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Liberal Meeting Well Attended

The opening shots of the Local Campaign were fired on Tuesday evening in the large Assembly Hall. The Military Band was in attendance and added much to the enthusiasm and patriotic sentiment of the meeting. The Cardston Glee Club was also on hand to sing a couple of songs that touched the "cockles of the heart" and brought forth a burst of applause unequalled by anything else on the Bill of Fare.

Mr. Walter H. Brown occupied the chair and called for anyone present representing the Opposition to come forward and take the front seat. Mr. D. S. Beach responded to the invitation. The Chairman introduced as the first speaker Mr. Jess Dorman of Edmonton—formerly of the Calgary Herald. Mr. Dorman dwelt on the railway question in its entirety—extending from Fort Murray to the International Boundary. He explained the crying need of the farmers of the Province for more Railways and expounded the Provincial Government's Policy along this line. He urged upon the electors the necessity of sending a man who had had experience and who was acquainted with the affairs of Government. The next few years would be fraught with great possibilities for the people of the south and the Cardston District. The speaker stated that Cardston was the first place he had visited in the province and the first man he met—Mr. Barker—had told him that the one thing they needed for future development and advancement was Railways. Railways and more Railways was the cry from one end of the Province to the other. He hoped the electors of the Cardston District would send a man to Edmonton who would be in harmony with the Policy of the Government. He had watched with a keen interest the work of Mr. Woolf in Edmonton—both upon the floor of the House and in the Committees. He knew that he was a leading factor in the affairs of Government and

that he was a man highly respected and profoundly regarded for the wise business sense which he brought to bear on questions of vital importance. Mr. Dorman concluded his address with a stirring appeal to the electors to look well to their own interests and on the 22nd day of March cast their ballot for J. W. Woolf.

The next speaker was Mr. D. Elton. He spoke mainly along the lines of local needs and the condition of Cardston as a Municipality compared with the rich and fertile district surrounding it. He could see but one way for the Municipality to keep abreast of the District and that was in the way of Railway development and the consequential increase in population. He explained the fact that the only source of revenue to the Town—with the exception of a few little licenses—was direct taxation. In order to lighten the burdens of the few the vacant places in the Municipality must be filled up and the population increased. This means lesser taxes and more improvements. The quickest and about the only way this increase can be brought about is in bringing better railway facilities to the doors of the people; better railway rates and more settlers. Mr. Elton also took up the "Club Act" and the question of Local Option and Prohibition. He reviewed the days of 1902 and the vote for Local Option and stated that he stood exactly where he did at that time when he canvassed and stumped throughout the whole District in company with the Rev. Gavin Hamilton. Mr. Elton said that he expected to see Mr. Woolf continue to progress and advance in his efforts to serve and represent the District until he would be doing the good work in Ottawa that he is now doing at Edmonton.

Following Mr. Elton the Glee Club rendered "The Union Jack" and was brought back with a vigorous encore. Mr. Walter Brown then introduced Mr. D. S. Beach who said that he felt it his duty to be present and say a few words in defence of the good old Conservative Party and Mr. Levi Harker. In a calm, modest way Mr. Beach went on to impress the audience with the fact that it was the Conservative Party that had commenced Railway development in the Dominion and that they were the first in the Province of Manitoba to guarantee the bonds of the C. N. R. He briefly reviewed the Conserv-

ative platform as laid down at the Red Deer Convention and sought to eulogize all the good things it contained. He took up the question of Prohibition and quoted facts to prove that Mr. Woolf had voted against the Resolution of Mr. Heibert when the same was duly presented before the Provincial Legislature. Mr. Beach spoke of the character of the man the Conservatives had chosen to bear their colors and said that he was a man of good repute, honest, industrious and capable. Mr. Beach was accorded a generous hearing and his remarks treated with the utmost respect and attention.

