

ROUSING MEETING AT BATTERY.

East End Trio Accorded Wonderful Demonstration

Higgins, Fox and Vinicombe More Popular Than Ever.

The residents of the Battery turned out in full force last night and greeted the standard bearers of the Bennett party with a rousing reception. Salvoes of musketry, inspiring music, cheering and waving of flags were features of the demonstration. The Battery last night in doing honor to the representatives of the cause that is on foot for the country's improvement did high honor to itself by the wholehearted manner in which it entered the spirit of the fight to build up again and bring back to its old standing the essential industry of the fisheries that has been so seriously injured by the Squires-Coaker administration. The Battery itself has every right to stand by the preservation of the fisheries. Not alone an important and prosperous fishing settlement, it is the largest and most interested fishing district in the whole of St. John's.

STARTED WITH PARADE.

At 8 o'clock last night, some hundreds of Committee men and party supporters headed by the St. Joseph's Singsong Band, the Liberal-Labor-Progressive candidates, Messrs. Higgins, Fox and Vinicombe set out from their Committee rooms at the Mechanics Hall. They were given a tremendous send off by the large crowd that had gathered and all along the route hundreds of guns blazed out in their honor. At every corner prolonged cheering was raised in signal approval. All ten windows were lighted up, and women and children waved and shouted to the victorious trio as they proceeded to the meeting hall.

AN OVERFLOWING MEETING.

On the arrival of the parade in the settlement, the candidates were accorded a welcome never before tendered any political visitors at the Battery. The meeting was called in the spacious Methodist school house and quickly the building was filled, while hundreds surrounded the door way in an endeavour to hear the speakers. The chair was taken by Mr. Joseph Vatcher one of the most prominent residents and fishermen of the settlement. On the platform with the candidates sat Sir John C. Crosbie, Mr. James R. Chalker and Mr. Jas. Gould.

GREAT ENTHUSIASM SHOWN.

The speeches were all of a very high order and were listened to with the greatest interest and appreciation by the audience. As point after point was scored against the policies and mismanagement of the present Government deafening applause made the rafters ring. Mr. Higgins, Sir John Crosbie, Messrs. N. J. Vinicombe and C. J. Fox in turn were called upon by the chairman and on rising received tremendous ovations. The listeners showed the greatest enthusiasm for the Bennett cause and showed their approval with long cheering for the party's aim to bring prosperity and better times to this long suffering country. All the speakers extended their sincere sympathy to the chairman, Mr. Vatcher on the sad loss he has recently sustained by the drowning of his eldest son, Charles, which occurred off the Battery on St. Patrick's Bay.

MR. HIGGINS EXPOSES GOVERNMENT.

Mr. Higgins on rising was cheered to the echo and in his well known energetic fashion started right in to expound the Bennett policy and to tear apart the thin fabric of the Government's claim to a renewal of a lease of power in which to guide the destinies of this abused country. Mr. Higgins dealt at great length on the cause for which he and his party were fighting with all the force that they could throw into the struggle. He showed up the attempt to Sir R. A. Squires to make the Humber Deal the only issue of this election. He proved conclusively that these negotiations were already finalized and that the present Government were using it as a step by means of which they might once again pull the wool over the eyes of the electorate and cheat themselves in places that they were incapable of filling. He graphically traced the growth of Coakerism in our midst and he denounced the ruinous results. The germ of national decay has been planted in every town and village throughout the island and unless the people took upon themselves the duty of cast off the shackles that were quickly dragged over our land into degradation, there could never again be a day of dawn in our shores, a day of commercial industry and prosperity. For many minutes after he had taken his seat the applause was deafening.

SIR JOHN CROSBIE HITS OUT.

Sir John Crosbie on being called upon opened his speech with a very clear exposition of the cause which the Bennett party espoused. From a huge fund of first-hand information he expounded the reason of the failure and ruin that had followed in the wake of the notorious Coaker Fish Regulations. He completely proved that Newfoundland could be anything else in the main than a fish-producing country. He dealt stunning blows at the selfish F.P.U. protecting fishery policies of the present Government, and drew his audience to their feet in united disapproval of the scandalous crimes of profligate squandering in which the devastating hand of William F. Coaker could be seen for the past three and a half years.

WILL PROTECT FISHERIES.

