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Have the Liquor Men Any Doubts About Rowell's Sincerity?

ROUSING TIME AT PUBLIC MEETING IN CITY HALL FOLLOWING WEST HASTINGS NOMINATIONS YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

Mr. J. W. Johnson Gives Account of Stewardship—Mr. D. V. Sinclair, Liberal Candidate, Arranges Liquor Traffic and Whitney's Temperance Policy—Senator Corby Said 'No Man Will do More for Temperance Than I Will'—Rev. W. G. Clarke Places the Issue Before the Electorate.

From Monday's Daily

At the nominations in the city hall at 12 noon and 2 p.m. today for West Hastings, the following candidates were nominated for the legislature—

JOHN WHISLEY JOHNSON, Chartered Accountant, nomination by A. B. Walker, librarian at 12:15 p.m.

DAVID VOLUMB SINCLAIR, merchant, nomination by P. J. McLaughlin, nomination by J. H. McLaughlin, nomination by J. H. McLaughlin, nomination by J. H. McLaughlin.

MR. SINCLAIR'S NOMINATION SHEET

Following are the first fifty names on the nomination blank of Mr. David V. Sinclair—R. J. Graham, A. S. Bailey, Geo. N. Simmons, B. H. Moore, Robt. Carr, W. H. Faulkner, S. E. Lane, E. T. Thompson, Amos Campbell, W. G. Clarke, A. S. Kerr, E. C. Currie, H. S. Osborne, Chas. G. Smith, A. R. Sanderson, J. Egan, Lillian, John R. Fitch, J. K. Winder, W. H. Barry, W. R. Gilbert, F. E. Flynn, Herbert Kemp, J. O. Herby, B. H. Henry, John W. Cook, Nelson Jones, C. S. Camp, Geo. Maddon, B. McLaughlin, E. E. Egan, J. P. Thrasher, A. E. Verdules, P. J. Lee, P. D. Atkins, A. Parks, W. E. Vanderwater, Frank W. Spurgeon, J. Farley, A. W. Nichols, D. G. Bleeker, E. T. Marshall, W. J. Thompson, Joseph Beesly, N. A. Bonstedt, R. H. Olsberg, Hout, E. O. Platt, J. U. Simmons, Geo. Nicolson.

There were 92 names altogether on the list of Mr. D. V. Sinclair, temperance candidate. The first fifty names on Mr. Johnson's blank were J. F. Willis, A. A. Abbott, H. Corby, M. Bowell, Chas. Ketcheson, E. Guss Porter, H. Malone, Chas. Sulman, J. McKee, S. Burrows, J. L. Tickell, J. Borbridge, Hope McInnis, C. J. Bowell, R. W. Adams, B. A. Morgan, W. N. Ponton, A. J. McLaren, W. J. Diamond, W. A. Owens, Thos. Blanchard, J. L. Sargent, Elias Ketcheson, J. N. Chisholm, G. F. Chisholm, T. H. Ketcheson, W. H. Reynolds, A. C. Bleeker, S. McLellan, P. J. O'Rourke, B. W. Powell, Chas. W. Croft, W. H. Matthews, Irwin Balda, M. McInt, M. Mowat, R. Rixon, E. Titus, A. Allen, R. A. Whitton, Wm. Bonter, W. J. Flier, H. F. Ketcheson, A. P. Allen, J. V. Doyle, F. B. Smith, R. L. Hyman, F. M. Taite, Wm. Phillips.

From Tuesday's Daily

There were some moments of extreme tension at the public meeting held in the city hall yesterday afternoon immediately subsequent to the closing of the nomination of candidates for West Hastings. At times the clouds looked angry, but the meeting towards the end was quiet.

There was a large crowd present when Mr. Clement Ketcheson of Wallbridge, the returning officer, announced at two o'clock that there were two candidates in the field for the legislature, Mr. J. W. Johnson and Mr. D. V. Sinclair. The former had appointed Mr. Alex. R. Walker as his official agent and Mr. Sinclair had chosen Mr. P. J. McLaughlin. Mr. Clem. Ketcheson was voted chairman. It was arranged that each side have one hour and a quarter to speak, those on the conservative side to be Mr. Johnson, Hon. Senator Corby, and Col. W. N. Ponton; Mr. Sinclair, the temperance candidate having as his support Rev. W. G. Clarke, B.A., B.D., of the Tabernacle and Mr. A. E. Bailey.

