

PORTER AND GRAHAM RUNNING IN W. HASTINGS

Large Gathering of Electors, Including Ladies at Nominations at Stirling on Monday Afternoon—Spirited Speaking Followed Sheriff Morrison's Announcements—Addresses by Candidates and Supporters—Military Service Act Will Decide Election, Says Robert Cooke, M.P.—Mayor Ketcheson Endorses Union Government's Candidate—Ald. Deacon Wants Manufacturer Returned—Mr. F. R. Mallory Asks Farmers to Elect Graham who Knows Agriculture—James Duckworth's Appeal for Recognition of Merit—Some Hot Shots Fired by ex-Member and Answered.

Edward Guss Porter, barrister and former member of parliament, and Robert James Graham, farmer and manufacturer, both of Belleville, are the candidates for the House of Commons for the riding of West Hastings. The village of Stirling was crowded with electors yesterday for the nomination speeches at the opera house, Sheriff M. B. Morrison was on hand at twelve o'clock noon and up to the hour of two o'clock only two nomination papers had been filed, and accordingly the triangular fight was off. Both men are supporters of the "Win-the-War" Union Government and are Conservatives. Mr. Porter, Liberal Conservative and Mr. Graham announcing himself as Independent Conservative.

Interest was intense in the nomination, much greater in Stirling than one would have anticipated. While only a few electors turned out in Toronto, Stirling's opera house was jammed to the doors, the pit and galleries, the staircases and aisles being filled. Quite a few of the new electors, the women, were in the hall and were interested spectators and listeners. Electors from all parts of the riding were present.

As the rival candidates came up the aisle, each was received with cheers. Mr. Graham came first. Mr. Porter followed some time later. At two o'clock nominations closed and the returning officer, Sheriff Morrison made the announcement of the candidates of Mr. Graham and Mr. Porter. He welcomed the electors, particularly the ladies, and promised them an interesting debate on national issues.

Among the names appearing on Mr. Graham's nomination paper were: C. N. Sulman, H. W. Ackerman, A. L. MacFee, L. W. Marsh, A. G. Vermylen, Rev. Dr. R. C. Blagrove, C. M. Reid, John McIntosh, W. B. Deacon, D. V. Sindlar, Dr. H. A. Yeomans, Ven. Archbishop Beamish, C. Earle, J. W. Cook, F. S. Deacon, J. Higgs, H. O. Elvins, James St. Charles, H. W. Greenleaf, T. H. Coppin, Thomas Manley, J. M. Wallace, C. S. Clapp, Oswald H. Scott, A. E. Bailey, F. S. Wilson, T. S. Carman, W. McIntosh, P. J. Wims, E. H. Tickell, F. J. Lee, W. M. Mackintosh, W. C. Springer, Thomas Ritchie, H. Sanders.

H. F. Mitchell, John G. Meagher, J. A. Borbridge, A. Robinson, F. White, William Rose, George N. Simmons, M. Haslip, G. Ormond, W. Reppard, R. L. Johnston, Geo. Rutan, H. W. Gould, K. Collins, F. Bennett, D. Culhane, Arthur Bennett, H. L. Crew, J. J. O'Connor, F. J. Wims, J. C. McCarthy, F. B. Foley, J. V. Freeman, C. B. Scantlebury, John Weir, H. A. H. Evans, John Murphy, J. W. Holley, S. Loungberry, W. Wyle, H. Saylor, Wm. Kyle, Sr., S. S. Finkle, R. H. Day, S. Naylor, C. J. Mikel, H. C. Carr, W. S. Caldwell, Murney Sine, R. R. Splan, R. Davidson, H. Logue, O. Wardlaw, H. Handley, W. J. Lynch, G. F. Orr, Jas. Clement, Percy Lamburd, Harry Gorham, Daniel Doshane, W. H. Geary, F. Howell, S. M. Sprague, N. Storm, Chas. Stevart, H. Harry, R. Slavin, J. Hoarn, J. Brock, J. Horton, F. S. Montgomery, G. A. Stitt, George Martin, S. A. Chapman, C. W. Saylor, G. Spry, all, R. W. Waller, N. M. Reynolds, J. A. Sutcliffe, John Hanna of Trenton, A. H. Finkle, J. H. Ketcheson, J. A. Wright, George W. Bush, Donald Gunn, E. B. Mallory, A. L. Burk, W. W. Bush, L. A. Wilson, J. L. Donaldson, F. Jeffrey, C. Jeffrey, W. C. Yatesman, C. M. Finkle, W. C. Reynolds, R. Wright, Thos. E. Watt, Herbert Watt, Robert Watt, Addison Coulter, J. Downey, E. B. Finkle, G. Palmer, Jas. Farney, George Barton, F. J. Bird, W. Holmes, Chas. Bailey, F. H. Jeffrey, T. C. Mills, F. Reid, Arthur Calman, Everett Rush, Percy Mott, W. S. Davis, Elliott Collins, W. Wilson, J. A. Howe, John A. Ketcheson, Gilbert Bell.

