

"Come back as I have, in God's mercy, from the shadows of the dark valley, I am more than ever impressed with what I owe to the good people of the Province of Ontario. They have given me an opportunity to be of some service to the State, and they have given me their confidence in full measure, filled up, pressed down, shaken together and running over again, and I thank you, my friends, whatever are your political affiliations. And with a heart full to overflowing I say: May God bless you, every one."—Sir James Whitney

WONDERFUL DEMONSTRATION ACCORDED LAST NIGHT TO PREMIER SIR JAMES WHITNEY AT TORONTO CITY

An Hour's Speech in Which People of Ontario Were Taken Into Confidence of Their Servant—A Denunciation of Rowell Tactics—Sir James Gave the Lie to Many Liberal Misrepresentations as to His Health—Preachers Have No Moral Right to Use Pulpits For Politics.

TORONTO, Ont., June 24.—Jumping to their feet with a spontaneous roar of unrestrained welcome that seemed to shake the roof of the great auditorium, with faces alight with enthusiasm, and handkerchiefs and hats a wildly waving mass, four thousand people crowded into Massey Hall last night, greeted Sir James Whitney's first appearance on the public platform since the long illness that so nearly robbed the province of its leader.

It was a remarkable demonstration a tribute to a personality such as no public man in Canada has received in many years. As Hon. I. B. Lucas remarked, it was no ordinary political meeting. It was a reception to Sir James. For months past the people of Ontario have been told from Opposition platforms that the Prime Minister's public life was at an end, that he remained in harness merely to tide the Conservative party over another election. Last night Sir James Whitney himself gave the lie to Grit prophesies when he stepped upon the platform, hale and hearty, his stride as determined as ever, his glance as dominating as of old. His appearance was the signal for an outburst that was continued until the people were weary of cheering. The Queen's Own band broke in with "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." The great crowd sang as while the band played, and then started in again with fresh vigor.

Sir James in Fine Form

If any doubt remained in the mind of the audience as to the appearance that Sir James was not back into his old fighting form, the Prime Minister's opening words dispelled it. He spoke, following a splendid rousing address by Hon. I. B. Lucas. As he stepped forward the audience again applauded with a pandemonium of applause that lasted even longer than the first demonstration.

Sir James started slowly, as if trying his strength. He chose his words deliberately and did not overstrain his voice, but in a few minutes the great audience began to sit forward with eager interest. The Prime Minister was into his stride and was speaking with his old time fire and vigor. His sentences he flung out over the auditorium with a force and conviction that carried his audience with him and literally brought them to their feet.

Never perhaps did Sir James make a greater speech. His magnetism was irresistible. His statement of the Government's position on the two chief issues of the day—temperance and bilingualism—straight from the shoulder, unequivocal, was a lesson in frankness and courage to the Liberal leader. His peroration, directed with evident more than his hearers' probably more than even his more militant periods.

Sir James did not attempt to deal in detail with the varied activities of the government or the issues before the people. He referred briefly to the temperance legislation of his administration, but of the motives that behind the introduction of the temperance issue into politics he had something to say, and he did not mince words in saying it.

The clergymen who have allowed themselves to be tied to the chariot wheels of the Liberal machine felt the full force of his condemnation. Amid a tremendous outburst of approval that showed how serious had been the resentment roused by clergy and politicians in the last few weeks Sir James branded as "desecrating the pulpit" the action of some ministers in using their high office to help along Grit candidates. In equally scathing terms he nailed the factoids in a circular issued by the Dominion Alliance.

The Prime Minister has never been so forthright in announcing before the public what his government proposes to do with any of the temperance questions that he did not depart from his usual custom. But in emphatic manner he asked himself and his government to move forward in the future, having at heart the advancement of temperance and the minimizing of the evils of the liquor traffic. That great

question had never been absent from the thoughts of the cabinet during the ten years they had been in office and it never would be.

Upon the bilingual question Sir James took a clear and uncompromising stand. The policy of the government was written in the statutes and the regulations based upon the resolution adopted unanimously by the Legislature in 1911 declaring that English shall be the language of instruction in the schools of Ontario.

"Upon that we shall stand or fall," he said while the audience applauded.

Hon. Adam Beck followed in an enthusiastic tribute to Sir James by outlining the future extension of the Hydro Electric system.

Cheered to Echo.

The gifted Prime Minister of Ontario was cheered to the echo when he came forward to address the vast gathering last evening, his reception being a veritable ovation.

