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The reception tendered Hon. G. W. Ross last evening at the Opera House was a decided success from a political point of view. The hall had been brilliantly decorated in honor of the guest, the usual campaign mottoes and a picture of Mr. Ross were prominently displayed. The platform was crowded with a large number of the faithful, and, whenever there was any cheering to be done, the men on the platform jumped up and waved their hats and hurrahs. The meeting as a whole was fairly enthusiastic, more particularly at the beginning, and at the end.

The following were among the number of those on the platform: Hon. G. W. Ross, Senator Landerkin, T. L. Pardo, ex-M. P. P., John Lee, ex-M. P. P., George Stephens, M. P., Archie McCoig, R. S. Dunlop, J. S. Lane, John Edmondson, Thos. Richardson, Rev. T. T. George, A. C. Parker, A. C. Johnson, Sr., William Robertson, N. Stevens, J. W. Aitken, Dr. Fleming, Dr. T. K. Holmes, D. J. Lamont, R. J. Gardner, Dr. Russell, Dr. J. P. Rutherford, Dr. J. W. Rutherford, J. W. White, Hugh Macdonald, Herr Marx, James Innes, John Piggott, Sr., Capt. Smith, Walter Piggott, Sam Cowan, James Richards, R. M. Paxton, Andrew Thomson, Sr., Fred Stone, Otto Tickner, O. L. Lewis, S. J. Walker, John Walker, Mr. Maclean, Mr. Sainbury, R. L. Brackin, Andrew Thomson, Jr., Joseph Tremblay, Chas. Smith, James Smith, and many others from Kent County.

Throughout the house and in the boxes many ladies were to be seen. J. G. Kerr, president of the West Kent Liberal Association, occupied the chair. In opening the meeting he said that he was proud to see such a magnificent audience present to welcome the Premier. It spoke well for the sentiments of the people of Kent. It showed that they were in favor of the Liberal candidate. There had never been a more successful demonstration in the history of Kent county. A conservative had asked the other day why the Grits were putting forth such efforts when they seemed to have everything right in their mit. The reason for the efforts was because the Liberals had no room for the so-called policy of Whitney, and because they had no room for a policy of fault-finding. They had present the Premier of the Province—Applause. The Hon. G. W. Ross had devoted the best part of his life to the public, and by his upright character he had endeared himself to all. Liberals and all fair-minded people would take offense at the platform of the Conservatives, founded on fault-finding with Mr. Ross.

MR. STEPHENS. Mr. Kerr introduced George Stephens. The member for Kent said he didn't propose to make a speech, as there were men on the platform more able to do so than he was. There was present the able, progressive and economical Premier of Ontario. In Mr. Stephens' opinion this was no time for a change. The country was prosperous, factories were running night and day, farmers were doing well and the laboring man was receiving a fair return for his money. A Conservative had now to pay twice as much as they did a few years ago. Mr. Stephens assured that man that this was one of the best guarantees of the prosperity of the country.

JOHN LEE. Mr. Kerr said that the stalwart candidate for East Kent was present. Some reports had been heard about a division in the party in East Kent, but this division mattered little except to give comfort to Conservative friends. The election of John Lee was assured.

LEE ROASTS JOHNS. John Lee then stepped up before the footlights. He said—I never saw a larger or more enthusiastic audience. There is another candidate coming out on his own hook in East Kent. All I can say is 'My friends come up to the front and show this gentleman that the Conservatives can't win even with an extra Liberal candidate in the field, that this self-made candidate must be told to stay where he belongs.

"You have come here to see the Premier, a man we are all proud of. Ontario has had a great many great premiers, but the Liberal administration was never better led than by our Premier, the Hon. G. W. Ross. He is honest, economical and just. You must make allowance for the statements made by Conservatives on the platform during this campaign. Not a single gentleman dared to make these charges in the house, because they would have to prove them. They are mere platform utterances and you can take them for what they are worth. If this large audience were not waiting to hear the other speakers, I would like to address you on the political questions of the hour. I want you all to turn out and poll your votes for the straight Liberal candidate, the choice of the convention.

"The Premier was a little late in coming. I wish he had come a spring weather long ago. We'll get a decent weather before—Laughter and applause.

"Now, I want you all to rally and vote for Pardo and myself the nominees of the Liberal party. I don't

ROSS TELLS THE PEOPLE OF KENT THAT FRAUDS ARE "LITTLE THINGS"

Premier Says Discussion of Notorious Debauchery and Demand for Honesty in Elections is "Picayune Politics"—He Tells What He is Going to do—A Good Meeting Greets the Liberal Leader.

