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AN EXPOSURE OF CORRUPTION

MR. BORDEN JUSTLY SCORES GOVERNMENT AT OTTAWA

Leader of the Liberal-Conservative Party
Tendered Splendid Ovation in
the Maple City--Two Huge
Gatherings of the
Electorate

A CONSERVATIVE POLICY OF PROGRESS

Mr. Borden's Platform Received with Unanimous Approval
—His Glowing Tribute to H. S. Clements,
the Energetic and Capable Mem-
ber for West Kent.

The campaign for honest administration and upright government has started.

It started on Saturday with two of the best political meetings ever held in this city, at which there was a good representation of the people from all over the county. Mr. Borden, the speaker of the day, was at his best, and the message delivered from his lips was literally received with open arms by the people he addressed. In spite of the inclement weather there were two bumper audiences, and the effect it will have upon the people of this riding will be good, and not only for the residents of Kent but also for the people of the whole Dominion.

The Brisco Opera House was most tastefully and appropriately decorated for the occasion with flags, bunting and the following mottoes: "Annual Expenditures: Conservatives, 1896—\$38,000,000; Liberals, 1905—\$136,000,000."

"A True National Policy."

"Welcome R. L. Borden, Our Leader and Statesman."

"H. S. Clements, The Workingman's Friend, Has Made Good."

President J. M. Pike, of the local Liberal-Conservative Association, presided over proceedings. He made a capital chairman, and his introductory speech, though short, was to the point. Mr. Pike is decidedly at home as a chairman of a meeting of this kind, no matter how large and important it may be, and he attended with a dignity and a nicety that gains for him the admiration of every audience he appears before in this capacity.

Mr. Pike first introduced P. H. Bowyer, M. P. E., the popular member for East Kent. On account of the lateness of the hour at which the meeting got started, Mr. Bowyer confined himself to a very few remarks. He got a very enthusiastic reception.

He was followed by H. S. Clements, M. P., who was greeted with a storm of applause. Mr. Clements opened his address by thanking the electors for the splendid support which they gave him at his election, and during the campaign. He was especially grateful to the Liberals who had turned out and voted for him. He would endeavor to be true to his trust whether it might be in public or private life. He had accepted the nomination on certain conditions, and he had advocated certain principles which he would stand by irrespective of party or any other influence. — Loud applause.

He took occasion to explain away the wrong impression which might have got about in some quarters through an erroneous report in the Toronto World. That paper, which is the property of W. F. MacLean, M. P., had stated that he had shirked a meeting of the railway committee in order to go to a fruit meeting. Mr. MacLean was bringing up his two-cent railway rate legisla-

tion at this meeting. He felt that this could not pass, even if he was present to record his vote, and he had gone to a fruit meeting where measures to wipe out the San Jose scale were being considered—a matter which was of vital interest to the farmers in West Kent—his constituency. He had afterwards taken Mr. MacLean to task about this matter, and had told him that there was not enough influence in the Conservative or Liberal parties to prevent him from recording his vote on any measure of national importance. — Applause. Mr. Clements referred to the inadequate immigration policy of the present day, by which Doukhobors, Japs, Hindus and Chinese are being allowed to flock into this country, and in some cases the Government paying five dollars a head to have them brought in here. The Doukhobors do not comply with the laws of this country to begin with, and are now a menace to morality and peace.

The speaker referred to the fight he had put up for the agricultural interests. The farmers of this country are not getting a square deal from the Government as regards tariff. He was a believer in equal protection for all, and it is high time the farmers were getting as much protection as the manufacturing class. The American tariff is two and one-quarter per cent. higher than the Canadian tariff on farm produce. Thus the Canadian farmer is not getting the proper protection, and has not got the home market to himself as the American farmer has. That is the reason farmers' sons in this country are leaving their homes and going to other countries; they can make more money in other places. There is no reason why this should be. This country is just as rich as any other, but its produce is not as well protected. Mr. Clements said he would be willing to be a free trader if the other fellow would, but so long as the other fellow persisted in hitting us he believed in hitting back just as hard or harder. — Applause.

