

FRANKFORD ENTHUSIASTIC OVER CANDIDATURE OF MR. R. J. GRAHAM

Window's Hall Jammed to the Doors on Saturday Evening—Candidate Discusses Problems Facing Electorate Today—Stirring Appeals by William McIntosh, S. Burrows and Bandsman Wilkinson.

No finer gathering in the interests of Mr. R. J. Graham, the people's candidate in the coming Federal Elections has been held than that on Saturday evening when Frankford turned out en masse and filled Window's Hall to overflowing. The assembly room's capacity is nearly five hundred, but aisles and doorways were crowded so that it was almost impossible to gain admittance long before eight o'clock. The hall outside was also crowded. A moderate estimate placed the attendance at between seven and eight hundred. Farmers from many parts of Sydney were in the audience.

An interesting feature of the meeting was the attention given the speakers. Mr. Graham was the last speaker and his address, while not a long one, did not close until ten forty o'clock. Yet the crowd lingered, listening to every word of the candidate until the meeting was over.

Frankford knows what Mr. Graham has done as a benefactor as far as the village is concerned. He is as much at home there as in Belleville and he is the leading manufacturer of the place.

Mr. Harry Nugent, the chairman, in opening the meeting, welcomed the ladies and referred to Union Government, of which Mr. Graham is the true representative. Mr. Nugent paid a tribute to the moral standing of Mr. Graham in the community and his business ability, which places him in the front rank in commerce in Canada. He has accomplished much and will do more. He has done a great deal for Frankford as an employer of labor and a purchaser of farm produce. He is a product of Sydney, is straight forward and honest in all his dealings.

"Mr. Porter has never done anything in Parliament for us," said Mr. Nugent. The price of cheese was set low and did Mr. Porter open his mouth against the price? But Mr. Graham would not be in Parliament long before he was heard. Mr. Porter has never moved to have the ban on corn removed although farmers need it for feeding.

Mr. Graham is a practical farmer. He knows the farmer's needs. He gained success without political pull. He is fit for the portfolio of minister of agriculture. Lt.-Col. Ed. O'Flynn was welcomed with cheers. He said of Mr. Graham: "He'll sweep Sydney just as he is going to sweep Belleville and Trenton. The question of Conscription is supported by both Mr. Graham and Mr. Porter. The gaps at the front must be filled. Volunteerism has unfortunately failed. It was time that Conscription came. The problem is to take the men that can best be spared. Who knows how many men are necessary for food production? Mr. Graham surely knows what labor is needed. The Union Government will remedy any mistakes of tribunals. Farmers' sons who are producing will undoubtedly be exempted."

Mr. Porter says he is the best man. He says he has been there for 17 years (laughter). On Dec. 17th we are going to take him out and put in a new man. (cheers.) The true Union Candidate is the man that has the support of both parties. Mr. Porter said at Stirling he did not want any Grits. But Mr. Borden wanted and took Liberals in. Mr. Graham has the support of both Conservatives and Liberals.

Mr. Graham's son, Earle, is fighting at the front. He did not get a commission. He peeled off the uniform and went to the front. Mr. Graham wants the war won to bring home his son and Canada's sons. We must have the best men in parliament. He has done things and will do more.

Mr. William McIntosh, merchant of Belleville, has already won his spurs as a speaker on the hustings. He referred to Mr. Graham's executive ability. He is a farmer and manufacturer. It is to his own interest to look upon the farmers in interest. He has brought money from Britain and France and used it here. Mr. McIntosh attacked the custom which makes parliament 71% lawyers. "We own the land

"We own the farms," he said, "and we ought to have farmers and manufacturers managing our national affairs." In 17 years a man ought to advance a step. Has Mr. Porter done so? Mr. Graham wouldn't be there 5 years until he is in cabinet. "We want a live man in Parliament. You don't have to change your politics. There must be no politics. Grit or Tory, we should get them out. Borden has done it and he was a Tory, and Rowell, the biggest Grit in the province, has done it. You can do it." (cheers)

"Sir Robert Borden does not think he is changing his politics by being associated with Reformers in the cabinet," declared Mr. S. Burrows, of Belleville. Frankford should be proud of Mr. Graham, the head of one of the greatest industries in Canada. If he is elected Sir Robert will court such a man and consult with him. Mr. Graham will give a better account of himself than the ex-member. President Wilson puts men of business in position. "If there had been men of business in the parliaments of Europe, I venture to think there would have been no war."

