

Paul Martin, members of the Dominion cabinet, who had attended the Western Ontario meeting earlier in the day spoke at the convention.

It was the first time in many years that such a display of government top brass had appeared at a nomination meeting in London riding.

Mr. Howe repeated most of an address he gave in the afternoon in which he slashed at the Drew Government's neglect of Hydro new sources of supply which was held responsible for the current shortages.

He indicated that local Liberals would be called to support their candidate at the polls in the not too distant future and found a parallel between Liberalism in Canada and the success of the American Democratic party at the recent elections.

"We are quite content to have the government judged on its record that has improved the national economy and set a splendid industrial record during the war," Mr. Howe stated.

STOP DOLLAR DRAIN

Government policies had stopped the drain of American dollars from the country and had resulted in industry making many parts in Canada which were formerly imported from the United States.

"Our real security and the policy to which this government is pledged is full employment and high incomes," Mr. Howe declared.

National Health and Welfare Minister Martin termed the convention a "magnificent example of a democratic meeting." He said it "is the rank and file of a great political party expressing its wishes." He reviewed his address to the Western Ontario Liberal Association earlier and outlined social and health reforms brought in by the King Government.

HEALTH REFORMS

Current health plans, the minister stated, were designed "to wipe out completely such scourges as tuberculosis" and to reduce the toll taken by crippling diseases, arthritis and infantile paralysis.

He said the government planned extensive research into causes and possible cures of cancer.

Canada's Aerial Power 'Impotent'

TORONTO—Air Marshal Robert S. Leckie, wartime chief of staff of the R.C.A.F., said Saturday night Canada's air force is "pitifully small" and reduced almost to the level of impotence.

For the next four or five years Canada will have to prepare for the eventuality of war, he told the Ontario committee of the Air Cadet League of Canada.

"Fear of reprisals is the only thing that's holding the Russians back. Thank God we have the atomic bomb."

GRAIN REACHES GODERICH—GODERICH, Ont.—More than 1,000,000 bushels of grain was unloaded here from four ships which docked last week. The largest grain carrier to call at this port this season, the 480-foot James P. Walsh, brought 300,000 bushels of corn from Chicago.

It's a "last trip" handshake between Mr. John Carlton, St. Thomas, for the past 10 years engineer of the crack Wolverine passenger train, and Mr. J. H. McGowan, Windsor trainmaster. Mr. Carlton finished 44 years

with the New York Central Railroad Saturday. He stepped from the Wolverine for the last time at 1:05 p.m. In retirement he will grow flowers at a home he purchased in Grimsby, where his son lives. He was an engineer 39 years.

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End of the Line for John

A Canadian New York Central Railroad engineer who piloted two crack United States passenger trains for the past 10 years stepped from the cab for the last time Saturday at 1:05 p.m. in Windsor and became a passenger on a train as he rode into retirement.

ONE OF FIRST

Petrolia-born John Carlton, 67, St. Thomas, was also one of the first engineers to pilot a diesel-powered locomotive for the railroad.

After a last bull session with his railroad pals in the Windsor roundhouse, he boarded the late afternoon train that would take him to his wife and flower garden in St. Thomas.

"It's a hard pull leaving those

two trains and all my friends on the railroad," he said. "But I bought a house in Grimsby, Ontario, and plan to really go into my hobby of growing flowers. That may stay off the let-down."

AT TOP OF LIST

Mr. Carlton was engineer of the North Shore, Limited—from Buffalo to Chicago, and the Wolverine—from Chicago to New York, since 1938. He was rated at the top of the list of engineers, Windsor railroad officials said.

His garden in St. Thomas is known by townspeople as one of the best in the district.

Mrs. Carlton is "very happy" to have him home for good, he said.

In his 39 years as an engineer

with the railroad, Mr. Carlton had a clean record. Although three cars were hit by trains he was driving—it was the automobile driver's fault in each case. There was never a death.

Mr. Carlton lived in Windsor in 1919 and 1920 when he drove locomotives through the N.Y.C. tunnel from Detroit. He lived on Bruce avenue.

Mr. Carlton did not come from a railroading family although his older brother was working for the railroad when he started as a fireman in 1904. After five years he became an engineer. He was 22 years old when he started and had never held a job before.

He is moving to Grimsby because his son John lives there. He also has a daughter who is married.

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province was passing through "one of the most momentous and critical periods in four decades of service."

By the end of the year, the Ontario Hydro Commission will have spent \$89,492,000—or 104 percent of its estimate—on capital construction.

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