## PREMIER ROSS ADDRESSES GREAT MEETING OF LIBERALS speech. It was not long nor worded in flowery language, but was a straight statement respecting his position and

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Mahlon K. Cowan, M.P., South Essex; said the speaker, they are coming to Mr. Walter Scott, M.P., West Assiniboia: Dr G. A. Routledge, Liberal nominee in East Middlesex; Mr. A. McCrimmon, Liberal nominee in West Elgin; and Messrs. F. G. Leonard, T. H. Purdom, K.C., R. C. Struthers, Moses Masuret, Col. Little, Major Cronyn, Philip Pocock, Rev. W. J. Clark, Wm. Heaman, ex-Mayor Rumball. Geo. M. Reid, J. W. Jones, James McCormick, F. P. Betts, T. W. Sanborn, F. H. Butler, Ed. Shea, M. bad government cannot be put out O'Meara, J. M. McEvoy, A. Hamilton, soon enough. The cry of the Con-J. R. Adams, G. Bowman, James Mc-Gregor, J. W. Cawrse, Thos. Higgins, but they cannot get into power this time. (Cheers.) Archibald Macpherson, Ebenezer North, Reuben North, Wm. Tytler, John Nutkins, Wm. Gorman, W. Gammage, J. H. Brown, F. Hallam, T. J. Ashman, John C. Warde, Alex. Stew- loud and prolonged cheers. Mr. Hyart, Colin Murray, James Ward, Jas. Cotter, Mrs. Clark, Andrew Durand, ceived and was pleased to note that A. A. Campbell, William Al- he had not been forgotten. He spoke len Young, W. B. Gilhuly, J. D. Thompson, D. W. Blackwell, W. Gerry, H. Strong, G. Olmsted, S. Yelland, W. H. McCutcheon, R. F. Lacey, A. W. Burnett. W. C. Robertson, Wm. Rose, C. B. Armstrong, J. M. Gilbank, C. H. Elliott. A. Greenlees, B. N. Campbell, F. W. Magee, H. S. Wilcox, Wm. Wiley, C. F. Needham, John Lewis, J. J. Magee, U. A. Buchner, L. W. Stevens, W. M. Empey, G. W. Stark, Jas. I. Anderson, A. M. Hamilton, Geo. Killam, W. K. McKay, Wm. Lind, Wm. D. Mills, J. A. Welford, W. H. Hamilton, J. A. Sutherland, E. H. Russell, T. R. Lloyd, H. E. Talbot, John Jury, Edward Carlin, G. W. Francis, J. H. Mc-Lellan, D. Patrick, D. D. Brazel, Wm. Jones, Andrew Murdock (Hamilton), John B. Smyth, J. E. Carson, T. Mu- and spend money judiciously for the loy, Peter Cameron, A. Keenleyside, development of the country's re-M. E. Halloran, James C. Stewart, sources. Thomas C. Irving, W. R. Miller, Geo. M. Anderson, W. A. Thomson, R. G. Wilson, Frank Wilson, Wm. Simson, Ed Parke, F. O'Neill, Robert Bennet, Samuel Munro, J. W. Hobbs, W. R. Hobbs R. G. Fisher, R. J. Webster. 'Ald, Sam Stevely, Alfred Tyler, W, Grant, W. J. Element, jun., George Kelly, E. J. Sifton, Owen Mooney, Dr. Jarvis, E. W. Boyle, G. W. Armstrong,

#### George C. Gibbons, K. C.

The chairman, upon rising to speak, stated that it had always been a source of pride to him to preside at a gathering of Liberals in the city of London. He felt that in supporting the government of Ontario they were supporting a good cause. The Liberal Government of this province had always been an honest and capable government. Sir Oliver Mowat, said he, gave you that, when he was premier, The Hon, A. S. Hardy gave you honest administration. He gave his life for the good of the cause. He gave you all he had, for he died poor. We are proud tonight to greet the Hon, George W. Ross. (Cheers.) He, too, continued the speaker, comes full of hope and honesty of purpose to erve his country. He is a man of minent ability, and one of the best orators on the continent. His salary. compared with his services, is small. There is no money in being premier of Ontario. He is also giving you his him out? (Cries of "No, no.") It is not a matter to deal lightly with. It males all the difference in the world as to whether those at the head of the government are good or bad. Politics a matter in which you should interest yourselves, and if you find in Mr. Ross a capable premier, you, as good citizens, should support him.