Those who signed Mr. Porter's nomination paper were: S. H. Treverton, L. B. Cooper, C. E. Moore, H. E. Fairfield, W. G. Bell, F. B. Smith, A. J. McCroghan, C. E. Bishop, Charles Ostrom, E. E. Hyman, P. P. Doyle, Clem H. Ketcheson, George Wallbridge, H. F. Ketcheson, W. J. Tully, J. A. McFee, John McKeown, W. A. Woodley, J. Elliott, John Newton, Philip Harrison, W. J. Germa, A. McDie, E. Naylor, W. H. Panter, T. H. Blanchard, A. P. Allen, S. Burrows, Geo. A. E. Gay, A. R. Walker, W. Rodgers, F. Robinson, J. W. Waterhouse, D. A. Thrasher, J. S. McKee, J. L. Tickell, Frank Finkle, J. Neale, E. T. Thompson, S. Leavitt, W. Potts, S. McComb, J. Cassidy, A. Wright, C. Martin, C. B. Muffat, J. H. Smith, J. Fagan, A. G. Cousins, W. R. Coolidge, J. W. Small, W. Tutin, D. M. McLean, J. W. Hess, E. P. White, W. R. McCreary, R. Oliphant, J. Patrick, W. Rutan, Chas. Ketcheson, Thos. Walker, J. R. Cooke, M.P.P., W. E. Wiggins, C. A. Rollins, R. Hewton, W. F. Webb, Chas. Ketcheson, Hawley Wright, Geo. H. Rose, J. A. Juby, M. D. Eggleston, A. E. Wrightmeyer.

The speaking was in the following order:—Mr. R. J. Graham, Mr. E. Guss Porter, ex-M.P., Mr. F. R. Mallory, Mr. J. R. Cooke, M.P.P., Mr. James Duckworth, Mayor Ketcheson, Ald. W. B. Deacon, Mr. Graham and Mr. Porter. Mr. S. Burrows gave a rousing appeal for war loan subscriptions. Except in a few places where discussion grew hot, the meeting was conducted in an orderly manner. Sheriff M. B. Morrison as chairman handled the speakers and crowd in an efficient manner and kept the proceedings within bounds.

Mr. R. J. Graham spoke for twenty minutes. Being accorded a hearty reception, he said: "It is a pleasure for me to be here to discuss questions which we consider of importance to the country at this time, and I trust I will be able to explain to you why I am a candidate as an Independent Conservative. "As I understand Union Government it is a uniting of the two parties to win this war. This is the only question before us—win the war. This is no time for party politics. We should in West Hastings eliminate it altogether. "I am glad to say that there is no party behind me. I am not brought out by a Conservative party or a Liberal party, but by the people's party (cheers). Has the Conservative party acted in the spirit of the Union Cabinet? I think not. Would it not have been a graceful thing for the former member to have called a Union convention of all parties? What had he to fear? If it had been held, doubtless today there would have been no contest. I feel I have the best thinking people of both political parties behind me. This is the time we should unite both parties to win the war. We have had too much politics in this riding. There has been a little 'Tammany' trying to run things (cheers). I never had the honor to join the circle, but I believe this little circle has been controlling this constituency too long. The time has come for a change. Let us conciliate differences of parties. This will be my aim. There will, I hope, be no political party when this contest is over. "This constituency has not been as well represented as it might have been. Eliminate Patronage "What is the platform of the Union Government? The Prime Minister says patronage will be done away with. I am glad. Two offices vacant—Trenton postmastership and Belleville customs officership. There must be a reward for merit instead of the curse of scrambling and patronage. "Mr. Graham expressed his belief in promotion on merit of officials. "What has been the record in the past? These offices have been given to workers in the party. "We have not always had fair and square dealing in the matter of military service in this constituency," said Mr. Graham who showed how