Sir James in opening stated humorously that he came to the meeting with some curiosity as to the "gate" he would attract after an absence of a year. "I just came here to say to you that my health and strength being practically fully restored (loud applause), I am ready and desirous of proceeding with the great work in which my colleagues and I have been engaged in the interests of the people of the province."

Sir James declared there was little necessity for him to go at length into the general issues of the day, since the people of the province fully understood them and the manner in which the Government had dealt with them in the past ten years. Hon. I. B. Lucas, he said, had fully covered some of the great issues, and Sir Adam Beck, with his new honors on his shoulders, would deal with the others.

Mr. Rowell Not Fair.

Sir James declared, however, that there were a few things he wanted to say. "Since I have been in public life I have never unfairly attacked my opponent, but I regret to say that Mr. Rowell has not been so fair."

"I find that Mr. Rowell is prepared to gamble with my health to get himself into power. Standing right where the Conservatives were well aware that Sir James Whitney would never be able to lead them in the future. The Globe and the Star did not report him as saying so, but he did it. And if he denies it I can prove it. I referred to that in a newspaper interview, but since I have never been denied To-day, although he has probably been taught by somebody not to repeat the silly language of which I have spoken, he has gone about and his henchmen have gone about in every constituency in Ontario saying publicly what he dares not repeat to me. And Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King at the present time does not hesitate to repeat the language on the platform, as Mr. Rowell did here."

The mention of the former Liberal Minister's name was greeted with a wild chorus of boos and hisses.

All Pledges Fulfilled

Sir James ten briefly reviewed the Government's general record.

"We made certain pledges to the people, and we have fulfilled every one of those pledges. We have carried out and performed all we promised to do," said the Prime Minister. Sir James gave statistics showing what the government had done in building public services, in the direction of agriculture, education, Hydro extension, and good roads. The Government had increased the expenditure, but had no apologies to offer.

"Although we have been charged with having spent large sums of money, we are proud of it. And if we are kept in a position where we will have the chance we will spend more, because every dollar we spend, and every dollar we will spend in the future will be in the best interests of the people of Ontario, and no individual will ever benefit from one dollar of what belongs to the people of Ontario."

"Men from every other province of Canada, from the British dominions

across the seas, from the centre of the Empire, have said to me, looking into my eyes, that the other provinces, the other British dominions across the sea, were keeping their eyes fixed on the Province of Ontario, because they are watching what we have been doing for the last ten years, to get that inspiration which enables them to do the best possible in the interests of the people whom they represent.

"That is something to be proud of and you can rely upon it, we are proud of it."

The Temperance Issue.

Sir James then proceeded to deal with the temperance issue. "We promised to do certain things in regard to the liquor traffic," he declared, "and we kept our pledges. During the ten years that question has been mentioned one way or the other there has never been a time at which the attention of the Cabinet was distracted from it. If ever ten or eleven men in this world endeavored to do all that in them they lay in reference to carrying out these pledges the members of the Government of Ontario have done it."

"They will never make a petty party cry of it. They are interested in it because they know the gigantic evils which result from the drink traffic and the drink habit. They know that as we cannot in this province have prohibition on account of the decision of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, the question is for that reason a particularly difficult one to deal with. But we went to work and the result is that instead of 2,500 liquor licenses we have 1,600."

Sir James then went on to refer to the temperance legislation of the government, instancing the removal of obstacles from the Local Option act in the way of bringing on a vote, in protecting the by-laws and technical objections in the courts, and the giving of authority to the Provincial Secretary to refuse licenses where local option led by a few votes.

"We have kept our faith," and I promise as we have always promised, I promise now, that in the future, if this time that this question shall never be let out of our sight, that from time to time, as opportunity arises we will be watchful and seize those opportunities and go further in the direction of minimizing the evils of the liquor traffic."

"Our opponents do not talk about our record. In fact one of the Liberal candidates in this city said that he admitted the truth of everything the Government candidate said about the good work done by this Government. The only question about which they talk is the liquor question. They do not talk about me. It was not always so. I was attacked more or less bitterly right and left. Why do they not attack me now?"

"They can't do it," shouted an enthusiast.

