## THE EVENING TELEGRAM, ST. JOHN'S, MEWROUNDI AND, MARCH 9, 1923-4

Fighting Trio St. John's West.

## Nomination Meeting Held Last Night. Audience Voted as One Man

The friends and supporters of th Liberal-Labor-Progressive Party crowded the spacious rooms of the Star of the Sea Hall last night at a preliminary meeting called for the purpose of announcing candidates to contest St. John's West district and the formation of working Committees The meeting was called for \$30 o'clock but fully an hour before that time seating accommodation was at a premium, and many were standing in the aisles and hallways. Before the meeting opened the corridors. ante rooms and every available space was crowded with voters, all anxious to give their support to Mr. Bennett and his party. Outside the hall many people stood for hours listening at the windows to what the speakers had to say. Wonderful enthusiasm was shown, and without doubt it was the greatest meeting of its kind ever held in the district. The meeting opened sharp on the minute with Mr. John Caldwell in the chair. On the plat-

form with him were: Sir John Crosbie, C. J. Fox, Wm, Walsh, W. J. Higgins, Peter Cashin, M. S. Sullivan, P. J. O'Reilly, J. T. Barron, J. T. Martin. M. Pike, C. Whitten, P. Whittle, V. Carlson, C. Jardine, Henry Vaughan. the purpose of the meeting was to nominate candidates for the forth- clean and gentlemanly fight. West was concerned he felt that the result of the coming contest was a foregone conclusion and the district would change its political allegiance. who have to depend on the work of

SIR MICHAEL CASHIN.

of his whole career that he had banner of the Liberal-Labour-Pro cause to be ashamed of. He had al- gressive Party, The Leader of the ways done his duty to the best of his Michael Opposition then named ability. Due to the improper and vile Cashin, the mention of whose name abuse and misrepresentation on the was the signal for a tremendous outpart of his opponents the electorate burst of cheering. Continuing Mr Sr., P. E. Outerbridge. J. Cochrane. of St. John's West in the last election Bennett, said that after representing and the Executive members of the was hopdwinked and deluded. Such Ferryland for thirty-one years, Sir West End Liberal Association. In his conduct would not be tolerated in the Michael was now coming to this big opening remarks the Chairman stated days of Scott, Tessier and the late, District of St. John's West in the Moses Monroe, who believed only in a interest of clean government. He was a fisherman but had attained'

coming election. As far as St. John's WILL FIGHT CLEAN ELECTION, the highest position that the country could offer him. He was now leav-They contested the elections. as | ing Ferryland and was taking up the statesmen and politicians and when fight on behalf of his native country. the poll was declared, they had no Sir Michael was a fighter and had All the people, and particularly those apologies or misstatements to retract the courage of his convictions, and St. on either side. It is not so to-day. John's West respected him for it. trict were na Next was Mr. William Linegar, a

ity to have representation. The si time to put out the rascals ion has changed since then. the were causing it. In the three was no need of repeating the story of and a half years the Squires' Govern deprivations and sufferings of the ment has been in power they have million dollars. The Cashduring the past thi n Party left four million, twelve were borrowed, thirty-five

lions were collected in Revenu Those who had on the Railway. Added to that wer one for the Humber P What is there in return? The ful years, but when polling day industry in St. John's. The hey would let them know where says his industry bring It had been Sir zot off two days work a week. hoast after the last hat he had never been approached by the rate of taxation was \$36 per head abour, and he apparently has ignor AFRAID TO OPEN HOUSE worker and producer again

resentatives for St. John's rates Mr. Linegar ap They are spending for a straight ticket vote. guarter of a million on the election. did not want a personal vote, and all One man is given seventy-five thous Cashin, Hun should go to the party. and for a railway. How long could and Linegar for clean Government that go on? If the Squire's Governshould be their mot ment are re-elected in May they are there for another four vears and West would do its duty nobly and well secome of our people? Dur-Labor had had three and a half years onths eight thous Sir Michael when urged his hearers to remember the What did they ever care for Minister's John's whom Mr. the labourer of St Manifesto. If the people were groan Coaker "hums" and ing under thirty-five dollars, what "drunkards" in the House of Assem are they doing under sixty dollars? hlv. In conclusion Mr. Linegar said He urged them to consider well bethat now had its chance. fore they cast their vote. He regret he assured his two colleagues and Mr. ted that the time was too short to go into matters then, but at the next meeting it would all be dealt with.

