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MORE HARD WORK NEED OF COUNTRY

J. T. Beggs Says Teach People to Think More

SPEAKS AT ST. THOMAS

Band Citizens Together for Good of Community

ST. THOMAS, Oct. 24.—(By Staff Reporter.)—"To those who ask why Congress does not do something to overcome business depression, my answer is, that both here in Canada and in the United States, it is not more legislation that the country needs to-day—some folks think there is too much already—but a whole lot more hard work and hard thinking in the communities which make up a nation. When we get the people to thinking hard, and working hard, and doing it together instead of individually, and doing it continuously instead of spasmodically, then we are going to get somewhere faster and better."

Summing up the present situation in the business and industrial world this was the way in which James T. Beggs, a member of the House of Representatives in the United States, expressed himself in the course of a stirring address at the conclusion of a Chamber of Commerce luncheon here to-night. The Engineers' auditorium, where the luncheon was held, was packed, every seat being occupied, and the remarks of the speaker were well received. The attendance of business men outlasted anything ever witnessed here.

A BUSINESS MAN.

Mr. Beggs defined a business man as one who is engaged in any honest occupation, whether at a bench in a shop, behind a counter on a counting-room, and a good business man is one who is doing the best he knows how at his business.

"But good business does not always mean a good community," he said. "I can take you to cities where business is fine, never better, but you and I would not live in one of them. If St. Thomas is the best city in Canada, or even in Ontario, you and your neighbors are to be praised for that fact, for you made it so. If St. Thomas is the worst town you and the other citizens are to be blamed. You cannot evade that fact, for any community is just what its citizens make it."

He told his hearers that in setting out to create a Chamber of Commerce they were engaged in the biggest piece of constructive work they had undertaken in the history of the city.

One of the illustrations he used was his home city of Sandusky, Ohio. Though he said he did not admit for a minute that the chief function of a Chamber of Commerce is to make in a town grow, he did recall that in 40 years the population of Sandusky increased exactly 512. Three years ago it rebuilt its Chamber of Commerce with about 1,000 members. To-day the city has grown by about 5,000 and the membership of the chamber is more than 1,600.

WHAT IS C. O. C.?

"What is a Chamber of Commerce?" asked the speaker. "Well, the old idea was a bunch of good fellows, who chipped in a few hundred dollars, and then went out and grabbed a factory or two, and so added a lot to the population. Why, if it were possible for me to add 10 per cent. to your population to-night that would not solve your civic problems. Your own common sense tells you it would only increase your problems; in some respects it would make them four times as acute."

"A Chamber of Commerce is an association of the citizens, representing every element in the community, banded together to think and work for the good of the whole."

"There is no magic in it. These men who are here assisting in your Chamber of Commerce movement cannot wave their hands and produce instantly some magical result. You, the citizens of St. Thomas, have got to think and work; and above all you must do that thinking and working unceasingly."

"Somebody will say 'I am too busy.' Someone else will ask how long he must work. Now, the man who thinks he is too busy to think and work for the good of the community he lives in forgets that if everyone else had been in the same frame of mind St. Thomas would be a mighty poor place to live in, instead of being one of the best, as I know it is; and the man who wants to know how long he must work should be told right now there is no limit of time; the job of building a community is never finished."

THREE REASONS GIVEN.

Mr. Beggs said there were three reasons, among a lot of others, why every citizen should get behind the movement to make St. Thomas such that he could have faith in it as "the best city on earth."

"The first reason is that if you do not think that way and continue to live here you are liable to raise a family that will think as you do, and one of you is enough. The second reason is that if you do not do your best to make St. Thomas the best city on earth you cannot look your sons and daughters in the eye and say honestly that you are doing the best you can for them. The third reason is that if you are not a loyal, proud citizen of your home town you are probably lacking in loyalty to your country, for the truest patriotism in the world begins right at home in the community you live in."

In closing Mr. Beggs said that anything which tends to change is dying; a thing which does not change is dead, but a thing which is changing is alive; the only question is whether it is changing for the better.

GALT DECIDES TO FOLLOW RAILWAY BOARD'S ORDER

GALT, Oct. 24.—With the order of the Ontario Railway Board, following its decision as to the paving of East Main street, received this afternoon, a special meeting of the City Council was held this evening and, with a majority in favor, it was decided to proceed with the paving of the street from Spruce to Elgin streets.

The order provides that property owners pay 75 per cent. of the cost and the city 25 per cent., and while the policy has been to assess properties for the full cost on other streets the majority of aldermen felt they should abide by the board's decision.

From Elgin street to the new provincial highway there is a short strip of road with property on one side in the city and on the other in the township. The Council is in favor of paving its portion and will ask the suburban roads commission to do the other half.

TWO TO OPPOSE PREMIER.

WINNIPEG, Oct. 24.—Premier Meighen is to have two opponents in Portage La Prairie constituency, where he is seeking re-election to Parliament. Harry Leader is in the field as the Progressive candidate, and it is reported that the Liberals have decided to contest the seat and that they will call a nominating convention at once.

News of the Federal Campaign

Mark Sonn Chosen As Government Candidate in Haldiman—Liberal Retires In Victoria.

NOMINATIONS.
Last Mountain—L. F. Thompson, Government.
St. Denis division, Montreal—Dr. Arthur Denis, Liberal.
Joliette County, Quebec—J. J. Denis, Liberal.

LAUGHAN NOMINATED.
OTTAWA, Oct. 25.—D. Laughan, former editor of The Veteran, was last night chosen as Progressive candidate for Ottawa in the general elections.