MR. PARDO MAKES A FOUR MINUTE SPEECH.

Other Addresses—Senator Landerkin in a Humorous Vein—Mr. Needham's Address—Pretty Presentation to the Premier—John Lee and The Planet.

want the split in West Elgin to be repeated in East Kent.

THE PLANET'S DISCERNING EYE. "I noticed that The Planet could see nothing in the procession except Will Jahne and Walter Piggott's hat. I didn't think this man in the paper, which is known throughout Kent as the Great Home Journal. It was just a little shady. I dare say Walter Piggott's hat is as good as any the editor of The Planet has got, and if it isn't Walter can buy a dozen."

Mr. Kerr said that Mr. Lee had referred to the weather. The proprietor of The Planet had asked Mr. Kerr to-day "Why is it you Grits get such good weather?" That was the kindness of the weather to the Liberals. All present knew when Whitney and Tupper were present that there was a deluge, followed by a snow storm and political burial of the Conservative candidate. The same might be expected on May 29th, those who knew Mr. Pardo needed no introduction, those who knew him by reputation, knew it to be of the highest character. No man looked more closely after the interests of his constituency than Mr. Pardo. Kent had Mr. Clancy down at Parliament and all they got from him was long

make the other fellows feel sick."

The delivery of Mr. Pardo's speech occupied a little less than four minutes of time.

JOSEPH TREMBLAY.

Joseph Tremblay, speaking in French, said that in speaking to represent his French-Canadian patriots with such distinguished company as would address them later, he would not detain them long. From the days of Sir Oliver Mowat down to the present time Liberalism had shown itself equitable and fair to all classes and conditions of life and no nationality need fear injustice at its hands so long as it was perpetuated by such competent men. There was no disposition to impose upon the public the idea that such a people, the French-Canadians were ready to raise the race and religious cry. This was shown in the attack that the Mail and Empire made on his friend Mr. Gauthier, of Montreal, who had come west to speak in the interests of candidates of the Liberal party who were not French-Canadians. Mr. Pardo was as good a man as was in the house. Mr. Tremblay urged all to support Mr. Ross who had furnished the best Government Canada ever had. He was especially the friend of the French-Canadian, as Mr. Gauthier had told them. Mr. Whitney was the enemy of the race, as was also the Mail and Empire, which had misrepresented their utterances, saying they were raising the race cry. They were not. They were defending themselves against the dangers that threatened their race. The French-Canadian should promote the election of Mr. Lee and Mr. Pardo.

SENATOR LANDERKIN.

Senator Landerkin was met with hearty applause from the gathering when he arose to speak. "This is my first visit to Chatham," he began, "and I will never forget it. I came a long distance to see you and I thank God for it. Except at home I never talked to such an audience, the men are so brave and the ladies so fair. I have known and heard a good many of your representatives from Kent. There was McKellar, whom I had the pleasure of hearing and was much impressed by his speeches. It was not only an honor to the party, but an honor to Kent. Then there was Rufus Stephenson, whom I knew right well, and his only fault was that he was on the other side. He is dead and gone now and I hope that he may rest in peace. Then came Smyth, who was followed by my good friend Archie Campbell, who represented our number of years. Mr. Stephens then followed and he is the equal of any of them, and now who else but our good and old friend Mr. Pardo, a man of many of your reports speak to-night and was impressed. He is not a talking man—he is an acting one. I have seen men from Kent who did nothing else but talk and when they got through there was not two grains of thought in it all.

"Mr. Pardo is a man of action, good judgment and business sense, and has sense enough to hold his tongue. "I came quite a distance on the train to-day, 150 miles I guess, and through the best country in the world. On the train I bought a Mail and Empire. Ever read the Mail? Well, in it it said that Ross, this man here before you, had lowered the political standard. Does he look like a man that would do such a thing? No, he doesn't, and what that paper said was untrue. I was in the House of Commons when he was there and he is one of the finest men I ever met, almost as good as myself.

—Laughter. Mr. Ross from his youth up was of the highest character and he can look all in the face and defy any reflection to be cast on his character, either personal or public. The Mail mentioned something about the machine being got at work again. What does it mean by that? Because we are so well organized and supported by our friends we are branded as a machine by the Mail and Whitney.

