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## Wild Enthusiasm In the West End

Young Voters Rally to Monroe Banner.

An enthusiastic meeting of young voters of the District of St. John's West was held in the Committee Rooms, Star Hall, on Friday night. Long before the hour of starting a large crowd of young men gathered together with the one ambition of fight for "clean" government. The meeting opened at 8.30 o'clock with Mr. Larry Delahanty occupying the chair. When the three candidates, viz: Sir John C. Crosbie, William Linegar and W. Browne, B.L., arrived and were seated on the platform, the audience rose to a man and gave three ringing cheers and a tiger for the West End trio.

The first speaker of the evening was Sir J. C. Crosbie, and when he arose it was again the signal for prolonged cheering. Sir John was glad to see that such a large number of young voters had turned out. He dwelt on the fact that it was up to the young men of the rising generation to see to it that the country they were born in is one worth living in, and that it was up to the 21-year-old voter to take an important part in the fight and save their native land from blue ruin. The greatest menace and cursed thing that ever struck this country to ruin it is Sir Wm. F. Coaker. His boast that he would make the grass grow on Water Street was one that should force every St.

John's boy in the field against him, he had almost accomplished that boast. Look along Water Street to-day. Why, business is at a standstill. "You won't find the men of a few years ago leaving the wharves to go home to partake of breakfast," said Sir John, "and rush back again" to complete a good day's work. "Neither will you find the trucks loaded up moving along the main street to be delivered for shipment. Coopers, mechanics, truckmen, longshoremen feel the effect of Coakerism, and the destitution which has accompanied it. Everything has gone wrong and a blight has been put over the country. To-day Coaker with his minions at his heels come before the voters of Newfoundland to receive their endorsement of his past deeds, at the polls and he to-night had his noble friend A. E. Hickman, a man of whom only a year ago he had denounced, the very man who to-day is proclaimed by the Advocate as the man who must lead Newfoundland out of the present crisis. He scored the actions of the Government with Coaker the controlling factor. The young voters must put a stop to this or he felt sure that on his next visit to America he would meet many of his hearers down in Broadway Park. "If you don't get out and do your night by Polling Day it will be a sorrowful

day for me all." In reference to the Advocate's attack on him, Sir John had taken steps to settle that matter in the course of a day or two. Already the Advocate was squealing and Coaker knew that he would have to explain pit props and pit prop accounts when the Monroe campaign began. That was why Coaker was fighting tooth and nail to defeat Monroe, but he knew that the young men of St. John's West would take off their coats and fight to preserve their homes from the ruin that threatened them, and to retain the independence of their native land. As Sir John had to attend another meeting he finished his remarks by stating that personal votes would not do. The straight ticket vote is the only way out of it. Sir John received a splendid reception at the close of his address.

MR. LINEGAR ADDRESSES GATHERING.

The next speaker was Mr. W. F. Linegar, and during the course of his remarks he made an earnest appeal to the young voters to rally round the party and assist them in their undertakings. Every man must take an active interest. The campaign opens up on Monday next, and he wanted all to show that they were behind the cause. He called upon the older voters who were on the list last year and who have not signed the roll for the forthcoming campaign to come forward and arrange for the selection of captains, etc., for the various wards.

EXCELLENT ADDRESS BY BROWN.

Mr. W. Browne, the third candidate on the ticket for "clean" government, received a roaring reception from the audience when he stepped forward to speak. Mr. Browne opened his address very forcefully and for upwards of thirty minutes he laid bare the wrong-doings of the past administration. In the last election he supported Sir Richard Squires, but at that time he had not the conception of the man who was the guiding spirit of that regime, as he had now. That man was Coaker. He very intelligently pointed out to all his young hearers that Newfoundland to-day is in a critical condition. The verge of warfare, a warfare such as had been so nobly carried on from 1914 to 1919 on the fields of Gallipoli and France. When the call came in 1914 the young men turned out in their thousands, many of whom lost their lives, others came home wounded and maimed for life. To-day we are faced with similar conditions. The country has been desolated by the graft and plunder of its self-styled patriots, and now the time has come when they must decide whether they should banish oppression from control, or not. Mr. Brown stated he was not taking part in the struggle for personal gain. He was with Mr. Monroe, and not for any personal advantage. He stands as a man fighting for the welfare of his country and felt sure that the young men would take the same attitude. The party that he opposed was one that was ruining that country and which would complete its dastardly work if returned to power again. The party was composed of men totally incompetent to serve the country, but rather to hasten its ruin. On the other hand the party which was led by Monroe was composed of men earnest in their fight to cleanse the public life of the Colony, if returned to power. Mr. Monroe is himself a patriot, a man with a business in a sound financial position. He comes from the good old stock. A wise man, and a man fitted for the position to place Newfoundland on a solid foundation. Mr. Brown scorned the appointment made under the Coaker-Hickman executive. Only one of St. John's is on that executive, out of 12. Three Bonavita Bay men so there decorated, two with departmental offices. Is not that favoritism? He paid particular mention of the three and a half millions which had been thrown away on pit props, and not a cent of this money had been put in help along the fishery. He asked his hearers to reason out these things, see if they are not trying to gull us. He was convinced that Mr. Coaker was running the party. The issue was square: placed before them and now is the one and only opportunity for all the young men to stand square shouldered and fight for clean government. When marking the ballots do so for the welfare of the country and its people. Mr. Browne was followed with the utmost attention throughout and when he took his seat a splendid reception was accorded the young candidate.

Before the close upwards of 500 young men came forward and signed on as members of the Committee. The young voters were very enthusiastic and are out to assist the West End candidates in every possible way.

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### Baron and Wife Shot

FORTUNES LOST IN FRANC SPECULATION.

Baron Rudolf Fiedler, 24, son of Field-Marshal Baron Fiedler, and his beautiful 22-years-old wife were found shot recently in their Vienna flat. The woman was dead, the husband is gravely injured.

The young Baron, who was married only 16 months ago, was in a bank till Christmas, when he resigned. It is alleged that he had lost all his own money and that of his wife and of other relatives in franc gambling. The couple, it is stated, agreed to die together. They rose early and after dressing themselves wrote letters to the field-marshal and other relatives.

On receiving a letter a brother of the Baroness, an officer of high rank employed at the Ministry of War, hurriedly motored to the flat. He found his sister lying dead and flowers covering her breast and face. Her husband was crouching beside her unconscious. One hand clasped a revolver, the other arm was around his wife's body. The police think the wife killed herself.

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