

Conservatives Hold Final Meeting in West London

Mr. Beck and Others Address Electors in Collins' Hall.

The Ex-Mayor Again Carefully Avoided Many Charges.

Took Credit for Breakwater for the Suburb—Mr. Wm. Gray on "The Club" Appointments.

The final meeting in the interests of Mr. Beck was held in Collins' Hall, West London, last evening, when the old building, the scene of so many lively municipal and political gatherings in years gone by, was well filled with the supporters of the Conservative candidate, and considerable enthusiasm prevailed. Mr. Beck, Mr. Gray, and ex-Ald. Judd were the principal speakers, and their remarks were largely a repetition of what they said at the East London meeting. Outside of provincial issues, Mr. Beck confined himself to two matters—the breakwater and the extension of the Port Stanley—avoiding the many charges made against him. He went so far as to take credit to himself for the present position of affairs as regards the breakwater, and attempted to throw cold water on the statement made that the Ontario Government, through Dr. Routledge, had offered to pay a portion of the cost.

Mr. Levi Hammond occupied the chair, and Mr. Beck and Ald. Judd did not arrive until after 8:30 o'clock, he called on Ald. Matthews. The latter was greeted with cries of "The Coming Mayor." He said he had been struck in the present campaign with the Ross Government's lack of policy, especially in the city of London. He spoke of Hawkins, the horse the ex-mayor was to give to the fire department, and said that before publishing anything about the matter the Advertiser should have come to him (the speaker) to learn the facts of the case. Ald. Matthews gave the ex-mayor credit for his position in the water scheme, saying that he saw the first proposition would have been defeated if it went to the ratepayers.

Liberals In Power Too Long.

Ald. Forristal followed Ald. Matthews, and he assured the gathering that this election was the most important since confederation. If the Province got four years more of the Ross Government, it would be a calamity, for the Liberals had been in power far too long—fully fifteen years. There was no precedent in the British Empire for a Government remaining in power so many years, the longest Government ever known being that of Sir Robert Walpole, which, by the way, was the most corrupt Government ever known. Ald. Forristal went on to say that when the Ontario Government went into power it had endless timber lands.

"And what have we got now?" asked Ald. Forristal. "The Conservatives have not been able to get a look into the books at Toronto, but after Wednesday next, when they will have access to the books, it will be found that there is very little left." Ald. Forristal cited the sale of a timber berth to Sullivan for a small amount, compared with what it was afterwards sold for, and said that in the face of such an act "the Liberals had the cheek, the gall, the audacity to come to the people and ask for a new election of power." He also grew very indignant at the Advertiser, owing to its criticism of Mr. Beck. "To think," he said, "of such a thing, is it not a disgraceful thing to think that a man like Mr. Beck, after serving three years as mayor of the city, should be reviled, belied, as he has been?"

Ald. Forristal dealt with the over-draft, for which he claimed ex-Mayor Beck was in no way responsible, and he concluded by attacking the Ross Administration, which, he said, was "stepped to the lips in corruption."

Admits "Club's" Appointments.

Mr. William Gray, who was well received, devoted some attention to the statement made by Mr. Rumball in West London that all appointments made during Mr. Beck's regime had come from the Conservative Club. It was very bad taste to attack the Conservatives on that score.

"As the executive of the Conservative Club," exclaimed Mr. Gray, "I never hide our light under a bushel. We do everything above board, in order that the citizens can see us. If we can bear the sins of appointments we are going to have something to say in making them. All we say it that they must be honest men, clean men, men fit to hold the position." Did the Liberals of the Province, he asked, ever appoint an out and out Conservative or did they even allow a Conservative merchant to sell a piece of goods to any of the institutions? Like the speakers who preceded him, Mr. Beck did not approve of the Advertiser's **Talked About Breakwater.**

Ex-Mayor Beck immediately delved into the question of the breakwater, criticising the statement made at the West London meeting by Mr. Rumball and Mayor Campbell. He assured the electors that the protecting wall for the suburb will be built long before Mr. Rumball can get the Ross Government to move in the matter of a grant to the work, even if the Government is returned. He (Mr. Beck) took credit for attempting to get aid from the Government for a breakwater, and said that he met with little success, other places were also seeking aid for similar purposes. It was impossible under the amalgamation agreement for the city to do anything more in the matter of a breakwater than it had done, but he saw that the agreement, expired at the first of the year, and that then the way would be clear for another move. Engineer Jennings was called in. "They say I was not at the meetings," said the speaker. "I couldn't be in half a dozen places at once, but I was in touch with the movements of the committee." The speaker then reviewed the actions in regard to the extension

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Rev. W. McDonagh, of Stratford, was a visitor in Stratford last week. The vital statistics for 1904 are: Births 47, marriages 28, deaths 54.

Mr. A. Green, a colored man, was arrested by Chief Wilson near Komoka, charged with entering and stealing skins from Mr. F. Hoskins' tinshop a week ago. The skins were sold to Mr. J. E. Getty, butcher, at Komoka.

