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### WEST YORK LIBERALS.

MR. ARCH. CAMPBELL NOMINATED TO OPPOSE MR. N. C. WALLACE,

The convention of West York Liberals held at Weston last Saturday for to contest the riding at the approaching election for the House of Commons was one of the most successful in the history of the Association. weather was favorable for the large assembly of electors who met in Eagle

livered by prominent Liberals. the absence of the President, Dr. Mc-Lean, who arrived shortly after the convention was opened, read a telegram from Mr. W. J. Hill, M. P. P., regretting his inability to be in the county on that day, but assuring his fellow-Liberals that he would be on hand to take his share of the work during the coming contest. On a suggestion being made from the chair that the election of officers be proceeded with, it was unanimously carried for sending the contingents to South that the present officers be re-elected for the current year. The credential committee then took the names of the delegates from the different polling public debt has been decreased by sub-divisions, but as Mr. Arch. Camp- \$800,000 besides. (Cheers.) bell was the unanimous choice of the convention, on motion of Dr. Lynd, seconded by Mr. W. J. Wood, it was credentials. There was great en-

person, Campbell's arrival a number of short election. There were many things and pithy addresses were given by that West York required from the John Mallon, Mr. J. P. Rupert, and know that there had been a dollar of candidature, and expressed confidence | wanted was improved means of transin his ability to redeem the riding.

government all over the riding.

MR. CAMPBELL ACCEPTS. Mr. Campbell was received with cheers as he rose to reply. He expressed his thanks for the honor conferred upon him in unanimously tendering him the nomination. On four different occasions he had the honor have saved the farmers of York Counof receiving the nomination from the Liberals of Kent, and he was glad to tell them that on all those occasions Licensed Auctioneers for the County of York. he had carried the banner to victory. Although he had received a good many pressing invitations and had received the offer of the unanimous nomination for his old county, he felt that living as he did in West York and having all his property and all his means invested there, and meeting as he did the farmers of the county daily and all the time, he could more effectively represent that county in which he lived and the people with whom he was coming into contact daily, rather than those who are two hundred miles away. He had, therefore, decided to accept the nomination they had unanimously tendered him. (Cheers.) He did so realizing well the responsibilities he was assuming and knowing the diffi- ceived with cheers, said he had been cult task he had unnertaken. If he re- in the habit of looking at West York lied upon his own powers he would as necessarily Tory to the core, but he look with very little hope upon win- now saw the mistake he had made, and ing this county, but looking into the trusted in the near future they would faces of the convention he was satis- show to the world that the Liberals fied they would turn in and help him | were in a large majority in the county. one and all and strengthen him in the | He desired personally and on behalf of contest in which he had engaged, and the Government to thank them for the if they did he was confident they would | choice they had made in selecting Mr. in the coming election. (Cheers.)

carry the constituency of West York Campbell as their candidate. It was There were no doubt a good many the Government to say a word to inpeople who thought that it was im- fluence the choice of the Liberals of possible to carry the county; he did | the various constituencies in the selecnot look at it in that way at all. When | tion of their candidates, but having sat he first ran in Kent the county had for long years alongside his good friend been carried by the Conservatives by Archie Campbell, in the House of majorities ranging from 30 to 500, and Commons, he could tell them that even it seemed almost hopeless to attempt | they, his neighbors, hardly appreciatto redeem the county, but he had be- ed him as he and his fellow members hind him a gallant band of young men appreciated him. They had chosen as only worse and the horse became so lame that it could and old men who stood by him as their candidate one of the best Liberals went to a neighbor and told him about the case. He gave never a candidate was supported before, and with their help he carried And when he said this he meant that

Note to the nearest drug store and got a bottle of your Spavis

To the Dominion of Canada. (Cheers.)

Men one of your books and I studied it carefully and being resolved to do the utmost in favor of my beast, went
to the nearest drug store and got a bottle of your Spavis Kent by 112 majority. (Cheers.) Ever | Mr. Campbell was a good man, an honsince the county had remained true to est man, a man devoted to the interthe Liberal party, and he had no doubt ests of his country, and a man imbued blemish on him. After ceasing treatment I gave the it would continue to do so. He did not | with the patriotism which was wanted at all look upon the constituency of all over Canada. When the Liberal the horse hard and to my entire satisfaction he never West York as hopeless; if he did he party in the House of Commons wantwould not accept the nomination; he ed the benefit of his shrewd judgment had not accepted the nomination for in their earnest endeavors to promote fun or for pleasure, he meant business. | the interests of the people they could |

made in the interest of the country. He also endorsed the Crow's Nest Pass | eralism. (Cheers.) Railway construction, which had given the people a reduction in freight rates of \$600,000 a year. With regard to the debt, although the Government has spent \$14,000,000 in deepening the canals and constructing the Trent Valley Canal, the debt had only been increased by \$6,000,000, and this year, notwithstanding the large expenditure Africa, every single dollar which the Government has spent has been met from the ordinary revenue, and the

