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Strong Pleas by Hon. J. R. Stratton and Hon. John Dryden.

Caustic Arraignment of the Opposition's Do-Nothing Policy.

People's Money in Ontario.

Rousing Meeting in West London in the Interest of Dr. McWilliam-Mr. H. B. Cronyn and Dr. Stevenson Made Pointed Speeches.

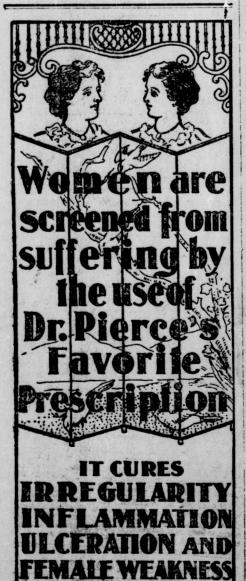
Collins' Hall, West London, last night, only difference in their respective in the interest of Dr. J. McWilliam speeches was that Mr. Bartlett made the government candidate in the East story of the little girl, the daughter of Middlesex bye-election. Hon. J. R. a clergyman, who was asked if her fa-Stratton, provincial secretary, deliverod a masterly address, replete with intersting information and convincing ergument. Mr. Hume B. Cronyn also made a capital address. Col. Leys, M.P.P., who had been announced to nine-tenths composed of invective speak, was unfortunately unable to be against corruption on the part of the present. For the past few days he has been unwell, and his physician forbade his attendance at the meeting. Squire Lacey presided, and the large audience the speakers a very attentive against corruption on the part of the hearing. The hall was well filled, and the meeting began sharp on time.

In opening, the chairman said that the meeting had been called in the interest of the candidate of the great Liberal party of the Province of Ontario. Most of those present, he said, were workingmen, as the majority of those in this portion of the riding were workingmen, and the party in whose interests the meeting was being held had proved themselves the friend of workingmen of the community. During the past summer they had had ample evidence that the representative of this party had supported the workingmen in their struggle against cor-porate greed, to the extent of serious personal inconvenience. He had not read or heard a single word from the other side in encouragement of the workingmen. He was not discussing the right or wrong of the struggle that had taken place, but it was surely no wrong for workingmen to strive to place their lives in a condition above slavery. He asked the support of those present for the candidate of the Liberal party. Dr. McWilliam was unfortunately not present, as he had to address a meeting at Lambeth, but they had with them some of the best speakers in the province. Anyone wishing to speak in support of the opposite side would be given the opportunity, and he invited them to take a seat on the platform. He then called on Dr. Ste-

venson to address the gathering. ALD. STEVENSON.

Ald. Stevenson was well received. He said he was interested in the candidature of Dr. Mc William in this election because he was sure that when the question of the abolition of the ward system came before the legislature, he would support it. Col. Leys had expressed his determination to support the vote of the city when the question came before the legislature, and the speaker felt sure that Dr. McWilliam would also stand by the workingmen. He had done so during the recent Although out of all possible reach of a boycott, he had in conversawith the speaker last summer, stated that he would not ride on a street car until the difficulty was settled. (Applause.) He was distinctly a supporter of the workingmen in that instance, and it was reasonable to suppose that he would continue to be. This matter of ward abolition was of the utmost importance to the tax-payers of the city. While the ward system prevailed the London Street Railway Company's property was as-sessed as "scrap iron," and valued at \$11,200, whereas it should be assessed for over \$150,000. There was much more than appeared on the surface in this matter. Ald. Stevenson commended the government on their record, and dwelt particularly upon the benefit that the province had derived from the conduct of the department of agriculture by the Hon. John Dryden. Ald. Stevenson, in conclusion, appealed to the electors to support Dr. McWilliam, intimating that it would be unfortunate

If he were turned down. Chairman Lacey-There is no danger



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of his being turned down, apaprently. From reports I have received today, Dr. McWilliam is making a splendid race, and will, at least, win by a neck.

