

East End Young Voters Monster Rally.

Prominent Men of "Ours" Lead Committee. Challenge Repeated to Prime Minister. Executive Council to Make Humber Deal Terms Public.

A great rally of the young voters of the East End was held in the Mechanic's Hall last night, when the first young voters committee in the District was formed. Curiously enough, the first Chairman of that Committee is Mr. Len Stick, the first Newfoundland-lander to join the Nfld. Regiment. He is No. 1 of the famous Blue Puttees. The Secretary is Mr. Thomas Smyth, another War Veteran who has suffered terribly in the cause of his country. Mr. J. R. Bennett, Leader of the Liberal-Labor-Progressive Party and Mr. C. E. Hunt were present and addressed the gathering. When they entered the hall they were greeted with rousing cheers and the slogan Bennett and Better Times.

Chairman Gordon of the Senior Committee called the meeting to order and announced its object was the election of a Chairman and Secretary of a Young Voters' Committee. Mr. Geo. J. Scriver moved and Mr. P. Dobbin seconded, that Capt. Len Stick be appointed Chairman and ex-Pte. Thomas Smyth, Secretary. The motion was passed unanimously and the gentlemen took their places at the table. Mr. Stick and Mr. Smyth thanked the meeting for their election.

LEADER GIVEN OVATION.

Mr. J. R. Bennett being called upon to speak was given a great ovation. He opened his speech by congratulating the meeting on its selection of a Chairman and Secretary. He referred to the excellent reputation of Captain Len Stick, who was No. 1 in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment. The Secretary, Mr. Smyth, was also a member of the Blue Puttees and was a prisoner in Germany for one and a half years. It was a happy augury that the men who were so ready to respond to the call of their country in 1914, were again ready in 1923, when their country needed them to fight in their behalf. Mr. Bennett then referred to the manner in which Constitutional rights had been trampled upon during the past three and a half years, how the Government had been afraid to meet the representatives of the people. Dealing with the conditions in the city, he said they had been brought about by the domination of Coaker, and yet the Government has the audacity to come and ask the people to give Coaker another chance when the result of his damming influence is seen in the closed mercantile houses and idle clerks. The Bennett Party stands to improve these conditions. It is useless for any man to say Squires controls the Government, he is only in by the grace of Coaker, who controls 11 seats of the 21. Though Squires may twist and turn, Coaker will continue his policy the same as in the past.

HIDING THE RECORDS.

The Government is not before the country on the Humber Proposition, but on its own record. The Humber Deal was not the issue. A great deal has been said about the Humber Proposition, much of which is untrue. They said the Opposition was opposed to the Humber, but the Opposition would vote for it if it was a good deal and in the interests of the country. Mr. Bennett was one of those who voted for the Nfld. Products Bill and the Humber Proposition. The latter was introduced by Sir Robert Bond, it was debated for days and nights and when it went through it was a different proposition altogether. What was the case with the Humber Deal may be with the Humber. If Sir R. A. Squires was sincere he would have discussed the Deal in the right place. Coaker said that the men of the Union would have first claim on the jobs, what right have these men over St. John's men or the other parts of the Island?

PEOPLE'S RIGHTS OUTRAGED.

There is nothing constructive in the papers supporting the Government. They devote columns to personal attacks on Sir Michael Cashin and himself as who is Leader, and he had the full support of Sir Michael Cashin. He arranged with Sir Michael Cashin to go to St. John's West with Hunt and Liner and win, while he, Bennett, would go to Squires' home, Mr. Grace, and win there. He referred to 1919 when industries were thriving and all tradesmen were working full time; is it so now? The Government had prostituted every right and he had no doubt what the young men were going to do. Newfoundland belonged to them. In the past fifteen months, said Mr. Bennett, over 10,000 had gone away. They had not gone on excursions, but to seek a living which had been denied them in their own country.

REALIZING THE SITUATION.

He was glad to see the young men realizing the serious situation, and

were coming to the meetings. He urged all to realize what would happen if the present Government got back. With his party were some of the finest men of the country ready to fight. Mr. W. S. Monroe arrived by the Rosalind and he was willing to go wherever sent. Mr. Monroe had made up his mind that if Squires and Coaker were to rule again he was through. If such was the case with him, was it not so with others? Then what was to become of the country? Are we always to go on breaking rocks? Mr. Bennett referred to a telegram, published elsewhere, received from T. Williams, which said Dr. Barnes stated the Bennett crowd would take two years to put the Humber Proposition through. The Bennett Party had the ability to put the Deal through in two weeks. Coaker said the Humber would take 10,000 men from the fishery. The fishery was the mainstay of the country and the Auditor General said in his report, that no more scandals could be worked up by taking the men from the fishery and putting them to work in the woods. The men do not want to go and would not go. The policy of the Bennett Government will be to foster the fisheries and they will give a bounty to encourage it. If the fishery is made a success the mercantile business would flourish and everything would again be prosperous. Concluding his remarks, Mr. Bennett stated every man in his party was prepared to fight for the Humber Deal if it was good. He spoke for Higgins, Fox and Vincombe a majority vote which would show that St. John's East had decided to kill Coakerism.