MR. J. W. JOHNSON.

Mr. Johnson took up all of the 35 minutes allotted to him. After an introduction in which he endeavored to belittle Mr. Sinclair "the nominee of Mr. R. J. Graham" and his expectation to have Ald. Ed. O'Flynn opposing him as the Liberal aspirant, Mr. Johnson said he was pleased to give an account of his stewardship.

No man in the contest had charged him with misconduct or neglect of duty. Six years ago he contested the riding with Mr. Henry Fringle, a man of unblemished character. He had given as much attention to the legislature as his own business. He had been able to do much for the riding and Hastings by his success in having the Model School at Madoc kept open. He secured a district representative at Striding. Through his influence two new dormitories have been built at the Ontario School for the Deaf. Salaries had been increased at the institution. One case was of

a Liberal whose salary was increased from \$450 to \$600 at Mr. Johnson's solicitation. He had had many appointments made for Belleville, Trenton and Frankford. He was sending three men as judges in the standing crops. Hastings West had been well looked after. Referring to the High School question he read a letter of 1911 to the Editor of the Ontario, who asked him where he stood on the question. Why should a man of Whitney's power be turned out for his own school?

The Government had increased the revenue from \$4,000,000 to \$11,000,000 in about nine years, not one dollar being from direct taxation. Mr. Johnson referred to the increase of grants from the Federal Government.

Mr. Johnson then turned to the increase of the revenue by taxing banks. He thought the banks should in view of their great profits, contribute towards the revenue. The result was that through Mr. Johnson \$125,000 more was taxed on the banks. Likewise with the express companies.

The government had increased the grant to education one cent to education of a million dollars.

In Hon. G. W. Ross' regime school books were in the ring. Since Whitney came into power, the books were taken out of the ring and \$188,000 will be saved when the present contract runs out.

The Seymons Power Company has done good work. He had fought their case in the House of Commons.

Mr. Johnson then referred to the going on now between the Ryer Electric Commission and the Seymour system. He predicted that these would soon be extinguished and the Seymour will pass into the hands of the Ryer.

Mr. Johnson then referred to the Whitley's Great Temperance Organization.

Mr. Johnson said he belonged to the greatest temperance organization in this country ever known, the Whitley Government. Their policy abolishes the bar and the bottle. Rowell's policy is "abolish the bar." A map has been published recently. It shows where the bars are. It is exactly correct or not because I've not had the opportunity to find out, but he believed it was accurate. Cries of "Oh, Oh," were heard. There might be spots marked white where local spots were not in force, but here some licenses had been cut off.

The government had closed 1264 bars but the temperance people give no credit. Whitney removed the block of local option by municipal councils. The candidate referred to resolutions of Templars and the Dominion Alliance. The government does not need prodding by the Dominion Alliance or any other alliance to give temperance legislation.

Mowat and Ross never turned over their hands to help prohibition.

Mr. Johnson said his personality had been trotted out particularly on Sunday. He had lived here 46 years. The temperance league here rather pass by the man under liquor as the Pharisee of old passed by. What have they done for submitting local option?

He accused Mr. Sinclair of having advised the temperance people some years ago, not to test local option here because it would hurt his business. He said a man would make an affidavit to that effect. Mr. Sinclair, who was on his feet in a moment, emphatically denied this statement.

Mr. Johnson referred to the Ontario Club of Liberals. The Liquor Act had been obeyed here owing to the careful inspection. Had Mr. Rowell ever turned to abolish the bar or cancel the license of the Ontario Club? They should begin house cleaning at home. One man found twenty-five bartenders or men carrying liquor in the Ontario Club. Out on hypocrisy!

