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## West End Liberals Hold Magnificent Public Meeting!

A RECORD ATTENDANCE—BRILLIANT SPEECHES AND INTENSE ENTHUSIASM—ELLIS, COWAN AND SCOTT ACCLAIMED THE FUTURE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DISTRICT—ST. JOHN'S IN ITS ENTIRETY WILL GO SOLID FOR THE LIBERAL PARTY.



W. J. ELLIS, ESQ.  
Liberal Candidate for St. John's West.

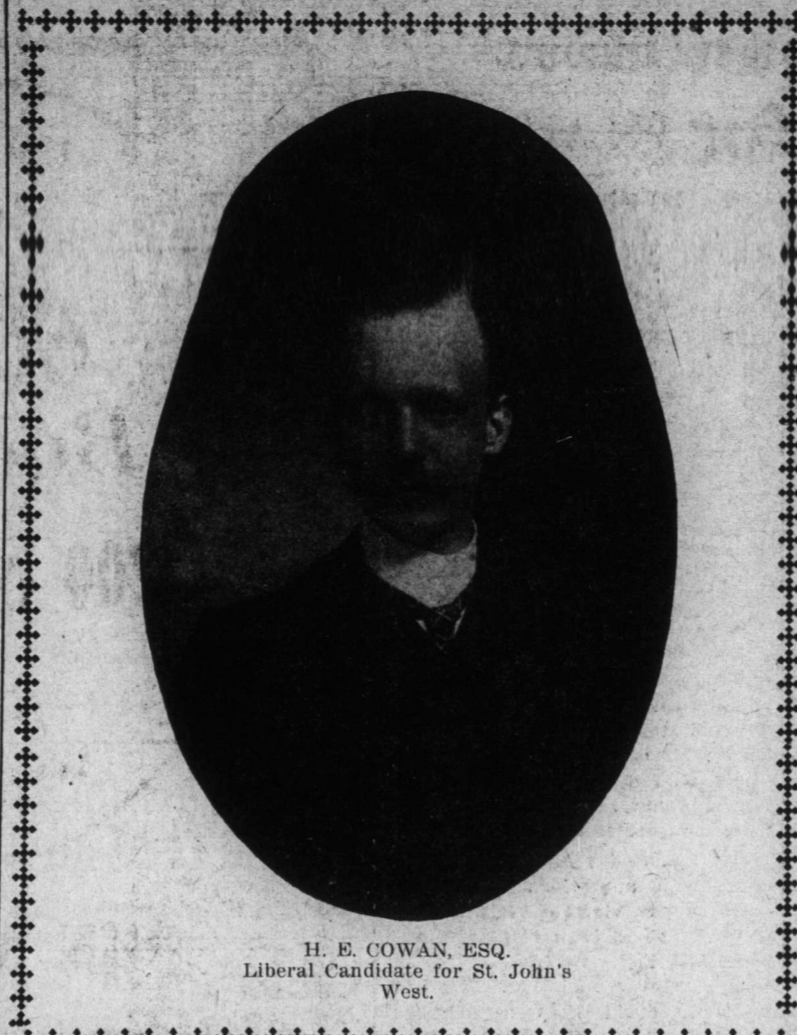
One of the most successful campaign conferences in the annals of local politics was the public meeting which took place in the T. A. Hall last night, under the auspices of the West End Liberal candidates for the District of St. John's West. The like has never been seen. The like has never been seen. The like has never been seen.

Pattern by St. John's East—the Banner District— and on October 30th the standard bearers of the whole country will come back from the polls with victory inscribed in large letters on their banners. The large hall was filled to its utmost capacity. Nearly two thousand voters were present and many had to remain outside the doors owing to want of room. Enthusiasm throughout the meeting was at fever heat.

A wonderful and extraordinary feature was the excellent hearing given the various speakers. On the platform besides the six candidates, were Hon. Geo. Knowling, John Browning, Esq., and representatives from the Southside where the West End Liberal candidates were accorded such a magnificent reception recently. The meeting opened at 8 o'clock and on motion, Mr. P. J. Lacey was appointed chairman and introduced the speakers. When the Tremendous Applause given Mayor Ellis, who was the first speaker, had died away, he continued: It is four and a half years ago since I had the honor of addressing supporters of the Liberal Party in this hall. Then I appeared before you as a candidate for the Liberal Party, accompanied by Messrs. H. E. Cowan and J. P. Scott, and to-night I appear before you in the same capacity and accompanied by the same loyal colleagues. Nothing has interfered during that period to alter our opinion regarding the policy of the old Liberal Party.

