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ENTHUSIASM SPREADING.

The genuine enthusiasm manifested at last night's meeting in the Star Hall, a complete report of which will be found in another column of to-day's Telegram, is an earnest of the victory which will be won at the polls by the Opposition Party under the leadership of Mr. J. R. Bennett. Called as an ordinary Committee meeting by the St. John's West Liberal Association for the purpose of discussing various political matters and arrangements to be made for the coming contest, the attendance was much greater than the strength of the Committee proper, consequently it was turned into a general meeting, though the order of business scheduled was carried out. Sir Michael Cashin made a public announcement of his resignation as leader of the party opposed to the Government, following the initial announcement made to the party itself at a meeting last week. The unanimous acceptance of Mr. J. R. Bennett to succeed Sir Michael was the signal for an outburst of applause, as spontaneous as it was sincere. While Sir Michael has surrendered the proud title of leader, his services, support and influence are still at the disposal of the party and leader, and the counsels of a man undefeated through all the stress and turmoil of political battles in this country, together with the knowledge and experience gained during that period, in the Assembly and through the various episodes of the many campaigns carried out, will be of invaluable aid to the personnel of the Opposition. In laying down the baton of leadership Sir Michael increases rather than reduces his influence, for only a man of sterling courage, at this stage of the country's affairs, could take such an attitude as Sir Michael has expressed, and which has been popularly approved. Sir Michael's advice on all matters connected with colonial affairs and with the administration of a brand new government will be of such a quality that will commend itself to party and people alike. For Sir Michael ever possessed those virtues of heart and mind which brought to him the affection and respect of the many thousands of people with whom he has come in contact. Therefore it is to be expected that love of country will ever dominate and direct his advice, and in that capacity his wise and experienced counsel will be of great worth in the fight which is so soon to ensue.

A GREAT OVATION.

The tremendously enthusiastic ovation given Mr. Charles E. Hunt at the meeting in the Star Hall, last night, attests not only to the popularity but the personality of that gentleman, who is so well known and esteemed in all quarters. Mr. Hunt's appearance on the platform was made the occasion of one of the most wonderful receptions ever given a new candidate by the people of St. John's. There is no doubting solid facts, and the audience cheered itself hoarse for Charlie Hunt, showing by their applause that this coming young tribune is the popular choice, and that his election in the premier district of St. John's West is as good as won. The Telegram has much pleasure in congratulating Mr. Hunt on the magnificent reception accorded him last night.

St. John's West Endorses
J. R. Bennett for Leader.

Committee Meeting Overflowed and Turned into General.—Addresses by Sir M. Cashin, Mr. J. R. Bennett and Mr. C. E. Hunt.—Latter Receives Tremendous Ovation.

That citizens are alive to the present condition of the country and are determined that a change must take place, was demonstrated last night at a meeting of the West End Liberal-Labor Committee held in the Star Hall, when the decision of the sitting members of the Opposition in selecting Mr. J. R. Bennett as leader of the party opposed to the Squires-Coaker administration was endorsed. Although the meeting was not publicly advertised and was intended solely for members of the association upwards of 500 people had assembled long before the meeting was opened, and the greater part of these were obliged to stand during the proceedings, seating capacity being at a premium.

Mr. William Linegar, in the absence of Mr. John Caldwell, president of the Association, who was prevented from being present owing to his wife being ill, presided, and in opening the meeting explained that in view of the recent turn political events had taken, it was deemed necessary to call the Association together to discuss the situation, and to endorse the stand taken by the late members of the Opposition in the House of Assembly in electing Mr. J. R. Bennett as the leader of the party. The Chairman then called upon Sir Michael Cashin, the late leader, to address the gathering.

SIR MICHAEL CASHIN REVIEWS SITUATION.

Sir Michael was given a wonderful ovation and in a speech lasting nearly an hour and a half reviewed the administration of the Squires-Coaker party since their election to office three years ago. Sir Michael, after briefly referring to his term of office as leader of the Opposition, brought his auditors back to the period preceding the last General Election when the Squires-Manifesto with its glowing promises swayed the people. When the Cashin administration

their skins before an intelligent electorate.

After referring to the manner in which the various Departments are conducted, Sir Michael spoke of the millions that had been authorized by Minute-of-Council by men, some of whom had not been elected, while they refused to open the House and get the authority from the assembly. In conclusion he thanked all for the support he had received, and in asking them to accept his resignation from the leadership, he wished to say that he was not shirking the responsibility, but was backing the new leader to the fullest extent, and he was going to be in the fight to the finish.