Mr. Johnson read a letter to him from Messrs. Graham and Sinclair. He had had influence 10,000 young men for good. He inculcated honesty, truth and industry. This record he put against any man attacking him, ministers or not.

He referred to his bill to give married women the municipal franchise. "Gentlemen if you send me back to parliament I promise you that."

Abused by the Clergymen.

Mr. Johnson then turned to the ministers of the city, whom he accused of abusing him.

Hon. Senator Corby—"Not all the ministers."

Mr. Johnson said he was glad to hear this. He referred to Bridge Street church where he said he had been shamed a week or two ago. He was shipped for over 40 years in Belleville and had never been treated so before or since the church used for that purpose. He had too much reverence to raise and reply. In all fairness it should have been called to the platform.

Referring to ministers generally for taking a stand on the question of "abolish the bar," he said, "They are leaving us the churches." The fight will be short and what will be done then to heal the wounds?

An Asylum Needed.

It had been suggested that there should be an asylum for inebriates in Ontario. There is no such place today. Mr. Johnson said it would be his purpose to request to endeavor to have such established "to give a gleam of hope" to the man sinking under alcoholism.

MR. D. V. SINCLAIR.

The temperance candidate was given a cordial reception as Mr. Johnson. He congratulated his opponent on his speech recounting his stewardship. Had Mr. Johnson written the denunciatory letter appearing in the Intelligence a week ago to prevent the Ryer Government from the removal of it or inspire it? asked Mr. Sinclair.

Mr. Johnson arose and it was noticed that he did not dare. The moment that he would not tell what he wrote.

Then Mr. Sinclair said the phraseology of the letter was much like Mr. Johnson's and people thought so. Mr. Johnson had belittled the fact that he had written the charge of a conviction of temperance people.

The speaker came out because the people called it a moral issue. It is not a question of politics. He said the names of Mr. R. J. Graham, Mr. Sinclair said he had written the words in the letter to Mr. Johnson "Abolish the Bar." Mr. Graham had the words changed to "any and all legislation."

All the people wanted in Hastings West was a man pledged to stand for the abolition of the bar.

Offered to Withdraw From Contest.

Then came a dramatic moment as Mr. Sinclair said Mr. Johnson would promise to support Mr. Rowell in the one object "Abolish the Bar," he, Mr. Sinclair would step down and out and allow Mr. Johnson to be elected by acclamation.

"Will you, Mr. Johnson?" The crowd throbbed with excitement as Mr. Johnson arose. He said he had been a consistent follower of Sir James Whitney to give legislation to close shops and bars. Public opinion had to be expressed by the will of the people. "This is same legislation, step by step, and I'll go no further."

Mr. Johnson stands here as the protector of the licensed saloons. You are asked to choose between the representative of the temperance people and the protector of the liquor interest, take your choice," said Mr. Sinclair dramatically.

Mr. Johnson arose and shouted "It's a lie," and for some seconds it was a wild time. Finally Mr. Johnson was induced by Sir Mackenzie Bowell and Senator Corby to take his seat as he said "I can't stand this, gentlemen."

Mr. Johnson said a bill to give married women the municipal franchise. The liquor business told the conservative member to "go back and sit down" because they knew if women got the vote, liquor would be banished.

That Asylum Plan.

"Mr. Johnson has a plan for an asylum to take care of the products of the barroom. If he makes the asylum large enough and the barrooms are kept running, he will have a wholesale business. I would say out of the bar and save the asylum." (Applause.)

The cognate name of the same staff as the Intelligence newspaper? said Mr. Sinclair holding up a copy of that journal which contained the so-called map.

"It is not a large part of that map. Algonquin Park, where there never was a license, Mr. Johnson?"

Mr. Johnson did not reply. "Mr. Johnson knows that map is a farce, that it is not true."

When the Whitney Government went into power, it gave great promises. Mr. Sinclair helped to turn the Ross government out. Mr. Johnson speaks much of Mr. Ross. Ross is dead. Rowell lives and the issue is with Mr. Rowell.

blue from the Whitney cabinet. Last year and preceding years in office of the Whitney government only 138 licenses have been cut off. Local option abolishes its end. Local option can't be carried here.