MR. H. B. CRONYN. Mr. H. B. Cronyn,in opening, explained that Col. Leys, who was to have been present, had been absolutely forbidden by his doctor to attend the meetings. The colonel had for the past week been in poor health, and his doc-tor had told him it was almost as much as his life was worth to attend this meeting. The colonel was fully as disappointed as those present, as he had looked forward to addressing the electors of West London. All understood that the colonel's only fault was that his heart was too loig for his body. As to Dr. McWilliam's absence, he had been inadvertently slated for a meeting at Lambeth as well as for this local Judicious Expenditure of the able to take the Lambeth meeting. An opportunity would later be afforded the electors of West London to hear Dr. McWilliam. The speaker had been present the previous evening at a meeting in Arva in Dr. McWilliam's interests, at which two gentlemen had asked to speak for Capt. Robson. He had been interested in their addresses, as it was his first opportunity to hear the opposition side. One of them was Mr. Campbell, of Ekfrid, and the other was Mr. Bartlett, of London, and the ther preached many different sermons, to which she replied, "Oh, no, but he hollers at different places." Mr. Bartlett hollered at different places from Mr. Campbell. He was surprised to hear from them so little common-sense, so little reasonable argument. It was vout, and also like many of them, fond of his glass of whisky, was one night going home late in a rather befuddled condition, and wandered into a swamp. A terrific storm of thunder and lightning was raging, and the poor Scot was quite bewildered by the successive flashes of lightning and peals of thunder, until, in desperation, he prayed, "Oh, Lord, if it's all the same to you, I would like a little more light and a little less noise." Mr. Bartlett should the electors a little more light and a little less noise. There was a great deal of talk of the corruption in West Elgin. There was no use now in discussing the corruption in that rid-All deplored it, and none more than the speaker. He wished that we had reached the age when corruption would be impossible. He believed that the party was doomed to failure that systematically practiced corrupt meth-This was not the first time the ballot-boxes had been stuffed, though may be it was the first time it had been done by the Liberals. It had no con-

nection with the present issue, for the Conservative pot to call the Liberal kettle black, and it was no use for the Liberal kettle to retort in kind. The speaker warned his hearers that this ery against the Liberals was a very old cry. Another point these speakers had touched upon was the Agricultural College, but they failed utterly to score upon this point. Mr. Dryden sat by quietly while they made all manner of wild statements, but when he rose to reply they lost their tempers, and were constantly interrupting him. Mr .Campbell said Capt. Robson was a better farmer than John Dryden, and agriculture. Mr. Campbell minister would

was Mr. Dryden's abilities as a thorough practical farmer and stock-raiser. speaker ventured to say that Capt. Robson himself had too much intelligence not to repudiate such extravagant claims for him.

Next, as to the surplus. If the Liberals claimed to have \$5,000,000 in cash, then the Conservatives would have grounds for disputing their but the Liberals had not done so. They merely say they have a surplus of assets, which is a different matter. Optario is entitled to assets held by the Dominion Government, which are better than cash in hand, and which vield substantial profits to the provincial treasury. The Con-servatives had been clamoring for a commission to investigate the financial position of the province, and Premier Ross has said that he will satisfy them. He has appointed a commission composed of Byron E. Walker, general manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce; John Hoskin, LL.D., a man high in the legal profession, and the manager of the Toronto branch of the Bank of Montreal. That commission is at work at the present time. and will present a report without fear or favor. For twenty years the Conor favor. For twenty years the Con-servatives have been saying that Ontario is bankrupt; yet for that same twenty years the province has been going along spending large sums wisely, and yet has today a cash balance on hand in the banks of \$1,500,000. So

much for the surplus.

In conclusion, Mr. Cronyn said that he knew Dr. McWilliam to be a man of the most unimpeachable honesty. of sound judgment and of undoubted executive ability, and a man who would, if sent to the legislature, do honor to the riding, and be a power in the house. He hoped that every vote would be turned out on polling day.

and that when the vote was counted Dr. McWilliam would head the poll. HON. MR. STRATTON. Hon. Mr. Stratton was given an ovation. He joined in the regrets of the people of East Middlesex at the occasion of this election. The late Mr. Hodgens was liked both by the members of the government and the members of the opposition, he said. For the vacant seat a government and an opposition candidate had been nominated. Both were estimable citizens. It was not, however, with the personal character of the men they had to deal, it was with the policy of the parties they represented. Not that there should be any partyism in the matter. The speaker did not ask the electors to cast their ballots either as Liberals or as Conservatives, but as independent voters, and for the interest of the community as a whole. Dr. McWilliam, the government candidate, had lived among them. They knew him to be a worthy son of Middlesex. Had there been any scandal concern-ing him they would have heard of it. In the premier they had another man who was also born in Middlesex, who had taught school in the county and had risen, not only to the position of minister of education, but was today premier of the greatest province in the Dominion. The electors of East Mid-dlesex would hardly send to Toronto a representative to oppose the premier, who was such a credit to the county.

