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J. W. Woolf, the Candidate For the Cardston District

The Liberals Select a Very Capable Representative for Riding—Nomination Made Unanimous

**Opposition for
Opposition's Sake**

What an exposure of stick-in-the-mud partizanship is made by the wearisome men who are trying to get up some show of opposition to the Rutherford Government. They call, through the editorial columns of the Edmonton Journal, for "candidates to oppose the Government's representatives." Think of that! Not for candidates to advance any good proposition, any reasonable ideas, but for "candidates to oppose the Government's representatives."

For no specified or imaginable reason—but just "to oppose." Kickers! Obstructionists! Come out a candidate to stand in the path of Progress. Candidates to oppose the locomotive! One thinks of the Indian who tried that when a transcontinental railway engine was first seen on the prairies. Poor Lo! He was "a Conservative," he would stand out for his party, the Indian party. So he lassoed the smokestack of the locomotive.

Some miles further on the train stopped. The driver took the lasso off the smokestack. To its other end was hanging some pounds of very much battered red meat. So Mr. Lo's Conservative opposition's sake had a sad but appropriate ending.

It may be with this cheerful reminiscence in mind that the organ goes on to declare,—"If strong and able men are selected in Edmonton, if they show eagerness to champion the Conservative cause, the effect upon Conservatives in the other constituencies will be inspiring." Verily, a great cynic once remarked that "there is something no displeasing in witnessing the misfortunes of friends." To see the wreck of any two Edmontoners crazy enough to oppose Messrs. Cross and McDougall, just for opposition's sake, would thus exhilarate the boys elsewhere.

"That noble spectacle," says the organ, "will induce good men elsewhere to sacrifice their private interest and to devote their energies to furthering the Conservative cause." No hope of election is held out, you see. No thought of public interest to be injured by silly opposition is invoked. But, dear geese, get your heads cut for the Conservative cause." Thus you may please sympathizers—especially Senator Loughhead. It reminds us of the Highland jailer, long ago, who said to the condemned one, "Now, Donald man, come awa'uo and kindly be hanged just to please the Laird." Opposition for opposition's sake! Was ever sillier bosh proposed to presumably sane men.

Present indications point to the fact that the Rutherford government will be returned with a large majority.

Alberta Red wheat was awarded the first prize for best hard winter wheat, open to the world at the Trans Missouri Dry Framing Congress at Cheyenne.

Cardston district isn't getting enough pap from the Rutherford government, says the opposition. How much more will the district get if it should make the mistake of electing Levi Harker.

A Liberal convention of the Cardston constituency was held in the Band Hall on Monday afternoon. The meeting was well attended and very enthusiastic, delegates to the number of about fifty being present from all points of the constituency. Mr. Mark Spencer was elected chairman of the meeting. After the election of officers nominations for a candidate to represent the Liberals of the constituency in the election to be held on the 22nd. inst., were then called for. Five persons were

enthusiastic and sociable manner.

He said it was up to the people to work hard and see that their riding went Liberal. He had received the nomination, and was in the fight right up to the last.

He wished them to understand that it was not himself but the Rutherford government they were asked to give their support.

In the Rutherford government they have a government that had done a tremendous amount of good work.

In conclusion he stated that the Cardston district would have three railways running through it in the near future.

**A Political
Boomerang**

Notwithstanding the patronizing commendation with which the Red Deer platform of the provincial opposition has been greeted by some of the opposition press in the province, it is safe to say that nothing has been done so much to shake the confidence of the rank and file of the Conservative party in their self-constituted leaders than that same Red Deer platform. The absolute recklessness and want of sense of responsibility displayed by this tag and of what was once a sober minded party is little short of astounding. They adopt without a thought of the industrial and economic consequences to the Province and pledge themselves to the carrying out of total prohibition upon a plebiscite vote, of governmental accident insurance, governmental guarantee of municipal securities, and governmental interference in established businesses with an enthusiasm that would put to shame the most ardent advocates of state socialism. Ninety nine per cent of the people who read this famous jumble of inconsistencies recognize it at once as a vote catching expedient without serious purpose and backed by no serious convictions. But this does not excuse the men who are responsible for it. They have by their own act stamped themselves as unworthy of the confidence of thinking people.

**The Rocky Mountain
Constituency**

The redistribution committee of the Alberta Legislature with Attorney General Cross as chairman, has shown a proper appreciation of its duties in separating the miners in the mountains from the farmers in the plain in southern Alberta. There is absolutely no community of interest between these two classes. The result of the fusion of them has been that organized labor in Alberta has remained unrepresented in the legislature until very recently when Mr. McNab was returned from Lethbridge. That this is not as it should be no one will seriously deny. A very large proportion of the voters in Alberta are labouring men and only a labouring man can truly know what is for the best interests of his fellow workers. It is practically conceded that the formation of the Rocky Mountain Constituency will secure a representative of the labour interests in the Alberta legislature from that part of the province at all events. It would not have been difficult for the government to have gerrymandered the miners into one of the southern constituencies where their influence would have been negligible, and in which it would have been out of the question for them to have seriously hoped to be able to elect a candidate of their own choosing. But the government have not done so. On the contrary they have seized the opportunity presented by the presence in the foothills of a considerable mining population to give the workingman a chance to make his voice heard in the legislature. More they could not have done.



J. W. WOOLF

Liberal Candidate for the Cardston District

nominated, namely, Mr. Meeks, Magrath, J. W. Woolf, Wm. Pilling T. H. Woolford, Cardston.

On a ballot being taken the vote was:

- John W. Woolf,.....26
- T. H. Woolford,.....13
- Mr. Meeks,.....5
- Wm. Pilling,.....3

Mr. Woolford then moved that the nomination of J. W. Woolf be unanimous, and that all support the candidate in coming election.

Mr. Woolf amid great applause was called upon to make a speech and responded in his usual en-

The nominee of the convention then took his seat amid round after round of applause.

The meeting was brought to a close about four o'clock by three cheers for Mr. Woolf.

If the representation at this convention and the enthusiasm displayed by the delegates are any criterion there can be no doubt that the Rutherford government so far as this constituency is concerned will be nobly endorsed on the 22nd. inst., and the nominee of this convention will be elected by a handsome majority.

Home Missionaries

SUNDAY MARCH 14th 1909.

Taylorville—James B. Wright, Erastus Olsen.

Kimball—Elias Pilling, Moroni Allen.

Aetna—V. I. Stewart, Samuel Webster.

Woolford—Andrew Jensen, C. F. Jensen.

Spring Coulee—R. A. Pilling, Thos. S. Low.

Cardston—D. K. Greene, August Nielson.

Leavitt—A. Cazier, Adam Gedleman.

Beazer—Chas. T. Marsden, Wm. Shepherd.

Mt. View—Thos. C. Rowberry, Fred Quinton.

Caldwell—S. M. Dudley, Ambrose Woolford.

Help Woolf boost Cardston and district.