his son had enlisted as a private and won his commission in service. No man should be put over the head of others unless he has earned the lower grades himself. "I have been blamed for bringing on this contest. What do we find in East Hastings? A contest in the Conservative party. The Conservative party would not stand for Mr. Northrup's plan for union and chose another candidate. "I believe in honest government, in efficiency in every class of business. My career of thirty years in business is before you. I have always tried to give you a square deal. You will get a square deal from me. You will find no Tammany from me. I believe in doing what's fair and square for all. Business Men Needed "I believe a business man can do more for you in parliament than a barrister. We have too many lawyers in Parliament. Don't you think it is time for change? "I have been told I made too much money out of this war. I have been told I want the war to go on. My son is on observation work, the most dangerous on the Flanders front. So I want the war to go on! There is nobody so earnestly desirous of bringing this war to an end. Demise Being a Profiteer "Mr. Graham declared he had had over 500 acres under cultivation in vegetables. This will help the soldiers at the front. "I am no profiteer. I venture to say there is not a man making a small percentage profit as I am. The money was not taken, which we have made from your pockets, but came from Britain and France. I am too patriotic to be a profiteer. Who Brought Mr. Graham Out? "Mr. Edward Guss Porter after acknowledging a rousing reception, turned to answer Mr. Graham. Who is Mr. Graham brought out by, he asked. By no party, or did he bring himself out? Mr. Porter had thought it only wise and fair that he should postpone West Hastings convention in order to enable the Liberals to approach on the matter of union. The Liberal announcement did not mention a Union candidate. The Liberals could not find a candidate. Col. O'Flynn, the Liberal nominee, had not announced himself. Mr. Graham was waited upon by Liberals and almost immediately he started to solicit support. Tammany in West Hastings "Tammany is known as the most corrupt organization in America. Mr. Graham had said West Hastings was controlled by 'Tammany.' 'That is you,' (applause) said Mr. Porter. Postmaster Gillen had been appointed after over thirty years of service, and the late Customs Officer Arthur McGinnis, had been appointed after sixteen years. Is that patronage? Mr. Porter said, he disliked to speak of personalities, but Mr. Graham had inferred something about his son and the service he was doing. "So far as my boy is concerned, he got his commission and went over to France. He left the infantry and today he has a subordinate position in a machine gun section at the front; all had, did go all Mr. Graham had never made a statement about Mr. Graham as a profiteer. I don't know whether he is a profiteer or not. He says he made a lot of money." Mr. Porter read a report of Mr. Graham's factories and production. An inspector, after an inspection of Sept. 28th, 1916, wrote: making complaint of the quality of goods. Mr. Graham's investments in War Bonds save him from taxation. "I venture to say that Mr. Graham's profits have been all made since the war began. Some say a million dollars! It is that so he must be very anxious to end the war." (Laughter.) Problem National, Not Personal "But, after all, the problem is national. Shall we support the boys at the front or drop out of it and be fastened on the nation? Are we going to allow Sir Wilfrid Laurier to prevent us carrying out our promises? Certain legislation was necessary as the volunteer system had played out. The selective system was chosen by Sir Robert Borden so as not to take men from the factory and farm if needed there. "I want to pay my compliments to the ladies. The question is, will you support the boys at the front, or let Laurier's party win, to let the boys go down in their graves in France, unwept, unhonored and unused. Buy War Bonds, Said Burrows "Mr. S. Burrows—"I am proud of the honor of following two distinguished men. It takes men, money and munitions to win the war. I

