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Ottawa is becoming politically minded, and the younger set is taking up the cudgels in anticipation of a general election. At left are the chief movers in the young Liberal camp. From the left: Miss Margaret Heenan, daughter of the Minister of Labor; Miss Lucette Valin; Miss Odette Lapointe, daughter of the Minister of Justice; Miss Olive Wilson, daughter of Mr. Norman F. Wilson and Senator Cairine Wilson

MAYFAIR'S OTTAWA LETTER

BY RIDEAU

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CAN you imagine the members of Ottawa's Younger Set in search of each other's political scalps: It is an intriguing thought; but then, it is more than a thought, for it is almost a deed. Ottawa has never been remarkable for its interest in politics, although it has been the scene of much political history. The least interested have been the younger people.

But, it is good-by to all that now. The Young Conservatives and the Young Liberals are organized to gain the support of their contemporaries. With Sylvia Smellie at the head of the young Tories, and Odette Lapointe at the head of the young Grits, Ottawa is subtly divided into rival camps; now scarcely a bridge or dance but some subtle canvassing.

Native oratorical talent is developing. Names that previously figured chiefly in the social columns will be headlined in the news and editorial columns as political debaters some day soon, for the young people of both parties are holding regular meetings, listening to Parliament and training themselves for campaigns.

In the event of a general election, upwards of two hundred thousand voters in Ontario alone will go to the polls for the first time, Basil Scott, who is active with the young Liberals, has pointed out. Little organized effort has previously been made to instruct or influence these relatively unprejudiced minds, and the party taking the trouble to get after them should be richly rewarded.

Liberals are unusually active in establishing the national organization of young Liberals that grew out of the local body formed a year or so ago. With this as a nucleus, a national association came into being at a banquet in Ottawa during March; and now its moving spirits are covering Ontario with the object of organizing young Liberals, and of holding a meeting, in Toronto, representative of the young people of the party during the last week of May or the first of June.

THE young Conservatives have not as yet extended their scope beyond Ottawa, although they are active here, and are identified with the senior Liberal-Conservative party organizations of Ottawa. A dance is planned for May at which Hon. R. B. Bennett is expected to be present to meet the guests, and in which he is said to be taking the greatest interest. Sylvia Smellie is president of the Ottawa Young Women's Conservative

Club; Jeanette Cousineau, of Hull, first vice, and Betty Fauquier, second vice president; Elsie Burritt, treasurer; Catherine Dougherty, secretary; Dorothy Laurie, Mrs. Edson Sherwood, and Margaret Wilson, members of the executive; Billie Burritt, convener of entertainment.

The newly elected officers of the young Liberals, calling themselves the Twentieth Century Women's Liberal Club of Ottawa, is an imposing array. At the first meeting at the home of Mr. Norman F. Wilson, Miss Odette Lapointe was elected president for a second term. The other officers are: first vice-president, Mrs. Shirley Woods; second vice, Miss Margaret Heenan, who is the daughter of the Minister of Labor; third vice, Miss Nancy McCarthy; corresponding secretary, Miss Olive Wilson, who is a daughter of Mr. Norman F. Wilson and of Hon. Senator Cairine Wilson; recording secretary, Mrs. Douglas Blair; treasurer, Miss Lucette Valin; committee, Misses Rose Stewart, Shirley Stewart, Leila Larmouth, Edna Edwards, Juliette Chevrier, Mrs. J. T. Wilson, Mrs. A. G. Bate, Miss Eleanor Mulvey, Mrs. Frankfort Rogers, Misses Marion Charlestown, Simone Delaute, Margaret Southam, Betty Henderson, Betty Hurdman, Dorothy Peck, Laura Fauquier, Mrs. Robert Echlin, Miss Mary McLean, Mrs. D'Arcy Coulson, Mrs. Gordon MacLaren, Miss Helen Jones, Mrs. A. H. Lief, Miss Dorothy Lawson, Miss Mary Devlin, Mrs. H. D. Street, Mrs. A. Whitelaw; Misses Joan McCarthy, Marjorie Sanderson, Bernice Mackerel, and Rosamond Macoun.

THE auction at Earncliffe aroused considerable regret that the Conservative party did not take an official interest in the relics relating to the redoubtable Sir John A. Macdonald. When it was announced that the painting of the great leader which had hung over the mantel in the Earncliffe library had been withdrawn from the sale, it was thought that it had been bought by the British Government, to be kept in the house when occupied by Sir William and Lady Clark. It developed, however, that it was bought privately by four Conservative women, and is to be placed permanently in the room of the Conservative leader.

The purchasers are Lady Perley, wife of the Hon. Sir George Perley, under Mr. Arthur Meighen; Miss Mildred Bennett, sister of Hon. R. B. Bennett, Conservative leader, and Mrs. A. D. McRae, of Vancouver, wife of General McRae, Conservative party organizer. They also purchased the white marble bust of Sir John that stood at the right side of the entrance to the dining room, but have not decided where it is to go.

Of as great musical interest, was Dr. Charles Harris' baby grand piano which was bought by Mrs. E. D. M. Belleau on behalf of Mrs. A. Miville Belleau. Upon it many famous orchestrations were composed. Music lovers and admirers of the late Doctor Harris, last occupant of Earncliffe, value it highly.

The Drama League's latest production, St. John Ervine's *The First Mrs. Fraser*, was admirably done. One almost adds, "as usual," for the Ottawa Drama League has set a standard remarkable among amateur organizations. Dorothy White has never handled a part with greater ease or skill than she did that of Janet Brodie as James Fraser, made a blunt Scotsman wholly occupied in the [See also page 72]

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