After Sir Michael finished his address, Mr. Linegar explained that at the recent meeting of the sitting members of the party, Sir Michael Cashin proposed, and Sir J. C. Crossie seconded, and it was unanimously agreed that Mr. J. R. Bennett be appointed to the leadership, and he was sure that the association would endorse the action of the members.

Mr. William Dunn then proposed the following resolution:—
"RESOLVED, that this meeting of the Liberal-Labor Progressive Association of the District of St. John's West, desires to assure its unqualified support to Mr. J. R. Bennett, Leader of the Opposition."

The proposition on being put to the meeting was carried by a standing vote and amidst enthusiastic cheers.

MR. BENNETT CHEERED TO THE ECHO.

Seldom has an aspirant for political honors received such an ovation as that accorded Mr. Bennett when he took the platform. The outburst of cheering and general acclamation was heard on Water Street. He thanked the gathering in the manner in which they had received him. Following in the footsteps of such a leader as Sir Michael Cashin, whose record in the public life of this Colony had never been excelled was no easy matter. He felt the grave responsibility that was placed upon him. In considering the question, he realized all that was required to organize a campaign at this season and to get candidates for the different districts and it was only after the unqualified loyalty and support from every one of his colleagues that he accepted the position, as he felt that otherwise he would be untrue to them and untrue to the country in this time of crisis. It was the assurance of the support of such a man as Sir Michael Cashin who told him that he would be backed by the people of the district, and was prepared to stand for any district in the country, rather than see Newfoundland go under. Mr. Bennett fully realized the enormous work that would be required of him and his party; the whole public service was in a frightful state of chaos and disorder and would require a few days the platform of the new party would be presented to the electorate, and he was sure that it would appeal to the intelligence and good sense of the people who have grown sick and disgusted with the misrule of the last three years, and unfilled promises. It would be a policy of a free people with free Government. Germany tried to wrest that from us four years ago, but our boys died to save us from German taskmasters. In this country we have had Coaker domination, and we have had enough of it. The people resent it and they are rallying around the banner of a party that will stand for clean Government. Within a few days the slate will be filled, and the public will be able to see the class of men who to-day, inspired by true patriotism are offering themselves to the electors. They will have a party composed of men never surpassed in the history of this country. Men of undoubted integrity and ability, independent men, who are ready to face the difficulties that surround us, and who are willing to give of their time, energy and ability to restore Responsible Government once more.

From every part of the country pledges of support were coming in. From Burn's a communication was received from eight or ten of the most prominent citizens of that district, who are selecting their own candidates, and right through the West and North the people are aroused. Reports from Green Bay, Bonaville, Trinity, Fogo and Bay de Verde show that the people are sick and tired of Coaker domination. The United Fishermen, who are now in the city report that throughout the North the cry has gone forth for better and cleaner Government and they are prepared to back the Opposition in this fight. Then we have Mr. Monroe, who wires that he is prepared to go into Bonaville to fight for the cause. Mr. Jas. S. Ayre, of the grand old firm of Ayre & Sons, is ready for the fray. Mr. Charles Hunt, one of the most lovable men of the com-

munity, enters politics for the first time. They heard the call and have responded nobly. Others are to follow and all are filled with sincerity of purpose. The fisheries have to be fostered in this country, but there will be very little improvement from those who have done their best to ruin this Island home of ours. Mr. Bennett was a believer in the development of our latent resources and any genuine attempt would have his unqualified support, but Newfoundland must not be sacrificed. It must not be a one-sided bargain, it must be fair for the contractor and the country and he would be unworthy of their trust and confidence if he did not encourage the introduction of every extra dollar that could be brought into Newfoundland. He appreciated the reception tendered him and he was sure that St. John's in common with the remainder of the country was out for clean Government.

MR. HUNT LIONIZED.

At the conclusion of the address of the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. C. E. Hunt came forward to address a few words to the gathering. He was greeted with tremendous applause and the cheering which lasted for many minutes spoke volumes for his popularity. Mr. Hunt stated that it was the first time he had made a political speech, but it was about time. He stated that the worst canker to-day is the canker of Coakerism. The only hope to-day, is not that which comes from scripts or rock work, it is something more, it is that such conditions may be brought about as will enable the people to get back to their former avocations—the work they did before the present condition of affairs was thrust upon them. Mr. Hunt attributed the most of our trouble to the Fishery Regulations which left disaster in their trail. It left us all poor. When Water Street becomes poor, the fishermen suffer and we all share in the general bad times. He then spoke of the association with W. J. Higgins for some years, but Higgins had not made anything out of politics. Every dollar had been given away. He had never any intention of going into politics, but his conscience had driven him to offer. He did not know where he was going, but people had told him that St. John's West wanted him, and he was willing and with such a colleague as Sir M. P. Cashin, and the other candidates he was willing to give an honest day's work. Each day he walked from his home at the Cross Roads to his office in the East End and he was able to look every man square in the face. He would still be able to look them all square in the face when elected.

