

LOWERING DUTIES ON FOOD IS NOW MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE NAVY QUESTION

Sir Wilfrid Was Given Magnificent Reception at Hamilton as He Dealt With Leading Political Issues at the Young Liberal Rally.

Hamilton, Nov. 26.—Scenes of enthusiasm never paralleled at a meeting occurred this evening many times in the course of a magnificent address by Sir Wilfrid Laurier to the local Young Liberals.

The chief address brought the big audience to its feet time after time, and he was greeted with ringing applause that often lasted for many minutes.

"I call you to fight with me, to fight the battle of public service, to fight the battle of your country and its citizenship. We will fight together. (Cheers.) Never mind reverses if they come. Fight on. (Renewed cheers.) Political life is often punctuated by big reverses. Keep on, on, on, meeting success without exultation, facing reverse without despondency."

Stand By Ideals.

"Stand to your ideals. Stand fast, stand true. Fulfill the great duty that belongs to British citizenship. Keep your ideal before you like the cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night which guided the people of God from the tribulations of bondage to the promised land."

"Let my last word be this: Let us all together, old and young, join hands, gird our loins, buckle on our armor, unfurl our standard, and go forward together in service, in earnest, whole-hearted, unselfish service for Canada first, Canada last, and Canada forever."

A remarkable scene followed. Spontaneously the great gathering sprang to its feet and cheered again and again.

Canada's Position. Prefacing an enlightened discussion of the naval question, Sir Wilfrid pointed to Canada's position as a nation. Every community which had reached the status of a nation faced the duty to defend its own territory

and its own shores. But the question had been complicated by the actions of the Conservative party, who played with it as with a football, kicking it one way and kicking it another way to suit the exigencies of the moment or the temper of the audience. He had long proclaimed that Canada was a nation, and had been taken to task by Conservative speakers and newspapers, who insisted that so long as the British flag was floating over the Dominion Canada would never be called a nation, yet within the last fortnight two cabinet ministers had proclaimed in New York that Canada was a nation, and that the word "colony" had been taken out of her dictionary.

Must Assume a Share.

Having reached the status of a nation, the time had come, continued Sir Wilfrid, for Canada to assume some of the burden of defence. The question was what that share should be, and what were our rights and what were our duties.

This question was not free from difficulties and those difficulties were enhanced and made worse by the position of the nations of Europe. "The condition of Europe today," he said, "is a disgrace and a shame to the civilization of the twentieth century. Europe today is an armed camp. The leading nations of Europe—England, Germany, France, Austria-Hungary, Russia, Italy—each of these nations is spending upon its armament from one-third to over half of its revenue. Yet there is not at present among these nations any discord. There has been no war among them for the last forty years. They profess to be friendly. There is not one of them that contemplates a policy of aggression against its neighbors. (Hear, hear.)"

Are Distrustful.

"They are friendly, I say, but they are distrustful of one another, and it is because of that distrust that they dare not act as between man and man and say 'Let us be friends. That

is what they call the European concert. I would call it a farce. And there are men who want us as Canadians to step into that farce."

"Speaking as a Liberal to Liberals, I believe, nay, I feel certain, I am convinced in my mind and heart, the policy which has been followed by the Liberal party upon the ground of absolute autonomy is the only policy that will be acceptable to the Canadian people. (Cheers.)"

Free Food For All.

"It is true I might say something about reciprocity," commented Sir Wilfrid, "but I have no recommendations to make. The problem is before us. Let us bury the past and look to the future. There our duty lies. The situation requires action, prompt, unhesitating action. The policy I give you at this moment, the policy I believe every patriot in Canada ought to now support, and the policy I believe it to be the duty of the Government to immediately inaugurate, is a policy of absolutely free food—free from customs duty. (Prolonged cheering.)"

Favors Revision.

"It will be said to me," the Liberal leader continued, reasoning out his proposal, "if you advocate that policy do you not advocate a revision of the tariff to that extent. Certainly I do. (Renewed cheering.) But somebody will tell me that the tariff which is in force today is the Fielding tariff of 1897. So it is, but the Fielding tariff was made for the needs of that time, not for all eternity. It has been the policy of the Liberal party at all times to stand so far as possible for stability in tariff, but when the needs of the people call for action, action must be taken. (Renewed cheers.)"

The Navy Question.

Sir Wilfrid dealt with the naval question, and the issues, imperial and national, involved in its solution. He reiterated the policy of the Liberal party to the working out of Canada's destiny as a self-respecting, responsible nation of an imperial sisterhood of nations, and proceeded.