He pledged his hearers that the protection of the fishing industry would be the chief aim and cause of himself and the Bennett party when the people confide in them the trust that for obvious reasons they could not now repose in the notorious Squires-Coaker Government. His audience was raised to a high pitch of delight when Sir John in determined language explained the plan upon which it was the policy of the Bennett Government to give encouragement to the fisheries, and by a generous bounty bring reward and protection to the hardy, toll-worn fishermen themselves. The rafters of the building rang for several minutes after Sir John had concluded his speech.

POPULAR "NIX" VINICOMBE.

Mr. N. J. Vinicombe the genial and popular "Nix," was received with loud applause by the people of the Battery and it was shown that he is as well liked there as in all the other parts of the district he has so faithfully served for the past three years. He referred in fitting words of modesty to his work in the people's behalf during a time when they were suffering under the misrule and starvation-bringing policies of the Squires regime. He was confident that he had done his duty, delighted with what he had done and sorry that he was unable to do more. Mr. Vinicombe spoke upon all that was at stake this election and urged his listeners to protect their own welfare and the general interest of the country at large. He knew that with out fall the people of the Battery would play as great a part in the coming battle of the ballots to secure the return of the Bennett candidates as they so magnificently did in 1919. He heartily thanked them one and all, and was followed to his seat with a wonderful enthusiastic ovation.

MR. FOX IN STIRRING SPEECH.

Mr. C. J. Fox was the final speaker. On rising he received loud applause, which finally subsided to a rapid interested hearing as the young tribune of the people in beautiful but stirring language plunged into a masterful discourse of the vastly important issues that depended upon this election. He contradicted the claims of the Government that this was a Humber election and not a general. But nevertheless a telling description of the conditions of the country to-day, and of the disadvantages at which our people were existing, and endeavouring to carry out commercial enterprises of the most confined forms, he proved that there were matters of far greater importance that needed the immediate attention of a responsible Government, that the welfare and happiness of the people throughout the island would be safe guarded.

PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENTS UNTRUE.

He dwelt at considerable length upon the important features of the Humber deal that the Squires administration has been liberal enough to make public. He reviewed and explained many features of the proposition that were mentioned occasionally by non-partisan gentlemen connected with the proposition, and which were of a most disconcerting nature in regard to Newfoundland's responsibility and prospects of being sufficiently remunerated out of it. He warned his hearers of the danger there would run if they merely accepted the situation as they found it, and did not make extensive search and inquiry into the nature of the other features of the negotiations which the Government are evidently unprepared and afraid to publish. He fearlessly detailed and proved to be untrue several statements of the Prime Minister on the Humber question and produced facts to substantiate his remarks.

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THE DIE IS CAST.

THE DUTY OF THE HOUR.

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Mr. Fox availed of the opportunity to warn the people of the Battery of the menace of Coakerism and showed up the devastation that would settle upon such a contented fishing settlement by any fuke or chance were given a further period of rule. In conclusion he asked the audience to take into careful consideration the very important questions upon the decision of which they should cast their votes and to remember that he and his colleagues stood for the policy of the Bennett Party and that when again returned they would devote the best of their ability to ensuring to the people of Newfoundland the Better Times they urgently deserved. The ovation that was accorded Mr. Fox was remarkably enthusiastic and proved how thoroughly his speech was then fittingly proposed by Mr. James Gould, and was unanimously carried by the whole audience.

Last night's meeting at the Battery, which opened the outside campaign in the East End was certainly an omen that the Bennett party is successfully launched on that big drive to pile up in St. John's East an overwhelming and decisive majority against Coakerism. It guarantees the assertion that MESSRS. HIGGINS, FOX AND VINICOMBE, the fighting trio will be triumphant and that the country is determined to have BENNETT & BETTER TIMES.

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or not? And what has brought about this condition of things? Nothing on the part of the merchants, nothing on the part of those who traded with them, nothing on the part of the working classes! The responsibility for the ruin and disaster brought upon Newfoundland and on the suicidal policy they put into force and carried out through the whole of their term. Their fishery policy was suicidal and brought misery and affliction upon the fishermen North, South, East and West. Their tariff policy was equally ruinous and sweated the lifeblood out of the very people they promised to protect. Every policy they introduced, every scheme they advanced was a failure, and it was a failure that meant thousands and millions of dollars lost to the people of Newfoundland. With a record like this, without a single measure to which they can point during the whole of their term, what is the position to-day? It is that they are bankrupt in reputation, in policy, in public confidence, and their only hope of getting back to power now is to ask the people to forget all the miseries, all the hard times of the past three years, every wrong that has been done themselves, their families, and their country, and to re-elect this crowd of incapables because they say they are going to put through the Humber Deal. We say to the electors: Don't worry about the Humber Deal, it will be all right. Your duty at the present time is to cast your ballots to turn out the present crowd of incapables. Do your duty like men on Polling Day and vote for BENNETT AND BETTER TIMES.