MR. HUNT SPEAKS. Everyone of the Opposition had been

That Mr. Charles Hunt is popular, Linegar and Mr. C E. Hunt be enapproached to join the other side and his election an assured fact. was dorsed as the candidates for St. John's they were all honest men. West He thought that the time had Higgins Bennett and Crosbie were conclusively come to nut an end to the desperate all asked, he, himself, had been ofstate of affairs which at present exist fered charge of the Dock and shipmeeting. After thanking the audience The cry that ping concerns, but because they a change was needed was ringing clean, they refused. throughout the land, and as the days cannot mix with a dirty man and re main clean. ume. He was taking a stand against principal reasons why he was there. | po the Coaker-Squires-Campbell com- Referring to the Government papers ported bination because he had the interest of Sir Michael said they were full of West. He Newfoundland at heart. His only son drivel from Linegar had said ticket vote. The contest was a matter was amongst those who had been forcarticle to justify anything they of Government and Opposition and not ed to leave the country to seek means The Sir M P Cashin but no column could f personal popularity, and in dealing mechanic, the clerk and the labourer. to-day but rock breaking at starva that Dr. H. M. Mc nothing Coaker Government since they assumed control of the affairs of the coun-

follow their particular employment tolerable burden, and it was now time ter to be considered well. It was his are doing so at greatly reduced to cry halt. He felt that in endorsing duty to offer himself if he could be wages. If we have three and a half

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resent it. Sir John Crosbie day there has to he by appealing to the voters of the End to vote the straight public debt by Cashin, Linegar and Hunt ons in the MR. W. J. HIGGINS, R.C. would happen given another? They will Mr. W. J. Higgins in ord" and will par our rec repeated calls from mber Deal. If the Humbe came forward and w the great thing it was said vation. On behalf o w not let its terms be known Messrs. Vinnicombe copie? He would vote for that was good but he wantssed thanks for to the Eastern what it stood for. It ndications there ave been put through months was that there would be the Government kept it for

St. John's East. and on kite. Squires crowd send a mat UN BY TWO CAPTAINS. into the district when was over it would not h ast was what we have to lool would be declared the Humber Deal was safer slaughter.

present Opposition than with TIME FOR A CHANGE rament. It was his duty as If was time now for me Newfoundlander to support the if it was for the good of gether and bring atry. The trouble was that the It was not a question of state was run by two cap a question of personal quires and Coaker. Coaker, the ple have to say they er, had promised to make the the Government. their on Water Street, and old impossible id Jying out there. Th the Government was asked was St. John's West, their conduct for the pas re dead than now?. If so, a half years. He had said at cause the Government had vious meeting that the politics, instead of practising was "rotten" and he and had endeavored They had not done an Party alive rather than the work. The country had heads of Departments s interest. He was confident May there will be a revolution Minister was practically time, the Minister of ballot hox. He was confident osition led by J. R. Ben Minister of Marine and ng back to power. were also away, the Minist ance and Customs was aw ill-health. inistrative offices with elected, Bennett was going and being run by clerks. the leadership and take of the Crown with who ionership. and leave gins had some dealings of the Party. him who was Acting If Bennett is elected

he will stand at his than that Mr. Higgins hr M. P. Cashin is too loyal betray his Leader, he has nev it vet, and every man electe rt of Bennett will serve hin Mr. Higgins sets of men ar ting the Government ha He would ask for the your duty as Newfour vote for them in the hest

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gives you the glad hand id with it a return of Gov ience. His party would serve and sincerely and the peo- en duty to his family. ild see that there was one country. Mr. Higgin who could keep Newfoundland half measures-all or from the rock biles. "scripts gested a slogan as "vote received ticket for Cashin, Linegar, applause and loud cheers at There should be no drop of his speech, and won or Linegar or Hunt to gi ration and support of the enor that man a vote. The the conclusion of Mr.

ire audience. SIR JOHN CROSBIE. marks was deafening.

MR. C. J. FOX. Sir John Crosbie, in congratulating he voters of St. John's West on the This popular representa arty manner in which they had en-John's East was also pre a the Opposition candidates, said to speak. In coming forward was a healthy sign to see the camgiven a very hearty red

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member the present administration and the promises made three and a half years ago but not fulfilled. The era of misgovernment under Squires and Coaker was responsible for untold hardships. There was no work and in his trade during the past 18 months the best they could hope for was two days a week and practically every tradesman in the city was in the same position. As the campaign progresses. the story of the past three and a half years will be told. The Chairman then called upon the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. J. R. Bennett. to address the gathering.

their hands, have strong reason to re-

RECEIVED OVATION.