What opportunity as what church suggested to Whitney that even votes should be done away with? It was not your church, it was the liquor traffic."

Mr. Johnson agrees with Mr. Rowell on the special school question (laughing). Mr. Sinclair said he would stand beside Bishop Fallon in his view of Missions.

If he never moved from the seat he never would have an excellent candidate would have had better success.

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REV. J. P. MINNES FOR N. HASTINGS

Enters Lists as a Temperance Candidate.

In North Hastings Rev. J. P. Minnes, B.A., Presbyterian minister of Foston has entered the contest against Robert Cooke, the government candidate. Mr. Minnes was yesterday morning at Madoc nominated as the candidate of the temperance people at their convention.

Speeches at the public meeting were made by Mr. Minnes, Mr. A. E. Bailey and on behalf of Mr. Cooke by the government candidate, Mr. B. Guss Porter, K.C., M.P., and Mr. W. B. Northrup, K.C., M.P.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

REPLY TO MR. MIKEL'S ARGUMENT.

Belleville, June 22nd, 1914. The Editor of The Ontario:

Dear Sir,—I was at John St. Presbyterian Church on Sunday night and Rev. Mr. Currie rather unkindly I think, gave Mr. Mikel, a respected settler in this city, an opportunity to address the congregation what a narrow, prejudiced partisan he was.

It appears Mr. Currie in the morning had spoken on the question of Abolishing the Bar, and Mr. Mikel got up, not to refute anything he had said but to make a speech in favor of the Whitney government and incidentally to cast reflection on Mr. Rowell's sincerity, which is simply prejudiced supposition. He knows and we all know Mr. Whitney is not sincere as his long unfulfilled promise of an anti-treating bill proved, and that he is not above suspicion in the disgraceful manner the Frontdock charges were shelved proves very clearly.

Mr. Mikel contended that the Whitney temperance policy was the best and took credit for the closing of so many bars the last few years, ignoring the fact that it is the work of the temperance party. Not with the help of, but in spite of the Whitney government they have achieved so much.

Mr. Mikel claims the Whitney temperance policy will ultimately remove the bar, that it will best curtail the liquor traffic. Do the liquor interests think so? Curious if they do think so, that they should be willing to contribute huge sums of money to ruin their own business. No one outside of hellum will believe this. He would also have us believe the Whitney party are quite as anxious or more so, than the temperance party, to see the drink traffic curtailed. Does the Smelter incident prove this? Hardly. I think we have before us a great moral and social evil that has exercised the churches for generations. Ministers have preached thousands of times against it. Congresses have been praying for years for its removal; one way to help to remove the evil is suggested, but owing to enlargements, one political party refuses to help. In the meantime, the liquor traffic continues to grow. The three-fifths clause is not necessary.

Ms. Clarke referred to the bogus map. This map is not fair. The three-fifths handicap blocks the way. Can we hope to make the last bit of progress? How long will it be before we carry local option in Belleville under the handicap? Never. He had sat in committee when local option was discussed. There was no time then to make preparations. There was an absolutely hopeless case. His three years residence taught him this.

Local option is oblong. "Last year 121 bars were attacked, were carried by majority 123. And by the three-fifths

clause we got only 28." If we maintain the progress of last year (which is impossible) it would take 80 years to make the map white.

He was left to one conclusion only. He must take the only other path.

To Vote Out the Bar by the Ballot a Week Hence.

He submitted it was from conviction that he took his stand. He was willing to take his place on any platform. It was because of the sincere conviction of the industry that he and others were compelled to take the course they had chosen. He could not do otherwise than choose the course that gives promise of the goal, by supporting Mr. D. V. Sinclair the temperance candidate. For that purpose he would cast his ballot and was lifting up his voice not for victory to a man but to the great cause of temperance.

No time was left for Col. Fontan to speak for Mr. Johnson.

Conservative Speaks For Mr. Sinclair.