Why it was this same paper that served years ago, within my recollection, was endeavoring to annex Canada to the United States. Then again this same paper and Mr. Whitney advocated and supported the same Government who were forced to dismiss a Minister of the Crown for corruption and which, out of a contract of \$2,000,000 secured \$1,000,000, and yet they talk of bribing and corruption. Did Hon. Ross, Hardy or Mowat ever

receive a dollar in this way? No, they did not.

"The Ross Government is deserving of the confidence of the people. I heard Mr. Ross' first speech in the House and was highly pleased. He has only been Premier for three years; he has submitted his financial statement and speech, you want to read it, and carefully all the way through, and if you do I know how the vote will go.

"Ladies and gentlemen, I have seen millions of dollars worth of the best of timber burned up and destroyed simply because the Government was not progressive.

"Every dollar that the Government puts in in the aiding and subsidizing of the railways in New Ontario is not only a benefit to them but to all Ontario.

"Then the school system is the best and shows the genius and ability of Ross when Minister of Education. All the Provinces are adopting it and—'Bats, Bats!' from the gallery.

"Yes," replied Dr. Landerkin, "there is a rat up there"—the United States also is copying it.

"But Mr. Ross," continued Dr. Landerkin, "I must not speak so much on these lines or I will spoil your speech."

In conclusion, ladies and gentlemen, let me say that Pardo is the man (cheers) you want to support and are going to. "Can't do it," came from the corner, "and as for Mr. Lee I don't know of any one more deserving of your support. There is no one more desirous of doing good than he."

NEEDED THE PREMIER.

Chairman Kerr, in introducing Mr. Ross to the audience took occasion to pay a very high tribute to his worth as the Premier of Ontario. In referring to Mr. Whitney's recent visit to Chatham, he spoke of his speech as a series of abusive remarks about Mr. Ross.

"I listened to his whole speech, which lasted for the space of two hours," said he, "and during that time he did nothing but find fault with Mr. Ross. I felt then that we must have Mr. Ross here in order that you might see the man of whom so many unkind things have been said. You will have the pleasure this evening of hearing the premier himself."

MR. NEEDHAM'S ADDRESS.

Before Mr. Ross took the platform, however, W. Needham, on behalf of the colored people of the city presented him with an address. The address was eloquently delivered, and at its conclusion Mr. Needham was rewarded with loud applause.

Mr. Ross then arose in his seat on the platform, and was greeted with hearty applause. When it subsided, Little Gladys Graham Gardner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Gardner, walked on the platform, and presented him with a beautiful bouquet of red roses, fastened with long streamers of red ribbon. The little set of kindness and courtesy fairly brought down the house with applause. After Mr. Ross recognized the gift, the little maiden was taken in charge of Senator Landerkin, and remained sitting on his knee throughout the rest of the evening.

THE PREMIER'S ADDRESS.

Mr. Ross opened his address with a few words of thanks and appreciation for the fitting reception tendered him upon his arrival in the city.

"I thank you people of Chatham and neighborhood," said he, "for your reception. It is indeed gratifying to see citizens rally around him of whom so many unpleasant things have been said. I am glad also to see a number of the clergymen on hand. The Conservative leaders have done much in the way of abusing me on the public platform, but I am glad to see that you do not believe their tale of woe. I also thank this little maiden for her beautiful bouquet.

"I do not come to you this evening with any desire to worry you about the misdeeds of the opposition. Senator Landerkin has done sufficient of that for all practical purposes. I come to you to-night bringing a message of comfort and hope. We have been pessimistic long enough, and we should now look into the bright future which is before us. I am glad to see and feel such a pulsation of confidence in ourselves and in the future. It has been said that the pulse beats like a cannon. I hope and believe that our pulse beats stronger to-day than it ever did.

I was delighted to hear such kindly references to myself from Mr. Stephens. I don't see how you could have got along without such able representatives as you have both in the Dominion and local houses. Mr. Lee is the baby of the house—laughter—but if he is a local of the babies that Kent produces, you must have truly wonderful men.—Cheers. I like Lee and I hope you will return him again to the house. He is entitled to a seat in the house, both for his own sake and for the sake of the government. Mr. Pardo, the candidate for West Kent, is best described as the grand old man of Kent. He is the friend of everyone in the house and I feel sure he will receive the votes of all of the best thinking Conservatives, as well as the Reformers. There is not a more useful member in the house. He is not what you could call a public speaker but his counsel is invariably sought after by the government in all questions of vital importance. I cannot name another member in the house to whom I would rather go for advice in any perplexing question than to Mr. Pardo.—Cheers. He is a level headed man, and I am sure that the vote of West Kent will return him

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