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SLIM ATTENDANCE AT MEETING ON WEDNESDAY

Addresses by Three of the Conservative Candidates and a Number of Supporters.

The first movement of an avalanche that will surely obliterate Conservative ranks on the 3rd of next month must have been plainly discernible to those few who attended the meeting in the North Ward school Wednesday.

Mr. H. Price occupied the chair, and present with him on the platform were Jos. Hunter, D. B. Bogle, H. Dallas Helmecken, C. Hayward, D. W. Higgins and J. W. Bolden.

In opening the meeting Mr. Price made allusion to the work of the campaign. The Conservatives were the friends of the laboring men, and he earnestly solicited the support of the electorate in returning the candidates before them.

Calling on Mr. Bogle, that gentleman attempted to give a very profound analytical address on the policy of the Liberal and Conservative parties. There were prominent subjects which should be the thought of every elector in British Columbia, and after alluding to the well defined principles of the Conservative party, he endeavored to show what the antagonistic elements in the Liberal party were.

After referring to the hopeless campaign in which Liberals were in, Mr. Bogle then endeavored to explain in glittering generalities what the Conservative party stood for when the question of time seemed to dawn on him. But he had thought of one specific subject on which the two parties divided and this was that of the Oriental question, the history of the legislation bearing on which he traced, and in connection with which he scored Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

Mr. Hayward, "the much abused candidate," as the chairman introduced him, was next called on after a complimentary reference to his career. In addressing the meeting Mr. Hayward said that his life was before them as an open book. Up to the present he had been anxious to find out what the principles of the Liberal party were, but after reading several articles devoted to himself, and from the remarks of certain legal gentlemen, he came to the conclusion that it was a battle of personalities which was being waged against him. He refused to follow along this line. He wished to speak to the meeting on the educational among other subjects, and in this connection alluded to his services on the school boards.

Notwithstanding the declaration of the Conservative party's leader as opposed to fish traps, Mr. Hayward considered them very necessary.

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As one of the nine candidates running in the campaign for the city, Jos. Hunter said he thought he had as good a right to ask for the votes of the electorate as any one else. He is nearly 40 years in the province. In early days he went up to Cariboo and found on arrival there that he had only \$1.50 in his pockets, and that he had no friends. He had to make out of money and lost it; took it out of one shaft and sunk it in another.

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Mr. Dallas Helmecken concluded the address of the evening. The only new subject introduced by him, however, was that of the proposed giving of incorporation to the New Westminster Bridge Company.

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AGRICULTURAL

HANDLING THE APPLE CROP. Some timely and valuable advice on the selling, picking and grading of apples is given by W. A. MacKinnon, chief of the fruit division, Ottawa.

When the grower is not also an exporter he may sell the apples in one of two ways, either at so much per barrel or at a lump sum for the entire orchard.

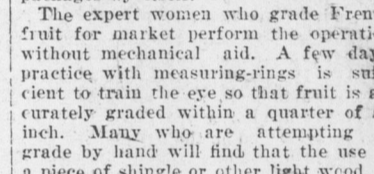
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SIR E. BARTON RETIRES.

Ottawa, Sept. 24.—A cable from London says that Premier Barton, of Australia, has retired, and that Hon. Mr. Deakin has taken his place.

LABORERS IN REVOLT. Former Spanish Officer Charged With Inciting Native to Take Arms.

Manila, Sept. 24.—Lieut. Oliver Eskridge, 25th infantry, has just been sentenced to three months' confinement in quarters and a fine of \$75 for being off guard duty without leave.

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