

SPLendid MEETING HELD LAST NIGHT ON WEST SIDE IN PRENTICE BOYS HALL

Candidates Given Enthusiastic Reception and Carleton Will Give Government Representatives Bigger Majority Than Ever.

The electors of the West Side gathered in goodly numbers last night at the Prentice Boys' hall, Guilford street, to listen to the four government candidates discuss the issues of the day, and there can be no doubt in the minds of the candidates after the enthusiastic reception accorded to them, that the West Side will on Saturday give a record majority in favor of good government as against the placing once more in power the old gang who previous to 1908 so grievously mismanaged the affairs of the province.

Walter Thompson acted as chairman and called the meeting to order at eight o'clock.

L. P. D. Tilley.

The first speaker was L. P. D. Tilley, Mr. Tilley said he was there to give an account of his stewardship and if any person in the audience wanted to ask why he had voted as he did on any measure which had come before the house he would try and answer the question. He referred to the canvass which was being used to put him at the front. In connection with this he had only this to say that he had offered his services three times to the government to go to the front and he had not seen fit to accept. He had offered to raise a battalion and to go with it in any capacity to which the government would appoint him and this did not mean that he must be in command.

He dealt with the matter of his vote on the extra \$10,000 per mile for the Valley Railway and said he had voted in favor of this because he had been convinced that it was in the best interests of the province.

In connection with his vote on the prohibition bill he had voted it because he felt that the license act of the government with its prohibitive features was better, but now that this bill was on the statute books it would have his hearty support and he would do everything in his power to have it enforced.

In regard to the amendment to the Workmen's Compensation Act he claimed some little credit, as he had framed it at the request of the Trades and Labor Council in the dying days of the session and it had already proved its value.

The government had under consideration a new compensation act which would be a big improvement on the old one and which provided that every employer must insure his employees and if he were killed or injured provided for monthly payments. Instead of one lump sum, in the event of a fatal accident the widow received each month a certain sum as long as she lived and remained unmarried; if she remarried the payments continued for three years after marriage. There were also provided monthly payments for each child up to 15 years of age. These and many other pieces of advanced legislation were under consideration by the government and he asked for their support on February 24 for the St. John candidates who were representing that government. Major Tilley's address evidently pleased the men who were present and he was given a splendid reception.

Philip Grannan.

The second speaker was Philip Grannan. He said: "I am in this fight and in it to win." He was not a public speaker, that part of the work was looked after by his colleagues, Messrs. Tilley, Potts and Campbell, but he had always done what he thought was in the interests of the people he represented and if returned, would continue to do the same. He asked the workers present to work for the whole ticket so that the government would be elected and St. John would have four good representatives to support Hon. Mr. Murray in giving to the province good government.

F. L. Potts.

The chairman next introduced F. L. Potts, and as he was going to the platform someone in the audience called out the only man who ever gave Carleton a decent street, which remark called forth applause from the crowd.

He referred to a statement shown him by one of his colleagues, Dr. Campbell, in last night's Times, to the effect that he was trying to array the "masses" against the "classes" and declared that such statements were characteristic of the sheet in which it appeared and that the support of such papers as the Telegraph and Times was enough to damn any party or man.

In the next few years much important legislation would have to be passed upon by the government of the day and it was necessary to place in power a party with an up-to-date policy and a leader who would carry out that policy. The Hon. J. A. Murray was such a leader and the government party were such a party.

The old party, Robinson, Sweeney, Leger and the rest of the unlucky 13, wanted to get back into power but they realized that it was no use to come out with one of their own number as leader, so they cast about for a man they could put up as a figurehead to fool the people, and they picked on Mr. Foster as the man they could best use. Then they doped out a platform and got him to sign it. This

platform was published in the official organs of the party but the prohibition plank did not quite suit the friends of that policy and they interviewed Mr. Foster. Instead of having the backbone to stand up for the platform which he had just signed and issued to the people of the province, Mr. Foster said: Why, yes, gentlemen, we will if elected adopt the prohibition act now on the statute books and put it in force on May 1. Is that the kind of a man you want to follow; one who does not know his own mind for two days at a time, or do you want a leader a man who will formulate a policy and then stick to it?