MR. HUNT GIVES SPIRITED ADDRESS.

Mr. Hunt in his opening remarks explained that in 1913 he had the pleasure of being Chairman of the Young Voters' Meeting in Mr. Higgins' first campaign. Speaking of the present campaign in the West End District, Mr. Hunt said that since starting the house to house campaign he was assured that the people were heartened at conditions and wanted a change. There would without any doubt whatever be three Bennett Candidates elected. He recognized that they have a strong team against them but the election was not for an individual, it was for a party, a policy.

IS COAKER TO RULE OR NOT?

The thing to be considered is Coaker to rule or not. Mr. Coaker had already issued a manifesto, and announced a policy of nationalization of fish. Like the Fishery Regulations this touches St. John's vitally. It was not many years ago when hundreds of men found employment on the mercantile premises. To-day scarcely a man is found there and many of the firms had gone bankrupt. It was the Coaker threat to make the grass grow on Water Street. Sir Richard Squires who was elected as the head of affairs was responsible. His position is that of the master of a ship. If the ship goes on the rocks it is the Captain who has to bear the blame. That Sir Richard Squires is coming again in partnership with Coaker shows that Squires is satisfied with Coaker and he with Squires. St. John's, though, was satisfied with neither. The Government was taking the great credit for finding the relief work. No credit, he said, was due it on that score. Work was demanded at the bar of the House of Assembly, by Pardon, meetings, and other demonstrations. Men would not stand and starve. No Government can do away with relief. The Bennett Party won't stop relief work until such a time as people can get back to the vocations they followed before the present party made such a mess of things. Referring to Sir Michael Cashin, Mr. Hunt said that he was going to head the poll in the West End. In spite of the fact that the Government organs use a great deal of space heaping abuse on him, St. John's was thoroughly sick with Coakerism and misrule. The record of the Government has been one of failure, and the only way they can have it is to blow about the Humber. The Humber Deal is given all the prominence. If it is a Square Deal, the Bennett party to a man will support it. All that they were asking is that Newfoundland be given a sporting chance in the Deal. Is the country going to get a square show in the matter? There is no doubt that it is a Reid Deal. It was started first by the Reid Minister the year before the war as the Wilcox Deal. The war stopped negotiations. The matter was again taken in hands and the Reid Nfld. Co. asked if Newfoundland would guarantee the proposition. Newfoundland was not then disposed to accede to the terms demanded. The British Government, to boost their

manufacturing industries, subsequently agreed to guarantee half the Deal if Newfoundland would guarantee the other half. Months ago the British Parliament passed the guarantee and Newfoundland has sealed the bargain with the Imperial authorities. It only remains for ratification by the Newfoundland Legislature. But it is in this that the people have to be aware that too many springs are added to the Deal. In conclusion Mr. Hunt stated that of \$2.00 earned at the rocks, only 80 cents was left, \$1.20 went to the Government; and if the present Government is returned only 10 cents will be left. He appealed to the younger men to look at it in the light that Coakerism is killing St. John's. All could not go to the Humber and the only way to do away with Coakerism and save the city is to vote the straight ticket for Higgins, Fox and Vincombe.

MR. HIGGINS COMPLIMENTS COMMITTEE.

Mr. Higgins, who was the next speaker, thanked Messrs. Bennett and Hunt for their attendance and speeches and complimented Messrs. Stick and Smyth on their appointments. He referred to the excellent record they had in the Regiment and was glad that, like so many others of their kind, they were again in the fight for Justice and Right. The New Committee of Young Voters was going to fight a strong campaign and would not be bothered as to how a man voted in 1919. For that reason the lesson is one that can be passed on to the seniors that the younger men are going to follow the traditions of their forefathers and emulate the spirit of "our own country, our own birthright." This Newfoundland in which the young voter, as well as the old, has to live and rear his family, is not going to be kicked and spat upon so, the young man now forsakes the nickels and other amusements because the job is theirs as well as the candidates. It was time for all to pause and think of what the vote meant. He said, however, that the difference between this and other elections was that ordinarily when a Government came back for a renewal of office, the first act was to lay their record before the public and say, we have done such and such. The Government has not done this because they have not done their work.