Bandsman Fred Wilkinson a returned soldier, captured the audience by his appeal for Mr. Graham. "Mr. Graham is the man," he cried. "Mr. Porter cannot do for your boys, when they return, what Mr. Graham can do when the boys come home. Mr. Graham will give them the benefit."

The candidate was in a merry mood as he rose to speak. The opposition had complained of his going about with a band and singers, said Mr. Graham. "We are not ashamed of our Frankford band and of our musicians, and I hope you are on the band wagon with us" (cheers.)

Mr. Graham welcomed the ladies to the federal ballot. "And it will be your privilege to vote for me."

"I am sorry this hall is not large enough. If there were any way of speaking to those on the street, I would be only too pleased to do so."

"We must win this war, otherwise we should become slaves to the German militarism and lose the birthright for which our forefathers bled and died. The time is critical." The candidate showed how Mr. Porter failed in his duty to follow Sir Robert Borden's instructions to call a union convention and thus bring about a union and the selection of a candidate without an election. So the business interests of Belleville and other best farmers in this constituency are behind me. Belleville's little Tammany will be defeated. To-day we see the cloven hoof of the patronage system. Is the post office in Belleville a political machine? Surely the postmaster is well enough able to decide on men. Mr. Porter should not only for applicants. Mr. Graham attacked the unfair partisan work in the appointment of enumerators. "The men were, I believe recommended by the ex-member of this riding."

"Mr. Porter is not the Union Candidate. He is the candidate of one extreme wing of one party. But the public have had too much of this domination by Belleville's little Tammany. Patronage under both governments has resulted in a trail of expense and graft. Sir Robert Borden's Union Government is determined to put down this evil. I am glad to support Sir Robert Borden in that plank of his platform. It is time that we get value for our money. I believe we have got in Sir Robert Borden a man of nobility, true to the faith we repose in him."

"I claim to be the true Union candidate and the only representative of the Union Government in this riding," said Mr. Graham explaining why the government had to nominate a candidate. "Roll up in my favor as large a majority as possible because the soldiers in the field have no means of knowing who is in the field. I am not a supporter of Sir W. Laurier and never will be. The Globe the Liberal paper, denounces Sir Wilfrid. I am brought out by the people, not by either party. I am independent because Sir Robert Borden said political machines should not operate in this time of crisis. Mr. Graham denied the profiteering charge. Every man on his farm is trying to make money. We commend the man who saved on the farm. I claim the same right in my business. I have tried to give fair value for the money." Mr. Graham

declared. Why did not the Food Controller take up the offer of Mr. Graham to hand over the factories to the Government? Because the government knew he could make the goods cheaper than the government could. Some speak of low wages. "The smallest wages paid in my factory at Belleville is \$2.75 per day. Mr. Porter advertises for returned men for the post office at \$2.25. The government can afford to pay as much as I can and the people in the country will stand behind our boys."

"I believe in organized efforts of the working men. The working man has equal rights with the employer. All honor to the people who labor. Labor is the foundation of civilization. "Agriculture is the backbone of our land. Farmers should send a man to parliament who knows their needs, the value of labor and produce. When the war is over, I believe there will be little but tears and taxes. The amount of money spent to win the war is enormous. Who has to pay the bill? We have. Back of all is the farmer to pay the bill. So don't you think it best to send a man to parliament who will see that the money is properly spent. It is time for business men to conduct this country."

Mr. Graham "went after" the tin soldiers. "We are not going to have any more of them. What do we mean by tin soldiers? Men who enlisted, draw big pay, go to necessary to England but never to France. Then they come home. We've got them in our midst. We have them in that little Tammany in Belleville. You and I have got to band together and wipe the slate of that crowd."

The musical program included selections by Frankford band and songs by Bandsman Wilkinson.

HASTINGS COUNTY SUBSCRIBES \$2,250,000 IN BONDS.

Magnificent Total Rolled up in the Campaign to Supply the Sineews of War—One in Eight of Population of Belleville Have Bought Bonds.

The success of the Victory Loan was beyond the hopes of the most optimistic worker. When the final returns are compiled it is expected that there will be more than \$2,250,000 reported from the County. The original objective was \$800,000 and the City of Belleville has nearly passed the fifth objective. No place in Canada has reported a better showing than Belleville. That is without special subscriptions of over \$25,000, of which we only had three. The total figures will be published in tomorrow night's paper. It was impossible to get all the returns on Saturday night, and the headquarters staff will be busy all day and tonight getting out the final returns.