am working to win the war. I am standing here to sell you a war loan. We have given you Canada as security. Why do you keep your money in the bank at three per cent. I would give \$5,000 tomorrow if I thought that would win the war. "It will be the greatest disgrace that ever befall Canada if the War Loan falls. We should subscribe 500 millions." (Cheers.) Graham Will Support Borden "Mr. F. R. Mallory, supporting Mr. Graham, said: "I am proud that there is not a single man in West Hastings that is not a Borden man. Sir Robert has served his country and has succeeded in securing Union Government to avoid chaos. Shame on the men who did not have some kind of a mass meeting to bring out a Union candidate! It should have been done. "I know Mr. Graham will support Sir Robert Borden and that is all I care for. I would sooner cut off my right hand than have Mr. Graham support Sir Wilfrid Laurier." (Mr. Graham—"Never!") A Farmers' Representative "Agriculturists want a man in parliament who will see that proper prices are fixed. The price of cheese was fixed too low. (Cries "Yes!" "No!" "Yes!" "No!"). In this rural constituency of West Hastings we should have some man who would represent the farmer. Looking over Mr. Porter's seventeen years, I cannot see one thing where he has represented the farmers. More Statesmanship; Less Politics "We want some statesmanship in West Hastings. We have had too much politics. The Government admits oleomargarine. Farmers don't want it. Lawyers did it. Barristers don't understand agriculture. Mr. Graham has pledged himself to support agriculture in Parliament. Mr. Graham knows agriculture. He depends on the farmers for produce, and he knows what it costs to raise vegetables. Agriculture Must Pay "We have had seventeen years' politics. Both are Union men. The question is the men. I would like every agriculturist to vote at this time for the man who will help us. The war has broken hearts. My only ambition is that the war should be won. Our representative should help us. Agriculturists have got to pay the shot. Election Decided on M.S.A. "Robert J. Cooke, M.P.P. for North Hastings, spoke for Mr. Porter as follows: "I think everybody in this hall realizes the critical nature of the political situation in Canada. Today, we see men who have been bitter opponents all their lives, in the face of a common danger united for the preservation of a national ideal. Say what you will, throughout the Dominion the Military Service Act is the one and the only thing that will decide this election." Mr. Cooke briefly reviewed the events leading up to the conscription Act. No government could be justified in making such a proposal without solemn consideration. Canada enjoyed the purest democracy in the world and was a part of the greatest empire when the war broke out. On the other side were nations that upheld divine right of kings, and that committed awful wrongs. "The most eloquent and truest appeal ever made in Canada was that made by Sir Wilfrid Laurier. How is he living up to it? When thousands of our soldiers have gone out to meet their God, are wounded and bleeding, we ask ourselves, did we do rightly to encourage them to enlist? What does Sir Wilfrid offer? Simply the voluntary system, allowing the English-speaking race to pour out its lifeblood while his countrymen remain safe at home. Allow me to repeat—the Military Service Act is the one important thing in the election. Workmen Support Mr. Graham "Ex-Alderman James Duckworth, who announced that he was a working man, supporting Mr. Graham, desired anyone to point to one broken pledge of Mr. Graham. In adversity or prosperity, he has always been a man. He has always been ready to work for the good of the country. Voting For Man of Merit "Our votes should go where merit demands. Mr. Duckworth was designated to hear references to party politics and innuendoes as to 'grit' and 'doges.' The first man to enlist in Belleville was a Liberal officer. Farmer Bears the Burden "Mr. Farmer, Mr. Manufacturer, you have got to pay the war debt. Labor pays everything. Without Labor, the professional man would not have enough money to keep his

single painted. (Cheers.) Mr. Graham is going to get the very best votes of the Conservatives. He will be supported by Belleville for his personal merit. Recognition of Merit "I am satisfied that West Hastings is going to recognize merit and do away with party politics. I venture to say that one is as good a Conservative as the other. Want Endorsed Man at Ottawa "Mayor H. F. Ketcheson, of Belleville, spoke for twelve minutes in support of Mr. Porter: "We are standing on a brink. We don't know when we are going to fall off or be pushed off. We have been fighting for three years a great war. The best men in Canada have formed a Union Government to win the war. When the war is over, it will go back to the country. It is the life of the nation, the life of our boys, that is at stake. "Mr. E. Guss Porter is the choice of the Union Cabinet as the Union member. This is a war government. All are keenly interested in seeing that the best man is sent to Ottawa. Mr. Porter is the man of all men whom we can trust. Russia, a Victim of Inward Strife "See what has happened to Russia? They are worse than nothing. What brought it about? Disensions among the people. We must stand by the man who is endorsed by that government. If you are loyal, if you love your boys overseas, you will stand for the Union Government and its candidate. "Mr. Porter has done everything possible for the men overseas. There is not a man in West Hastings who has done more for our men overseas than Mr. E. Guss Porter. "If you want to see your boys come home, let's get together as men, support the Government and its candidate. We won't split on personality. If you are not supporting them you are not doing all you ought to do. Conservatives Back Graham "Ald. W. B. Deacon, of Belleville, born a Liberal, but a Conservative since he was old enough to vote, was the next speaker for Mr. Graham. "I would not take me very long to tell what Mr. Porter has done in Parliament in seventeen years. It is time Hastings went back to a farmer or business man. The President of the West Hastings Conservative Association was the first to sign Mr. Graham's nomination. Five ex-mayors have signed his paper. There are no grifts in West Hastings today. "I believe we have enough Liberals to tell Laurier down. "Mr. Graham is a farmer, a manufacturer and a large employer of labor. Is it any crime for a man to buy your products? He employs between 3,000 and 4,000 men. He has plants right in Stirling and Frankfort. Are you going to put down a man who has brains and is finding a market for your products, because he is not on the inside 'Tammany' ring? "We have men in Belleville around Mr. Porter who have sickened the public. We have a lot of pinheads trying to run West Hastings. You farmers must look after your interests." Mr. Deacon hoped West Hastings, which has made such sacrifices in money and blood, could elect a man who would represent them—a man who is one of the brainiest in Central Canada. Mr. Graham a Manufacturer "Mr. Graham started the Springer Lock Company, and the Belleville Hardware Company in Belleville. He is interested in Tivani Steel Company and in Graham's Ltd. He stood right on the liquor question. The new parliament will face a very serious problem—total prohibition. Vote for Mr. Graham on temperance principles alone, if necessary. "Sir Robert Borden has got some of the biggest men in this country in his Union Cabinet. Look at the sacrifices of our boys. "We have got to give up the petty party politics and vote for the right man. Military Appointments Criticized "Mr. Graham again spoke. He first referred to Mr. Porter's reference to his sons. His reference was not personal. "Mr. Porter—"Why did you then speak of your son going overseas without political pull? "Mr. Graham—"Because there were a great many fellows who went with political pull." The Liberals offered a proposal of a Union candidate, but it was turned down. "Who put me in the field? The ex-mayors, the business men, manufacturers and farmers. I did not come out on my own accord, and I am prepared to do something." Demise Mr. Porter's Charge "Mr. Graham said regarding the inspection of the Graham plants that Canadian and a bad business man.