INTEREST REVIVED.
WOODSTOCK, Oct. 24.—The announcement of the date for the North Oxford provincial by-election on December 7 has aroused interest in the contest, which in the past has been sidetracked by federal election activity. D. M. Ross, U. F. O., and W. W. Day, Liberal, to-day declared they were ready for the battle. A third candidate is likely to be in the field before the week is out, as the Liberal interests intend holding a mass meeting, when the question of bringing out a candidate will be finally dealt with.

The Conservatives have as yet no association taken no definite action, but some time ago Homer Nealey, a local lawyer, announced that in case the Conservative Association took no action he would run as an independent Conservative candidate.

The local voters' data are about even, and show that at the coming elections here over 6,000 voters will be eligible. This is a high percentage, as the assessors' figures show that the total population is 10,164.

INDEPENDENT IN N. ESSEX.

WINDSOR, Ont., Oct. 24.—J. Raoul Jamin was nominated at a convention held at Tecumseh to contest the riding of North Essex on the Independent Conservative-Labor ticket.

Officials of the Liberal-Conservative executive of North Essex have set next Saturday as the date for the regular convention. They describe the Jamin nomination as a clandestine affair, which has nothing to do with the party, and will repudiate Jamin's candidature unless he comes before the regular convention and seeks his endorsement along with the others nominees.

There were some 40 or 50 people present at the hall in Tecumseh where the Jamin convention met. Mr. Jamin's name was the only one placed in nomination. Addresses were in French. The candidate said he subscribed to the policy of protection as advocated by the Meighen administration.

KENT N.L.C. TO MEET.

CHATHAM, Oct. 24.—The call went out to-day for a convention of the National Liberal and Conservative party of Kent, to be held in the I. O. O. F. auditorium on Saturday afternoon for the purpose of electing officers for the year and nominating a candidate to represent the party in the coming federal appeal.

Several names have been mentioned as possible contenders for the position of candidate, but the executive is leaving it entirely to the convention to make the choice of a suitable man. The ladies are being invited to the meeting and will be made welcome. If the Government supporters place a man in the field it will mean a three-cornered fight, as A. B. McCole has already been nominated as an independent Liberal and D. R. McLaughlin, of Ridgeway, has been placed in the field by the farmers as a candidate. Hon. Hugh Guthrie will be one of his chief speakers at the convention on Saturday.

DELEGATES APPOINTED.

THORNDALE, Oct. 24.—A meeting of the Conservative electors of West Nisour Township was held on Saturday evening, and delegates were appointed to attend the convention which will be held in London on Saturday.

LIBERAL RETIRES.

LINDSAY, Oct. 24.—James Begg, recently elected standard bearer for the Liberal party in the coming election for Victoria County, has withdrawn from the field. This leaves two candidates, namely, T. H. Stinson, representing the National Liberal and Conservative

party, and J. J. Thurston, representing the U. F. O.

MR. TELFORD ACCEPTS.
OWEN SOUND, Oct. 24.—At the Liberal convention, adjourned from the one held in Meaford on October 12, which was held in the city hall here this afternoon, Wm. P. Telford Jr., announced that he would accept the candidature offered him in Meaford. North Grey is now assured of a three-cornered fight, with the U.F.O.-I.L.P. and the Government candidate already in the field.

DR. MANION NOMINATED.
PORT WILLIAM, Ont., Oct. 24.—The convention to-day which nominated Hon. Dr. Manion as candidate for Port William and Rainy River in the Government interests, lasted only three-quarters of an hour. About 150 delegates were present.

SOUTH OXFORD FARMERS.

WILSONBURG, Oct. 24.—The South Oxford U. F. convention to nominate a candidate for the coming federal election will be held in Mount Elgin on Tuesday afternoon, and the result will mean the opening of a most spirited campaign in the riding. For two years Mr. J. R. Johnson, warden of Oxford County, and well known in county affairs for the past 20 years, had been the only name suggested, but his absolute refusal a couple of weeks ago to accept the nomination with a recall attached has upset the plans of the U. F. executive, and three names will go before the convention on Tuesday afternoon: W. E. Lambden, of Delmer, president of the Delmer Co-operative Club; M. E. Haley, well-known cattle raiser, of Springfield, and B. Neale, with Mr. Haley favored to win the convention. Preparations are already made to bring Premier Drury and several prominent leaders into the riding, but it is just a question whether the breach can be healed by the entry or not, as the farmers are more inclined to follow the most able man in the field rather than any set policy.

CAYUGA, Oct. 24.—(Special to The Free Press.)—At the National Liberal and Conservative party convention, held in the courthouse to-day, Mark Sonn, of Oneida Township, was unanimously chosen standard bearer for Haldiman County in the federal election. A telegram was read from P. R. Laird, M. P. for Haldiman, positively declining nomination owing to ill-health. Eight were nominated, but all withdrew in favor of Mr. Sonn.

Donald Sutherland, M. P. for South Oxford, spoke at length, reviewing the record of the Meighen Government.

Officers elected were: President, H. T. J. Gardiner; first vice-president, Dr. Jacques; second vice-president, Mrs. R. Berry; third vice-president, Mrs. Chas. Reichheld; secretary-treasurer, W. J. Robb.

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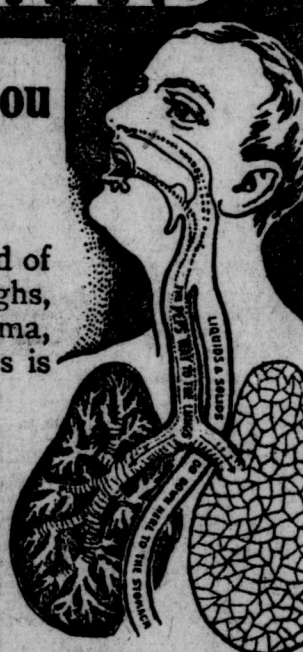
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