

## PREMIER FLEMING ADDRESSES ST. JOHN CONSERVATIVE CLUB

Hon. John E. Wilson, J. B. M. Baxter, L. P. D. Tilley, R. B. Emerson, Manning W. Doherty and Thomas Kickham also Spoke, at Enthusiastic Rally, Last Evening.

Interesting speeches by Premier Fleming, Hon. John E. Wilson, J. B. M. Baxter, M.L.A., L. P. D. Tilley, M.L.A., R. B. Emerson, Manning W. Doherty, and Thomas Kickham were the features of the meeting held by the St. John Conservative Club in their rooms in the Market building last evening.

The speakers' references to the work of the local government and the naval policy of the Borden government were greeted with enthusiastic applause. Having to attend a government meeting Mr. Fleming did not speak very long, his eloquence summing up the duty of Liberal-Conservatives in the face of the situation at Ottawa, struck a responsive chord in the feelings of the gathering.

Before the speechmaking a business meeting was held, both the secretary and treasurer submitting gratifying reports. F. L. Potts presided and briefly introduced the speakers.

Hon. John E. Wilson.

Hon. John E. Wilson was called on for a few words. He said no man had done more for St. John than the premier of the province. As an instance of the local government's interest in St. John, he cited the passing of a resolution authorizing the lieutenant governor-in-council to assist the establishment of a shipbuilding industry in St. John.

Referring to the controversy over the naval question Mr. Wilson said everybody today felt that Canada should do its duty in the matter of Imperial defence, and that the policy pursued by the Liberal opposition was not framed to help the Empire, but to help the Liberals to get back to power. He felt, however, that the opposition had chosen the wrong way of achieving its purpose.

Premier Fleming, of St. John.

Premier Fleming, who was given an enthusiastic reception, said that although he was not a native of St. John he always loved the old city, and was always delighted to be of service to her and her citizens. He expressed his appreciation of the result of the last provincial elections, when the electors of St. John city and county had selected men well qualified in every way to look after their interests. He could testify that they kept a close watch in legislation affecting the city and the way they discharged their duties should be satisfactory to their supporters.

Proud of Conservative Party.

Continuing Mr. Fleming said he had always been proud of his association with the Liberal Conservative party, and never so much as at the present time. When they considered how the Liberal Conservative party was formed they found at the outset reasons for pride. The party was a blending of the broad-minded and most progressive men in both parties; men who were ready to sink party differences and come together for the upbuilding of the country.

Study the history of Canada. Nothing will repay you better. Study the fascinating story of the early pioneers who tamed the wilderness to our settlement; study the period when the scattered provinces were being drawn together to form the nucleus of the Canadian nation; when the Liberal Conservative party arose to carry forward the great project of Confederation; study the history of this country during the last forty years or so, and note the great part played by the party of which we are the representatives in upbuilding this young nation. If you will do so, I will guarantee you will become more enthusiastic Liberal Conservatives than you are today.

The whole story of the work of building up Canada is the record of the Liberal Conservative party.

Fathers of Confederation.

Previous to Confederation about the only thing the scattered provinces had in common was their allegiance to the British flag. Intercommunication was very difficult; inter-provincial trade was of no importance. Since Confederation the progress of Canada under the guidance of the Liberal Conservative party has been very satisfactory; the faith of the fathers of Confederation has been realized; their vision has been realized even faster than they anticipated.

But the work of upbuilding this country is not finished. There is need today of stalwart Liberal Conservatives, imbued with the ideals and principles that have upbuilt our country, because we have little Canadians among us today, men who tell us that there are antagonisms between the East and the West, antagonisms that will ruin the fabric of Canadian nationhood. We want men who will do such an impression, who will weld more strongly the bonds that bind the provinces together and develop the sense of national unity.

The Duty Today.

The Liberal Conservative party is a great duty to perform today, a duty of a remarkable situation in the Federal Parliament. A small group is trying to foist minority rule upon us. This is not our idea.