AN ERA OF PROSPERITY. the general prosperity of the country. There are today, he said, no smokeless Wages are higher than ever before in this country. Every one feels that there is coming a new manhood and a new growth. It has been said that England owed her greatness to her coal and iron. In New Ontario there was an enormous wealth of iron, and nickel. Premier Ross was doing his best to develop that part of the rovince. Instead of people going to

Canada in tens of thousands. (Cheers.) ATTACKS UPON GOVERNMENT. There had been assaults upon the government in the past. The Con-servatives had worked the "Ross Bible" cry. They had accused the government of unduly favoring the Catholics in regard to separate schools. During the present campaign there was not even a whisper of what had been said in three or four previous campaigns. The opposition, said he, are now begging for the Catholic vote. All they have to say against the government this time is that they have been there too long. But a good government is never in power too long. A

#### C. S. Hyman, M. P.

servative party is a wail of anguish,

The chairman called upon Mr. C. S. Hyman, M.P., who was greeted with man thanked the audience for the kindly way in which he had been reof the glowing accounts in the Con-servative press in regard to the an-place faith in them. They know when ticipated success of the Conservative candidates. The tenor of the press was the same as before the last general election, when Col, Leys defeated they're like me. (Laughter and ap-Mr. Beck by a majority of over 300. The Conservative press did not entertain a doubt last election time but that the Hardy Government would be defeated. This time the speaker predicted Col. Leys would be again elected by a handsome majority.

A PROGRESSIVE GOVERNMENT. The speaker went on to deal with the progressiveness of the Ross Government. Mr. Ross was not only broad-minded, but he likewise had the courage of his convictions. This was no time for the pessimist, but for men who could comprehend the situation

Going on to deal with the charge of extravagance, Mr. Hyman explained the process by which the estimates were taken up in the house, and how the opposition was given the opportunity of objection to any item of proposed expenditure that they deemed unnecessary or excessive. During the whole thirty years of Liberal rule only \$453,000 or three-fourths of one per cent had been questioned by the Conservative opposition.

GROWING TIME. time in the Dominion. He spoke of the trade. A reference to the presence of Sir Wilfrid Laurier at the coronation along, but after a while you get someceremonies brought forth cheers. The speaker stated that he would have as great cause to be proud of our brilliant premier, as when he last visited Britain at the time of the Dia Jubilee.

In conclusion, he expressed pleasure at the presence of Mr. M. K. Cowan, M. P., for South Essex, whom he considered one of the broad-minded men of the House of Commons.

#### Lieut.-Col. Leys. M. P. P.

The chairman briefly introduced Col. Leys. He spoke of him as a man who has his own individuality, strongminded, kind and generous-hearted, best services. Should you then turn and zealous, and he said, amidst great cheering, that it was a fact that long before politics entered into Col. Leys' life, if a man ever went to him in need, he never went away with empty "But," he added, "Col. Leys pockets. has decided views and he expresses them as any strong man would do, and," added Mr. Gibbons, "he usually gets what he wants, as any strong woman would do. (Laughter.) The chairman went on to deal with Leys may have his faults," he said, "but decency and kindness cover a multitude of sins. For the past four years he has certainly been a good representative of the city and he will be for the next four years, too." (Applause.)

When Col. Leys arose to speak it was absolutely impossible for him to be heard. The cheering was tremendously vigorous and continued so for several minutes. When at last Col. Leys

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him at a disadvantage, as he was a bashful man and was quite overpow-ered by it. However, he recovered his composure, and made an excellent the reasons why he felt that the people of this city should elect him in preference to his opponent.