Mr. A. E. Bailey said he had always supported the conservative cause. But he asked himself if he could conscientiously go to the polls and place his vote in with the liquor interests of this country. After many days, he said "No, it is impossible." "If we can wipe out the bar by one vote of Jan. 19th, why should we not rise up and cast our votes against the bar?"

The meeting closed at 4:30 with God Save the King, cheers for the King, the candidates. It was noticeable that there were no cheers for the Whitney government.

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PARLIAMENT LIKELY TO WIN PRINCE EDWARD

Three-Cornered Fight Assures His Election.

(Special to The Ontario)

Victor, June 23.—The nomination at Fiction yesterday was one of the liveliest that has been held in the county for some years. Since the Conservative party has been nominated by Messrs. Hobbins, M.P. and Mr. Dempsey. There appears to be pretty good grounds for the belief that such was the case and the result is that Mr. Norman's friends have pressed him to show his resignation of the treatment by accepting the nomination as a candidate for the election near Monday.

This he declared himself to be before paying his compliments in pretty strong language to Messrs. Hobbins and Dempsey from the nomination platform. Should the election take place with three in the field it practically assures the election of the Liberal candidate. In case of a tie, Mr. Hobbins when the Liberal election contest is on, has been speculating at what the outcome will be.

EAST HASTINGS NOMINATIONS

Conservative and Liberal Opp in Fight For Legislature Seat.

At East Hastings yesterday, Sandy Grant, Conservative, M.P., and John A. Holgate, Liberal, were nominated for the Legislature, Mr. Chas. Ketcheson of Moira, was chairman at the public meeting at which speeches were delivered.

Sandy Grant spoke for five minutes, John A. Holgate for fifteen, W. C. Mikel, K.C., for Mr. Grant 55 minutes and Rev. Mr. Aikens of Metropolitan Church, Toronto, for Mr. Holgate 45 minutes.

Mr. Mikel for the course of his address for the government candidate said in effect: "We believe in the stories told by the reverend gentlemen about the effects of the bar and we also believe in the abolition of the bar. But we don't think it is quite time yet."

Money Stolen From Till.

A little boy aged ten years was brought up in the children's court this morning, he having stolen some money from a grocery store in the town. The magistrate gave him a warning and the father agreed to pay back the money.

A HUGE JOKE

It is most pathetic, but at the same time fills one with convulsions of laughter to hear the friends of the Hon. Sir Jas. P. Whitney trying to bolster up the infirmities of the temperance policy so called, ed. of that administration. How's your chance, old horse—not wind-broken nor spavin-ed nor ringbone?" Those who can see will not get stung.

Granted that the Whitney administration has a temperance policy, it still remains that that policy has been notoriously unsatisfactory as far as any progress along temperance lines is concerned. This is proven by the following facts:

1 That affirmed by the Dominion Alliance, the Conservative Alliance, that every step in advance has been gained in spite of the Whitney Administration.

2 By the fact of so many independent temperance candidates being in the field.

3 By the fact that every church court has endorsed the Temperance Policy of Mr. N. W. Rowell.

4 By the fact that all anti-temperance interests support the other side.

For once let your partisan feeling go to blazes if you can deliver the people from the life-sapping octopus of strong drink.

A Worshipper at John Street Presbyterian Church

Mr. Russell Chown of Edmonton, is visiting friends in the city



... was lost overboard." ... an engine broke ... repairs were being ... struck them un- ... nearly ... deck that was port- ... them was badly wound- ... and the other had to ... to cap the climax. ... before help could reach ... crused about the spot ... disappeared from ... of the crew and guests ... depressed after these ... All were appre- ... to come and this was ... of terrible omens and ... occurred during the ... voyage and which ... clearly translate into ... of some grim and ... croakers have long to ... mate the little yacht ... wracked from stem to ... o'clock in the morning ... rific impact that threw ... guests and crew from ... A mighty shudder ... the trail craft; she lay ... starboard; the engines ... a moment she hung ... decks at an angle of ... then with a sudden, ... she slipped back into ... men rubbed upon deck ... by the women. The ... sely black, though there ... sea. Just off the port ... lack mass could be dis- ... low in the water. ... was the terse explana- ... of the watch.