Rev. Mr. Bowser, of Stratford, has been assisting Rev. Mr. Dack at the Baptist Church in his special meetings. Large crowds are attending.

On Sunday, Jan. 15, Right Rev. Bishop McEvoy, of London, Father Aylward of London, Father Dack of Montreal, and Father Hogan, pastor of All Saints' Church, Stratford, officiated at the funeral of the late Mr. J. E. Getty, of Stratford. The collections were very gratifying, and Father Hogan is to be congratulated for his zeal and energy in the erection of this comfortable and pretty church in so short a time. The contract was carried out by Mr. John Murray, of Stratford.

ALVINSTON.

The anniversary services held in the Guthrie Presbyterian Church were largely attended, and the tea, meeting on Sunday evening, was a decided success. The Misses Finlayson, of Glenora, contributed largely to the programme. Also Mrs. McGee, of Walnut; Miss Minnie McLachlan, of Alvinston; and Messrs. J. Warner and D. Livingstone.

The Jamieson Bros., of London, humorous entertainers, will be the attraction at the hockey club concert; also the following local talent will take part: Miss McLachlan, soloist; Miss J. Houston, elocutist; Messrs. W. H. Hunt, G. H. C. Norworthy, J. E. Warner, D. Livingstone, and Russell, soloists.

A mass meeting of the electors of Alvinston and vicinity was held in the opera house, Alvinston, on Friday evening, Jan. 20, in the interests of Mr. J. P. McFarlane, the Reform candidate.

Maggie Smith died at the home of her mother on Saturday, Jan. 21. The remains were interred in the Alvinston Cemetery on Tuesday.

Mr. W. H. McFarlane, of Wallaceburg, has returned home.

Mrs. W. E. Mertens, of Toronto, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Irving.

Mrs. McFarlane, of Oil Springs, was the guest of Mrs. Ketch recently.

THORNDALE.

Thorndale, Jan. 24.—Mr. William McMartin is busily preparing to build a large brick house in the village. We extend a hearty welcome to Mr. McMartin to become one of our citizens.

As is usual at this time of the year, there is considerable business in the village and vicinity, and the doctors are very busy.

Rev. D. Rogers has been holding night meetings at Bethesda. They were very well attended and much interest was taken in them.

Mr. Murlison, M.A., Ph.D., of Toronto University, gave a lecture here in the Masonic Hall on Friday evening, last, entitled "The Old Testament and Recent Discoveries." The lecture was well attended, and those who attended were well repaid by hearing an interesting discourse. The documents are proving very interesting, and it is certainly a privilege to have the opportunity of receiving so much valuable information from the lecturers of the university. On motion of Rev. Messrs. Leach and Rogers, a hearty vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Murlison.

SOUTH DELAWARE.

South Delaware, Jan. 24.—Miss Gertrude Leach, of Vansted, who has been visiting here, has left for Woodstock, to visit relatives there.

Jas. Campbell has purchased a matched pair of roadsters that can step to the pole with a heavy load.

Rev. R. McIntyre has purchased a handsome 2-year-old roadster from McCully.

Miss Prior was in London last week, attending the wedding of Miss Bowley. William Leach, who has been in London the past two weeks on the jury, is home again.

Thomas Johnstone met with a painful accident last week. While proceeding with that road of his, he slipped, and fell on his back. Had it not been for the timely arrival of others, the result might have been fatal. Mr. Johnstone had one rib broken and was hurt internally, but is now progressing rapidly.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Thompson entertained a number of young people on Tuesday evening. They had cards and dancing, and all had a most enjoyable time.

Quite a number of people will take in the Scottish concert in London on Feb. 2, to hear Jessie MacLachlan and Harold Jarvis, who are here, and are very popular. They will be assisted by three other leading stars.

Mrs. William Leach has returned home, after visiting her sister, Mrs. Lyman, of Carleton Place.

Miss Bertie Leach is visiting friends in St. Thomas.

J. W. Henderson is laid up with inflammation of the eyes.

WATFORD.

Watford, Jan. 24.—Mrs. McFarlane, of Vancouver, is visiting her mother, Mrs. (Dr.) Harvey, Front street.

Samuel White was in Petrolia on Thursday.

Rev. Arthur E. Doane, who has been spending a few days with his parents here, returned to Wilkesport on Friday.

John McKee, of Watford, who is visiting his brother, John McKee, of this town.

Davis Hamilton made a business trip to Alvinston on Tuesday.

A most enjoyable "at home" under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of the Methodist Church, was held at the residence of Dr. Hicks on Wednesday afternoon.

Messrs. Percy Ward and James McIntyre and Miss Stella McIntyre, of London, G. C. Moncrieff and the First of Petrolia, attending the dancing party in Caldwell's Hall on Wednesday evening.

Miss L. Thompson, of Watford, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. D. Gillies, Front street.

