

EAST END VICTORY MEETING.

East and West End Candidates Tremendous Gathering in Casino Theatre.

Speeches of a High Order and Great Enthusiasm Manifested. St. John's Will Return Six Government Candidates on November 3rd.



The first public meeting of the East End Liberal-Progressive Party was held last evening in the Casino Theatre. The Hall which holds upwards of 1200 people was filled to capacity, many people had to stand in lobby as seats were not available. Mr. Arthur Hiscock presided and briefly introduced the candidates. He alluded to the absence of Hon. Sir M. P. Cashin, who was then opening the campaign in Ferryland District. Last night's meeting will long be remembered as one of the most outstanding ever held in this city.

Mr. Higgins who on arising received an ovation that any man seeking the suffrages of a district might be proud of, an ovation that clearly indicated how St. John's East will vote on polling day. When the applause had subsided, Mr. Higgins began his address, and in opening pointed out that, like Hon. J. R. Bennett who had mentioned the fact at the public meeting of the West End candidates, he was the sole survivor of his team who sought the votes of the people of his district 6 years ago. He recalled the meeting at that time when he had the honor of standing before the public for the first time and soliciting their support in a political fight, and felt he would be unworthy to represent St. John's East if he did not pay tribute to the two men who had then been elected to serve with him in the House of Assembly. He paid a glowing tribute to the life, character and straight forwardness of Mr. Jno. Dwyer, now deceased, and to Hon. Justice Kent, who had been elected to represent his native district for many years. As one

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St. John's East and West had not previously been represented by Coaker, but had decided against him. The story of Cashin trying to break up the fishermen's organization was false and directed against the very man who had helped that body out. Continuing, Mr. Higgins scathingly referred to the fact that the only charge advanced by the opposing element against him was that he was Reid's solicitor. Even as such he had been elected six years ago and he now wished to clear up any doubts existing as to his connection with the so-called infamous Reid Deal and asked all to take notice of his statements, as some might be doubtful of the stand he had taken. In part he said: "What has been featured as a terrible 'Reid Deal' which was turned down by the Premier Minister of the day, Sir William Lloyd, amounted to nothing more or less than a proposal which would confer inestimable benefits on St. John's. In short, as the contract would show, it was a proposal to extend the Street Railway system in St. John's to an extent that would serve all that big section of the town where it at present does not operate. The great drawback to-day was the fact that workmen who desired to build their homes were compelled to go to the back of the town where there was no car service. Under such circumstances there was, naturally, a hesitancy to build away from the scene of their work.

The street railway, he pointed out, was altogether unsuited to serving the people living of the present single belt line and this is one of the drawbacks in solving the housing problem, because people if living in the exterior parts of the city cannot get to and from their work conveniently. He then read the much talked of bill, as follows:—

A Bill—An Act Respecting the Extension of the St. John's Street Railway.

Whereas, the Reid Newfoundland Company, hereinafter called the Company, has applied to the Government under the provisions of the Crown Lands Act of Newfoundland, of the right to use the waters of Pierr's River and Tor's Cove River in the Electoral District of Ferryland for the purpose of generating electricity for the extension of the Company's Street Railway and Electric Supply business in St. John's, and has proposed to form a separate Company for the purpose of taking over, extending and operating the said business, and the Government has agreed to grant the said water powers subject to the conditions hereinafter set forth:

Be it therefore enacted, etc.

1—The grant by the Government to the Company and its assigns, subject to the provisions of the Crown Lands Act of Newfoundland, of the right to the exclusive use of the waters of Pierr's River, flowing into Witless Bay, in the Electoral District of Ferryland, and of Tor's Cove in the said District, and the waters of all lakes and streams tributary to the said rivers, for a period of years from the day of 1919, is hereby approved and confirmed, subject to the conditions hereinafter set forth.

2—The Company or its assigns shall within twelve months from the passing of this Act proceed with the construction of all works which may be necessary for the installation of plants for generating electrical energy from the waters of both the said rivers, and shall complete the said works and have the same in operation in connection with the Company's Street Railway and Electric Supply system in St. John's within five years from the passing of this Act.

3—If the Company or its assigns shall fail to comply with the requirements of the last preceding section of this Act all rights, powers, privileges and advantages by this Act granted to the Company or its assigns shall cease and determine.