Another matter to which he wanted to call their attention was that the opposition proposed if elected to appoint a commission to handle the crown lands. Now there were just two ways to look at this proposal, either the men of the opposition felt that they were not capable of looking after this department, or they wanted a commission in order to exploit them as they did previous to 1908. In either case it would not be safe to put them in a position to appoint the commission and he was sure that when the ballots were counted they would be once more sent back to private life.

Dr. J. Roy Campbell.

Dr. Campbell said: In reply to the question of the Times as to what I have to say in regard to Mr. Potts trying to array the "masses" against the "classes," I have this to say: It is an absolute untruth.

He dealt with the policies of the government and pointed out that advanced had been made in every department under the present administration, but as far as he could judge from their platform the opposition wanted to turn everything over to themselves. If the province was to be governed by commission why have an election for members of the legislature? He closed with an appeal for the support of those present for the whole ticket.

The meeting was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem and three cheers for the candidates.

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Ottawa, Feb. 21.—Effective means have been taken by the government to ensure the supply of newsprint paper to the newspapers of the Dominion of Canada, says an official statement.

On Feb. 7 an order-in-council was passed leaving in the hands of the Minister of Customs power to license the export of paper, and also to fix quantity, price, etc., at which paper is to be furnished to Canadian publishers.

The paper manufacturers were here on Wednesday and had a conference with the minister. The majority of them are only too ready to meet the views of the government. It is anticipated that the manufacturers will so arrange matters that it will not be necessary for the Minister of Customs to exercise the powers given to him under orders-in-council.

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KINGS COUNTY TRIBUTE TO PRIVATE HICKS

Young Man Was Only Son of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Hicks of Lower Millstream.

Apothegm, Feb. 20.—Still another King's County son has made the supreme sacrifice. The death of Private Ernest Guilford Hicks, only son of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Hicks of Lower Millstream took place on Monday evening February 19th, in St. John, at the Convalescent Hospital for returned soldiers. The young hero is survived by his parents and three sisters, the Misses Beulah, Cassie and Gladys Hicks, beside many other relatives, and hosts of friends. Private Hicks went overseas in June last, as a member of the 104th Battalion, and during his later training in England, was taken ill with appendicitis for which he was operated on. His condition being considered a very serious one, his convalescence was tedious and unsatisfactory complications rendered a second operation necessary, the effect of which was a hard strain on the already weakened vitality. When unfit for service, he naturally longed to return home, and when still unable to sit up, he was brought overseas some weeks ago, and remained in St. John for further treatment at the Convalescent Hospital. Strong hopes were entertained for his ultimate recovery, until very recently, when a third operation was deemed necessary, from which he failed to rally. The members of his family have all been permitted to visit him, at intervals since his return, and some consolation is felt by his parents, that they were privileged to be with him during his last hours, there being many who have been denied even that slight consolation.

Private Hicks was 25 years of age, being born at Moncton on June 16th, 1892. In this young man was found a type of manhood which saw his duty to his country and did not shrink from it, even at the sacrifice of his future ambitions, and though an only son, relinquished his home and friends for the time, to enlist for his country, hoping to return, but fate had decreed otherwise.

Deceased was a consistent member of the Lower Millstream Baptist Church, a member of the Loyal Orange Order, and prominent in temperance work, as a member of the Britannia Division of the Sons of Temperance. Much sympathy is felt for the members of the stricken home—the whole country-side being saddened by the early passing of this promising young life. The remains were brought from St. John on Tuesday afternoon, accompanied by the grief-stricken parents.

Funeral will take place from the home at Lower Millstream, on Thursday, Rev. L. J. Tingley will officiate at the service.

"JUDGE" DICTIONARY SETTLES DISPUTES.

In case of doubt concerning the meaning of a word the dictionary is the court of appeal. The average individual must resort to the dictionary, offered to the public in 1755, it represented a movement initiated by Swift, Addison, Pope and other noted English writers of that period to compose a dictionary that would fix forever and unalterably the English language in one perfect form. But the lapse of years has demonstrated that fashions in words change with the times and that a dictionary to be authoritative and accurate must be up to date.

A popular demand for such a work has been answered by the offer of this paper in making to its readers of The New Universities Dictionary in which thousands of words not found in any other dictionary are fully defined. Many of these words have been brought into general and proper use by the great strides made in science, business, religion and the various arts. Specialized activities, such as aviation, golf, baseball and other forms of sports have also given currency to many new terms and definitions of which will be found in one or the other of the twenty-five supplementary dictionaries that have been incorporated in The New Universities Dictionary.

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