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On the 20th day of June, 1917, in Superior Court of Monroe County, New York, Edith Pearl Branscombe, formerly of Prince Edward County, but now of Deseronto, was granted an interlocutory judgment for a divorce from her husband, Arthur J. Branscombe, also formerly of Prince Edward County, and on October 2nd, 1917, final judgment for an absolute divorce was decreed to Mrs. Branscombe on the grounds of adultery, and she was also granted the custody of their child Morley Branscombe, and it was further decreed that the said Arthur Branscombe can not marry during the life of Mrs. Branscombe. Edith P. Branscombe, Deseronto Post.

W. H. CHAMBERLAIN WOUNDED

Mr. John Dalton, 14 Wickett St. yesterday received a telegram from Ottawa that No. 63811 Pte. W. H. Chamberlain, who is Mrs. Dalton's nephew had been admitted to the Sixth Ambulance Depot on Nov. 9th with a gunshot wound in the head. Pte. Dalton went overseas with the 154th Battalion, with which his brother, Pte. John B. Chamberlain also served.

If you have money and fail to buy Victory Bonds you are not a good Canadian and a bad business man.

all was. turned at 1 p.m. for Waste Paper Basket court resumed in the afternoon. Regis' cross-examination was continued. Tilley was questioned. He testified that Sister Paul had made the report to her. She said she put the report to the court some time it lay on the table she put it in the basket. It was customary to destroy the reports after looking over the notes from them. It is advisable she would take to the Council. She gave as her reason for making the report to the sister Basil was not oblique, and regulations because she made investigation that the charges were. Mother Regis also did not show the report to the bishop. The letter to the House on an average a month. to say that you made into the charges report because you didn't that they were false. to the superior at. replied the witness. discussed the charges in the report says had agency of a thirteen. remarked Mr. Tilley. "Me assure you that none of the charges were he did," replied the to the complaints in which the children did he not? ous charges too, were were true; but they replied Mother Regis you not give the chap to decide? witness replied that bound to present the report. admitted that she received 70 reports from presented them. ted all these and left unrepresented? remarked the charges were un- the witness. was asked if she had perhaps put to bed had but could not say asked Mother Regis a heating plant. There lding erected in 1909, sam plant, and it was 514. any expert advice? was the piece was un- the nurses. old you to take the and put in a hot mmon sense." slow to answer, and ed her to hurry up. witness said she did advice of her nephew, it cost to make the ow. by contract? he done by contract? k your nephew to do member. result any person else w? contractor." was in Error. ming of the Supreme morning, Mr. Me- defence, drew the at- court to the account Thursday night's ish- Whig, and pointed curacies. had attributed to the statement that Sis- not been given a ence. This and other from the examination could have been cred- Frances Regis and ce. WHITE WOUNDED White, 78 Gordon St. received a report as Office at Ottawa rles Lewis White, in- admitted to the lance depot on Nov. who is well known as for several years a went American Hotel, into overseas with alion, Oshawa, Ont. of Montreal is spend- with Mrs. Thomas Street East.