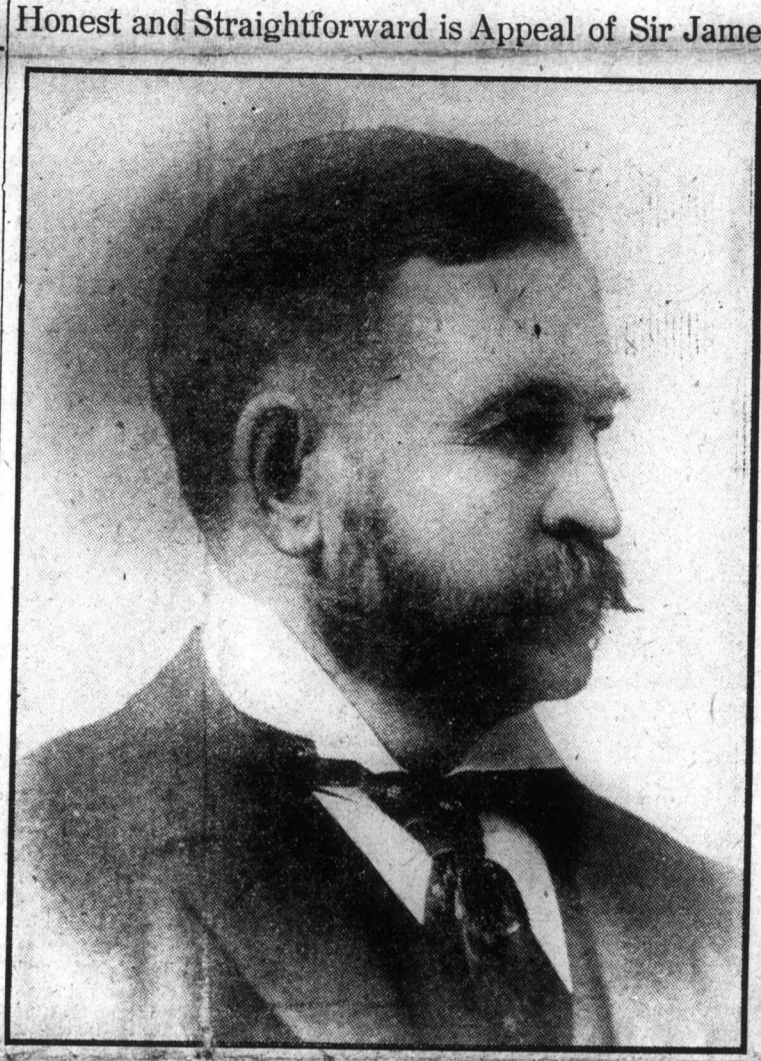
"Well, whatever the reason," went on the Prime Minister, amid applause, "it is a great compliment to me. Because when it gives you a pleasant ticklish sensation to have friends compliment you, how much more satisfactory it is when praise comes from men who would like to see you buried ten miles underground. Probably if they have patience they will have me there some day."

"But now wish a blare and flare of trumpets they are trying to get a snap verdict on 'Banish the bar', 'Banish the bar' and 'hold up the jug.'"

Meeting the Liberal leader's assertion that there were only a few municipalities in which there were shop licenses, Sir James declared that there were only a few municipalities now in which there were any licenses.

"In one town only in my country, where the people are not all total abstainers, there hasn't been a license for thirty-five years," he said.

The Prime Minister stated that he was not going to take up time by arguing the evils of the shons, since the people knew well what those evils are.



Honest and Straightforward is Appeal of Sir James

Conservative Room Telephone Numbers

Besides the regular telephone at the Central Conservative Rooms, Dalhousie street, the number of which is 602, an additional telephone has been installed. Parties desiring to secure headquarters, should telephone 602 or 31. Telephone communication can also be secured with Ward Four club rooms, corner Marlboro and Rawdon streets. The number is 3.

IS SILENT ON HIS \$50,000 SOO GRAB

Rowell Makes No Mention of It in His Address at Stratford.

STRATFORD, June 24.—Newton Wesley Rowell addressed a meeting last night in the opera house. The Liberal leader followed exactly the lines of his campaign speeches elsewhere, maintaining a strict silence on the bilingual question and his \$50,000 Soo fee.

The Liberal candidates for North and South Perth spoke briefly. Mr. D. K. Erb criticized Sir James Whitney for not bringing in legislation to follow up his "abolish the treating" policy.

Mr. R. S. Robertson agreed with Mr. Rowell on the bilingual matter. He also claimed to have worked for hydro electric in Stratford.

E. J. Smith presided and a motion of thanks was carried to Mr. Rowell, fathered by Rev. Dr. Hughson and Mr. Wm. Preston.

SUNDAY SELLING

VANCOUVER, B. C., June 24.—Twelve charges of selling goods on Sunday contrary to the Lord's Day Act, have been dismissed by Magistrate Shaw, acting on a recent decision of Justice McPhillips in the Court of Appeals where it was stated it was unlawful to sell bread, as it was necessary food "I cannot differentiate between bread and fruit," declared Mr. Shaw.