"But what is of immediate interest to the people of Canada today is not the price of Dreadnoughts. There is one thing which at this moment engages the minds of the people from the Pacific to the Atlantic Ocean, it is a far more prosaic and far more vital question—it is the question of the high cost of living. (Cheers.)"

New Problems Arising.

"I told you at the beginning that new problems are continually arising, these are latent forces which, unopposed, would be latent forces of disaster which were never dreamed of. This is one of them."

"In this city of Hamilton, which today, as I understand, prides itself on a population of over one hundred thousand, go into the homes of the workingmen and mechanics, of the clerk in the drygoods store, and the clerk in the warehouse, even the professional man and the clergyman, and the question which is discussed at this moment is not the price of the goods which they are making, but the question of the problem of making ends meet as between expenditure and income. (Cheers.)"

During the afternoon Sir Wilfrid and Mr. N. W. Rowell addressed a meeting at the Y. W. C. A. rooms and were accorded a great reception.

Sir Wilfrid was introduced by Mr. J. R. Marshall, president of the Liberal Club, and after a complimentary address, he expressed his pleasure in addressing such a representative gathering of the fair sex. They represented the wives and daughters of the men of the Liberal clubs. The word Liberal was deep in his heart. A good cause could be forwarded by the ladies even if they did not have the franchise. They ought to be regarded as the common welfare. The idea that women were inferior to men was a thing of the past. People today were living in a better age, and a woman was acknowledged as the equal of man. Many men would be wise if they followed the advice of their wives instead of their own inspiration.

Great Questions.

Sir Wilfrid referred to the greatness of Queen Anne, Queen Elizabeth and Queen Victoria. Queen Elizabeth, he said, was an imperialist in the true sense of the word. Queen Victoria was a perfect woman. If women were to have the franchise it must be from provincial governments.

Woman was queen of the home, and every husband knew she could influence her husband. He was fighting yet because his wife urged him on. Under the conclusion of his last campaign he told his wife that he would retire and let a younger man take his place. "When I knew I was defeated on the night of Sept. 21, which I remember yet," he continued, "my wife said: 'You will have to remain in the fight; you can't resign, and here I am.'"

A Big Question.

Mr. Rowell said woman's suffrage was so great a question that he did not wish to disturb their afternoon with it, and would permit his views to remain undisclosed. He referred to the assistance woman was to the community. Men had removed disabilities, but he had come to the conclusion that they had introduced in that way to women. Women could do much toward solving questions before the people. They could aid the Government in the solution of social questions. Men could not solve them. The matter of women working in shops was of deep concern. They were the mothers of the future, and much depended on their character as to what the children of the future would be. They could help in the housing question and in matters of moral reform.

A reception was held after the speech-making, and hundreds availed themselves of the opportunity of greeting the Liberal leaders.

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WHITNEY'S POLICY IS AN ABSURDITY, SAYS REV. SPENCE

Rally at Ilderton in Temperance Interests Was Largely Attended.

STRONG FOR LAIDLAW

Leading Speakers Urge Electors To Help Fight Against All Barrooms.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ilderton, Nov. 26.—The temperance rally held tonight in Ilderton Town Hall in the interests of Mr. John W. Laidlaw, temperance candidate, was by far the best meeting held in London Township during the present campaign. The attendance was very much larger than at the Conservative meeting addressed by Hon. Mr. Hanna on Tuesday night. Mr. Robert Jackson was nominated chairman, and addresses were given by Mr. Thomas Baty, secretary of the Middlesex Temperance Alliance, and Rev. Ben H. Spence, secretary of the Dominion Temperance Alliance.

Public Opinion Against the Bar. Mr. Baty spoke of the development of temperance sentiment, and cited as an illustration, the history of Westminster Township. He remembered when there were 19 licenses in that township. Today there were none, and to a greater or less extent the same was true of many other municipalities throughout the province. An enlightening public opinion was recognized the evil of the barroom and the traffic was doomed. Mr. Baty told of the temper of the convention which nominated Mr. Laidlaw and showed agreement with Mr. Laidlaw's position, and Conservative delegates who felt the need for advanced action. He then spoke of Mr. Laidlaw's candidature and showed that upon the temperance question, Mr. Laidlaw represented the temperance people without regard to party. He knew of a great many Conservative who would vote for Mr. Laidlaw, because they were disgusted with Mr. McFarlan's stand, and felt that a Conservative candidate more acceptable to the temperance people should have been nominated. He appealed to the electors to vote for the ideal of a province without a licensed barroom, with a people contented and happy, and where children could grow up without the contamination of drinking places.

