

LIBERALS OF SAANICH MEET ENTHUSIASM SHOWN BY PARTY SUPPORTERS

John Oliver Addresses Gathering, Showing Government's False Position.

The annual meeting of the Saanich Liberal Association, which was held at the Royal Oak schoolhouse on Saturday evening, was an enthusiastic one. The tone of the meeting augured well for the Liberal cause when the election takes place. There were a large number of names added to the list of members, including a goodly number of young men who showed their interest in the effort for pure government. The president for last year, A. Few, presided until after the election had been concluded, when he vacated the chair in favor of the new president, David Stephens. The principle of passing the duties of officers around was followed and the various positions were filled by reports from many instances. The schoolhouse was well filled, there being representatives present from the extremes of the municipality. Quite a few attended from Oak Bay and from the city. John Oliver, M. P., president of the Provincial Liberal Association, was present and gave a splendid address. He pointed out the weaknesses of the government of the province and gave excellent advice to the supporters of the Liberal cause. Never in the history of party government in British Columbia he said had there been the same evidence of enthusiasm in the demand for good government. Reports from all over the province was to the effect that the Liberals were anxious for the fight.

Before the meeting closed coffee and other refreshments were served.

Chairman's Address.

In opening the meeting A. Few expressed his pleasure at seeing so many present. It was a subject of congratulation that the valiant fighter of the party, John Oliver, was present. The leader, J. A. Macdonald, had been expected but the work entailed in the effort to bring the water bill into shape had prevented his coming.

In reviewing the work of the year, Mr. Few referred to the convention at Duncan when Ralph Smith was nominated for the federal house. Mr. Smith had been returned and the Liberal party at Ottawa had been substantially sustained. It was a subject of congratulation that Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the other leaders of the party were of such high character. About them nothing could be said derogatory. In the province the Conservative party had shown a disposition to adopt the policy of the Liberals. On many lines the Conservatives had taken over Liberal principle.

Election of Officers.

When it came to the election of officers J. A. Grant said he believed in passing the offices around. He proposed D. Stephens as president. This motion carried unanimously. The other officers elected were:

Vice-president, James A. Grant; secretary-treasurer, J. G. Elliott; executive committee, A. Strachan, John Irvine, Alf. Few, C. Pinter, F. A. E. E. den, Chas. Heal, Frank Sere, J. D. Macdonald, H. Tanner, Geo. Stewart, Carl Chandler and C. B. Jones.

The New President.

Mr. Stevens in accepting the office of president expressed the hope that he would be able to keep the association in as good shape as at the present. He would do the best he could. An election might be sprung on at any time. All should be prepared to do their part. The district had a few years ago been wrested from the Conservatives. Although the Conservatives were represented by a strong man he was defeated. He had won later, but the Liberals if they put forth a united effort could again defeat him.

Mr. Stevens referred to some of the shady transactions that were going on under the Conservative government. He intimated a case of Americans having secured 50,000 acres of the best land in the district at \$1 an acre. The land was now offered at \$18 an acre.

The various other officers elected thanked the meeting for their selection.

John Oliver.

John Oliver, addressing the meeting, congratulated those present on the large attendance. He was glad to see so many young men present. They were the future hope of the country. The local government, while it might not be the worst the province ever had, as was sometimes represented, was not as good as it ought to be. What had the government done for the material advancement of the province during its term of office? The government had multiplied civil servants. One could hardly get through the buildings in Victoria for civil servants. There had been no economy shown.

In the borrowing of money the government had proved its inability to deal with financial conditions, as a result of which the province had suffered. On assuming power the government had borrowed money. The opposition advised at the time borrowing for a short term, forecasting that conditions would change and the province's credit would be able to pay. The government would not do it, but had borrowed for ten years. The results had shown the wisdom of the opposition's advice, for within a few years the money had been repaid.

The government had not been able to estimate its revenue. It had failed to do so during the past year by 80 per cent. Over \$1,000,000 had been voted as supplementary this year. The principles of representation had been undetermined by the expending of three-quarters of a million without authorization.