4—As soon as the said plants or either of them are or is in operation

the Company or its assigns shall (a) provide electric lighting within the town of St. John's for a maximum rate of thirteen and one-half cents per kilowatt hour, subject to a discount or deduction from the monthly bill for such light of not less than ten per cent. on payment of such bill not later than the tenth day of the succeeding month; and (b) provide electric lighting within settlements on or adjacent to the main line of road between Tor's Cove and Petty Harbour, wherever required by the Government, the number of such lights to be determined by agreement between the Company or its assigns and the Government; and (c) construct, equip and operate in accordance with the requirements of the St. John's Street Railway Charter, 1896, extensions of the present street railway system over the following routes, namely: (1) a line from St. John's to Bowring Park; (2) a loop line from Ordnance Street along King's Bridge Road, Circular Road, Belvidere Street or Allandale Road and Barnes Road to Rawlin's Cross; and (3) a loop line from Rawlin's Cross along Military Road, Harvey Road, LeMarchant Road, Hamilton Street and Bambrick Street to Water Street West; or such other alternative routes of equivalent mileage as shall be agreed upon between the Company or its assigns and the St. John's Municipal Council.

5—If the Company shall assign to any other Company, person or persons the properties, assets, rights, privileges, franchises and powers owned, exercised or enjoyed by it in relation to the Street Railway and Electric Supply business heretofore hereafter carried on by it whether under the St. John's Street Railway Charter, 1896, or under the Newfoundland Railway Act, 1898, or the Nfld. Railway Amendment Act, 1901, or the Act four Edward VII. (1904) chap. 13, or under this or any other Act, the acquisition, possession, exercise, and enjoyment by such assignee or assignees of the said assets, rights, privileges, franchises and powers shall be and remain subject to all the obligations and burdens by each and all of the said Acts imposed upon the Company in regard to its Street Railway and Electric Supply business aforesaid.

6—This Act may be cited as the St. John's Street Railway Charter, 1919.

The proposal as to raising funds for the extension had come up in the

House a few days after the St. John's members had broken away from the Government. The whole trouble was that St. John's was thrown down, but such would not happen if the request were made from Port Union. He and Hon. J. R. Bennett were the ones who went to Sir M. P. Cashin and secured through his services the loan for the Municipal Council to forward the housing scheme. Tonight he asked for the votes of the St. John's East electorate because he and his colleagues were behind Sir M. P. Cashin, whose conduct during his political life justified support, and whose manifesto was a statement in keeping with the man who issued it, being clear cut and devoid of the buncum usually associated with such declarations. No promises impossible of fulfillment were made, but it was stated a sincere effort would be made to carry out the projects outlined. As to the high cost of living, a commission had been appointed to deal with the matter and the recommendation of that board would be acted upon. The salaries of civil servants are already being dealt with, but the conditions at present are the outgrowth of the inability of successive governments to deal with the problem. The steam service, aid to parents of those who now receive no financial help though their sons have died on the battlefield, and other matters outlined in Sir M. P. Cashin's manifesto, were ably dealt with by Mr. Higgins. In closing he pointed out the need of supporting the Party, which is under the direction of one leader, one who is in every way fitted to fill that position, and has the undivided support of his followers. The call for a straight ticket vote with which Mr. Higgins closed his address, evoked an outburst of applause which clearly showed the request would be acceded to by the electors of St. John's East on polling day.

Mr. Vinicombe followed, and in a very telling speech, made his position clear, and why he was a standard-bearer for the Liberal-Progressive Party. He first referred to the vilification and contumely heaped upon him by the Advocate, and the vile attack to besmear him and a hard and honest worker in the East End. He was always prepared to associate himself with the workmen of St. John's and was ready to look after their interests. At no time in his life did he forget the men who earned their living through hard work and honest toil, and if the Coaker organ intended to keep on insulting the