Mrs. Thompson and son, Moosejaw, are visiting at the Methodist parsonage.

Mr. J. E. Armstrong, M.P., Petrolia, was in Watford visitor on Thursday.

C. H. Routledge, of Hamilton, was here last week.

Rev. A. J. Bowen is in Stratford, assisting in special revival services.

Mr. Andrew Moore, of Moosejaw, N. W. T., is on a visit to his mother, Mrs. Fleming, after an absence of seventeen years.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas, of Inwood, entertained a couple of sleigh loads of friends from Watford on Thursday.

ICEBREAKER A GOOD ONE

Montcalm is clearing a passage to insure Early Navigation.

Quebec, Jan. 22.—On Saturday last the icebreaker Montcalm made a determined onslaught on the ice-bridge formation at Cape Rouge, and succeeded in cutting off large portions. On one occasion the steamer went up on top of the bridge to the extent of her full length, and was released with considerable difficulty. The crew were obliged to let the water out of her forward tanks before she could be backed to her position into the water. Yesterday Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Kidd, from Moosejaw, Col. Wilson and Dorothy White, Mr. J. U. Gregory and others went on board the Montcalm, which afterwards proceeded to Cape Rouge to continue its work. Mr. Gregory states that the ice-breaker had splendid success, and is now assured that the object of breaking up the Cape Rouge ice bridge and the ice formation higher up the river in order to give Montreal early navigation in the spring is assured.

Mr. Gregory explains that the ice formation in the narrows at Cape Rouge is bottle-shaped, and yesterday the Montcalm succeeded in knocking away the neck and a good part of the body, and there was no doubt in his mind but that the Montcalm could accomplish the work laid out for it, and make early navigation to Montreal in the spring quite feasible.

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ELECTION BATTLE THINS THE HOUSE

Commons Sits a Bare Twenty Minutes Through Lack of Numbers.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 22.—The closing hours of the provincial campaign, the hottest that has raged for many moons, told on the attendance at the Commons today, many of the members being actively engaged in their respective ridings. In consequence, the House sat a bare twenty minutes.

An installment of the Auditor-General's report was tabled by the Premier. It relates to several of the departments, and will give the Opposition an excellent opportunity to familiarize itself with the contents when the House next moves into supply.

Mr. MacLean wanted to know when his measure to amend the railway act would receive its second reading. Considering its importance the Premier thought it well to wait until there was a better attendance in the House, possibly next week.

The bill increasing the pay of the Northwest Mounted Police was read a second time.

Replying to a question by Mr. MacLean (Queen's P. E. I.), Mr. Emmerson said the total expenditure in connection with the railway bill was of the P. E. I. Railway to Jan. 1 was \$1,018,711; on the Hillsboro bridge, \$1,220,968.

Mr. Wilnot was informed that the order-in-council granting free transportation of hay over the Intercolonial and P. E. I. Railways was limited to 31st December last. December such as had been bona fide ordered between Oct. 6 and Dec. 31, and for which cars could not be provided at the time, and under this arrangement hay is still being carried and over these Government railways.

In deference to the wishes of the Opposition, who desire to have the Auditor-General's report before taking up the estimates, Sir Wilfrid Laurier moved that the House adjourn. The session of the Auditor-General's report already down will be taken up in supply today.

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Steel Leviathans Under Construction by World Powers.

London, Jan. 23.—As one of the most notable features in the progress of naval construction is the continued growth in the size of battle ships and armored cruisers, it is interesting to turn to the new edition just published of T. T. Jane's volume, "All the World's Fighting Ships," in which he has embodied the classification of the warships of the world.

To the big class of battleships he has assigned the classification A1. It is a significant fact that among the first-class powers Italy, Germany and Austria-Hungary are not represented in this class, but the other chief powers have a number of these mailed leviathans in hand. The United States and France both lead Great Britain in the "A1" battleships building.

Now, it is said, designs have been prepared by Philip Watts, or new battleships bigger and more powerful and most costly. Yet there is a considerable body of opinion against this policy of putting so many eggs in one basket.

Among the opponents of more powerful ships may be mentioned Admiral Sir E. R. Fremantle, Admiral Sir John Hopkins and Sir Edward Reed, former director of naval construction.

In the current issue of the United Service Magazine is an article by Admiral Fremantle, in which he urges the need of battleships of moderate

dimensions, with as much force as possible. He writes:

"In Nelson's words, 'Two seventy-fours alongside are better than one three-decker a long ways off.' I certainly should prefer to see the majority of our battleships of 13,000 to 14,000 tons, and only a few vessels, say,

six or eight, should be King Edward V.I. class, Lord Nelsons."

Admiral Fremantle supports his views on strategic and tactical grounds and by appeal to history. As to cost, he points out that for three Lord Nelsons the nation probably could have four ships of 13,000 to 14,000 tons, of 20 knots speed, good protection and armament, and at least as powerful as the newest German battleships.

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