

## TWENTY-THREE MEN PRESENT

At Hendrie Meeting, at 8 o'clock Last Night.

Tory Pow-wow Last Night Was a June Frost.

Sore Over the Talk About Prison Labor Contracts.

The Conservative rally which was expected to fill Association Hall last night was a pretty run affair—the biggest frost of the campaign. At the east end meeting on the previous night allowance was made for the fact that Mr. Scott is not the most popular candidate in Ontario appealing to the electorate for support, and that Britannia rink is not in the centre of the city. But the Scott meeting was a howling success as compared with Colonel Hendrie's pow-wow. At 8 o'clock twenty-three men and two boys comprised the audience. The belief of those who were present there was that the meeting would be cancelled. It was evidently thought inadvisable to do this, however, with an election so close at hand, and a call was made on the Sun Life headquarters to help make an audience. Fifty people were in the hall at 8:15, and not more than a hundred when the speakers mounted the platform. The audience never exceeded one hundred and fifty, and the meeting was as tame as a sewing bee.

### Mayor Talks Power.

It was 8:30 when Mayor Stewart stepped forward to apologize for the small attendance. He blamed it on the circus. "The attendance is so scattered in this big hall you would hear the speakers better if you came down to the front," was the cautious way in which his words were put.

The Mayor wasted little time on the equanimity or politics, but took up his power campaign, and plunged into a fifteen-minute address on that subject. Notwithstanding Premier Whitney's denunciation at the opening of the campaign in Hamilton, the Mayor for the second time within three days has appeared to political gatherings on the matter. He explained that it was not with the object of making political capital, but because it was something that affected the welfare of the Province. He took the matter up. After rehearsing a lot of his old arguments on the power question, the Mayor said he did not see what claim the Cataract Co. had on the people that they could not go into a scheme for cheap lighting if they saw fit.

"I could understand this very well," he said, "if this matter came up seven or eight years ago, when the Cataract Company was in its infancy. I consider the company is now of age, able to walk and take care of itself. I say we have no right to do anything that will take money from our citizens and put it in the hands of a company who is as wealthy as the Dominion Power & Transmission Company."

The Mayor declared the offer could not compare with the Hydro proposition. Of the \$17.50 quoted by the commission, \$7.50 was for a trunk line, or about 40 per cent, and 50 per cent, for power. If the city was to have a trunk line it must pay for it. Under the Hydro figures Hamilton would get eleven horse power for every six horse power it would receive from the Cataract for the same price.

It was a rosy picture indeed that his Worship painted as an inducement for Hamilton to plunge into the Government power scheme. The Niagara power would be 33 or 34 per cent, cheaper than the Cataract. But this was not all, Oh no. The original estimate was for 50 per cent, higher than would be the actual cost of building the line. This would mean power for Hamilton at from \$10.50 to \$11 per horse power. The Cataract would have to make an offer as low as this before it could compete with the Hydro offer. He mentioned his statements, he said, to the people would not believe the statements which appeared in the newspapers that the Cataract offer was the best.

"I made that statement before at the nomination," thundered his Worship, "and not one paper has taken it up, and you can bet your boots that when they have not it is pretty near true."

The proposed street railway settlement might cost the people \$300,000. But this would not hurt the city nearly as much as signing a contract with the company.

House lighting under the new proposition would be done for one-third the cost, and Hamilton could use three times as much lighting on its streets as at present for the same money. Then the Mayor put the Herald's touches on his shining picture. When Hamilton owned the trunk line it would only have to pay \$9 per horse power. It might be down to \$7 or \$8 per horse power. Nor would it stop there, for, with overlapping, saved under the commission's scheme, might bring it down to \$5 or \$6.

### He Does Not Like It.

Colonel Hendrie seems to be getting all fussed up over the criticism levelled at him on the prison labor contracts. The colonel practically confessed, in a burst of confidence, that it was getting almost unbearable. "I want to speak of one subject," he said, "and I think it is most unfair. There is a limit to the eternal harping of newspapers. It affects myself because I have always had strong views on it, not only from labor's viewpoint, but also from the manufacturer's. We don't want to have prison labor made goods at all, whether labelled or not. But after thirty years we can't change it in six months or two years."

He had no doubt that after the election the system would be done away with altogether. He did not think it was fair to go on with this criticism, in view of this. "I suppose it is a party campaign, and there is very little of it," said the colonel, consolingly.