He said that when he went before the people of London four years ago, he made certain promises and said that he would keep them. They would give him credit that he had done so. (Cheers.) He had said that if the Normal School did not come to London he would not take his seat in the house. He had secured that school for the city. (Applause.) He had not taken his oath of office until two hours before the house met, and would not have taken it at all had he not received a promise in black and white that the school would come here, and t was his friend, the premier of the present time, who had assisted him to get it. (Applause.) Mr. Ross had told him to stand by his guns, and that was what he did. The result was that this city had an institution which brought it from \$80,000 to \$100,000 a year, "and," said Col. Leys, "would you have got that school if you had elected my opponent?"
"Never," was shouted, and the great

audience applauded. "Then why should you put me out for him?" he added, and the crowd shouted back that they did not intend

"They told me that I am beaten," he went on, "but I was never so sure of success as I am now when I look out on this great audience, especially a country is well-governed, and when the women get around their husbands, they've got to surrender. That is if

Col. Leys next spoke of the infirmary at the asylum, which he had secured, and for which he had to stand his ground for London's rights in competition with the claims of Toronto. By this institution also London benefited to the extent of \$125,000 annually, and the audience again asknowledged that this infirmary would not have been brought

to London by his opponent. He referred briefly to his efforts to preserve the inland fisheries in this district. He said that he was fond of fishing himself, and when he saw the difference between the present and the past, when it was possible for a man to catch all the fish he wanted in almost no time, he decided to make a vigorous kick against the cause of the change. (Applause.) He did make this kick, and he kicked so hard that Cashmere dam came out of the river. (Laughter and applause.) He then had the river stocked anew with fish, and the result was that in the Thames one could now find thousands of fish where formerly there were none. (Applause.) "I am not an orator," the Colonel said, "I'm a hard worker. (Cheers.) I am a first rate hand at sawing wood. and in the past four years I've sawn The seaker dealt with the growing quite a bit of wood for the city of London. You have to work to

> thing." (Laughter and applause.) so that he might continue to support this government. He believed that it progressive work in New Ontario, its it has been in power. He had been ly barren country, but on a second

of the government's sawlog policy, as brought forward Hardy policy was other mills besides his own to Ontario country. (Applause.) The Free Press ment. and his Conservative friends had sneered at him then, but the result was as he said. The saw mills had was able to be heard, he acknowl- come to Ontario, and were strung e United States by ones and twos, edged that this reception had placed along the shore of Georgian Bay,

people of Ontario. (Applause.)

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where formerly there were none. (Applause.) The speaker named many such mills which are now annually spending hundreds of thousands of dollars in this province.

It was so, he said, in all that they undertook. The government had the interests of the country best heart and had the men at to do what was best to develop it. (Cheers.) He asked their support both for it and for himself and said that he was confident his majority this time would largely exceed that of the last election. (Long applause.)

Dr. Routledge. The chairman introduced Dr. George A. Routledge, the Liberal nominee in East Middlesex, and the great audience cheered and applauded heartily as the popular doctor arose to address buoyant revenues, the increase in anything. This government of ours is them. He said that he was pleased to local, interprovincial and of export so careful of their money that it is a meet with such a reception from the case of pray and coax and kick all Liberal people of London and modest-Col. Leys then referred briefly to the lowed to speak to them thus early reasons why he supported the present when "the big guns usually occupy government, and why he asked the electors of this city to vote for him this case it was not right to apply the "time for a change" cry, although it would be wise and proper to do so in is the best government on earth, and the case of East Middlesex. (Apas evidence of this, he spoke of its plause.) He referred to the argument that is being used in his riding that saw log policy and its honest, straight- it is not professional men that are forward administration in the years needed in parliament, but farmers; that there are too many professional in the north a few years ago and had men there already and that therefore found it an undeveloped and seeming- he ought not to be elected. This, he answered, by showing that if is probvisit just a short time ago he had able that twelve professional men will found the whole country rapidly de- be elected on the opposition side and veloping, and prosperous towns where only eight on the government side none had existed. He said when he but apart from this he asked, would saw this that the Ross Government he not represent a rural riding, in was a whirlwind-(applause)-to do which he had been raised, in which he this, and when he knew that settlers lived, in which he got his daily bread, were going into that country in thou- just as well as a man who was a farmsands, he felt more than ever that the er only. He was most interested in government that had wrought such a the agricultural community and knew change deserved the support of the their wants quite well enough to be able to adequately represent them in He spoke with practical knowledge parliament. (Applause.)

