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PLANS MATURE FOR LIBERAL CONVENTION

Trades and Labor Congress and Great War Veterans Association Invited to Co-Operate.

Ottawa, April 7.—The parliamentary Liberal party held another caucus and gave further consideration to matters connected with the holding of the national convention on August 5, 6 and 7 next. Decisions arrived at were as follows:

The purpose of the convention will be, first, to draft, discuss and adopt the platform of the Liberal party of Canada; second, to deal with the question of party organization; thirdly, to select a leader in succession to Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

Following as closely as possible the plan adopted for the national Liberal convention of 1893, the representation at the forthcoming convention will be as follows:

1—All the members of the senate and of the House of Commons who desire to co-operate with the Liberal party and all the Liberal candidates who were defeated at the last Dominion election.

2—The Liberal premiers and the leaders of the Liberal opposition in the several provinces.

3—The presidents of the nine provincial Liberal associations.

4—Three delegates from each nomination constituency which will be elected at a local convention to be called for that purpose. In the case of constituencies having two parliamentary representatives, six delegates will be elected. Women will be eligible for election as delegates in all constituencies.

5—The Liberal members of each provincial assembly and the Liberal candidates defeated at the last provincial election in each province, acting jointly, shall have the right to select from among themselves a number of delegates equal to one-fourth of the total number of representatives in each provincial assembly.

In addition to the foregoing it was further decided that owing to changed conditions arising out of the war and to the desirability for co-operation among all ranks of Liberal democracy in dealing with grave national problems, invitations will be extended to the Canadian committee of agriculture, the Dominion Trades and Labor congress, the Great War Veterans' association and the Canadian Railroad brotherhood to send representatives to the convention for the purpose of presenting such views as the national bodies may desire to present prior to the drafting and adoption of a national Liberal platform.

When all the details connected with the holding of the convention have been settled they will be embodied in a call to be issued to the Liberals of the Dominion by the temporary leader of the party, D. D. MacKenzie, M. P.

PRINCE GEORGE

The death occurred at the city hospital of James Larmer of Penny, at the age of 23. He underwent an operation and failed to rally.

John Kendall of Vancouver, is here auditing the city's books.

There was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. Reiyler on April 1, a son.

Corp. George Hamilton, who has seen three years service overseas, is home again. Other returned men who have arrived are Robert Pooley and Dan. McGregor.

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There will also be a good two-reel comedy and an interesting British war gazette.

NOTICE TO MARINERS

A hand fog horn has been established at the light station on Green Island which will be used answer signals from steamers in the vicinity in thick weather. This is in Chatham Sound, Oriflame Passage.

In Dixon Entrance the Cape Chacon Light reported not burning on March 5 was relighted on March 12.

When you have read the news look through the classified column on Page 5.

LAND ACT AMENDMENT

Pre-emption now confined to surveyed lands only.

Records will be granted covering only land suitable for agricultural purposes and which is non-timber land.

Partnership pre-emptions abolished, but parties of not more than four may arrange for adjacent pre-emptions, with joint residence, but each making necessary improvements on respective claims.

Pre-emptors must occupy claims for five years and make improvements to value of \$10 per acre, including clearing and cultivation of at least 5 acres, before receiving Crown Grant.

Where pre-emptor in occupation not less than 3 years, and has made proportionate improvements, he may, because of ill-health or other cause, be granted intermediate certificate of improvement and transfer his claim.

Records without permanent residence may be issued provided applicant makes improvements to extent of \$300 per annum and records same each year. Failure to make improvements or record same will operate as forfeiture. Title cannot be obtained on these claims in less than 3 years, with improvements of \$10 per acre, including 5 acres cleared and cultivated, and residence of at least 2 years.

Pre-emptor holding Crown Grant may record another pre-emption, if he requires land in conjunction with his farm, without actual occupation, provided statutory improvements made and residence maintained on Crown granted land.

Unsurveyed areas, not exceeding 20 acres, may be leased as homesteads; title to be obtained after fulfilling residential and improvement conditions.

For grazing and industrial purposes, areas exceeding 640 acres may be leased by one person or company.

PRE-EMPTORS' FREE GRANTS ACT. The scope of this Act is enlarged to include all persons joining and serving with His Majesty's Forces. The time within which the heirs or devisees of a deceased pre-emptor may apply for title under this Act is extended from one year from the death of such person, as formerly, until one year after the conclusion of the present war. This privilege is also made retroactive.

TOWNSITE PROPERTY ALLOTMENT ACT. Provision is made for the grant to persons holding uncompleted agreements to purchase from the Crown of such proportion of the land, if divisible, as the payments already made will cover in proportion to the sale price of the whole parcel. Two or more persons holding such agreements may group their interests and apply for a proportionate allotment jointly. If it is not considered advisable to divide the land covered by an application for a proportionate allotment, an allotment of land of equal value selected from available Crown lands in the locality may be made. These allotments are conditional upon payment of all taxes due the Crown or to any municipality. The rights of persons to whom the purchaser from the Crown has agreed to sell are also protected. The decision of the Minister of Lands in respect to the adjustment of a proportionate allotment is final. The time for making application for these allotments is limited to the 1st day of May, 1919. Any application made after this date will not be considered. These allotments apply to town lots and lands of the Crown sold at public auction.

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