### Neither Does Mr. Scott.

J. J. Scott, K. C., the East Hamilton candidate, also took a poke at the papers. He opened his battery on the Herald charging it with trying to make him say more than he had said on the power question. If the city could make a good bargain with the commission there was no one who would be better pleased than he would. "But, as I have said before," declared Mr. Scott, "I don't know what I have to do with it."

He said he would vote with the Government. The Herald said Studholme

## EDUCATIONAL

Hon. A. G. MacKay's Sixteenth Letter to the People of Ontario.

(It is the Premier's boast that he is "turning the educational system upside down." It is the country's misfortune.)

**MODEL SCHOOLS**—The immediate abolition of the Model Schools, except as to New Ontario, is a mistake. It will lead to a dearth of teachers. Our Normal Schools are now training teachers for the West and Far West, because they are qualified to go directly there and teach. At least twenty-five per cent. of the graduates of our Normal Schools for the past five years are now teaching in the West. Not so with the Model-trained teachers. They are all in Ontario. Again, compelling intending teachers to leave their own homes and go to one of the cities to attend a Normal School for one year, with the consequent expense, is hard on the poor man's son or daughter who intends entering the teaching profession. It is common knowledge that all over this Province, as soon as this regulation was promulgated, many young men and women, unable to bear the expense, quit the idea of attempting to enter the teaching profession and took up other work. Two sessions ago, and last session, upon the floor of the House, I entered an emphatic protest against the abolition of the Model Schools. The Premier, last session, stooped to humbug the people of the Province by denying the point flatly. Will the people of the Province read the circular post card issued April 30th, stating that Model School examinations will be held in the districts only, none in the cities in Old Ontario? The Premier's contradiction to the contrary, which he has never withdrawn, the Model Schools are being done away with. The Premier should be above such deliberate humbug.

**TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS**—Another fool regulation says that at the Normal entrance examinations, that is, the non-professional teachers' examinations, there will be no examination in such important subjects as arithmetic, grammar, etc., but there will be in physics, algebra, geometry and Latin. The headmaster of the "approved" school may pass all candidates in reading, writing, spelling, arithmetic, grammar, geography, history, bookkeeping, but he is not allowed to pass them in physics, algebra, geometry and Latin.

These are placed on a higher plane, and the Government say by their regulations that physics, algebra, geometry and Latin are more important to Public and Separate School teachers, and, therefore, to the Public and Separate School pupils, than thorough, accurate, complete and methodic work in reading, writing, spelling, arithmetic, grammar, etc. I say that the boy who is trained to read intelligently and intelligibly, to write legibly, to figure accurately and rapidly, with a fair knowledge of English and business training, provided he thoroughly masters all work that he undertakes, will go out into the world more sure-footed, and will make a stronger man mentally and morally than the boy who has received a slipshod training in the elementary work, with a subsequent veneer of physics, geometry, algebra and Latin. Truly, the brilliant educationists are turning things upside down!

**TEACHERS' SALARIES**—The law which said that a teacher's salary be gauged not by the experience, not by the ability, not by the usefulness of the particular teacher, but by the assessment of the particular school section he happened to be in, is another illustration of the manner in which these brilliant educationists are "turning things upside down." The Premier boasts that he is doing these things. His responsible Minister says to those who object, "Go to the devil and shake yourselves." It is for the people of this Province, regardless of politics, to say whether these domineering autocrats shall be left any longer or not in a position where they may haughtily, both by deed and act, tell the people of this Province to "go to the devil and shake themselves." Is it any wonder that Public School Inspector Scott of Renfrew, in his report to the County Council, condemns most emphatically what the Premier pretends to boast about?

**PRICE OF TEXT BOOKS**—The Government's fake action in this matter is now well understood, and the truth respecting it. The Conservative campaigners the Province over decline to discuss the matter. They are in this and many other respects absolutely ashamed of the misleading campaign document issued by the Government.

A. G. MacKay.

would vote against the Government if it did not support Hydro power. Mr. Scott admitted that he would not do that.

The speaker made another attempt to justify the Normal College steal by declaring that Hamilton had gained by it, as a result of the Normal School coming here.

"You who have read the Times and Herald," he said, "and who have read between the lines will see that I am going to be elected. They are getting hot and sore. But gentlemen, they cannot defeat J. J. Scott in East Hamilton again."