After a selection from the Band, Mr. Woolf was introduced. Before his name had been spoken or the accents thereof died away, with one spontaneous burst of applause the audience kept the house ringing for the next five minutes. It was evident that he was in the "house of friends." Mr. Woolf has never appeared in better form or more perfect fighting trim than he did on Tuesday evening. In a pleasant manner he outlined the Government's Railway Policy; the guaranteeing of bonds; the surveys; the projected lines; the Government Control, etc. From the Railway question Mr. Woolf plunged into the question of Prohibition and left never a stone unturned. He explained the resolution of Mr. Heibert and the insincerity of both Heibert and Robertson the two supporters of the Resolution. They had no idea that the Resolution would pass and expressed themselves as believing that their own constituents would not support the measure. Then Mr. Heibert presented a Bill asking the Government to establish Houses of Intoxication throughout the Province and placed under Government Control. He had voted against this as he did not want the Government establishing Government Saloons in his District. He had stood for Prohibition; stood for it today with the same firmness as he did, in 1902. Mr. Woolf said that he was not there for the purpose of appealing to any class. He wanted to represent the people and if the people felt that he could represent them and that he was in the best position to represent them then they knew how to vote on the 22nd of March. If they did not want him; if they felt that he had been neglectful of their interests and unfaithful in the discharge of his duties then they could cast their vote for the other fellow. He was perfectly willing to abide by the franchise of the electorate. If they chose to send him to Edmonton, all well and good, if not, it was all and good anyway. There would be no mud-slinging in the campaign so far as he was concerned and the elections would be carried on in a fair, straight forward, honest manner. Mr. Woolf read extracts from correspondence between himself and the Honourable The Attorney General relating to the Club and the powers conferred under the Charter with special reference to its establishment in a Local Option District. The Attorney General had made it very plain that he would not approve of any Constitution, Regulations or Bylaws that provided for the dispensing of liquor. The Attorney General had also stated that the Local Option law was of such a nature as to proscribe the dispensing of liquors in Clubs.

The meeting was brought to a close by the Band playing, "Rule Britannia."

The large Assembly Hall was crowded and both sides were well represented. A goodly sprinkling of the gentler sex was probably one of the chief causes of the splendid order that prevailed and the courteous treatment that was given all parties.

Correspondence

Mr. Editor:

Will you permit a few lines from one of your subscribers, re the political situation in Cardston at present. I noticed a few lines in your last issue, where an interview had been had with the Presidency of this State as to their stand in this campaign and was pleased to know they were not going to degrade their priestly calling, to dabble in politics, and that they were not opposing the candidature of J. W. Woolf, or any other candidate. But some ugly rumors are afloat now regarding the sincerity of this statement. There are many gum shoe whisperers afloat stating that if you vote for J. W. Woolf you are voting against the Council of the presidency of the state, as his followers (mind you his followers) not himself, are opposed to Local Option.

Now Mr. Editor did you ever hear of anything as nonsensical as that, a man to be proscribed against in a political campaign, because of some persons who choose to support him may or may not be opposed to some measure, which is not nor can not be an issue in this campaign, viz: Local Option. We have Local Option now, and Mr. Editor I would ask is there a man in this community now opposing local option, and if so, how is he doing it? He is certainly not doing it by supporting J. W. Woolf. Has any of these supposed opposers of local option taken any step within the last five years to oppose it, if so how? If as some would have you believe those who occasionally drink liquor are the ones who oppose local option. How is it that the same cry was not raised when these same persons so persistently and blatantly supported Mr. Magrath at the last election.

No local option cry then! Dare anyone say Mr. Magrath is in favor of disposing of liquor in this district because some of his supporters and energetic workers were and are whisky drinkers? So you would not dare say it? Then how inconsistent and foolish it is to say that J. W. Woolf is in favor of nullifying the Local Option Law, because some of his supporters may take a drink occasionally. Do you suppose Mr. Harker would for a minute refuse the support of any person who wished to support and vote for him no matter how much of a drinker he was? So he would not I dare say—then why this "Holier than thou" attitude. J. W. Woolf has stated in public that he is in favor of Local Option and the rigid enforcement of this law and when the people want Prohibition he is in favor of and will work for that and his record in the past bears out that he is sincere in this and a challenge is made to any person to prove otherwise. Mr. Harker may be in favor of the same, for all I know but I have not had the pleasure of hearing him on this question or any other for that matter, during this campaign; have any of you? It has been stated that he was in town Tuesday evening when J. W. Woolf held a meeting, and he was invited to be present but did not attend for some reason best known to himself, and left Mr. Beach to carry the burden alone; that does not appear very brave does it. I wonder if it because he is afraid to exhibit his unfitness for debate and his ignorance of public questions, and which might militate against his chances at the polls and thought discretion the better part of valor. I would ask why is it necessary for this community to know or care what the private opinion of any person is regarding the fitness or unfitness of any candidate. Why are our friends, the enemy, so anxious to

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