We were with you then and are with you now and are going to remain with you until victory perches itself upon our banner. In a fortnight hence you hardy sons of the West End will be called upon to cast your vote. We have found out, plainly as to your minds upon affairs pertaining to the country. Before casting your vote on any occasion, you would advise and recommend you to take up that very comprehensive and logical document— Sir Robert Bond's Manifesto. If you will read this Manifesto over carefully, it will teach you how to vote. We have found out, plainly that the policy pursued by the present Government the past four and a half years has meant ruin, and would ask you to bear in mind the character of Sir Robert Bond and I would ask you to bear in mind that he is not coming into this contest for any monetary gain because he is a man of wealth and possesses all the honors that can possibly be conferred upon a man. The sole reason of that Statesman for re-entering public life is that he sees the country on the downward path. Our opponents will say that the policy of the Morris Government is one of progressive, progressive enough to drive this country to bankruptcy and ruin. But our present period of prosperity due to measures adopted by Sir Robert Bond years ago, and are not the existence of every successful industry operating in Newfoundland due to the efforts of Sir Robert Bond. Robert Bond, at the outset of his manifesto tells us that he has been Requested by influential citizens to lead the Liberal Party in this election. Next he shows you clearly the underhand way the railway contracts were given to the Reid Company. Then compare the two leaders, Morris and Bond. No man of trust in any country can do as he pleases, and it appears that the Tory Premier did as he pleased. Since we began our campaign we have not allowed personal abuse to creep in amongst us and We are Fighting the Battle Squarely. The speaker said he would like to refer to Agriculture and the Fisheries. The Agricultural policy has been a complete failure. The Model Farm created by Sir Robert Bond which would have given scientific training to our young men has been torn down by the present Government, despite the great efforts to build that farm. Take Agriculture at the present time. We find public men in the country with large salaries from the Agricultural grant. What are they doing? No argument can be advanced to prove that they are helping Agriculture. The policy that requires the special attention and deliberation of the Legislature is the Fisheries. We hear the old cry year in and year out, no bait, plenty fish and no bait. That such conditions exist is beyond doubt. Surely when our mines and other developments are protected and preserved, why not the fisheries? A Government should help

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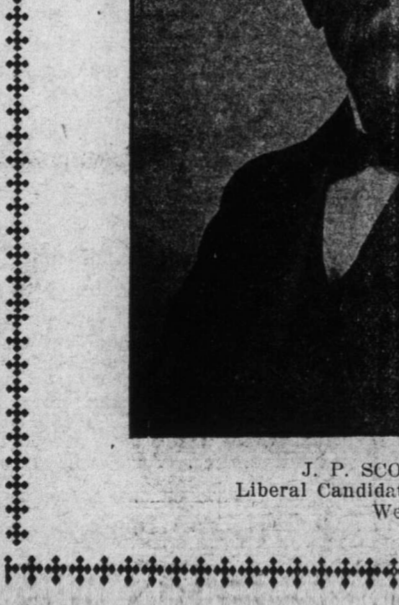
the fishermen to carry on their operations successfully. Morris pronounced in his Manifesto to adjust this matter by the erection of Bait Depots which is one of the main promises contained in Sir Robert Bond's Manifesto; another great benefit for the fishermen throughout the length and breadth of the island is the formation of the F.P.U. (Vociferous cheers for Conker). It would be inconsistent of me as a member of the Liberal Party, if I was not for progress and prosperity.

Fishermen of the Country have awoke up to the fact that they have been misrepresented in the Legislature! One of the greatest blessings that could be bestowed upon the country would be the fostering of the fishing industry by the establishment of Bait Depots which is one of the main promises contained in Sir Robert Bond's Manifesto; another great benefit for the fishermen throughout the length and breadth of the island is the formation of the F.P.U. (Vociferous cheers for Conker). It would be inconsistent of me as a member of the Liberal Party, if I was not for progress and prosperity.

Steady growth is the best growth and the Liberal Party which has been growing slowly since the days of Responsible Government, in this country and now it is strong and substantial. In 1906 when Sir Robert Bond assumed control of the affairs of this country.

He immediately reduced taxation by a quarter of a million dollars a year. He did not leave it until the last year he was in power like the present Premier did. The numerous commendable policies emphasized the speaker, adopted by Sir Robert Bond, ranks him as the greatest statesman of the Liberal Party.

The next to occupy the platform was Mr. H. E. Cowan. He was greeted with thunderous applause that lasted for several minutes.



J. P. SCOTT, ESQ.  
Liberal Candidate for St. John's West.

in the Colony's history. When the present Government took power in 1906 the public debt was twenty-two million dollars. Since that time the Debt increased nearly fifty per cent, and the Debt is thirty-two million dollars. Mr. Ellis then told how the public monies were squandered on the starting of six railways with not a single one of them completed. The building of railways is not going to be a paying concern for the people. Anyway the Tory Party were never a successful party in this country. They never did anything successfully and the longest time they were in power was four years. We know some of the inner workings of the Tory Party. Concessions were doled out by the Picnic Chief at the Point of the Revolver.