Dr. Routledge made his speech very he himself is an owner of a mill that brief, but he won frequent applause was moved from Saginaw, Mich., to when he spoke to the electors residing Georgian Bay. He knew that this in this city who vote in East Middlewould be necessary when the Ross- sex, and asked them in a frank and manly way to vote for him if they felt first, but had supported that policy because he knew that it would bring support and only if they had implicit confidence in him and in his ability to and would be of equal benefit to the represent them efficiently in parlia-

### The Premier's Speech.

It was a perfect storm of applause that greeted the premier when he rose to his feet. The enthusiasm and whole-hearted devotion of the members of the great audience burst forth again and again, and it seemed many minutes before the cheering and handclapping subsided sufficiently to allow Lot of Many Women. him to begin his address, which he did by returning his sincerest thanks for the kind reception given him as an old The Strain Is Too Great for the Nervous System-Health Fails and They Are Left Pale, Middlesex boy, and he said it gave him a hope that on the night of May 29 he would find, as he expected, the Middlesexes solid for the Liberal Government, although the Middlesexes The lack of outdoor exercise, the care and monotony of housework, the nervous had never been solidly Liberal within his recollection, but they were going strain of caring for children or waiting on the sick, the standing long hours behind counters, the unnatural exertion required at factories and sewing rooms, in short, the worry and

Mr. Ross said he was very glad to come to London to say a few good words for the government, and incidentally, though they were hardly needed, a few words on behalf of the You may be one of the vast army of women who have sacrificed their health and government candidate. He was the more pleased to come because London has the reputation of always putting spells, flagging appetite, slow digestion, and a host of weaknesses and irregularities up good men on the Liberal side, and not only of putting them up, but, more lately, of electing them, too. He hoped that they would not fail in this respect in the coming election. He was Food. But what we do say we can back up by the grateful testimonials of scores of glad, too, that London was represented at both Ottawa and Toronto by Liberhundreds of women, and that is that the regular and continued use of Dr. Chase's Nerve als. Mr. Hyman had given a good account of himself in the Dominion Food is certain to be of immeasureble benefit to you. It gets away down to the founda-House, and by his energy and ability

tion of the trouble, creates new, rich, life-sustaining blood, forms new, healthy nerve he had fairly won his spurs. The premier said he was glad to see cells, and gradually, but thoroughly builds up the system. You can feel Dr. Chase's that London's Liberals had made up their minds to send Col. Leys back to Toronto for another term. Col. Leys was a man with an individuality, as the chairman had said. The man without an individuality was no true man, said Mr. Ross, but Col. Leys was certainly not such a one. He had a strong and assertive will, but Mr. Ross said he had always found him a faithful, thoughtful and appreciative supporter of the government. The colonel was not one addicted to criticism, whining or complaining, for he took a large view of public questions. Believing the general policy of the government to be good, he had given it cordial and satisfactory support. He undoubtedly represented the best pub-

lic opinion in London and Western On-

tario generally.

Referring to Dr. Routledge's candidature, Mr. Ross said it was "time for a change in East Middlesex," a con-stituency which has since confederation been represented only once by a Liberal. Mr. Ross said he had no doubt that Dr. Routledge's ability, and knowledge of public affairs would commend him to the electors of East Middlesex as a good man to represent them at Toronto. Coming to a consideration of the

general state of the country, Mr. Ross said that a condition of unexampled prosperity was being enjoyed throughout Canada. While the Liberal party at Ottawa and Toronto did not claim all the credit, it was certain that a wise and farseeing administration of the people's affairs was responsible in a great measure for this prosperity. The party's opponents could not lay a finger on any point of the government's policy which was detrimental to the interests of the country. The student of Canadian history could not point to a single period in which the people have so few grievances or complaints. If the Liberal Government had not dealt out even-handed justice to all, would there not be found some interest or class to charge against it some sins of commission and omission? With all the diversity of race and creed in Ontario, with all the varying interests of labor, agriculture, industries and the professions, no class and scarcely an individual had any grievance against the government. The interests of all classes had been safeguarded, protected and advanced. With this in mind, would not the government be justified in asking for a continuance of the confidence and support of the people?

