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ANNUAL MEETING AND BANQUET.

Rousing Speeches by Hon. Geo. P. Graham, Mr. Arch. Campbell, M. P., and Others.

POSITION ON TEMPERANCE PLANK RE-AFFIRMED.

The Liberals of Centre York held their annual meeting in Hughes' Hall last Thursday, and this was followed by a banquet in Victoria Hall in the evening. The day was cold and stormy, yet there was a good attendance, and nearly every part of the riding was well represented. At the annual meeting in the afternoon a set of by-laws were adopted, and matters were discussed bearing on the organization of the riding in future contests. The following officers were elected:—President, M. Naughton, Elgin Mills; First Vice-President, Walter Scott, Victoria Square; Second Vice-Pres., Wm. Cook, Carrville; Secretary, A. F. Wilson, Markham; Treasurer, J. A. E. Switzer, Richmond Hill.

At the banquet Mr. M. Naughton, president, was in the chair. After an excellent supper of roast turkey and everything necessary for a first-class spread, which had been prepared by Messrs. Hughes Bros., the chairman proposed the first toast "The King" which was heartily responded to by singing the National Anthem.

Mr. A. F. Wilson next proposed the health of the Dominion House of Commons, which he said was "the most healthy institution in Canada. He hoped some day to see Mr. Campbell a member of the Cabinet.

Mr. Arch. Campbell, M.P., responding, read a telegram of regret from Hon. Sydney Fisher, who hoped to attend some future gathering in the riding. So far as the House of Commons was concerned, Mr. Campbell proceeded, it was the most Liberal, and, therefore, the best House of Commons we had ever had in Canada. The policy of the Government to build a new transcontinental railway had been approved by the largest majority ever given any Government in Canada. The policy was one that would add greatly to the interests of the people of Canada. The more one looked at it, the more one was convinced that the scheme would develop and build up this country as never before. The clause compelling the contractors to purchase all materials in Canada so long as they were as cheap here as elsewhere, would result in the making here of hundreds of thousands of locomotives and cars and the rails that would be required. The Canada Foundry Company at Toronto had recently made the first locomotive made in Toronto in 50 years. They were now building a number for the C.P.R. They now employed 1000 men, but he believed in five years they would be employing 2,000 or 3,000 men, making locomotives, steel rails and cars that would be used on the new transcontinental railway.

Mr. Geo. Anderson, former Liberal candidate in East Toronto, also responded briefly, speaking hopefully of the prospects in West York.

The Health of the Government.

The toast of "The Local Parliament," proposed by Mr. Levi Anis, was responded to by Hon. Geo. P. Graham. The Provincial Secretary was received with a great demonstration and the singing of "He's a Daisy." "I hope that is not a daisy that comes under the noxious weeds act, or it may be destroyed," he said in opening, adding that, as it was, there were many who would not mind destroying the present sample of daisy. (laughter.) After some further pleasantries, Mr. Graham said it was true the Government were not in that robust state of health that they might be. There were times when the pulse has fluttered a bit, when the temperature has been a little high. "But there are signs of recovery." (Hear, hear.) Mr. Graham observed that with a majority of three the Government had last session put through some very important legislation, such as the assessment act and the Sault guarantee bill. No true principles of Liberalism had been departed from, and to-day the Liberal party did not propose to be blackguarded off the platform of Liberalism, to be stamped from the principles which had guided George Brown, Mackenzie, Baldwin, Lafontaine, Laurier or Mowat. (Cheers.)

Mr. Whitney had said many abusive things, and he believed his rash statements would recoil in favor of the Government. The Conservatives had

never discovered a good Liberal until he was dead or out of politics, but he believed the Liberal leaders to-day, Laurier and Ross, were as good as we ever had. (Cheers.)

The Way to Perfection.

Mr. Graham then discussed the recent Liberal convention, at which, he pointed out, the policy, unlike that of the Tory conference, had been made by the people themselves. The Liberals had condemned corruption in their own ranks, but the Conservatives had not. Until they joined the Liberals in this regard we could never hope to have clean elections. The first step toward getting rid of one's sins is to confess them. The Liberals had done this, but the Conservatives had not; therefore the Liberals were further advanced toward perfection than they were. (Laughter and cheers.) The convention's declaration against corruption was read. Mr. Graham specially commending the clause against outside organizers, which, he said, he had put into effect in eastern Ontario in the last Dominion election, and the results were better than ever before. (Hear, hear.) On agriculture Mr. Graham quoted the opposition of the Conservatives to advances proposed by the Government, and declared that one ounce of record was worth fourteen tons of promises on the eve of an election. (Applause.)