Cheere, cheers and thunderous applause greeted Mr. Bennett as he approached the front of the platferm, and several minutes elapsed before the popular leader opened his address because of the unbounded enthusiasm which greeted him. Mr. Bennett in the short period of half an hour reviewed the misdeeds and mismanagement of the Government since it assumed charge of the country's affairs. After introducing his colleagues, who were cheered to the echo he said he was availing of this occasion to bid them farewell as their direct representa tive in the Assembly, as he purposed contesting the constituency of the second city, Hr. Grace. Very touching ly Mr. Bennett recalled his associa tions in St. John's West during the past twenty years, which he cherished with pride and which would forever live in his memory. He first entere public life in 1902, when he was elected Deputy Mayor of the city. It was in 1904 that he first contested St John's West under his old chieftain Sir Edward Morris, now Lord Morris and on that occasion he won a place next to his old chief, a position which he held each succeeding election till 1919. when exceptional circumstan brought about a change, but despi this, he retained the confidence the loyal old District, and against great odds, retained his seat. matter of sixty or seventy vete would have elected his collearue Messrs. Martin and Mullaly. The fought a good clean fight and ever tor to-day who voted for Be Martin and Mullaly, were proud their actions on that occ ennett thanked them. the honour they had conferration and the second

him. There was not a i

wiysed and fearful of what was going representative of Labour, a mechanic, to happen. The outlook, however, and one who was respected in his was hopeful. The Opposition, which native District. St. John's West alhad been fightng, their battles for ways had a Labour representative. three years, were gathering around as such names as Mr. /J. P. Scott, them a body of men, the best citizenand the late Michael Kennedy testiship of the country, in the fight for fied. Last but not least, was Mr. clean government and the restor- C. E. Hunt, the young tribune, who ation of the Colony, and he had no doubt of the issue of the coming self as a candidate. He lived in St. struggle. In the course of a few days his Manifesto would be placed before the country. It will include of all classes in the community. Mr. amongst other things reforms that will benefit all classes in the country; the encouragement of our staple in-West. dustry; reduction of taxation, and

the development of our resources

TREMENDOUS APPLAUSE. Sir Michael and his colleagues. Mesthrough the introduction of new capital. It will be a policy that will srs. Linegar and Hunt were again honor that had been conferred to him. will stop our young manhood from which showed in no uncertain manner as Callahan, Scott and Sir E. P. Mora livelihood elsewhere. It will be a work for their election on polling day, ago. It was a great privilege to be have gone to come back. While he again thanked his constituents of St. would not be contesting the District John's West for their past support for their support, because he could in the coming election: he was to in- and goodwill. He reiterated his pledge troduce to them three gentlemen that whilst he was going to seek the whom he felt would gain the confi- support of the electorate of Harbor dence and support of the entire Dis- Grace he still retained his interests

trict, as the candidates under the in them and their welfare. 12.3.2



MR. W. F. LINEGAR.

A SPLENDID TRIBUTE.

CANDIDATES PROPOSED.

the city, in a forceful speech, propos-

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Messrs, Cashin, Linegar and Hunt,

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Michael Cashin who heads the ticke

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Mr. J. T. Martin, Deputy Mayor of

The reception accorded Sir Michael Cashin as he arose to address the meeting was a splendid tribute to. the father of the House of Assembly whose popularity in St. John's West is in itself sufficient to foretell what the result on polling day will be. Sin for the first time was offering him- Michael was deeply touched by the general acclamation of the audience John's West, and was a brilliant In brief, he reviewed his public lawyer, and one who held the respect | career. After thirty years in the House of Assembly he had been asked Bennett prophesied for Mr. Hunt & by the most important District in the long and useful career in St. John's whole country, to be a candidate in

MR. C. E. HUNT. of any service to the country and the years more of this Government's rule the coming election, to be its repres- District, and would do the best in his over fifty per cent. of St. John's will entative in the House. It was cerpower. tainly a great privilege and a great

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ing on a rock-pile.

In conclusion Sir Michael again try because there will be no trade or thanked the large assembly of voters labour to work at. Shortly after awaken new life in the country and greeted with an outburst of approval He referred to the splendid men, such for the reception given him, also the they got in power they introduced many who had already volunteered the Fishery Regulations, which were going through the Narrows to seek that all present were determined to ris, who represented the District long their support and influence. Like his in charge of Hon. W. F. Coaker, with predecessor he was given cheers upon the result that cargo upon cargo of policy that will encourage those who Before taking his seat Mr. Bennett placed on that list. Now that he was cheers which resounded through the fish was compelled to lie up and rot. launched on his campaign, he asked spacious hall. Firms on the West Coast went bank-