AWAY WITH THE WASTERS.

The Humber Deal was merely dust thrown in the eyes of the country, and the Government is now trying to say that the Opposition is opposed to it. This is a deliberate falsehood. He also expressed the stand of the Opposition as in favor of it provided it is good for Newfoundland. Eighty per cent. of Newfoundland depended on the fishery. Newfoundland first came into prominence on account of her fisheries, and if they are allowed to die out she will also go down. The Government should put its record before the electorate, but it won't because it can't. There is only one cry now, "Away with them!"

HUMBER DISCUSSION CHALLENGE.

Mr. Fox then challenged the Prime Minister, Dr. Campbell, the Executive Council or any other part of the Government to come on any platform and give the Humber Deal with all its pros and cons. He did not think that this challenge would be accepted. The manner in which the constitutional government had been violated was also dealt with by Mr. Fox, as well as the great emigration which had taken place. When the Lloyd George Government, with whom the Humber proposition was started, went out of power, the Bonar Law Government finalized the Deal because it was a good thing for English capitalists and England, so the Bennett Government would finalize the Squires' Government part of the contract. England was in the contract as first mortgages and if anything went wrong she would sell the proposition, get her own money out and Newfoundland would have the rest if there was any, so that the statement by Squires that it was on a 50-50 basis was another falsehood. Mr. Fox spent some time on details of the Deal such as are known, and concluded his remarks by thanking the audience for the great hearing he had received.

MILLIONS TO REIDS ALREADY.

His fancy cost the country four million dollars and now we have to pay Reid another two and a quarter millions. If the Bennett Party pays a dollar a quintal to have the fisheries successfully prosecuted it is better to spend a million dollars that way than to lose it on unprofitable relief work. This is the policy which will appeal to everybody, four-fifths of the industry of the country is the fishery. We know what we have. Let us hope that there are gold mines about but we do know the fish are in the sea. If other industries can be developed said Mr. Higgins, let it be so, but pay most attention to the fisheries. Mr. Higgins asked what encouragement had been given the fisheries the past three and a half years? In the first place Coaker's policy killed it. He ran away from his office and left his tools there. Mr. Higgins feared Coaker for his neglect of his Department and wound up his speech by impressing the desire for the straight ticket vote or none for Higgins, Fox and Vincombe.

MR. VINCOMBE IN SHORT ADDRESS.

Mr. Vincombe followed with a short address in which he congratulated the Chairman and Secretary and the young voters on their splendid turnout. He reviewed his entry into politics and his career down to the present, campaign and pledged a continuance of his interest in the welfare of the District. He referred to our young men in Ford City and Bermuda, who were driven away from their homes, and he was sure that when the Bennett party was returned prosperity would once more shine

on the land and they would all come home again. Mr. Vincombe's remarks were warmly applauded and then the Chairman called on Mr. Fox to speak.

MR. FOX ON COUNTRY'S CONDITION.

Mr. Fox referred at length to the sterling qualities of Captain Stick, the new Chairman, as a soldier and also referred in splendid terms to the Secretary. The same spirit which animated them in 1914 was bringing them into the fight, which was vastly similar to the other eight years ago. The first law of nature, to protect the land we live in and to-day young men and old men are called upon to protect the land from which they spring. Newfoundland stands tonight on the edge of a precipice, said Mr. Fox. It needs only a slight push to send her into an abyss from which there will be no recovery, her destiny is hanging in the balance. The Newfoundland we refer to is not our hills and valleys, our forests and streams, it is our wives, our families, our brothers and sisters. Newfoundland is its people. The real issue is not whether the Humber Deal is to be accepted or rejected, but Coakerism vs. Newfoundland. Are we going to permit a man to rule for another four years our country which is now almost ruined? Mr. Fox referred to the representatives of the North who spoke at a recent meeting, and he said that these men truly expressed the opinion of the Northern men. The North cannot go on without the East, West and South cannot get along without the North. When we say we are fighting Coakerism it does not mean the section over which he rules, but the Government which he represents. Mr. Fox referred to the prosperous state of Newfoundland in 1919 and the want and destitution which now prevailed. The sturdy men were nearly all gone.

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It was some flash!

So much so that the attempt to save Squires himself from the oncoming rush was fruitless.

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