The Temperance Plank.

Mr. Graham then devoted some time to a reference to the temperance plank in the Liberal platform. "It makes no difference to me whether there is any whiskey or not," he said. "I don't drink it, though I suspect that some friends of mine do use it—in case of sickness." (Laughter.) For years the Opposition had been asking the Liberal Government what they were going to do for temperance. Had they ever heard Mr. St. John, Mr. Emerson Coatsworth or Mr. Crawford, prominent Conservative temperance men, asking Mr. Whitney what he would do for temperance? Was that consistent? When Mr. George moved a colorless temperance resolution at the Tory conference there was none so poor as to do him reverence, and it passed in silence. The Liberal policy on temperance appealed to every Liberal. It did not go as far as some people wanted; but farther than others wanted; consequently it was in about the right place. (Cheers.) This is a practical world, and we must not attempt to do too much at once. There never was in Canada or the old country much of temperance legislation that had not come from the Liberal party. (Applause.) The license law had been enforced in Ontario, as was shown by the many letters he had recently received from prominent temperance people.

"There was a clause that was struck out," Mr. Graham went on. "I did what I thought was right, and I would do it again—(hear, hear)—and I am prepared to stand or prepared to fall there. I believe it was in the interests of the people of Ontario; it was not to the detriment of the temperance cause, and it was in the interests of the Liberal party that that clause should go out, and I, not as a member of the Government, but as a delegate at that convention, exercised my privilege to speak in that behalf, and I did it, and I would do it again." Mr. Graham repeated his objections to the clause, and concluded by asking Conservatives, who had been crying for the Government owned railway, to support the only premier that owns a whole railway. When he resumed his seat there was a great demonstration of enthusiasm.

Mr. G. W. Verrill, Liberal candidate in West York, spoke hopefully of his prospects, and observed that Mr. St. John said it was presumption on the part of the Liberals to oppose him.

A voice—That's what Goliath said. (Laughter.)

Replying to the toast of "Municipal Institutions," proposed by Mr. J. C. Clark of Agincourt, Mr. Arthur Quantz remarked that Mr. Campbell's majority was not as large as it should have been. Mr. Campbell seemed to be permeated with protectionist ideas, which were not popular with the farmers. Mr. James Kirby, Mr. James Ley and Mr. Geo. High also responded.

Mr. J. W. Dalziel proposed the toast of "The Learned Professions," to which Dr. Sisley, Mr. J. M. Godfrey of Toronto and Mr. W. H. Grant of Scarborough replied. Mr. Grant advocated the limitation of franchises to twenty-five years and having them all expire in the same year, every quarter century, and that would be made a year of jubilee.

Mr. J. H. Harding contributed a number of excellent songs during the evening.

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News Notes.

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Victoria Square

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Some of our boys have commenced walking to High School. They found wheeling rather heavy.

Mr. Wm. Dennie threshed his alkali on Tuesday. The threshers say it gave a record yield for the season.

A very enjoyable evening was spent at the home of Mr. Burnham on the occasion of Nellie's birthday. One young couple was so unfortunate as to get separated at the table.

Mrs. Wm. Bovair of Manitoba, is visiting old friends in the vicinity.

Miss Cora Spang of Altona, has been spending several days at Mr. A. E. Jennings'.

Miss O. Jennings spent part of last week with Mr. Quantz of Cashel.

Several of our inhabitants have been busy hauling sand of late. They contemplate barn building during the coming year and are thankful for the continuance of good roads.

Protracted meetings have been withdrawn until a more convenient season.

A number of our young folks took in the lecture by Mr. Dewey at Peach's church on Monday evening. They will probably spend an evening or two of next week at Headford.

Mr. Ross Klinek returned from Cashel on Sunday evening.

At a meeting on Monday evening it was decided to have a free-will offering at New Year's instead of the usual fowl supper.

Rev. W. G. Smith will review the Sabbath School lesson in the Methodist church next Sunday afternoon.



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