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ATHENS AUDIENCE PATIENT AND CRITICAL

Heard A. C. Hardy, Liberal Candidate, and other Speakers Explain the Platform of Sir Wilfrid Laurier Meeting Lasted Four Hours.

An unusually large audience heard A. C. Hardy and his supporters appeal for a new government, in the town hall here last night. It was a great political meeting, and Mr. Hardy should feel that Athens people are giving him every opportunity to show that Liberal government would be preferable to Unionist. At 11.45 the crowd poured out of the building after sitting patiently, listening intently to the points brought up by the speakers for four hours. Critical, our audiences certainly are; they know how much election talk bears on the issue and how much does not. The applause was perhaps not all that was expected, many telling points passing without perceptible notice. Witty comments brought good response; but in the serious charges brought against the Borden government, the people sometimes reserved their applause. There is no question that they did not believe the stories of mismanagement and extravagance of the government, the failure of the food controller and other things. But people nowadays pessimistically place these things to the credit (or discredit) of every government, no matter which side of politics it represents.

Mr. W. G. Parish was chairman. The speakers were Arthur C. Hardy, Ex-Mayor Donaldson, of Brockville, and James McGlade, also of Brockville.

Mr. Hardy said he was opposed to the big interests, for which his opponent stood, and appealed to the people of his home county to help him lift the country out of the state of corruption caused by the manipulation of the Ministers of the Borden government.

Ex-Mayor Donaldson was suffering from a severe cold but managed to hold the platform for a very considerable length of time. He was a Conservative, he said, who believed the government had not treated the returned soldiers right, and decided it for its win-the-war slogan. He had a son at the front, and believed he could help him more by backing Mr. Hardy than Mr. White.

Mr. McGlade was not left much time to speak and the audience was tired before he began. In a few minutes, he aroused such interest, however, that he had the very best of attention from 10.45 to 11.45. He is a fluent speaker, and will be always welcome in this village. He raked the government in countless ways, and when he had finished, there appeared to be little virtue in its past or future. He made careful reference to conscription, saying that it had been unfairly foisted upon the people. As to the plans of the Liberals in this regard, he made slight if any reference. He remarked that Canada "had bitten off more than it could chew" as regards the military effort. Mr. McGlade was sincere in supporting the soldiers, as he has a brother at the front, but he evidently is not a supporter of the Military Service Act.

The musical program consisted of a piano solo by Miss Finch; instrumental duet by Mrs. S. C. A. Lamb and Mr. Clarence Washburne; readings by Misses Keitha Smith and Anna Goodfellow; vocal solo by Mrs. Lamb.

Instal Linotypes.

The Almonte Gazette and the Gananoque Reporter have installed new linotypes for setting the type for their newspapers and job printing.

Synod Buys Bonds.

The Synod of Ontario has purchased Victory Bonds to the extent of \$25,000.

A Hint to Snow-Shovellers.

The next frosty morning you have to get and shovel snow and the snow persists in sticking to the shovel, gently pour some machine oil on the surface of the shovel, and they go back at the snow. It will be found that the snow will slide off the shovel in grand style.

Buys Farm.

Delmar Cowles has purchased the Derbyshire farm, Wight's Corners.

Sends Large Bale.

The W.C.T.U. sent a bale to the Indians at Chapleau this week, valued at \$30.00.

CANADIAN WAR PHOTO RECORDS

The Officer in command Canadian War Records has asked us to make known that it is desired to compile a complete history in Photograph of the Canadian's share in the war in the same way that all other belligerent countries are compiling similar records.

It is particularly desired to obtain photographs of all officers, N.C.O.'s and Men who have served or are now serving in the Overseas Military Forces of Canada, and it is requested that an appeal should be made to this end, through these columns.

All officers and other ranks serving overseas may find it difficult to send in their photographs and their relatives are therefore especially appealed to, to send in their photographs for them.

By preference these photographs should be unmounted and printed on bromide paper in order to insure permanence. Each photograph should be accompanied by a concise record not exceeding two or three hundred words, of the subject's military career, including date of enlistment, promotions, distinctions and so on, as this will greatly assist in obtaining a full and accurate record of all concerned.

In addition it is desired to collect all photographs dealing with the Mobilization, Training and Departure of Troops together with pictures illustrating Reviews, Sports, Presentations, etc. Any photograph of this nature is regarded as a document of historical importance, and it is hoped that the possessors of all such photographs will deem it their duty to send either the originals or copies, which will ultimately be placed in the Parliament Public Archives of the Dominion.

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