### MR. WALLACE'S OPPOSITION.

It was because of this record and benot deemed necessary to collect the cause the money had been wisely spent that the mass of the people were favorthusiasm and cheering when Dr. Mc- ably disposed towards the Government Lean declared Mr. Campbell the unan- and would give them another lease of imous choice of all present. A tele- power. It was because of this record gram was at once sent to the nominee and because he knew that in West at Toronto Junction requesting his ac- | York there were many noble-minded ceptance by presenting himself in men who place country before party that he appealed to the electors to re-During the 40 minutes before Mr. | turn him to represent them at the next gentlemen called from the audience, Government, but goodness knows viz., Rev. Dr. Dewart, Dr. Lynd, Mr. | what they had ever got; he did not Mr. A. B. Rice. The speakers all public money spent in the riding. One cheerfully endorsed Mr. Campbell's thing that the farmers of the county portation. At the last session of par-After a short wait the strains of the liament he had introduced a bill for Weston band were heard, and in a the construction of a line of railway few minutes Mr. Campbell, accompan- from Georgian Bay through West ied by the Minister of Agriculture and | York to Lake Ontario, which would, Mr. N. W. Rowell, drove on the if constructed, confer upon the people grounds and were received with cheers, of this and other counties the greatest which were renewed when they ascend- possible advantages. The people are ed the platform. Dr. McLean, on be- handicapped by the heavy freight half of the convention, tendered the rates; he had to-day to pay more to nomination to Mr. Campbell, assuring | ship flour from his mill to the seaboard him that they were confident he would | than the mills a thousand miles farther redeem the riding with the help of west pay. The farmers of Ontario he was not there, Mr. Fisher at some The proposed railway was to operate in connection with a line of steamers on the upper lakes and another line upon the lower lakes, which would shorten the distance to Montreal by 395 miles, and which would have reduced the present freight rates by five cents per hundred pounds. This would ty two and four-tenths cents per bushel upon their grain and a proportionate amount upon their other produce. He was sorry to say that the member for West York was one of the strongest opponents of the bill and did everything in his power to defeat it. Mr. Campbell pointed out the tremendous advantage the construction of the proposed route would be to the country, and declared his intention if he were returned to the Commons, as he had no doubt he would be, to again introduce the bill at the next session. He pledged himself to do everything he could fairly and honestly do to win the election, and resumed his seat amid cheers.

HON. MR. FISHER'S ADDRESS.

Hon. Sydney A. Fisher, who was renot for an outsider like himself or for (Cheers.) He intended to carry the with confidence appeal to him. Mr.

banner to success with that help from Fisher expressed his regret that the the Liberals which he was sure they people of Kent were about to lose Mr. would give him. There was never a Campbell for the sake of the County time in the history of the country when | of Kent, but congratulated the electors the people should rally to the support of West York that they were gaining of the Government more than they him as their candidate. From the reshould at the present time. If four ports received he understood Mr. years ago Sir Wilfrid Laurier had told | Campbell was leaving a constituency the people of this country that in that where the nomination which he had short space of time he would increase declined meant assured victory, and the purpose of nominating a candidate | the foreign trade of the country by | had come into a constituency where \$5,5000,000 every year, ten times more | their friends of the Opposition thought than the Conservatives had increased he was awaiting hopeless defeat. It it during their long term of power, was for the Liberals of West York to they would have thought him crazy. turn the hopeless defeat which their Mr. Campbell defended the policy of opponents predicted into a great trithe Government which had resulted so umph. (Cries of "We will.") He did Grove and listened to the speeches de- advantageously to the people of Can- not know them personally, but when adian people, and justified the expendi- he looked upon them he had perfect Mr. A. B. Rice, Vice-President, in tures which had been judiciously confidence they would do their duty to Mr. Campbell and to the cause of Lib-

PROUD OF THE RECORD.

As a Minister of the Laurier Administration Mr. Fisher said he was proud to know that the Government had been able to do some little in the interests of the people and that the country had prespered under their administration. Notwithstanding they had been blocked on many occasions by the Senate, still they had, he was glad to announce, been able by their policy to contribute somewhat to the benefit of the land. Sir Charles Tupper, Hon. Mr. Foster, Hon. Hugh John Macdonald, and Mr. J. P. Whitney, while on their tour opening the campaign, had made their full and complete complaint against the Government, and Sir Charles Tupper complained that Sir Wilfrid Laurier had given preferential trade without a return; he also complained of the lack of fulfilment of pledges. Mr. Foster blamed the Government for great expenditure of money. It was not for Mr. Foster to complain of this when the record of the Conservative Government in this respect was contrasted with that of the Laurier Government. Mr. Macdonald told them that for the sake of his father he hoped the people would vote for him. (Laughter.) He told the people that, unfortunately, in 1893 the Conservatives were defeated because of deplorable dissensions in the ranks,

#### and that now they are united. WHERE WAS SIR MACKENZIE.

Mr. Fisher said that, remembering the conduct of the nest of traitors who went out in 1803 and stabbed Sir Mackenzie Bowell in the back, the greatest proof of the restoration of unity in the ranks of the Conservative party would have been the presence of Sir Mackenzie Bowell upon the platform with Mr. Foster at the meeting in Belleville, Sir Mackenzie's home, but those present and the friends of good suffered under the same disadvantage. length dealt with the policy of duplicity which Sir Charles Tupper is playing, charging Sir Wilfrid Laurier with being too British when speaking in Quebec, and making the opposite charges against him in Ontario. Mr. Fisher deprecated the attempts being made by the Opposition to set race against race and creed against creed, and paid a tribute to Sir Wilfrid Laurier for his magnificent devotion to his self-imposed task of reconciling the two great races who live together in Canada, and building up a united people. If he had one reason for being proud of being a member of the Government it was, Mr. Fisher said, because he had the honor of having as a leader and colleague one of the greatest men in Canada or in the British Empire. (Cheers,) Mr. Fisher at some length and with considerable minuteness reviewed the policy of the Government, and pointed out the enormous advantages which had been obtained for the farmers and all other

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