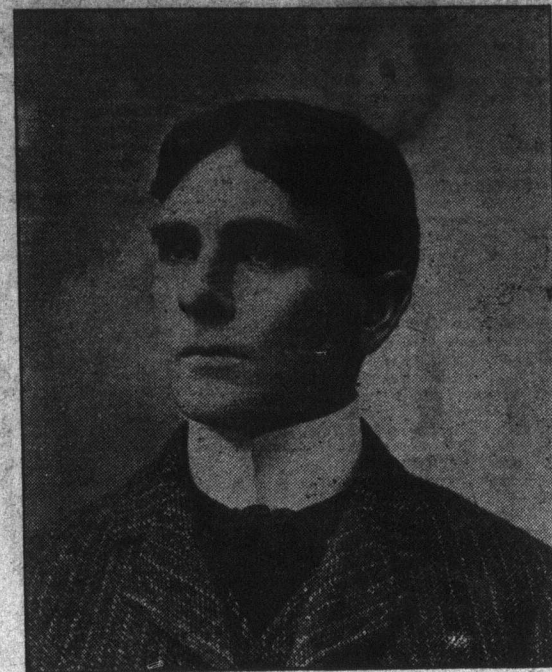
He drew attention to the scandalous extravagance of the Laurier Government, who have expended \$136,000,000 of the people's money in the past year, and they have practically nothing to show for it. One-third of this money must have gone down in the pockets of the grafters. The Sifton Syndicate land deal was a glaring example, where Sifton's friends were sold 250,000 acres of the people's land at \$1 an acre, and promptly resold it at from \$10 to \$15 an acre. They were not content with this, but they wanted to have this land fenced in at the public expense. About the time that this matter was coming up, he had received a letter from the Pigeon Fence Company of Walkerville, in which the latter had asked him if there was not a large fence contract being considered by the Government. He had hurried to Ottawa, and here he found the McGregor and Banwell Fence Company lobbying with the Government. Mr. Clements placed a question on the order paper of the day, and his question was answered by Sir Wilfrid himself, who said

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COMING SEPT. 11

Chatham theatre-goers are promised a great musical treat on the occasion of the visit of the famous Schubert Symphony Club, which comes here September 11. From the press notices given this troupe elsewhere, it is evident that they have pleased wherever they have held forth. The following is a criticism from the Ashland, Wis., Daily Herald:

"The M. E. Church was crowded last night to hear the Schuberts, and it was evident from the hearty applause given each number that everyone was highly pleased with the efforts of the artists. The company has been here before and it is a general favorite here as elsewhere."



H. S. Clements, M. P.

The Man Who, Mr. Borden Says, Is
One of the Most Capable Men
In Parliament To-Day.

TRIBUTE TO MR. CLEMENTS

Claude Macdonell Give
Him Credit For His
Splendid Work

Very Large Meeting at
Pain Court—Fine
Addresses

On Saturday night a meeting of the electors at Pain Court was addressed by H. S. Clements, M. P., and Claude Macdonell, M. P. for the city of Toronto.

In spite of the inclement weather a large audience assembled in the Town Hall to hear the two gentlemen who were billed to address them. Mr. Theodore Peltier acted as chairman and ably filled that office. After making a few preliminary remarks, Mr. Peltier called upon Mr. Clements to address the assembly.

Mr. Clements expressed his pleasure at being present to address the electors of the Township of Dover, which pleasure was very much increased from the fact that he was personally acquainted with every individual present. This division was very dear to him as it was practically his birthplace. He explained that when he was tendered the unanimous nomination as a candidate for West Kent, he refused to accept the same without being allowed certain privileges which he could use in the interests of his electors.

Many important matters were taken up, and discussed by the speaker. He first spoke on the immigration policy, and afterwards on the fight he had put up for the farmer in endeavoring to place him on an equal basis and to have the same protection as the manufacturer. The tariff question was touched upon and thoroughly explained. The expenditures of the Laurier Government were also alluded to, and the unnecessary amount which had been expended showed that the grafters were coming in for a large sum. The bounty system was also discussed, and after a few explanatory remarks concerning his stand on public affairs, Mr. Clements took his seat.

Mr. Macdonell was next called upon and gave a short address. He stated to his hearers that there was no man in the House of Commons who served his people better than does Mr. Clements. "He is alive in all public questions," and expresses his opinions in a straightforward and familiar manner in the House."

Mr. Macdonell was much pleased to be present, and stated that he had a large number of French people in his riding. He said that they were a very faithful and law-abiding class of people, and he was indeed pleased to have the honor of serving them in the House. "They are a very progressive people and I am glad to see that the French population

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HAD VERY FINE TRIP

Rev. J. W. Hodgins returns
From a Very Pleasant
Holiday

He Spent Two Weeks in
New Ontario and
Toronto

The Rev. J. W. Hodgins has returned from a two weeks' holiday, the greater part of which he spent in the wilds of New Ontario. He took a trip of 30 miles up the Montreal River, where the woods are full of prospectors for minerals, and for a couple of days shared the life of those who are seeking wealth amid the rocks of that country. The flies and mosquitoes were bad, but were nothing to what they had been in July and the early part of August, when men were actually driven out from work by these insects. He learned a great deal about the staking of claims, and also not to believe everything you see in the newspapers about the ease with which men pick up minerals in that country. On two occasions he had to make a portage of three-quarters of a mile through the woods in order to get past some rapids. Once it was at night, and the road was as dark as the streets of North Chatham, filled with rocks, stumps, and pools of water, and as the company had no lantern and every man carried his own baggage, there was lots of fun in the trip for the other fellow. He visited Kamagami, Batchford, Cobalt, Halleybury, and Liskard, all smart towns where plenty of business is being done. At Cobalt, owing to the strike, there were four hundred men idle on the streets, but

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