rupt and merchants here and elsenot do anything without it. He was LABOUR CANDIDATE ENDORSED. where were forced to the wall. When leaving a District that he had had Mr. W. Linegar was the next can- such quantities of the country's prothe privilege of representing for eight didate to address the meeting. On duce were destroyed the money was terms in succession, and he had done coming forward he was given a right lost to the country and the people. the best in his power for that Dis- royal reception. In thanking them Mr. Hunt contended that it was nontrict. He was not driven from it. for their endorsation he told of the sense for one man to think or feel and his opponents would have to circumstances that led to his being he was not dependent on another. advertise for a man who would be called out to represent them in the Members of the Government are tak able to take his place. From his House of Assembly. For 25 years he ing pride in the fact that they found first day in politics he had made up had been closely associated with the work on hte rock piles for men. his mind never to fool a man. If he workingman of the city, and has al- There was no credit in that because could do nothing for him he told him ways advocated labour representation they could not expect two thousand so; he did not promise anything and in the House of Assembly. In 1919 men to go home to their families daily then run away. The gathering be- an attempt was made to have an inde- without any bread for them as they fore him, he said, were present to ap- pendent labour party, but this failed, would soon get it themselves. He point Cashin, Linegar and Hunt as as it became a matter of Government challenged anyone to show one thing candidates to represent them in the and Opposition. Although the con- in the 1919 Manifesto of Sir Richard House of Assembly and Sir Michael test centered around these two sides, Squires that had been carried out. asked their support. As he looked on yet the labor candidates secured 1050 THE HUMBER DEAL.

the sea of faces before him it was votes. During the bye-election in easy to see who would be elected. 1920 the labor candidates made a There was not one. Reduction There were over six hundred men, second appeal, being then allied with taxation was promised. Sir Miall committee men, not including the Liberal Laber Progressive Party chael Cashin had shown how taxes those standing outside, who could by the consent of the full committees. were reduced. "The Reids would be easily bring 4 others with them which Both parties at that time pledged put in their place"-but millions wer meant a number greatly in excess of themselves to stick together, and to- spent on the railway and the tracks two thousand four hundred votes; day they are together, with labor hav- are almost worn out by the privat they did not need that number to be ing its chance of representation in the cars used by the members of the elected. In 1919 when his Party affairs of the country. Labor made a Government. Take the question was defeated there was prosperity great stand in the bye-election but amending the Prohibition Act. Every, in the land, and the electors thought was up against a government only a body knows how that was done-the ould do even better. They were couple of months returned to power, "script" system was enlarged. Out sed a reduction of taxation and, who brought in men from everywhere. ] of the millions spent by the Governwere told they were groaning under Many of these had no vote in the dis- ment there was nothing to show exa tax of \$36 per head. To-night they trict, but were allowed to vote. Var- cept two cabstands on Water Street. were paying nearly sixty dollars. Sir ious other dodges were also resorted There is nothing else to show for hael asked his hearers to con- to in order to defeat both Mr. Martin the money borrowed and spent. This sider the Squires' Manifesto. They and himself. It was up to the work-were told taxation was too high and ingmon now to avail of the opportun- does it means, bankruptcy for the

THE TER go. They had deceived the cur in May. Two years ago, the In 1919, and all the paper turn- ty with which he was asso at Grand Falls with the Hum- given a pledge to the Labor ded would not be sufficient pledge which was now being ain an account of their mal adout, as both Labor and the ration. BREAKING STONES.

> ite their rosy promises of three ars ago, the St. John's mechanics ers, clerks, etc., were to-day caking stones for a living while binet ministers were glorying in ips to Europe and picnics at the olony's expense. Water Street had arance of a dead town. Firms ike Bishop & Sons, Goodridges and which supplied labor in the had gone to the wall and should

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ker gang be again returned to not a firm on the street would it solvent. A prominent press vallifying Bennett. Cashin and ie, but they had not one arguto advance. They allege that Sealers e made a million dollars. If he made it while Squires was as and the only sin that pricked

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Goggles MONEY SQUANDERED. the three and a half years quires rule \$51,000,000 had andered and all there was to Steels, r it was two cabstands and a ant built onto the Post Office. up to every true Newfoundwake up and see that the is rescued before it is too Belts, branded the statements in ate and Mail that he and el Cashin were going to he ir Leader as a contemptible That was all that such

Sheaths assassins as Mosdell and the Advocate could manu Sir John said that he wa the loyal old district of Bay e and he was going to canvas ion Bay and he challeng The Direct A. Squires to meet him

DASTARD'S ATTACK.

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