The proposition which Mr. Borden has put before the Canadian people is to appeal to the national spirit from a purely selfish point of view. It is to appeal to us. It proposes to strengthen the might of the Empire and our security depends upon the security of that night. It appeals also to the best that is in us, because we want to preserve the supremacy of the Empire, the Empire which has ennobled the people of history with that that is great and glorious. It will strengthen the might of the Empire, the long arm that upholds the rights of the British citizen the world over.

J. B. M. Baxter.

J. B. M. Baxter, the best speaker, said a tribute to the man.

## WILL DISCUSS THE HOUSING PROBLEM

Canadian Clubs Will Join Board of Trade in Public Meeting—Good Speakers to Visit City.

The Canadian Club will join with the Board of Trade and the Women's Canadian Club in a public meeting at which the housing problem in St. John will be discussed. That will be on April 22, On April 23 Prof. Kyle, of Toronto University, will address the club and on May 20 C. H. Cahan will be heard. The club's membership is growing rapidly.

At a meeting of the executive yesterday afternoon there were present Rev. G. A. Kuhnig, Rev. J. J. McCaskill, Fred A. Dykeman, W. J. Mahoney, James Jack, C. B. Allan, G. A. W. Adams, R. W. Tilton, Thos. E. Simpson, L. A. Atcheson, Harold E. Allison, J. Fred Emery, Elvert V. Morrow, W. C. Rising, H. W. Rising, Thomas E. Totten, R. H. Parsons.

The following new members were elected: Wellington Green, W. G. Taylor, Frank L. Harrison, J. Harold McKinney, H. Colby Smith, Fred T. McKean, P. M. O'Neill, G. Percy Leonard, Fred S. Crosby, Rowland Frith, A. G. Clench, William Levi, J. N. Percy, Bertram Smith, G. F. Kuhnig, Stanley K. L. MacDonald, W. Clive Rose, Lerol H. Sandall, Walter G. Drake, L. S. Cohen, Roy P. Church, Simpson, L. A. Atcheson, Harold E. Allison, J. Fred Emery, Elvert V. Morrow, W. C. Rising, H. W. Rising, Thomas E. Totten, R. H. Parsons.

representatives of the city and county were considered among the foremost legislators at Fredrickton. He did not think they had ever sent a stronger team to the legislature. Although the local government had been without opposition to put it on, there never had been a session of the legislature at which more important legislation was adopted.

Speaking of the difficulties at Ottawa, he said it was a recognized principle of representative government that the majority should rule, and he felt certain Mr. Borden intended that the majority should rule at Ottawa, and that the navy bill would be put through with the approbation of the great majority of the people of Canada.

Thomas Kickham spoke strongly in earnest. He thought the Liberal party was inconsistent; he did not see the force of the objection against sending \$35,000,000 across to the Mother Country. It was merely taking money out of one pocket and putting it into another. The Mother Country had nursed us for a generation and we would be ungrateful if we did not show our appreciation of her protection. The Liberals had always been inconsistent. When the Conservative party proposed the National Policy to build up our industries, the Liberals opposed it, being quite ready to send the money of Canada to any country to buy goods.

During the evening John Tongue favored the gathering with a few songs.

## DIED.

TUCK—On the 8th inst., the Honorable William Henry Tuck, formerly chief justice of New Brunswick, aged 82 years.

FUNERAL from his late residence, to the Centenary church, at 2.30, on Thursday afternoon.

SOMMERVILLE—Entered into rest, April 8th, at Berwick, N. S., Jane Elizabeth, widow of Rev. W. J. Somerville, in the 32nd year of her age.

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## GOVERNMENT TO BRING IN THE CLOSURE BILL TODAY

Continued from page one. Mr. White proceeded to review the various policies which the opposition had brought forward since the introduction of the present measure. In the first place two fleet units had been proposed and since that time the policy had undergone such profound alterations that not even a Liberal could define it. The policy of the opposition had quite apparently been merely a policy of political expediency.

Not a Permanent Policy.