The timber policy of the government, Mr. Oliver said, had brought about a serious situation. About 12,000,000 acres of timber lands were now in the hands of speculators. These American timbermen, who controlled so much were men of great wealth. They had brought up

legislation after legislation in the United States. The timber men were holding up the government. There was great danger as money could be brought to bear at election time. At present the best timber was being cut and the poorer qualities were being left to be burned. The only way out of the difficulty was to make the cause of the province and the timber men a common one. This could be done and would prevent the destruction of the resources of the province.

Should Assist Settlers.

The government's policy with respect to agricultural resources was a wrong one. Capitalists and speculators should not be aided in securing the best lands of the province. A policy of assistance should be followed which would conserve these rich lands for the settler. The record of last year showed that 40,000 acres had been taken up by pre-emptors, while 160,000 acres went to speculators. But as much of the land for speculators was taken up as pre-emptions, the situation was much worse than was shown on the surface. The Appleton company, as cited by Mr. Stevens, had secured rich lands in the Nechaos, while Mr. Rosebury, according to report, had made \$100,000 out of speculating in these northern lands, and had still vast areas left.

The speaker praised the work done by Ralph Smith at Ottawa. Liberalism was founded on equal rights for all and privileges for none. This principle should never be forgotten.

Referring to the cry against the Ottawa government for better terms, Mr. Oliver described it as a "fake" cry. The province of British Columbia had had its part in the heavy subsidies to the C. P. R. Yet the province had been discriminated against in the matter of freight and passenger rates. He had moved to have the matter gone into. Only the other day a lawyer had been named and appeared before the railway commission. Not a particle of assistance was given by the government of the province to help in preparing that case, he understood. He did not believe the province would win in the case. British Columbia he felt had a good case, but it was thrown away by the neglect of the government.

Railway Land Not Taxed.

The provincial government had also allowed the lands of the Columbia & Western railway to go untaxed, although the Liberal party had urged action year after year. Now it was to come up before the specially appointed pet of the government as judge of the court of revision.

The Conservative government argued for better terms from Ottawa, but failed to get the taxes it should from the C. P. R. while taxing the farmer. On the Asiatic question, Mr. Oliver said the local government had not done what it had power to do. It could insist that all residents should conform to rules of living. That should be done and in this way the Orientals could be brought into line.

The Dominion government, he said, had according to figures he held, paid \$5,000,000 more to the province since confederation than was derived from the province. The Conservative party was arguing dissection in the country and as such were traitors to their country.

The Conservatives were packing the voters' lists in preparation for the next election. The only way to prevent the will of the people from being thwarted was by seeing that proper lists were prepared. Let the names of no dead men, nor men from Seattle be put on the list.

It was unfortunate that in too many instances newspapers lent themselves to the support for the sake of gain and not for principle. In Victoria they had a striking exception to that rule in the Times, which was run as a business proposition, and always stood by principle. He advised subscribing for the Liberal papers.

False Representations.

By false representations the Conservative party had won the provincial election by announcing on the eve of the election falsely that Gotoh was bringing in a large body of Japanese for the G. T. P., at the instigation of the Liberal party. At the last Dominion election Hon. W. Templeman was defeated by a forged telegram. From one end of the country to the other the forger was denounced. But the man who misrepresented the situation with respect to Gotoh was the attorney-general of the province, who took information he derived in his practice, and misrepresented the situation before the public. He was worse in coolly planning that, than the man who in the heat of the election campaign forged a telegram.

On the question of local option, Mr. Oliver said that the position taken by the government was not a consistent one. He (Mr. Oliver) held no office for the local option people. The premier declared that the subject should be submitted to a plebiscite. The principle of a plebiscite was exactly contrary to the principle of local option. The liquor interests to a large extent were under the thumb of the attorney-general through the power he had over the licenses now. Mr. Oliver set forth some of the features of the resolution introduced by J. H. Hawthorthwaite. The resolution of Mr. Hawthorthwaite was, he felt sure, introduced with the consent of the premier. All but four of the Conservative members voted for this. It had, he believed, been canvassed for by the premier. The resolution set forth that local option was not effective. A royal commission was to collect information as to the capital invested in the liquor business, and all facts connected with it. This information in fact was to be gathered which would be used in the liquor interests in opposing the local option proposal, when the plebiscite was taken. This was most unfair. If the material for the licensed Victuallers Association in its campaign was to be collected, it should be gathered for the other side also.

A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Oliver.

Mr. Grant called attention to the railway which passed through the riding. It was not being conducted in a shape to serve the people properly. He wanted to know what could be done.