B.I.S. LADIES—There will be a meeting of the B.I.S. Ladies' Auxiliary on Wednesday evening at 8.30. ESTHER M. DOYLE, Secretary.

NORTHERN DELEGATES

At West End Headquarters

Speakers Give Encouraging Reports—Bennett Party Has Brains of Country.

With the announcement of polling day there was increased activity at the Headquarters of the West End Liberal-Labor-Progressive Committee rooms last night, all being eager for the final stretch between now and May 3rd. More than 800 attended the rooms, all seating accommodation being occupied and hundreds having to stand, and so wholehearted was the enthusiasm that an impromptu meeting was held, the speakers including several of the United Fishermen's delegates now in the city.

TIME FOR UNITED ACTION.

Captain Jesse Winsor was the first speaker, and in a short address congratulated St. John's West on having such a splendid committee, and he felt convinced that Sir Michael and his two colleagues would have a big victory. It was a time for united action, and he assured his hearers that the big surprises this election would be in the North, where Coaker openly admits that his majorities are going to be considerably decreased. This was admitting defeat and shows he is losing strength. Captain Winsor felt sure that Bonavista Bay was out for clean Government, and were going to make this country fit to live in. The fishermen and the people were rallying to Bennett's standard because the Bennett party had the brains of the country.

DELEGATE ENDORSES BONAVISTA CANDIDATES.

Mr. Sidney Hill, another of the delegates, who only arrived by the Eagle from the icefields, was the next speaker, and he expressed pleasure that Mr. W. S. Monroe was leading the Opposition in Bonavista Bay, and he bespoke for him and his colleagues a big victory in that District. It was men of the stamp of Mr. Monroe, Captain William Winsor and Lewis Little that we needed in this our darkest hour. It was men who knew the fisheries of this country, Coaker said, "down with the merchants" a few years ago, and his policy has made it almost impossible to-day for a fisherman to get supplies, and he was sure there was going to be a landslide in the North. A couple of days ago the Sagona's crew received \$4.35 for fat, but yesterday he and his shipmates interviewed the merchants and they were now getting \$4.50. Mr. Hill wished the committee every success and looked forward to seeing Cashin, Linegar and Hunt at the head of the poll on May 3rd.

COWARDLY TACTICS OF OPPONENTS.

Sir M. P. Cashin, in a short address, thanked the committee for their splendid loyalty, and their enthusiastic endeavours on behalf of himself and candidates. He reserved his comments for to-night's big meeting in the Star Theatre, when the principle speaker was Mr. W. S. Monroe, who in 1919 supported the Squires administration, together with numbers of others, who on Friday night were termed "skunks" by this same Prime Minister. Sir Michael then read extracts from the Squires' speech at Friday night's meeting, and asked if they were gentlemen coming from a man holding the important position of Prime Minister of this Colony. Sir Michael referred to the Government's attitude on the Humber Deal. Despite his challenge neither the Prime Minister nor M. P. Gibbs had come forward and explained the Deal, nor showed up the terms of the agreement that has been arranged.

ROTTEN STATE OF AFFAIRS.

Regarding Squires' statement about the Water Street business people he (Sir Michael) asked him last session concerning some motor cars that were admitted here without duty being paid, which he admitted had been landed on a temporary permit, and now he was saying that the reason was that the Squires administration, together with numbers of others, who on Friday night were termed "skunks" by this same Prime Minister. Sir Michael then read extracts from the Squires' speech at Friday night's meeting, and asked if they were gentlemen coming from a man holding the important position of Prime Minister of this Colony. Sir Michael referred to the Government's attitude on the Humber Deal. Despite his challenge neither the Prime Minister nor M. P. Gibbs had come forward and explained the Deal, nor showed up the terms of the agreement that has been arranged.

MR. C. E. HUNT WAS THE LAST SPEAKER.

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St. George's Day.

WILL BE FITTINGLY CELEBRATED.

A Joint Society meeting of representatives was held last night in the S.U.F. Hall, for the purpose of considering the celebrating of St. George's Day this year. It was decided to have a church parade on Monday, April 23rd, in the forenoon. Mr. A. G. Williams was unanimously elected Chairman and Mr. H. LeGrow, Secretary. Various Committees were elected to make all arrangements, and report at the next meeting which will be held on Friday night next.

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