

MR. HANNA

Provincial Secretary's Address Listened To With Great Interest

Hon. Mr. Hanna was given an enthusiastic reception. In opening his address he said that perhaps he could not do better than to repeat what the premier had said in opening his speech at the other meeting a few moments previous. Mr. Whitney and his government expected re-election—it was to be hoped that it would be so. The wish came from the heart of himself, as well as from the hearts of all of his colleagues in the government, that every member should be re-elected at the provincial elections to be held on June 8. Mr. Whitney in his speech had made reference to the work done by the two members from Hamilton, since the results of the elections of 1905 had been made known, and it was found that the Conservatives were in power. Mr. Whitney had referred to the work of the West and East Hamilton members, particularly Hon. John S. Hendrie, who had become a member of the cabinet, and the late Mr. Carscallen. The latter was an exceptionally capable man. He remembered when he and Mr. Carscallen had in company occupied the platform from which he was speaking. It was an occasion not to be forgotten, that meeting about 1905, when the Conservatives were trying to get into power. The late Mr. Carscallen had the respect of men in public life, and he was a great credit to the constituency which had elected him. He was a great credit to the body of men at Toronto of which he was a part. Hon. Mr. Hanna was glad to be able to say that in honoring Mr. Carscallen East Hamilton had honored itself, and West Hamilton had done the same in regard to the election of Hon. John S. Hendrie, a member of the Whitney cabinet.

The provincial secretary said he greatly mistook the feeling of the electors in West Hamilton if they did not return Hon. Mr. Hendrie with an increased majority, and if West Hamilton did not repeat what it had done for its able representative at the last election.

CAMPAIGN OPENED

This, said he, was the opening of the campaign, as far as the government was concerned. The question at once

occurred, at such a meeting, and under such circumstances, when an appeal was being made to the people, What shall we talk about? The members of the government were too modest to boast about their virtues. The members of the government had no vices to answer for. Only in difficulty could they find reasonable excuse for occupying the platform! He was reduced to the necessity of traveling over the ground that had been traveled so often before; traveling over ground that was as familiar to the audience as to him. There was nothing before him, but to review with all becoming modesty that was his in great part, the things that had been done, the things that had been accomplished by the Whitney government since it went into power in 1905.

Colonel Hugh Clark had emphasized one point about the advent of the Conservatives to power in this fair province. He pointed out that it was a new experience for the Conservatives to be in power. He made it clear that the Whitney government at Toronto had been the first Conservative government in Ontario since Christopher Columbus had discovered America.

HE MADE PROMISES

Before Mr. Whitney was elected, he had said to the people of the province, "Elect me, and I will do so and so." He had pledged the Conservative party, of which he was the head, to an administration of business capacity, to an administration of honesty, to an administration that would have the law enforced. Mr. Whitney in opposition said these things; he promised good government. The Liberals had said that he could not make good if he was elected; that he had no men, and that the Conservatives had had no experience. It would be well to see how far the Conservative government, after a term of office, had made good; how far it had redeemed the pledges made while it was in opposition.

In doing that he was overlooking important history of the province, which was made immediately prior to 1905. Hon. Mr. Hanna said he did not want to review the occurrences of those few years. All thinking Liberals, all reasonable men, would agree with him that these were the blackest pages in the history of Ontario. They would be glad to turn them over, and go on. The rank and file of the Liberal party was not responsible in any way for what had happened. The rank and file of