The meeting of the previous evening, held in the interest of the opposition candidate, and the speeches delivered by his supporters were referred to. He asked had any policy been outlined for 'ne opposition worth a man's crossing the ballot for? The policy of the government was well de-

furnished by the government? In no country under the broad canopy of heaven did the people have more control or a better standard of municipal government. What improvement in the schools did they suggest? In no amendments introduced by the opposition had they attempted to improve either the municipal or educational government of the country. Ontario's educational system was second to

The government could point with pride also to the country's agricul-tural progress. In 587 Mr. Whitney had opposed the appointment of a minister of agriculture. But the wisdom of the appointment was proven in many ways. The speaker reviewed the work that had been done also in the building of colonization roads, and the improvement and construction of waterways, to facilitate transportation of produce to the markets. country was in advance of Ontario today, he said. Referring to what had been done for the working class, he defied contradiction of the statement that in the statutes of no other counwere there as many laws for the protection of the working class as there were on the statute books of Ontario today. There were 38 distinct enactments brought down, not by the opposition, but by the government. He cited and described the mechanics' lien law, the employers' liability act, Ontario factories' act, the industrial disputes act, the early closing act, the miners' act, the bakeshops act, and a number of others. In connection with the industrial disputes Mr. Stratton said, under it, in case of dispute between employes and employers the two interests could be brought together, and the question at issue arbitrated fairly. "Perhaps it would be well to go a little further along that line," he said, "and bring together street railway companies and their employes." (Loud applause.) No class in the community had

ceived greater attention from the government than had the working class. And the workingmen did not realize the fights the government had made in their case. Mr. A. W. Wright, the head of labor organizations in Canada, had said that while there were still some improvements which labor cranks would wish, the laws of Ontario were immeasurably in advance of many states in the Union. And these had been passed by the government. The opposition had not endeavored in any shape or form to improve the con-

dition of the working class.

In 1894 thirty-eight bills were passed, and only a minor one had been introduced by the opposition. In 1895 the number of bills passed was 41, and but one of slight importance had been introduced by the opposition. In 1896 the opposition introduced a bill respecting the Veterinary College, and another respecting the Historical Society. The total number passed was 55. In 1897 one of the 48 bills passed was introduced by the opposition, and it was Mr. Howland's bill to empower wardens of the Church of England to sell the pews if the pew-holders could not pay the rent. Not one of the 30 bills passed in 1893 was brought in by the opposition, while in 1899, of the 31 bills passed, vantage of their opportunities to legis-late in the interests of the province. But Mr. Whitney had opposed having a Note of the province of t minister of agriculture. The govern-ment had placed a practical farmer at the head of the department, and he had lone more for the agricultural interests of the province than possibly any other man could have done. The speaker commended the starting of an experi-mental farm in the Ra't Portage district. It had shown the boys of the dom and correctness of the govern-province that the land there was till-ment. able, and the country had been devel-Today in Wabigoon there were 800 people: in Dryden there were and in an area of 30,000 acres there were 300 farmers tilling the soil. "It was well-expended money." he said, and added: "We are going to do the same in other portions of the province." (Applause.) Mr. Whitney's opposition to the grant of \$1,400 to the Ontario Poultry Association, and to the ap-pointment of a clerk of forestry, was criticised. The poultry interest was one of the most important in the country, and should be encouraged. The appointment of a clerk of forestry was also of the utmost importance. Mr. Whitney had also voted to abolish the whole public works department. The sum of \$10,000,000 had been spent in public buildings, and the necessity for

the department was apparent. Mr. Whitney had voted against the establishment of the asylum at Brockville, the need of which was proven by the fact that the number of patients there at present is 600. Mr. Whitney had opposed the opening up of the Rainy River district; but the speaker held that every acre of land in the province should be surveyed. The opposition had voted against the early They had also voted closing act. against the appointment of a superintendent of neglected children, under not a slavery institution. It was run on whose care foster-homes were provided for the friendless little ones. had opposed the establishment of the London Normal School, that magnificent building which was such a credit to the city, and advantage to Western Ontario. "And," said the speaker, "when at the next session the proposal is made to establish an infirmary in connection with the London Asylum for Insane at a cost of between \$30,000 and \$40,000. the opposition will, no doubt, vote against that as well."