At the close the Chairman announced that the rooms were now open for the use of the Committee, and a meeting would be held early next week when the candidates would be nominated, and the campaign would open in real earnest. The meeting closed at 10.45 p.m., with the singing of the National Anthem.

W. Y. M. L. C.

Last night's debate by the Wesleyan M. Literary Class "That a general cancelling of all war debts among the participating nations in the late war will expedite the stability and peace of the world," was most interesting and instructive. Excellent arguments were produced by the speakers on both sides and on a vote being taken the Affirmative won by a small majority. The leaders were Affirmative, H. G. Ford, G. Davis; Negative, W. Crane, B. Edey.

B. I. S.—There will be a meeting of the B. I. S. Ladies' Auxiliary on Wednesday, Feb. 28th, immediately after Prayers. ESTHER M. DOYLE, Secretary. feb27,21

BURTON'S POND RINK.—Ice in excellent condition.

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"STOCKS PATENT" FLOUR by the Barrel or Stone None better for Pastry making.

Ambrose James NO. 1 SALMON—1-lb. Cans, 25c.
FRESH HERRING, in Shrimp Sauce—Large oval Can, 40c.
FRESH HERRING, in Anchovy Sauce—Large oval Can, 40c.
FRESH HERRING, in Tomato Sauce—Large oval Can, 30c.
FRESH HERRING (Plain)—Large oval Can, 30c.
KIPPERED HERRING—Large oval Can, 35c.
SMOKED BLOATERS—Large oval Can, 40c.
CHICKEN HADDIE—1-lb. Cans, 25c.
BALTIMORE OYSTERS—1-lb. & 2-lb. Cans.
SARDINES, in Oil from 12c. Can up.
Sardines in Tomato Sauce, from 15c. Can up.
FRENCH SARDINES—Boneless.
LYLES GOLDEN SYRUP—1's & 2's.
NESTLE'S THICK CREAM—5½ oz. Cans, 30c.
NESTLE'S THICK CREAM—11½ oz. Cans, 55c.
VALENCIA ORANGES—30c. Dozen.

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ALSO, A TWO-ACT "FIRST NATIONAL" COMEDY

THURSDAY—"FICKLE WOMEN," adapted from the famous Saturday Evening Post Story.

Government Party
Desperate.

COAKER FEARS LOSS OF TRINITY SUPPORTERS FLOCK TO THE OPPOSITION.

(By Our Political Correspondent.) The announcement made in the Government organs yesterday, that Mr. Richard Hibbs had been removed from his stronghold in Fogo to fight Trinity District with Halford and Randall, is taken as a strong confirmation of the report that Coaker's influence has weakened considerably. No other reason can be found to explain the action of the F.P.U. leader in taking Mr. Hibbs from a district in which he was assured of re-election, and placing him side by side with the Minister of Posts, for in previous years it has been found that one strong man in each northern district has been sufficient. Coaker's name carrying his other two candidates through successfully. Conditions have changed, however, and the fight for Trinity will be a desperate one.

Twillingate, too, is likely to be lost to Coaker. It is reported that Mr. Walter Monroe will lead the Opposition ticket in that district, and his chances of being elected are thought to be extremely favorable. It is hoped that Mr. Joseph Moore, a director of the firm of J. & F. Moore, St. Anthony, will be Opposition candidate for St. Barbe, and an overwhelming defeat awaits the Coaker standard-bearer there. Feeling against the Government is particularly strong on the Western side of St. Barbe, while Mr. Moore's influence on the Eastern side is sufficient to turn the tide in favor of the Liberal-Progressive Party.

The doom of Coakerism has been sounded from Ferryland to Chamel, and while the Government intend to put up a desperate fight to retain their seats, not even the most confirmed optimists among the Squires-Coaker Party expect them to hold a single Southern district.

In St. John's West, supporters of Premier Squires in the last election are flocking to Bennett, and Sir Michael Cashin and Mr. Hunt are sure of being returned at the head of the poll, with the possibility of a third seat for the Opposition.

Even in Harbor Grace, the Government is daily losing ground, and proof of the complete change of feeling there in favor of the Opposition lies in the removal of Mr. Barnes, who will contest Twillingate in the hope of obtaining a safe seat.

