

HON. GEO. E. FOSTER

• FULLY ANSWERS

SIR WILFRID'S

MASSEY HALL SPEECH

AT

ST. PAUL'S HALL, TORONTO, OCT. 15, 1904

Hon. George E. Foster, the Conservative candidate for North Toronto, literally electrified an audience that packed St. Paul's Hall on Saturday night. The ex-Finance Minister may have addressed larger gatherings, but certainly none that were more enthusiastic or more responsive. In a masterly speech of about two hours he replied to Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Massey Hall address of the night before. Those who have heard him before declare that he was never more effective, lucid or convincing, and it was easy to believe them.

The Prime Minister's abandoned pledges, his boast that his Government had made Canada a nation, and that the prosperity she now enjoyed was due to the Liberal Government, incidentally to Providence, were all dealt with by Mr. Foster in a manner that evoked round after round of applause and carried conviction to the minds of his hearers.

But it was in dealing with the Grand Trunk Pacific deal that Mr. Foster was most effective. He devoted the greater part of his speech to that question and exhibited a grasp of the intricacies of the whole scheme that was nothing short of remarkable. He spoke entirely without the aid of notes,