Rev. Ben H. Spence stated first of all that he was not present as Ben Spence, but officially as secretary of the Dominion Temperance Alliance, and that the organization which was by its very constitution absolutely non-partisan. After reviewing the progress of temperance reform, Mr. Spence showed that local option was the only issue that was adequate to meet the present situation in the province. To get further advanced legislation, it was necessary to elect legislators who were recognized as the party of the people. He then quoted from the resolution passed by the annual convention of the Temperance Alliance:

Carry Out Alliance Resolution.

"That whereas 502 municipalities in the province are without license; and whereas 123 additional municipalities have voted by substantial majorities for local option, and whereas the remaining municipalities are a continual menace to the local option municipalities, we believe that the time has come for the Government to give advanced legislation; we therefore request the Government to give us provincial prohibition to the full extent of the power of the Legislature."

"That this convention calls upon all friends of the temperance cause to take steps to secure the nomination and election in every constituency of a representative who can be relied upon to do all in his power to secure the suppression of the liquor traffic."

He showed that the action taken by the temperance people of East Middlesex was simply loyal carrying out of the resolution of the provincial convention. He quoted Mr. McFarlan's statement on the temperance question and compared it with the clear-cut, ringing declaration for temperance of Mr. Laidlaw.

Replied to Mr. Hanna.

Mr. Spence then proceeded to criticize the Government. Mr. Hanna, he observed, had asked the previous night why the Spences did not try to carry local option in Toronto and London, instead of running a temperance candidate in East Middlesex. Mr. Spence showed clearly that Mr. Hanna's own action in folioing the three-fifths requirements upon the people had made it impossible to carry local option in the largest cities, and in seeking to elect legislators, who were in favor of more advanced legislation, and would remedy the three-fifths injustice, Mr. Spence contended, the temperance people were taking the wisest and most practical course for the securing of further restriction of the liquor traffic in Toronto and London as well as in every other place. Mr. Hanna had contended that the temperance question should not be brought into politics. The speaker was afraid that Mr. Hanna was more thoughtful of the result of the temperance issue. The one who would suffer would be the man or the party that did not come out straight and true on the temperance question, and they ought to suffer.

What Does Government Offer?

Mr. Spence asked the audience what Mr. Hanna had offered as the policy of the Government on the previous evening. He had elaborated on the great policy that the Government had up its sleeve in fulfillment of the famous pledge to abolish treating. The speaker did not advocate the abolition of shop as well as bar licenses. Surely Mr. Hanna advocated it himself. Surely the Government had sought to be practical and advanced to offer? He (Mr. Spence) had looked for it in vain. Five cabinet speakers had taken part in the present East Middlesex campaign and the nearest any of them had come to defining the policy of the Government was Hon. I. B. Lucas, who was reported by the Free Press as saying:

The position of the Government today is that the people have now in

their own hands all the machinery necessary to bring into effect practical prohibition in every county in old Ontario."

Conservative Policy an Absurdity.

Such a policy, said Mr. Spence, in view of the present situation in the province was an absurdity, and yet Mr. McFarlan, he was "behind the Government." The Whitney Government was away behind the temperance sentiment of the people as expressed by the votes of the people of East Middlesex. Surely tomorrow, no temperance man would be found trailing behind Mr. McFarlan.

In closing, Mr. Spence appealed to the electors to lay aside party prejudices and to take the lead. "We can but appeal to you," said Mr. Spence. "We have not the power now to express ourselves at the polls. Will you not now act as the trustees of the temperance workers of the province, and on behalf of future prosperity of this province, on behalf of the fathers and mothers that want the liquor traffic abolished, on behalf of the rising generation, send John W. Laidlaw down to the Legislature as an Independent Temperance candidate?" Mr. Spence's address was followed by enthusiastic applause.

17,000 OUT OF WORK IN WINNIPEG JUST NOW

In Vancouver and Brandon Men Are Being Fed by the City.

Winnipeg, Nov. 27.—Seventeen thousand three hundred men are out of employment in Winnipeg at the present time, according to W. Hammond, past president of the Building Trades Council, at the executive council of the Amalgamated Trade Unions in the Labor Temple. He arrived at this figure by a consideration of trade unionists now idle. He says 25,000 will be idle by Christmas.

There are in Winnipeg over thirteen thousand trade unionists. Over fifty per cent. of these are idle. These are mainly men skilled in the building trades. These men have helpers amounting to at least a number equal with their own. That makes nearly fourteen thousand. He estimates that, conservatively speaking, there are three thousand five hundred other idle men in the city—clerks, office men, railroad construction men and laborers.

Several western cities are feeding their unemployed under municipal orders, and among these being Vancouver and Brandon. The towns in Northern Saskatchewan and Alberta have passed the crisis by reason of the fact that many men have gone from the city to the lumber camps of the country.