working classes of St. John's, it would not be to the interest of Coaker or his candidates in St. John's East or West. Personalities should be cut out of the campaign, and he was in the fight to conduct it as cleanly as it was possible. But if the Coaker candidates were desirous of conducting it otherwise, they had only themselves to blame if they got hurt. At least the campaign should be fought with that gentlemanly spirit of the days that are past. It was not becoming of St. John's East to get down to gutter-snipe personalities. However, so far as he was concerned, no man in St. John's or outside it had anything on him that could make him blush, and he was not going to stand for insult. In 1913 he opposed his colleague, Mr. Higgins, and supported Sir Robert Bond, and in 1919 he was supporting Sir Michael Cashin, because he was the only one that had any claim to preach the doctrine of pure Liberalism as handed down by Sir Robert Bond. He was not afraid of the verdict St. John's East would give Nov. 3rd on the Cashin manifesto, and neither

was he afraid of what St. John's West would do. St. John's, said Mr. Vinicombe, will return six Cashin men, and the country should know about it. The Opposition do know that St. John's East and West will vote the Coaker teams down by more than two to one, and it is a foregone conclusion that St. John's East will have at least 2,000 majority. Mr. Vinicombe in further dealing with the attacks of the Opposition press, said that realizing their cause lost, they were attempting to try and belittle himself and colleagues, but he said, the name Vinicombe was well and favorably known in St. John's East, when Coaker and Squires were unheard of, and it will be so well known on polling day that neither Coaker nor his partner will be ever heard of again in St. John's, nor in any other part of the country. Mr. Vinicombe in finishing his address impressed upon the electorate to vote the straight ticket on polling day for Higgins, Vinicombe and Fox. There was a regular riot of applause when "Nix" finished, a practical evidence of his popularity in St. John's East.

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Mr. C. J. Fox followed Mr. Vinicombe and said in effect:—

If this were an ordinary occasion, and you and I had met to discuss a subject which concerned us but little and was of more or less passing interest to us, though I should esteem it a privilege to be permitted to address you, yet would I approach you with far less diffidence than I do to-night, when both the occasion and the subject are of such vital importance to us as to warrant our entering the discussion of it in all seriousness without display, and in a spirit of reflection and deliberation. When I was nominated as candidate to seek your suffrages, I stated that a representative nomination was necessary because it was formally necessary, but because it meant me entering public life under a leader to whom I could look up; with colleagues upon whom I could depend; and in a District whose political traditions and sentiments were and would ever remain to me, objects of veneration and affection. And finding myself in the possession of these three requisites, I was prepared to take up the contest, and in a clean fight attempt to reach the goal of my ambition, election as a representative of the people of St. John's East. As to the man whose native talents, hard work, indomitable courage, and resourcefulness have raised him to the highest place within the gift of his country—the position of Prime Minister. These characteristics have found their complements in his public and private virtues—his probity, his honesty of purpose and genuine charity. His record of close on 30 years in the public service of this Colony will remain as irrefragable evidence of the immeasurable good his participation in the public affairs has brought upon the country that stands unshaken to-day in spite of the attempts of his traducers to lower him in the estimation of the people. These attempts to defame him have their origin in the envious malice of men not big enough to play the game fairly, and who, knowing they cannot succeed in a clean fight, are resorting to the lowest and basest methods of attack in their attempt to win place and power for themselves. As to the second, I consider that I am fortunate in having as colleagues in this campaign whom I am associated in the campaign. No words of mine are needed in reference to them. They are as familiar to you as you are to them. Like myself, Mr. Vinicombe enters the lists as a candidate for the first time this Fall; but from the viewpoint of campaign experience, he is a veteran. His ability and intimate knowledge of the District alone would entitle him to a place with your representatives; but he has much more than this to recommend him. He has a heart that sympathizes and touches, a disposition that finds its greatest happiness in assisting others. Mr. Higgins has been with you now for six years, and seeks re-election on the merits of his work in your behalf. He has given service and valuable service in the interest of this District, and may well rest his case on the evidence his record as your representative discloses. As the leader of the Liberal-Progressive team, he has naturally to bear the brunt of the present fighting, and I do not think he objects to, or shirks that position. Be though he is prepared to meet the heaviest odds, it is not right that he should be subjected to the unfair attacks that have been levelled against him the past few weeks. As I have said, his record amongst you speaks for itself, and on the merits of that record he faces the opponents begin to falter that rise in protest for decent men to rise in protest. The attacks on Mr. Higgins the past few weeks have been similar to the attacks on his Leader—deliberate and insidious attempts to turn the people against him, insinuations thrown out that have no foundation in fact, and a perversion of truth to suit a

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