant of Quebec, and had given a promise to aid Britain with troops. The sending of the contingent was the fulfillment of that promise, and they charged him with being responsible for every drop of blood shed in South Africa. (A voice: "No. 6 Pamphlet.") It was utterly impossible to reconcile the feelings of the Conservatives of the English-speaking Provinces with those of the Conservatives of Quebec on that issue. The Conservatives in Ontario found themselves in a position to-day of which they were heartily ashamed. If there was one man who would reconcile the feelings of the people of Quebec with the feelings of the people of the other Provinces, and who would preserve that harmony which should continue between the two great races, it was Sir Wilfrid Laurier. (Cheers.)

Mr. Rowell, in accepting the nomination, made another rousing speech, and thanked the electors for the confidence they had shown in him by giving him the nomination.

**Maple**

The ice-cream social given by the Epworth League on Monday evening was fairly well attended and about \$13 realized. After tea, which was served on the church lawn, a programme was given in the lecture room. Duets were sung by Mrs. G. J. Cook and Mrs. Moore; and Mr. E. and Belle Nixon of Hope; solos by Misses Ethel and Bertie Rupert of Sherwood, and Miss E. Keffer of Maple. Miss Stella Campbell also contributed a recitation. It is hoped that all who can will attend the meetings of the League which are to be continued after having been closed for two months.

Mr. A. Jackson of Lindsay is spending a few days this week with his daughter, Mrs. Dr. Sisley.

Miss M. McDonald is away on a visit to friends in Lakefield.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Ross, of Rossmore, Newmarket, were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Sisley last Saturday.

Mrs. John Folster and son left last week to reside near Fort William where her husband has been residing all summer.

At a meeting on Monday night Messrs. G. High, J. H. Kirby, C. Crooks, and R. M. Hadwen were appointed as delegates to the Reform Convention in Weston on Saturday.

Mr. J. R. Campbell is in Toronto attending the Grand Jury.

**Public Library**

The Public Library Board met in the Council Chamber Monday evening, Sept. 10, 1900.

Members present, Messrs P. G. Savage, W. H. Pugsley, I. Crosby, W. A. Sanderson, J. H. Brydon, T. F. McMahon.

Minutes of last meeting read and adopted.

Pugsley—Sanderson—that the Purchasing Committee be and is hereby authorized and instructed to purchase library books as soon as possible to the amount of \$100 including those already purchased a few weeks ago.—Carried.

Brydon—Crosby—that the Village Council be asked to levy on the ratepayers of Richmond Hill the sum of \$80 for the maintenance of the Public Library for the current year.—Carried.

The treasurer reported that he had received a cheque from the Treasury Department of the Ontario Government for \$78.00 being the grant for 1900.

Pugsley—Crosby—that the librarian be and is hereby instructed to allow only one new book for each family; a book to be regarded as new for three months from the date of placing said book in the library.—Lost.

The Board adjourned.

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