English or French as the language of instruction in Ontario's schools? A vote for Brewster or Westbrook means that you favor English.

CONSERVATIVE MASS MEETINGS

- To-night, June 24
Open Air Meeting
Corner Gilkinson and Richardson
(Band in Attendance)
 - To-night, June 24
Dufferin School, Holmedale
 - Thursday, June 25
Grand Rally, Opera House
(Band in Attendance)
 - Friday, June 26
Open Air Meeting, Recreation Park
East Ward. (Band in Attendance)
- W. S. Brewster, the Conservative Candidate, Mayor Spence and Others
Will Address These Meetings.
- Ladies Cordially Invited to all Meetings
- GOD SAVE THE KING

ENQUIRY AT QUEBEC IS NEARLY FINISHED

Statements of Divers Conflict--Witness Today Told of Exploit in Merely a Matter of Fact way--The Evidence

QUEBEC, June 25.—An account of the present condition of the Empress of Ireland by Wilfred Whitehead, the diver from H. M. S. Essex, who examined her and was sent down to rescue the American diver, Edward Cossoon, who died after being brought up formed the most attractive part of the testimony submitted at this morning's session of the Dominion wreck enquiry. Whitehead, a man of most modest demeanor, did not describe the thrilling exploit when he brought up Cossoon and only referred to it casually in answer to a question. His evidence consisted for the most part of the result of his examination of the hull and surprise was created when he said that he saw no port holes open which contradicts the statement of the dead diver. The Essex diver also had no trouble with currents and tide waves as the American diver seems to have had. The hull he said was pointed northeast and the side lying on an angle of sixty degrees.

The evidence of those present on the Empress and Stordstad before and after the collision now appears to have been completed and only the technical testimony of naval experts will address the commission which expects to have completed the enquiry by Friday night.

A splendid tribute to the skill and courage of Gunner McDermott, a diver on H. M. S. Essex, who risked his life when he went down to get Edward Cossoon, the American diver who died from injuries received while walking on the hull of the Empress of Ireland after being brought to the top by the Gunner, was paid by Geo. Washington Weatherpoon, the sale of the Empress was called. He said that he had heard the Empress blow some fog signal before she reached Father Point.

"Did you hear her blow any after leaving Father Point?"

"Yes."

"What was the first one you heard then?"

"Three short blasts."

"Do you remember you did hear some signal blown by the Empress before you heard the three short blasts?"

"Yes."

Mr. Haight asked him if it was not true that in a statement signed shortly

the British admiralty service to which he belonged.

Lord Mersey informed Edmund L. Newcombe, K. C., acting for the Dominion Government that the divers from the Essex who had been down to the wreck were at the disposal of the court.

Chief Justice McLeod asked whether independent evidence on the course the Empress took after leaving Father Point was not available and Mr. Newcombe promised to attempt to secure it.

George Harrison, a steward, testified to attempting to close a sliding watertight door on the upper deck, but being unable to do so, owing to the water in the passage-way. He said that all cabin portholes were closed at the time of the disaster, but some portholes in the cross passages were open. The cabin doors were not fastened.

Lord Mersey said that he himself always kept his cabin door fastened, and his stateroom porthole open, and he had presumed there were other passengers like him.

Cross-examined, Harrison said that he attempted to close the watertight door when he heard the Empress' siren. The port holes were always closed at night.

Leonard Powell, an assistant steward, said that he aroused the passengers after the crash and told them to put on their life belts and come up on deck. He was on duty on the upper and lower promenade decks.

Certified copies of the ship's papers, her passenger and immigration papers and the regulations governing life belts, boats and rafts were then filed.

Alex. Radley, the boatswain mate of the Empress was called. He said that he had heard the Empress blow some fog signal before she reached Father Point.

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- There Were Three Crosses
- There's Music in the Air
- They All Love Jack
- Those Evening Jells
- Thousand Leagues Away, A Three Blind Mice
- Three Fishers Went Sailing
- Three Little Kittens
- Three Little Pigs, The Three Sailor Boys, The 'Tis All That I Can Say
- 'Tis But a Little Faded Flower
- 'Tis Midnight Hour
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- Tom Bowling
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- Were You Ever in Rio Grande?
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- When Shall We Three Meet Again
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- When the Swallows
- When This Cruel War is Over
- When to Thy Vision
- When You and I Were Young
- Who is Sylvia?
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- Yankee Doodle
- Yankee Ship and a Yankee Crew
- Your Mission
- You Never Miss the Water