Mr. F. Buckley of Murray street, was the lucky winner of the Victory Bond at Griffin's on Saturday night. The theater was packed, and the choice of fate was a popular one. Next Saturday night another bond will be given away at this popular playhouse.

The workers of Belleville will be entertained at a supper at the Quilte tonight by Mr. W. B. Deacon, the county chairman, and the Victory Loan Organization staff.

The publicity end of the campaign has been most successful thanks to the co-operation of all the good people of the county. The press should be particularly thanked for the wholehearted way in which they have turned in to help the cause. The space given to the publicity committee was most useful and contributed more than anything else to the success of the campaign in this county. The merchants have also been most generous in lending their space in the newspapers, and display in windows. The Griffin Amusement Co. through their popular representative here, Mr. Geo. Furhan, has been most generous in supplying publicity, by the introduction of slides, the playing of "Miss Canada" film, and is allowing the use of their stage for appeals from the members of the different theatrical companies that have played here. These members also have the thanks of the publicity committee. The most remarkable thing about the publicity campaign is the fact that it did not cost one cent. Everyone connected with this end of the campaign gave their services free, the space was donated, and the posting even done free.

The many speakers who gave their services also are gratefully remembered.

Mrs. A. Wallace, of Tweed, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. G. S. Wilson, of this city, is spending the winter in North Carolina.

REMARKABLE HEADWAY MADE BY THE GRAHAM ORGANISATION

Ward Committees Make Highly Favorable Reports at Saturday Evening's Meeting in Mr. Graham's Committee Rooms.

It was a case of standing room only at Mr. Graham's committee rooms on Saturday evening. There were over 200 willing workers and earnest supporters of Mr. Graham present and almost every man brought with him optimistic and highly encouraging reports as to the outlook in the various sections of the city. Particularly was this true of the ward committees—they have been working systematically and diligently during the past week with the result that their work is far advanced to what is generally the case two weeks before election day. As one old Conservative campaigner put it "He never saw such a thorough and enthusiastic organization in any campaign he had ever taken part in and he could see nothing but success when the final count was taken."

Formal speech-making was eliminated at the Saturday night committee meeting in order that the week's work could be completed in every detail. Every chairman or vice chairman was in their place with their hard working assistants, and considerable headway was made in checking up the official enumerators' lists with the report of the volunteer canvassers who are making a revised list of qualified voters for Mr. Graham and it is interesting to note that scores of qualified voters have already been found whose

names do not appear on the official lists and many others whose names do appear that should not be there. These matters will of course be remedied when the proper time arrives. Mr. Malcolm Wright has been retained by Mr. Graham to look after these legal matters.

Campaign Notes
The labor men of this city have been invited by the labor men of Trenton to be their guests at a mass meeting being held in that town on Friday night in the interests of Mr. Graham. The local men have accepted the invitation and will also take up several prominent speakers with them. Another workmen's meeting is to be held in the city hall on Saturday evening of this week. Several good speakers will be in attendance and the meeting promises to be an unqualified success for the working men, all out for Mr. Graham almost to a man and are leaving no stone unturned to make his election sure and as far as they are concerned it most certainly will be. A musical program will be furnished and all ladies are invited to be present.

One prominent business man who has extensive dealings with the farmers, made it a point Saturday to enquire as to the election prospects in communities which his various customers resided and he reports an overwhelming sentiment for Graham. Graham's committee rooms are open each evening and every voter is invited to come up whenever possible.

PAPERS WERE STOLEN FROM THE OFFICES OF GRAHAM'S LIMITED

Business Documents Were Scattered Along the Sidewalk on the Business Streets of the City—Object Probably to Create Impression Mr. Graham Had Been Trading with the Enemy

On the early hours of Sunday morning an individual was observed with a bundle under his arm dropping scraps of paper along each side of Front street, on the inside of the sidewalk. He also dropped similar papers along the lower parts of Bridge and Campbell streets and Victoria Ave.

Passers-by, at a later hour, picked up some of the papers and ascertained they were business documents. They were principally drafts, checks, and shipping bills made out in the name of R. J. Graham. They were the records of business transactions that Mr. Graham had had with firms all over the world. Many of the papers told of business deals with Germany and the drafts were endorsed by the "Hamburger Filiale Der Deutschen Bank."