Mr. White referred to the persistent effort of Liberal speakers to make it appear that the government was inaugurating a policy of recurring contributions. Mr. Borden had time and again denied the statement and there was nothing in the bill to support it. "I may say here," declared the minister, "that I am against stated periodical contributions." He asserted that if the former government had contributed two Dreadnoughts to Britain in 1910, it would have saved much trouble, strengthened the Empire in the race of European armaments, and Canada would have been in a position to consider Canada had made a contribution and it had never been suggested that her right of self government had suffered or that she had been humiliated. In fact New Zealand, he pointed out, had admitted not only throughout the Empire but throughout the world as one of the golden deeds of Empire. Neither had Australia been humiliated by contributing to the needs of Britain.

Coming nearer home, Mr. White referred to the fact that Canada had sent her soldiers to fight the battles of the Empire in the South African war. There was no loss of autonomy in that memorable event, there was no more a loss of autonomy today in sending ships to aid Great Britain.

Mr. Emmerson Answered.

Mr. White alluded to the fact that the naval situation had changed since 1909 and said that the government had taken the only course open to it when it had consulted the Admiralty. He spoke of the speeches of opposition members, of Mr. Clark, Red River, who had appealed to favor inaction, of Mr. Knowles, Moosejaw, who said it would be long before he favored the expenditure of \$35,000,000 on naval defence, of Mr. Macdonald, who said there was no hurry action, and of Mr. Emmerson, who had read the declaration of independence of the United States.

To Mr. Emmerson the minister said that the Canadian people were not being subjected to any compulsion or coercion. Nevertheless Liberals prated of autonomy.

Mr. White cited the opinion of Mr. Churchill that Dreadnoughts could not be built expeditiously in Canada. He pointed out that no firm would establish a yard merely to build three Dreadnoughts. To secure such a plant at once Canada would have to be ready to build a series of battleships. Under Mr. Borden's plan a beginning would be made in the construction of ships of war with the building of cruisers for Britain in Canadian yards.

"I say," declared Mr. White, "that a local navy may have its place, but that it is useless as a shield and bulwark against attack unless you have a central navy." (Applause.)

"What does Mr. Churchill say?" asked Mr. Carvell.

The Churchill Letters.

"Until the prime minister produced Mr. Churchill's letters," replied Mr. White amid laughter and applause. He was the favorite author of hon. gentlemen opposite. When a patient, long suffering prime minister finally got permission to make public the letters, we all know their effect upon hon. gentlemen opposite." (Hear, hear.)

"Did the prime minister have that permission when the letters were asked for?" enquired Mr. Turiff (Assiniboia) recalling his tribulations of the night when the documents were produced.

"No," replied Mr. White. "He understood Mr. Turiff's feelings. The Assiniboia member had been in the full flow of his eloquence when the letters were read."

Amid laughter the finance minister expressed his opinion that Mr. Turiff had done well in a trying situation. He had been like the man who had beaten a bush for a hare and had aroused a tiger.

Mr. White referred to the amendment of Mr. Guthrie (S. Wellington) proposing that Canada should not place an order for ships in Britain. The minister said that Hon. Frank Oliver had grasped the situation in which the Empire was placed when he spoke before the holidays, but that he had been brought to time by the party halter. The minister of finance closed with an eloquent peroration in support of the government's policy.

Dr. Clark and Mr. Carvell spoke and the House adjourned at 11.15 p. m.

## OBITUARY.

Mrs. Grace E. McPherson. Death came suddenly last evening to Mrs. Grace E. McPherson, who died shortly after seven o'clock as the result of heart trouble. Mrs. McPherson, who is a resident of Eastport, had been here on a visit, and was boarding at the home of Mrs. Mitchell, Main street. It was her intention to leave for home this morning.

PERSONAL.

R. K. Kelley, B. Evans, and C. E. Harrison, of St. John, were in Halifax yesterday.

R. Sebastian, who has been pursuer on the Elder Dempster liner Bormu during the time she has been in the Canada and Mexico service, has resigned and left for Halifax, where his home is located. He intends to go to

and she had made preparations to do so. She had just about finished her supper last evening when she became seriously ill and died almost instantly. The deceased was 21 years old, is survived by her husband. The body will be taken to Eastport this morning for burial.

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