Mr. Oliver advised taking the matter up with the local government, who should be asked to take such steps as were possible.

NANAIMO IN LINE AS WINNING TEAM

ESQUIMALT BEATEN BY FOUR TO NOTHING

McFarlane Injured in Game at Canteen Ground on Saturday.

ISLAND LEAGUE STANDING.

| | P. | W. | L. | T. |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|
| Nanaimo | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Esquimalt | 4 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| Victoria | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Ladysmith | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |

Esquimalt went down to defeat on Saturday afternoon and lost their final chance of getting into premier running when Nanaimo won the senior island league soccer match played before a large attendance at the Canteen ground. Four to nil was recorded at the close of the game. After the first twenty minutes there was but one team in the game and with the first goal, sent through by Mossey, on Nanaimo's forward line, Esquimalt practically expended their strength. Although at times Esquimalt resisted manfully the many attacks, the visiting forward line was too strong and the Nanaimo team had three additional goals, all of which came from Mitchell, who played in fine form forward.

The first goal, while it gave the winners a credit balance to start operations, robbed them of a strong man forward. In the rush that resulted in Morsey scoring McFarlane came into collision with the Esquimalt defence and was put out of business. He was unable to take any further part in the game and retired from the field. Nanaimo completed the match with ten men and for a time the spectators believed Esquimalt would make up the deficiency and go one better than the Nanaimo ten. Esquimalt, however, was unable to pass Newitt and Graham, at full back, despite many combined rushes on the part of the forward line. The admirable defence always sent the ball across the end and placed it in the hands of the forward contingent, and although a man short it was three times sent into the net by Mitchell.

The second goal was the result of a touch by Mitchell, who received the ball from a combined rush. He had a clear opening and sent the ball accurately into the corner of the net, beating Costello, the Esquimalt guardian.

Esquimalt with two goals to make up went at the game determined to do their best. Nanaimo backs and forwards, however, proved a mountain and Walker in goal had very little to do for the defence. At times, however, Esquimalt forwards worked the ball well up, but fell down through a lack of accuracy in shooting for goal. Mitchell finally got the last two in rapid succession and Esquimalt's hopes were down for good. Time was played out with Nanaimo still attacking.

Dunn and Dignan, fullbacks for Esquimalt, played a hard defensive game, while Buxton and Savident on the three-quarter line, did all they could to avert the defeat. Nanaimo, however, had a snap and sent forward which the local men could not successfully combat.

The result of the match gives Nanaimo a strong hold on the island premiership for 1909. Esquimalt has now completed its games with Nanaimo and the local City's strongest opposition for the pennant is Ladysmith, but Nanaimo supporters are confident they can go through the remaining three games to play without a defeat. Saturday's winners have yet to play Victoria twice and Ladysmith twice.

The teams on Saturday were:

Nanaimo—Goal, Walker; fullbacks, Graham and Newitt; halfbacks, Thackey, Farmer and Haaley; forwards, Mitchell, Cruickshanks, McFarlane, Mossey and Blundell.

Esquimalt—Goal, Costello; fullbacks, Dunn and Dignan; halfbacks, Malcolm, Buxton and Savident; forwards, Barnes, Young (J.), Sherritt, Young (W.), Young (W.).

Standard Time at Nelson.

Citizens Decided in Favor of a Change.

Nelson, March 6.—The city of Nelson is to revert to standard time in place of the city system which has prevailed since last summer. This was the decision of the people as shown by a plebiscite. The vote was taken by ballot and resulted in a much heavier total than had been anticipated, no less than 74 persons recording their opinions on this which has been the burning question of the city for the past two weeks. The majority in favor of standard time was 312, there being 23 for it and 211 for city time.

"The result of the plebiscite will come before the council for ratification on Monday night, and until that time the present system of mountain time will not be officially altered.

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ACTIVITY IN REAL ESTATE AT DUNCAN

Flower Show Under Auspices of Daughters of Pity Next Month.

Duncan, March 6.—Real estate continues active here. Major Moss, who has been in the district some months, has bought Mr. Hutchinson's farm at South Cowichan. This property has changed owners three or four times in the past three years.

A very neat prize list is being prepared for the King's Daughters flower show to be held next month. The children's essay this year is to be on the trees of Cowichan.

