

# London Sides With Laurier

C. S. Hyman Elected by a  
Magnificent Majority.

Sweeping Liberal Victory in All  
Four Wards.

A Monster Procession With  
Thousands in Line.

Speeches From The Advertiser Office Windows by London's Representative and Prominent Liberals—Streets Ablaze With Lights and Fireworks—The Town Was "Red"—Scenes of the Greatest Enthusiasm—Mr. Beattie Cries Corruption—Notes of the Contest.

Well, it's Hyman!

Five hundred and forty-six! This was the good news that sent the enthusiasm of the Liberals of London up to fever heat last night, and sent the enthusiasm of the Conservatives into the shades of zero, with no unmistakable sound. The Liberals had fought a good fight and had won a magnificent victory. And there was general rejoicing in the ranks of the supporters of good government. The victory was the greatest Liberal sweep in the history of London, and never was there more wildly enthusiastic scenes than those that followed the announcement of Mr. Beattie's overwhelming defeat. Those on the inside were confident of victory, but even the most sanguine did not expect the handsome majority that Mr. Hyman received. When it was flashed from the Advertiser windows, the Conservatives in the crowd were paralyzed with amazement; the Liberals were wild with joy. They shouted, cheered, tooted, shot off fireworks, waved hats and flags, in a perfect delirium of happiness.

The returns began to pour in within fifteen minutes after 5 o'clock. By that time the pavement was blocked with people. With usual dispatch the Advertiser was first to post returns. The first Hyman gain was received with tremendous cheering. From that first bulletin until the grand total was shown, prodigious enthusiasm was manifested by the immense throngs. When his splendid majority became evident the air was rent with cheers. Immediately the people began to show their satisfaction according to the time-honored customs of election nights.

## The Detailed Returns.

The following is the vote cast in the different subdivisions of the four wards of the city:

WARD ONE.			
Div.	Beattie, Hyman	Road-	
1	38	69	9
2	27	54	7
3	97	93	11
4	63	83	8
5	69	84	5
6	83	95	8
7	76	101	16
Total	458	590	65
WARD TWO.			
Div.	Beattie, Hyman	Road-	
1	86	113	8
2	59	80	8
3	114	134	9
4	98	165	4
5	87	92	3
6	72	88	8
Total	517	672	40
WARD THREE.			
Div.	Beattie, Hyman	Road-	
1	79	94	5
2	96	131	12
3	69	80	8
4	87	112	11
5	63	87	12
6	107	121	15
7	76	117	16
Total	577	752	80
WARD FOUR.			
Div.	Beattie, Hyman	Road-	
1	92	138	4
2	103	128	6
3	105	105	3
4	113	112	3
5	96	116	6
6	82	83	13
7	106	119	10
Total	717	801	64
RECAPITULATION.			
Ward 1	458	590	65
Ward 2	517	672	40
Ward 3	577	752	80
Ward 4	717	801	64
Total	2,269	2,815	239
Majority for Hyman	546		

## Returns for 1896.

The following table shows the official recount figures for 1896. The recount was held before Judge William Elliot:

Subdivision	Beattie, Hyman	
No. 1	69	82
No. 2	88	104
No. 3	106	121
No. 4	107	122
No. 5	96	108
No. 6	104	101
No. 7	99	88
No. 8	140	121
No. 9	114	132
No. 10	58	69
No. 11	39	63
No. 12	55	48
No. 13	83	87
No. 14	84	96
No. 15	102	72
No. 16	91	65
No. 17	92	96
No. 18	108	121
No. 19	70	76
No. 20	73	73
No. 21	50	61
No. 22	50	61
No. 23	83	88
No. 24	117	104
No. 25	103	99
No. 26	91	91
No. 27	123	96
Total	2,225	2,284
Majority for Beattie	609	41

## At The Advertiser.

When the final returns from the different subdivisions of the city had been received, Mr. Hyman, accompanied by a number of the prominent members of the party, proceeded to the office of the Advertiser, at about 6:15 o'clock, and addressed the immense concourse of cheering electors, assembled in front of the building. Mr. John Cameron acted as chairman of the impromptu meeting, and introduced the speakers. Mr. George Gibbons stepped first to the open window and called for cheers for Mr. Hyman, and a thunder of acclamation rent the air, intensified and prolonged as the successful candidate himself appeared at the casement.