Then Mr. Scott proceeded to explain that he would have been elected before but for the apathy of the party. There were sixteen hundred voters not interested enough to go to the polls and vote. The Herald was arguing that Whitney did not need him. But Hamilton needed him. "If the Herald was one-tenth as loyal to the city of Hamilton as it pretends to be it would say that Hamilton needs me, and would not be suggesting that Whitney does not need me," said Mr. Scott, red faced.

Another little personal matter that he wanted to talk about was his connection with the Eastern Building Company. The Times was candid enough, he said, to believe his statement that he was never financially interested in the company. But the Times referred to the question of sewers, and tried to make out that he did not pay the dues everyone else was expected to pay. The sewer was built on the local improvement plan. One-half of it was paid for by him, and after fifty-eight houses were built, he wanted to charge \$2 for a connection, something no one else in the city had to pay. This was discriminating, illegal and could not be collected, and the Eastern Building Company had not paid a cent of it yet. He was only a lawyer in the matter, doing his duty. It just showed how much value could be placed on what one saw in a newspaper around election time. Some years ago when he was out of the city the Times published a special edition, and said some very nice things about him.

Neither Does Mr. Scott.

Mayor Stewart said that probably the people got tired listening to the same speakers night after night and they would enjoy what E. Kelly Evans had to say. Mr. Evans came from Toronto and is secretary of the Ontario Fish & Game Association. But he had nothing new to say. It was the same old material. Mr. Evans described the Liberal campaign as outlined in their handbook, as "a twisted mass of petty detail," containing nothing whatever. There was also a tendency on the part of the Liberal speakers to ignore any legislation passed by the Government. He referred to the record of the old Liberal Government and claimed that many discreditable things had been done which had helped to keep the Government in power.

Mr. Evans said that he proposed to deliver a "sermonette," with the Liberal handbook as his text. He commented on the fact that the campaign book did not criticize the Government's legislation for the sanctity of the ballot in removing their numbers. He referred to the gerrymander, "but instead of dealing

particularly with any one riding, let us deal with the broad outlook," he said. He said that for several elections the Conservatives had had a majority of votes cast, while the Liberals had a majority in the Legislature. He claimed for the Government that they were getting more money from mining concessions, timber limits and pulp concessions, and so increasing the revenue.

He spoke of forest reservation and the fisheries and of the recent letter of Hon. S. H. Blake to Mr. Deane Freeman, and said that Mr. Blake had placed country first and party afterwards. "A great, noble, simple soul, he towers a giant beside a pigmy," he said, referring to Mr. Blake, the pigmy by comparison being Hon. A. G. MacKay.

For about the second time since that as if it elects two Conservatives. "This statement of the Premier's is something that some of the rest of them seem to stray away from as well as Boss Milne. Like Messrs. Scott and Hendrie, Mr. Milne is rather shy of newspaper criticism. "We are fighting this campaign clean," he said. "We are not throwing slurs at anyone. I read the papers last night and there was a lot said that was not necessary. I don't think you can point one finger at Scott; I know you cannot against Hendrie."

Mr. Milne said the Labor candidate had no right to assume that just because he was elected the Government was forced to start to abolish prison labor. That was undertaken long before.

### GAINSBOROUGH RECOVERED.

Stolen Painting Found Shoved Under Doorsteps.

London, June 3.—Gainsborough's "Girl and Dog," which was stolen from a private collection in Kensington in November, 1906, has been found wrapped in a newspaper beneath the doorstep of a house in the east-end of London. The painting is much scratched and cracked, but it probably can be restored.

### Niagara By-law Defeated.

St. Catharines, June 3.—A by-law to grant exemption from taxation for ten years to the canning factory was defeated by the ratepayers of Niagara, 138 supporting it and 43 opposing. The measure required 191 votes to make it law.

There is a movement on foot to interest Canadians in contributing towards the British navy.

The advance bookings show that the Atlantic tourist traffic from New York



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## THE GOVERNMENT, ARRAIGNED BY ITS OWN LICENSE COMMISSIONERS.

(London Advertiser.)

Shortly after coming into office, the Whitney Government dismissed the old license commissioners for Toronto and appointed three prominent citizens of the highest standing, J. W. Flavell, Col. J. I. Davidson and Col. J. P. Murray. The old license inspectors were continued for six months, when they were dismissed under circumstances set out in the following letter from the commissioners to the Provincial Secretary:

"The commissioners accepted of office reluctantly as a public duty, on the personal assurance of the Premier and the written statement of the Provincial Secretary that the Government desired a fair, fearless and non-partisan administration of the liquor license act."