After the head office of the Graham Company was damaged by fire last spring many of the old business documents were taken from the vaults and cabinets and deposited in loose sacks. These were not carefully guarded but were merely piled

in the corridor of the temporary offices during the time of the rebuilding. A sack of these papers has undoubtedly been stolen. What could have been the object in thus scattering these stolen documents over the streets? Undoubtedly the idea was to create the false impression that Mr. Graham had been trading with enemy arms during the war.

The expedient was a stupid and clumsy one and could succeed only with voters who were densely ignorant. The dates on most of the papers were from 1899 to 1902. Mr. Graham, in the course of his worldwide business, had at that time many important transactions with German firms.

No doubt the thieves hoped to get papers that would be more serviceable to them, but finding only these ancient documents and records they did with them what they thought would best suit their dirty purposes. There may be some later developments which will not be so pleasant for those who opened the game.

OBITUARY

MRS. M. W. WESTCOTT

The following notice of the death of Mrs. M. W. Westcott, a former resident of Stirling, was received a few days ago:

On Nov. 18th, 1917, Mrs. M. W. Westcott passed peacefully to rest. She was 64 years, 4 months and 15 days old. She was born in Stirling, Hastings county, Ontario and about 12 years ago moved to Semans, Sask. and the past three years has been making her home in Mandlin, Montana, the Rock Springs basin.

Her sisters are, Mrs. T. J. Smith, Stirling, Ont., Mrs. W. Smith, Stirling, Ont., Mrs. J. McMurchy, Toronto, Ont., Mrs. G. Carlisle, Newbrook, Ont., and her only brother Mr. Bert Landsdowne, Penna.

Her husband, three daughters and two sons are also left to mourn her death; Mrs. Allie O'Vick, of Rock Springs, Mont.; Miss Grace E. and Miss Olive E. and Charles E., of Mandlin, Mont. and Bert S. of Winnipeg, Man.—Stirling Argus.

CROOKSTON

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Holland on Wednesday evening, Nov. 28th, when their second daughter Myrtle, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Mr. James Rollins, of Cooper. Rev. Mr. Frederick of Ivanhoe, conducted the marriage service.

Our village was visited by a fire on Friday evening last which destroyed the residence of Mr. David Woodcock.

Mr. Robert Downey wears a broad smile these days; a little boy has come to stay at his home.

Miss Annie Lancaster and friend spent Sunday with friends north of Madoc.

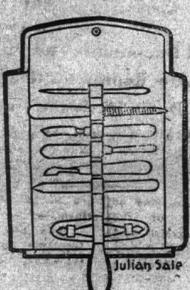
A large number attended the League rally which was held on Thursday evening last and listened with enjoyment to the program which was given by the members of both Ivanhoe and Bethesda League. Miss Beale Fleming took tea with Miss Esther Lancaster Sunday evening.

A few from our vicinity attended the funeral of Mrs. W. Dunnan at West Huntingdon on Friday after-

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noon last. We extend our sympathy to the mourning relatives and friends.

Miss M. Curtis, of Hazard's Corner, is spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. Ward Holland.

CENTRE

Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Stafford and grandson, David, took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Mack Giles on Sunday. Whooping cough is quite common in our school.

Mr. and Mrs. Oral Catman and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Giles.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Stafford spent part of the week with Mrs. D. T. Stafford.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gay to our neighborhood.

There seems to be some inhuman person poisoning innocent dogs.

Mrs. Geo. E. Roblin left on Saturday for Toronto where she will reside with her daughter, Mrs. L. T. Parks.

QUIETLY MARRIED

One of our young and popular business men was quietly married on Wednesday to an esteemed young lady who has been a resident of town for some months, and so quiet was the event kept that only the most intimate friends were aware of the nuptials until the ceremony was over and the happy couple were enroute for Montreal. The contracting parties were Mr. Geo. E. Clarke, grocer, and (nurse) Miss Mary Rosmond Barleigh. The knot that binds them together for "weal or for woe" was tied at St. James' Church by the rector, the Rev. Chas. Ryan. They were unattended. The happy event took place at high noon and immediately after the ceremony the young couple motored to the C.P.R. station where they took passage to New York, going by way of Montreal, where they will spend a short honeymoon. The Advocate joins their host of friends in extending to the young couple best wishes for a calm and prosperous voyage over the sea of wedded life.—Tweed Advocate.

"The Reporter" congratulates Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Ward on the birth of a son, Wednesday last. In honor of the Victory Loan, the child has been named Cecil Victor and is probably the youngest bond holder in the Dominion of Canada.—From the Chatham Reporter of Nov. 30th.