In conclusion Mayor Ellis hoped that the people were tired of the misrule carried on for the past four and a half years and when polling day comes round Newfoundland expects that every voter will do his duty by marking his ballot for the Liberal Party, led by Sir Robert Bond. Mr. John P. Scott was the next speaker. His address was stirring and effective. He said that nothing had moved him to change his political attitude. He was once a Liberal, always a Liberal, but he was sorry to say one of his opponents, Sir Edward Morris, could not say that. Mr. Scott based his remarks on organized union. He reviewed in a practical way the immense benefits such organizations were throughout the universe. He referred to the Fishermen's Protective Union which was inaugurated by the incorruptible leader, W. F. Conker, who has proved himself to be the greatest friend the fishermen of Newfoundland ever had. The speaker pointed out that in his opinion half the money that goes to the railroad monopolists should be utilized in developing the colony's resources. The present Government brought men from across the water to show us how to cut peat, whereas not a sod was ever burned. The recent exposure of the bogus mining stock which was put on the London market for sale is one of the greatest scandals on record, because men from Morris's Executive Council were amongst the Directors. Mr. Scott said that if elected he will in the future as in the past, be ever ready and ever willing to do anything in his power for the welfare of his constituents and impressed upon all when marking their ballots to remember Ellis, Cowan and Scott, and to vote the straight ticket for the Liberal Party.

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If you will read the letter in Sir Robert Bond's Manifesto referred to by my colleague Mr. Ellis, you will observe that there was no tendering for contract, that there was no specification made as to rolling stock, no equipment mentioned, no wharves, bridges, etc., all these side issues will be put in by the Reid Company and charged up as extras over and above the \$15,000 a mile; besides payment in gold instead of bonds. Referring to agriculture, the speaker showed up the "South Sea Bubble" of the Picnic party who had Destroyed the Model Experimental Farm.

because the Morris-Morrison-Roid combination contended that the structure had not justified its existence. This model farm has proved a success in every other country where it was tested. Our present Government substituted a Society in which one man acted as President, Secretary and Treasurer, got as much as he liked to ask for these appointments besides three Government members who New Absolutely Nothing About Agriculture, and Dren Very Large Salaries.

Reduced Taxation. The third year the Tory party were in power they had a big surplus and Sir Robert Bond moved in the House of Assembly for a reduction of taxes. Sir Robert Bond's Motion was not recognized and last spring when the Picnicers knowing that there would be an election, got as much as he liked to ask for these appointments besides three Government members who

And by concessions to capitalists, picnics, trips abroad, wasteful expenditure of public monies, timber land grants and other scandals that as a consequence put this colony into a state of financial embarrassment. Mr. Kent then pointedly made it apparent to all how the debt of the Colony accumulated heavily by the "road" railway transactions entered into, without contract by Sir Edward Morris. The present Government has spent more money with less result than any other Government in the history of the country. In conclusion Mr. Kent thanked the committee for being privileged to speak and to the audience for their close attention.

Messrs. Dwyer and Ryan, East End Candidates, then spoke in the order named and were cheered to the echo. They congratulated their fellow members on the splendid reception accorded them by the electors of St. John's West, and hoped that Messrs. Ellis, Cowan and Scott would meet with equally favorable results in their district and as Mr. Kent, the leader of the East End team, emphasized in effect that if the voice and sentiment of the people can be regarded as any criterion, St. John's West will triumphantly return from the polls three Liberal candidates on Oct. 30th, because Bond is not going to lose this time. The meeting closed with the rendition of the National Anthem sung by the united chorus of the vast assemblage.

That this campaign was being conducted honestly and squarely, that personal abuse of an opponent was not an issue and before resuming his seat impressed upon all to vote as his conscience dictates for the Government which he thinks is best for all the people. Mr. J. M. Kent was then introduced. When Mr. Kent arose to speak the applause that greeted him fairly shook the building. He said as he was only present on invitation it was not his intention of making a lengthy speech as the East End Liberal supporters would be holding a public meeting in the course of a few days and then he would lay down the policies of both

utes. In fact, as many remarked he must be the most popular man in Newfoundland to get such an enthusiastic welcome. Mr. Cowan, who has earned the reputation of being one of our leading platform speakers, was no exception to the rule last night. In choice language he gave a scathing and increasing extravagance of the Picnic Party. His sound and logical arguments so eloquently, forcefully and effectively put forward evoked the enthusiasm of the vast concourse present. At the beginning Mr. Cowan asked all "to be careful" in view of the fact that they awoke from their slumbers at the neighbors at the Southside a few nights ago and he did not want to awake Sir Edward's invisible sheep at the Southside now. In convincing language he showed up the policies of both governments. Two parties are now seeking their support said the speaker. The Liberal Party is a united party with the F. P. U. and that United party is being led by that great statesman Sir Robert Bond. The F. P. U. which has reduced the cost of living for the fishermen and

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