"During the period in which they have held office, they have sought to be sane, fair-minded and just in the discharge of their singularly unpleasant, and personally distasteful duty. All decisions which have been reached were in accordance with this policy, and on no question has a decision been arrived at and acted upon except on the unanimous approval of the board."

"In the discharge of their duties they had the assistance of the chief inspector. They found him efficient, honest, fearless and non-partisan. Neither by direct nor indirect means has he sought to influence the commissioners in any matter under discussion. He has been painstaking and careful in collecting and furnishing the board with information called for by them, and has not intruded his opinion about license-holders, nor upon matters dealt with by the board, but has acted entirely under their direction in carrying out the policy laid down for him by the unanimous decision of the board."

"It was known to the board that some party workers were engaged in intrigue against the board, and the commissioners, but they refused to notice the intrigues or intrigues, as they considered it unthinkable that the Government, having committed to a body of men the enforcement of the law, would act under the advice of such intrigues without consulting with the commissioners, who were seeking to carry out the verbal instructions of the Premier and the written directions of the Provincial Secretary."

"The retaining of the chief inspector for nine months, and then, without a word of consultation with the commissioners, dismissing him at a time when his experience, fidelity and ca-

pacity were so much needed by the board in carrying out its policy gave such plain evidence of a deliberate purpose to render abortive the non-partisan policy of the commissioners, and to interfere with the course of a body of independent men who had no ends to serve but an impartial administration of the law, that no course was left to them but to resign and to place the responsibility for their action upon the Government."

"It is with no ordinary sense of regret they are compelled to say the whole episode is at complete variance with the spirit of the Premier's and the Provincial Secretary's statements, when as Commissioners they were asked to take office. The course followed seems to have been designed by men inflamed with passion for office, or for dispensing patronage, who determined to get rid of Commissioners who refused to play the part of hired men subject to the dictation of party followers. The Government by their action have approved of this course, hence the usefulness of the present Commissioners is at an end. They accepted at full value the statements made by the Premier and his responsible Minister, the Provincial Secretary, that they desired an honest, non-partisan enforcement of the license act, and as no other administration would be possible, while the office was held by the present Board, they step aside to permit the Government to secure a board in accordance with their present policy."

(Signed), J. W. FLAVELL.  
(Signed), JOHN I. DAVIDSON.  
(Signed), J. P. MURRAY.

The commissioners appointed to succeed Messrs. Flavell, Davidson and Murray were made the subject of efforts to influence the administration of the license law for party purposes. So much was this the case, that an investigation was demanded, and a special commission appointed. In the evidence before this commission it was shown that the Hon. Dr. Pyle, the Minister of Education, had personally intervened in the endeavor to get the board to grant a license to an applicant who had a record of fourteen police court convictions against him.

The public can judge whether this is removing the administration of the liquor law from politics, and also whether, before proposing such a scheme, it was not necessary to get rid of Inspector Hastings, whom the former board found to be "efficient, honest, fearless and non-partisan."

On March 1, 1906, the Toronto Evening News commented as follows on this condition of affairs:

"The Government made surrender to the baser element of the party, and, because of it, will certainly lose prestige among the fair-minded, careful thinkers of the Province. From a Premier, who has harped so much on British fair play, this pitiless and cynical rule of unfair discrimination comes with bad grace."

### HUNGRY SCHOOL CHILDREN.

Terrible Distitution in New York's Lower East Side.

New York, June 3.—The reports that hundreds of pupils in the public schools of the city are suffering from lack of proper nourishment as a result of so many persons in the poorer sections of the city being out of employment were given official consideration by the Association for the Improving of the Condition of the Poor to-day. To every school principal in Greater New York the association sent letters requesting them to immediately notify the association of cases of destitution. As a result it is expected that relief will be sent to hundreds of homes within the next few days. The association is being assisted in this work by the United Hebrew Charities Society.

### MURDERED HIS STEPSON.

Saskatchewan Farmer Convicted and Sentenced to Death.

Prince Albert, Sask., June 3. — R. R. Barrett was found guilty of murdering his stepson on his farm near Egg Lake, and was to-day sentenced by Judge Johnston to be hanged on July 17. — The crime took place last October.

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