## MR. HYMAN SPEAKS.

When the enthusiasm of the throng had sufficiently spent itself to allow Mr. Hyman to be heard, he said that he felt grateful from the bottom of his heart for the enormous support that had been given him. (Cheers.) He was, he said, deeply obliged to the members of his committee, who had done so much to return him, and he felt deeply grateful, too, to those who, while not promising their support, must nevertheless have voted for him. He was sorry he had not much voice left, but he wished to thank his every supporter heartily. (Cheers.) London had returned a Liberal by the largest margin in its history. (Cheers.) He was glad to say that in this election there were no 297 spoiled ballots. When the beloved Liberal chief, Sir Wilfrid Laurier—(Cheers)—heard the good news from London he would rejoice beyond measure that the city had been redeemed. (Cheers.) Mr. Hyman again heartily thanked his supporters, and promised that in the honorable position to which they had elected him he would do his best to do his duty in a satisfactory manner. (Prolonged cheering.)

## GEORGE C. GIBBONS, Q.C.

Mr. Gibbons was greeted with an enthusiasm only second to that evinced by the candidate himself. The election, he said, there were 297 spoiled ballots, but today there were not 20. If there had been only 20 in the last contest, Charles S. Hyman would have been the member for London for the last four years. (Cheers.) Mr. Hyman's opponents had fought a good fight, but they had been thrashed, and thrashed well. (Cheers.) The Conservatives had lost, and he hoped they would be mainly enough to acknowledge defeat and turn in and support a good government. He hoped that the strife which had existed in the city so long would be forgotten for the next four years, and the Liberals, Conservatives and Socialists alike would join in efforts to build up and forward the interests of the city. (Cheers.) Mr. Gibbons concluded by saying that the majority relied upon was sufficient to convince the Conservatives that London wanted C. S. Hyman for its member. (Cheers.) And if they were not convinced now they would be next election. (Cheers.)

## T. H. PURDUM, Q.C.

Mr. Purdum was warmly greeted by the crowd. The old saying declared

that it was the unexpected that always happened; but this time it was not only the expected but the predicted result which had come to pass. (Cheers.) The nomination it has been predicted that, given a fair election, the Reform candidate would receive the majority of the votes, and this had been amply verified. (Cheers.) The news of the glorious victory in London would be heard with rejoicing all through Canada. (Cheers.) As London had gone, so would the whole Dominion. (Cheers.) The Conservatives had put up a good fight, but it was against better material than themselves. (Cheers.) The result of the contest would be to teach both parties to respect themselves more and their opponents more. (Cheers.) The city had every reason to be proud of Mr. Hyman, and he had reason to be proud of the support he had received from the city. (Cheers.) When Mr. Hyman goes to Ottawa he will prove himself one of the best members on the floor of the house, and the speaker believed he would sit in parliament not only as a member for London but as a member of the best ministry Canada has ever known, under the best premier the Dominion has ever seen. (Cheers.) The Liberals of London could sleep soundly, for they had done their duty, and this city would reap the benefit. (Cheers.)

## EX-MAYOR LITTLE.

Mr. J. W. Little opened his remarks by announcing that Minister Blair had beaten ex-Minister of Finance George E. Foster, in St. John, N. B., the news being greeted with applause. Mr. Little was sure that all were delighted with the result of the election. It had been a quiet, decent contest, and it had been won fairly. (Cheers.) After fighting for thirteen years, Mr. Hyman had secured what rightfully belonged to him. (Cheers.) The Liberals of London might feel proud that they had stood by him in adversity, and they would continue to stand by him. Mr. Little said he respected every man's principles, but he firmly believed that it would be a misfortune if the Conservatives triumphed, for they had sought to win by stirring up racial strife, and he had united to many down these tactics on the part of their leaders. Mr. Hyman was proud of his supporters, and they on their part would never regret their action. (Cheers.)

Mr. John Cameron closed the speech-making with the announcement that Mr. Hyman's correct majority was 546, and this again aroused the enthusiasm of the multitude to the highest point. Mr. Gibbons then announced that Mr. Gibbons would leave the Liberal committee rooms at 7:30, and invited all those present to participate in it.

## THE VANQUISHED.

When the Liberals had ceased speaking, Mr. Beattie appeared at the Press window. The crowd surged in that direction, anxious to hear what the ex-member had to say about his defeat. He took it with very bad grace. "You see by the figures," he said, "that we are in a tight city. I hope that Mr. Hyman and his friends take pleasure in their figures." Some kindly youth assured the speaker that they would. "They show," he continued, "a clean buy-out." (Derisive laughter.) "Why don't you take it like a man?" Continued laughter. "Thirty thousand dollars have been paid to buy the election. I know perfectly well that the election was gone some days ago. Corruption walked upon the scene. Hyman's gang worked well," he continued frantically, to the amusement of the crowd below. "Men in ladies' attire were giving \$10 bills to people on the streets. (Laughter.) The crowd surged in that direction, anxious to hear what the ex-member had to say about his defeat. He took it with very bad grace. 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