DOG AND POULTRY SHOW AT DUNCAN

Will be Held About End of May—Success is Assured.

Duncan, March 6.—At a meeting of the executive of the Agricultural Association, it was decided to hold a dog and poultry show sometime about the end of May or beginning of June. A department for cats will probably be included and also one for flowers.

The sub-committee under the chairmanship of H. B. Bevan appointed to inquire into the advisability of holding a show, reported that they had met with great encouragement and there was every reason to believe that the people of the district would support such a move to an extent that would insure its success.

The show will probably be held under the rules of the Canadian Kennel Club which would mean a considerable entry of outside dogs.

It was thought advisable to confine the competition in poultry to the district and thus encourage the breeding of better poultry locally.

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ENGLISH SOCCER GAMES ON SATURDAY

London, March 6.—No decision was reached in the fourth round of the English cup on Saturday. Glossop and Bristol City played a draw with no score, and Newcastle United and Sutherland tied with two goals apiece.

The other two games between Burnley and Manchester United and Derby County and Notts Forest, were postponed. All four games will, therefore, have to be played this coming week.

Bad weather prevented most of the league games being played, a single match in first division resulting in a draw of one goal each between Preston North End and Middlesbrough. In the second division but four games were played, resulting as follows: Bolton Wanderers 3, Blackpool 1. Fulham 1, Wolverhampton 1. Grimsby Town 0, Oldham Athletic 0. Stockport County 1, Tottenham Hotspur 2.

Southern League results were as follows: West Ham United 0, New Brompton 1. Brighton and Hove 2, Northampton 4. Crystal Palace 0, Exeter 0. Southampton 1, Southend 1. Norwich City 4, Bristol Rovers 1. Plymouth Argyle 2, Watford 0.



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Joseph Blyth, Solicitor of Burlington Railroads, Dies of Heart Disease.

Burlington, Ia., March 6.—Joseph Wm. Blyth, general solicitor of the Burlington railroad system and state leader of the Republican "Stand-Patters," died to-day of heart disease while on a hunting trip at Wapella.

WILL BACK BRITISH BOXER FOR \$15,000

New York, March 5.—If Al Lippe, manager of Abe Attell, means what he says he can get a \$15,000 side bet when Jim Driscoll comes back here for another mill with the American featherweight champion, Lippe has been talking ever since Driscoll's appointment Attell at the National A. C., of the willingness of Considine to back Attell for the amount named above. A wealthy member of the National A. C., who saw the recent mill, notified one of the club's stockholders that while he did not know a whole lot about pugilism he stood ready to cover a \$15,000 wager on the side in behalf of Driscoll, as soon as the men were rematched.

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NEW CITY ENGINEER.

J. W. Blackman Elected to Fill Position at New Westminster.

New Westminster, March 6.—J. W. Blackman has been appointed city engineer at a salary of \$2,000. Mr. Blackman has resided here about 12 months and has been acting as assistant to J. H. Brownlee. He is an associate of the Surveyors' Institute of England, and has had considerable experience in municipal work, though only about 30 years of age.

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VOL. MINERS WITH NEGOTIATION

ANTHRACITE Demands Met Upon Pre Carry

Philadelphia, Pa. The desire to represent the representative workers of America in the Reading and began negotiations to go into the anthracite region have the workers entered upon feeling and under better prospects without resort to the demands.

The demands as drafted at a last October annual convention were a 50-cent per day increase. First—that an anthracite region be recognized by the miners and anthracite region under the National A. M. C. as provided in the First that a recognition of the of America as a United Mine Workers be recognized by any methods of collection of recognition.

Third—that a four day with Fourth—that and paid for by Fifth—that by show uniform for all classes of in the anthracite employees paid shall receive a and less than a five per cent.

Sixth—that the contract miners or employs more abolished.

Seventh—that required to issue the name of the where employed and the class of.

Eighth—that made for a per When the ago, they made through their demands work and strongly int ask that the pre ment be renewe and the class of ragement made strike commissi.

Nothing occur sion of the con prevailing opini will refuse to gr men as formul tion. Mr. Lewis before the emp spany explaini he hoped this be gether and com ment. He had o towards the wanted them tious in excha the interest of but that he w interest of the Pennsylvania.

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