Mr. Stratton proceeded to deal with the speeches of the previous evening. He had read the press reports of the meeting, and doubted if any three men had ever before stood upon a platform and made so many mis-statements. Wherever an utterance at that meeting is reported as a direct statement," he said, vigorously, "it is a false one. That is strong language; but it is abso-

lutely true." (Applause.)
Capt. Robson was quoted as saying that in 1898 the farm proper at the Ontario Agricultural College had been a loss to the government of \$2,800. This was disproven by the records, Mr. Stratton said. In 1897 the profit was \$1.163 01, and in 1898 it had been increased to \$1,419.88. But even if it had been a loss, there would have been nothing wrong. The superintendent, who also delivered lectures and assisted farmers' institutes, was paid \$1,200, and many supplies were sent from the

farm to the college. Capt. Robson's argument that the riding should not go into the county of Oxford for a representative was un- him.

fair. A Voice-Sir John A. Macdonald went to Winnipeg. (Laughter.) Mr. Stratton-Sir John A. Macdonald went to British Columbia and represented 25 voters. (Renewed laughter). The speaker characterized the arguments of the opposition as "picayune. Capt. Robson had said that the Dominion Live Stock Breeders' Associa-tion, of which he was a member, had accomplished more than the government in the reduction of railway rates. Capt. Robson was not one of the stockmen who waited on Mr. Dryden. All the influence of the various stock associations of the province had been used by Mr. Dryden to force the concession from the railways. Capt. Robson was not there at all. (Laughter and ap-

purpose of buying votes was denied. Of Mr. Meredith's statement that Mr. Whitney was honestly elected, that he had not a cent at his back, Mr. Stratton 2 000 N said, "That's a libel on Billy Smith." (Laughter.) There must have been a fund somewhere. The speaker did not think every Conservative a rascal, nor every Liberal a scamp. There was good and bad in both parties, as in churches. Mr. Meredith was mistaken when he said: "Look at the four or five registrers in this county, drawing five registrers in this county, drawing \$3,000 or \$4,000 a year, when a clerk on \$600 would do the work." There were but three registrars in the county and only one had been appointed by the Liberal Government. The average salary was \$1,714. Mr. Stratton cited the additional institutions under government control as an answer to Mr. Meredith's statement that the number of officials had been increased. The opposition sat as dumb as oysters while all but three appointments were made. The three they objected to were the inspector of liquor licenses, the road instructor, and the clerk of forestry, three of the most useful officials. The broad statement about reckless expenditure was unfair without specific charges. Mr. Meredith had not done his distinguished brothers justice when he criticised the elevation of Mr. Hardy. With regard to Mr. Meredith's statement that none of the asylum contractors would get a contract if they did not contribute \$500 for election purposes, Mr. Stratton said, "I'll give Mr. Meredith my seat in the house if he can substantiate one fraction of that statement." (Applause.) Many of the contractors were not Liberals. The speaker, as head of the department, openly instructed the bursars to buy supplies in their own towns, all other things being equal; to buy from Ontario manufacturers if possible. If not in Ontario, then in the other provinces, or the mother country, but not to go outside of the empire unless they had to. Was that wrong? (Cries of "No.") If there was any doubt about values, the matter was referred to the provincial sec-retary, and the responsibility rested on

FINANCIAL STANDING. The financial standing of the prov-ince was next set forth. The province started the year with over \$1,500,000 to its credit, Mr. Stratton said, and of that sum \$800,000 were the accumulated savings of the last two years. There was today on special deposit, bearing interest, \$440,000; on current account, \$104,000; the semi-annual subsidy from

the Dominion of \$720,000, and receipts

from crown lands and timber sales of \$355,000—a total of \$1,618,000. The receipts for 1899 amounted to \$3,-810,000, and the expenditure-including \$126,000 to railway subsidy fund, \$103,-000 paid annuities, and \$6,000 drainage debentures—was \$3,700,000; so that the actual surplus of revenue over ordinary expenditure was \$355,000. The \$245,000 received from a timber sale last December is not included in this sum. The speaker pointed to the vast works carried on by the government in the in-terest of suffering humanity, the asylums, hospitals, etc. The opposition had yet to say where public works had while in 1899, of the 31 bills passed, been wrongly erected. He justified the the opposition introduced only two, sale of timber. It had to be cut, and it must these were of no significance. It was sold at the highest price ever paid with the opposition had taken advantage of their oppositions to legis.

> (Laughter.) "Yes, and a whole bag full of them,"

said Mr. Stratton.

The expenditure of the government had been large, and the people of the province were happy, contented and prosperous. There were throughout the

As to what had been done for Middlesex, Mr. Stratton said the financial benefit derived by the county from 1872 to 1899, was as follows: Lunatic asylums ...... \$ 754,084 53 Central Prison ..... 61.987 34 

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a chance by reducing the marriage li-censes from \$6 to \$2—(laughter)—although the revenue was lessened by \$30,000 a year. The opposition speakers had referred to the increased cost per inmate of the Penetanguishene reformatory, but the institution was now educational lines. That cost more, but it was more satisfactory.

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