It was not his intention to dilate at too great length, said the premier, on what the government had already done. The speakers of the opposition were doing a good deal of that, in their not too kindly manner, and with their rather harsh vocabulary. Let them continue to employ invective instead of argument. The premier said he would rather lay before the people the government's plans and intentions the future welfare of the province, and if they commended themselves to the electors let the latter vote accordingly.

On assuming the premiership two years ago, said the premier, he had decided to apply a share of the public's assets to public purposes. No investment was as valuable to the province, he believed, as the filling up of the great area of wild lands within its borders. The magnificent heritage to the north and west of older Ontario offered a field of investment. Of the 140,000,000 acres which comprise the province, only one-tenth is under cultivation, and one-sixth assessed, and only one-fourth is surveyed. Surveying parties were sent out to New Ontario and they returned with reports showing the limitless resources of the country. It was the business of the government to develop this country. The premier said that one of the first acts introduced by him after assuming office was one providing for the building of a railway north from Sault Ste. Marie, for the purpose of opening up Algoma. Instead of money grants of wild lands will be made. The government soon received a proposily referred to the fact that he was al- tion from Mr. Clergue, by which he undertook to construct 200 miles of

railway and put in 10,000 bonafide settlers in ten years, in return for 15,000 acres of wild lands. The proposition who characterized it as a phenomenal steal. The Liberal members, however, stood steady, including Col. Leys, and the bill carried. Today the railroad is half completed, settlers are pouring in, and Sault Ste. Marie has grown in five years from a town of 2,500 to a city of 12,000.

The government has also inaugurated a railroad of its own from North Bay to Lake Temiscaming so as to secure the trade of Old Ontario for New

In making these contracts the government has insisted on the employment of British workmen at fair wages, the using of Canadian-made materials, the giving of special rates to settlers, and other provisions designed to build up New Ontario and bring wealth to the older portions of the province. In spite of the advantageous terms secured in the contracts, Mr. Whitney opposed the subsidizing of the roads. In this he differed from Sir W. R. Meredith, John Sandfield Macdonald and Sir John A. Macdon-That the spirit which animated Mr. Whitney and some of his followers was not the spirit of the majority way in which Mr. Marter. Mr. Smith and other Conservatives have supported the business-like policy of the government.

Another chief feature of the government's policy was the providing of employment for Canadians. By the last census of the United States it was found that over 1.000,000 Canadi ans were domiciled there. How could these people be kept at home was the question which the government had to answer. The new sawlog policy was put in operation, and the consequence is that the north shore of the Georgian Bay is dotted with sawmills, giving employment to thousands of Canadians, who eat the beans, bacon

and butter from Middlesex and the other counties of New Ontario. The same policy was adopted with respect to the pulp-wood, of which there are 288,000,000 cords. Mr. Whitney laments that this will soon be exhausted. With the seven projected mills in full operation every will take 900 years to use up the pulp-wood in sight. Mr. Whitney advocates Quebec system of auctioning off the pulpwood lands. Which is better? The Quebec system, which permits the selling of the pulpwood to feed mills in Maine, or the Ontario system, which enables the settler to maintain himself by the sale of pulpwood till his land is all cleared, and which keeps the manufacture of the pulp in Ontario?

AIDING THE FARMER. Mr. Ross went on to speak of the government's policy with regard to mineral resources, the beet sugar industry and agriculture. He predicted the coming of the time when every pound of iron or steel used in Canada would be made here. He pointed out that the \$5,000,000 given to stimulate agriculture had had its effect. In ten years the farmers of Ontario had added \$52,000,000 to the value farms. This was not by chance or ac-[Continued on page 4.]

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