The advent of men like Messrs. Squires, Monroe, Moore, Long and Outerbridge into the field has inspired tremendous confidence in the Opposition and if the Bennett Party is successful at the polls, and few doubt but that it will be, Newfoundland will have its first real business Government, and will have placed itself upon the stepping stones to renewed prosperity.

Ex-Sergt. Forsey Dead.

PASSED AWAY IN MALDEN, U.S.A. A message was received by Inspector General Hutchings last night from Malden, Mass., acquainting him with the death of ex-Sergt. Thos. Forsey, formerly of the 1st Constabulary, which event occurred yesterday. The deceased was stationed at Gambo for a number of years, but on being retired went to Malden to reside with relatives. The late Ex-Sergt. was an inspired officer and was held in high esteem by his associates, all of whom will be sorry to hear of his passing.

BURTON'S POND RINK.—Ice in excellent condition.

Rosalind Arrives.

SHIP DELAYED BY ICE.

S.S. Rosalind, Capt. James, arrived in port yesterday from Halifax. The passage was delayed a considerable time owing to ice which was encountered on the greater part of the way from the Nova Scotia port. The ship brought a large mail as well as a large freight and the following passengers:—R. Innes, I. F. Perlin, Miss Genevieve Collins, Miss M. Vigners, Col. A. Crosby, G. Parsons, Mrs. R. Parsons, Miss Inna Parsons, Mrs. M. Quick, Jas. Bransfield, John Slattery, I. Wilansky, I. Levitz, Jos. Tower, F. McRae, F. Lambos, N. Gay, A. McEachern, Miss Mary Harris, John Galfois, Mrs. W. J. Herder, Miss Elsie Herder, Miss Elsie Doyle, A. Hefferman, Jas. Blackwood W. R. Dove, Miss Mary Devereaux, Wm. Thompson, James Berry, and 27 second class. The Rosalind sails again to-morrow forenoon.

Here and There.

Eat Mrs. STEWART'S Home-made Bread.—oct4,6mo

Schr. Netherton, Capt. Harvey Williams has arrived at Parumbuco after a gun run of 30 days. All well.

Eat Mrs. Stewart's Home-made Bread.—oct4,6mo

Mrs. W. J. Herder and Miss Elsie Herder, who have been visiting friends abroad, returned by S.S. Rosalind yesterday.

For Gentlemen of good taste—Cub Cigarettes.—sep23,12

Bibby's Soap makes washing a pleasure. Once used always used.—feb22,12

Bannerman Park Rink ice in excellent condition. Come and enjoy a good out door skate.

CUSTOMS OFFICER DIES.—The Assistant Collector of Customs received a message yesterday afternoon advising him that R. S. Parsons, tide-waiter at Hr. Graces, died there yesterday morning. Deceased was for many years in the Customs Service and was a faithful official.

Bibby's Soap lathers freely, without effort.—feb22,12

S. S. KYLE COMING.—S. S. Kyle, Capt. Stevenson, left Port aux Basques at 1 p.m. yesterday for St. John's. The ship had temporary repairs effected at the Western Terminal. Upon her arrival here she will be placed on the dry dock and undergo a thorough overhauling.

Bibby's Soap does not harm the skin.—feb22,12

SILVER WEDDING.—Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Dwyer, of 28 Mullock Street, who celebrated their twenty-fifth anniversary on the 27th. A small party was held at night, when relatives and immediate friends spent a most enjoyable evening.

Keep St. Patrick's Night open for that funniest of comedies, "Facing the Music," replete with a host of Irish specialties. feb27,21

"Everything account for" without any need of writing "errors and omissions excepted." If you do errorproof accounting on the errorproof accounting typewriter, the Remington. A. Milne Fraser, W. J. Edgar, Agent, Royal Bank Chambers. feb23,mar3

Bibby's Soap is made from the best and sweetest materials. feb22,12

NOTE OF THANKS.—Mr. and Mrs. John Scully wish to thank the Matron, Miss Reid, Nurses Edgar, Lewis, Bradley and Crowell of the Fever Hospital for their kind attention to their daughter and niece, and also all other kind friends who visited them during their stay at the institution.—adv.

POWDER MAGAZINE BLOWS UP. PITTSBURG, Feb. 27. The mining village of Russellton, twenty-five miles away, was rocked by a terrific explosion when a powder magazine blew up, damaging more than a hundred houses and injuring 2 men.

DIED. On Sunday, Feb. 26th, Mary, darling child of Charles and Daisy Ash, aged three weeks.

IN LOVING MEMORY of our dear mother, Catherine Fahey, who died on March 1st, 1922. May the Lord have mercy on her.

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It will contain important news of The "Blue Ribbon" Event of the Season—

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