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LIQUOR CAMPAIGN AID FROM THE OLD LAND!

English and Scotch Distillers
Show Their Interest

N. YORK LIBERALS READY

J. M. Walton of Aurora Unanimously
Selected as Standard-bearer — A
Stirring Address by Hon. Mr. King
—Will Tories Defend Barroom?

(Staff Correspondence of The Globe.)

Newmarket, June 14.—No more enthusiastic meeting was ever held in the old town of Newmarket than the one held Saturday afternoon, when Mr. J. M. Walton, banker, of Aurora, was unanimously selected as the Liberal standard-bearer in North York. The hall was filled to its utmost capacity, a feature of the meeting being the large number of women present. The stirring address of Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King will not soon be forgotten, and the addresses by the other speakers were listened to with the keenest interest.

Mr. King, during the course of his address, told the audience that a statement had been made to a Montreal man to the effect that the distillers and brewers of England and

Scotland had intimated that they could be drawn upon for campaign funds. "They know full well," said the speaker, "that if the campaign is successful in this Province it will succeed in other Provinces and in the British Empire, and, consequently, the liquor interests will suffer. If that is true, these are the forces we are up against, and it is worth while to go into it with all the manhood we can command. Why? Because if we succeed here, not only Canada but the British Empire will follow. (Loud cheers.) Was there ever a nobler cause to fight for? How often does it come to you to have such a chance? You women have no means of defeating it at the polls, but you have a chance in a contest like this. Every woman who values childhood can do something with her neighbors to return Mr. N. W. Rowell to power on the 29th." (Great applause.)

The One Great Issue.

"There is one great main issue in this contest," said Mr. King; "that question is whether the barrooms shall remain as they have in the past or whether they shall be wiped out. Some people have said that it would not do the party any good; that you cannot have such a question in politics. But here is a question which touches the lives of men. Are you going to stand in the way of manhood by political expediency? Militarism, which is altogether too strong in this country, takes away the fruits of the industry of the people, and takes humanity down, and the liquor traffic is a foe which undermines society just as much as war. Where can you get one single argument in support of the bars of this country? I see Conservatives in this audience, and I would ask them to tell the people of York and the people of Ontario what are the arguments in support of the bar. I heard one man say: 'You are going to take away the workingman's club.' Surely he does not want to insult the workingmen of this country with that kind of argument. The liquor traffic does not affect one class alone, it affects all classes, and takes away from the poor man his last cent.

Where is the man who was ever brought into a barroom for health or a nobler position? I ask my Conservative friends to come out and tell us if the barroom is a good thing; they have made it the theme of this fight."

Why an Election Now?

"Why have we an election at this time?" asked Mr. King. "Sir James Whitney made an appeal after the last Dominion election. What is the reason? There is no question which he has placed before the people. What is the explanation? Disintegration has come into the ranks of the Ministers at Toronto. They say, 'We must go to the people with Sir James Whitney at our head; we will not be able to do much without him.'"

Reckless Financing.

Mr. King said that many of the Ministers thought they were the most suitable to succeed Sir James. "How much ability is there among these men? Look at their records. Take the finances; they have been managed in the most reckless way. In 1904 the expenditure was \$5,267,000; last year the figure was \$16,000,000, and this year the expenditure will be \$22,000,000, an increase of four times since they came into office. Do you think Mr. Rowell will carry on the affairs of the Province in this way? I venture to say that he would cut the expenditures in half and still give the country better government than we have had. (Loud cheers.)

Agriculture and Education.

"What are the farmers getting out of the Province in the way of efficient legislation? Of all the problems of to-day the greatest is the welfare of the men upon the farms. The number of people on the farms of Ontario to-day is smaller than when Sir James Whitney went into power. Is that good administration? Mr. Rowell pointed out in the House the need of more technical instruction, improvements in rural districts and Hydro-radials. All these should be investigated by a Commission. By improving the condition of the people on the farms you improve that of the people in the cities. With regard to education, is it not a fact that the Government have cut down the vote 28 per cent., and they come now and ask you to return them to power?" In conclusion, the Hon. Mr. King asked those present to support the candidature of Mr. Walton, a candidature which meant much for the future of the home. "The moral force has not gone out of the heart of the people of this Province," said the speaker. "They will, I am confident, support the cause which means righteousness and advancement in the affairs of our fellow-men." (Loud cheers.)

Other Speakers.

Mr. J. M. Walton in a bright speech dealt with the temperance question, the Department of Agriculture, tax reform, equal suffrage and workmen's compensation. Addresses were also given by Mr. S. W. Corner, Pefferlaw; Mr. P. W. Pearson, Newmarket; Mr. T. Urquhart, Aurora, and Mr. C. D. Daniels of Georgina.