WM. H. BABCOCK WAS COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

Was Released on Ten Thousand Dollar Bail by Ridgeway Authorities.

Ridgeway, Nov. 26.—William H. Babcock, charged with striking and killing Henry Albright, a neighbor, of Howard Township, was committed for trial today. He was released on bail in the amount of \$10,000. During an altercation, which occurred at a threshing some time ago, Albright was knocked down by Babcock and injured internally. He died several days later. It is not definitely known when the trial will be held.

A coroner's jury, empaneled to investigate Albright's death, did not implicate Babcock in the affair, but merely gave the exact cause of death, without suggesting the means by which the injury might have been received.

Furniture Factory Destroyed by Fire

Damage in Blaze at Wingham Is Fully Covered by Insurance.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Wingham, Nov. 27.—Fire which broke out shortly after 6:30 last night practically gutted Walker & Clegg's furniture factory, causing a loss of about \$10,000, which is fully covered by insurance. The fire was first noticed in the shipping room, and, fanned by a high wind, had made great headway in the frame structure before Chief Dinsley and his men could get water on the flames. The place was filled with packing and inflammable material and burned fiercely. The factory was filled with Christmas stock and many large shipments on order for the holiday season would have been completed and made within a few days. Work on a fine new brick factory will be started as soon as possible.

WANTED FOR MURDER

Former President of Nicaragua Is Under Arrest in New York.

[Canadian Press.] New York, Nov. 27.—Agents of the department of justice last night arrested General Jose Santos Zelaya, former president of Nicaragua, arousing him from his bed in a west end apartment house. The warrant served charges him with murder.

HELPED ORPHANAGE

Wingham Women Warmly Committed by Orange Grand Master.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Wingham, Nov. 26.—Grand Master Newman, of the Loyal True Blue Lodge and Orphanage, at Picton, addressed a large audience in the town hall last evening, and in the course of his address especially thanked the women of Wingham, who he said had helped the work at the orphanage greatly. He gave a fine account of the work that is being done for the children in the home.

Mayor Spotted also complimented the women for their efforts and thought that women should be given votes. If they were enfranchised he thought many reforms would be inaugurated, especially in the Legislature.

Reeve McKibbin also spoke and the program included some fine musical

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numbers. The proceeds, which total \$20, go to the orphanage. Rev. E. H. Croly presided, and those who took charge of booths were Miss Maud, Elizabeth and Louise Flutey, Mrs. W. B. Elliott, Mrs. Robt. Mason, Mrs. Walter Cunningham and Mrs. M. Beckwith.

URGES ELECTORS TO STAND BY LAIDLAW

The Dominion Alliance Speakers Addressed Enthusiastic Rally at W. Iburn.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Welburn, Nov. 26.—About seventy people crowded into the Foresters' Hall tonight to hear Mr. J. W. Laidlaw, temperance candidate for East Middlesex. Rev. W. A. Campbell, of the Dominion Temperance Alliance; Mr. Fred W. Daly, London, and Rev. Mr. Herbert, pastor of Welburn Methodist Church, deliver strong and convincing addresses in the interests of Mr. Laidlaw. Although both Conservatives and Liberals were represented in the meeting, it could not have been more favorable to the alliance policy, and principles advocated by the speakers. Enthusiastic cheers and generous applause clearly showed that the temper of the electors present was strong and determined for Mr. Laidlaw's election.

Clergymen Speak for Laidlaw. Rev. Mr. Pettit, pastor of Welburn Baptist Church, presided, and dwelt upon the evils of the liquor traffic and temptations hanging upon it in the cities and other centres of population. Mr. Laidlaw clearly and satisfactorily stated his position as the candidate of the Temperance Alliance. Rev. Mr. Campbell emphasized the importance of the temperance issue from both moral and financial standpoints. By comparison he showed how much more progressive and adequate the Rowell temperance policy is than the so-called policy of Mr. Whitney. Mr. Campbell also cited instances of lax enforcement of the existing license laws.

Slow Progress of Whitney Government. Mr. Daly pointed out the slow progress of the Whitney Government along temperance lines, and he emphasized the fact that the temperance people had expected the Government to do something for the temperance cause. So far, however, Mr. Whitney had sadly disappointed them.

WILL BE EXECUTED

First Death Penalty, Although 650 Murders Have Been Committed.

[Canadian Press.] St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 27.—Nikola Gavrilovich was sentenced to death by a jury in Edwardsville, Ill., last night for the murder of his wife, April 8, 1910. This is the first time in 25 years that the death penalty has been levied in Madison County, although 650 murders have occurred in that time.

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