

Hypocrisy of Rowellism Shown Up at Rousing Rally Saturday

Conservative Guns Turned Loose—Liberal Arguments Smashed—Joseph H. Ham, Rowell Candidate in Brantford, Under Hot Scorching Fire—His Attitude Towards Hydro—Exposure of Ham's Course in City Council—Same Old Gang Which Fought People's Power Policy Still Fighting it, Tooth and Nail, Despite Fact That Workingmen Are Chief Users of Hydro Light.

That Joseph H. Ham, Liberal candidate in South Brant, despite professions shouted from the house-tops that he stands for public ownership of public utilities, was under the barn when Hydro-Electric, the People's Power Project, was last voted upon in Brantford.

That Joseph H. Ham, Liberal candidate in South Brant, is still under the barn in regard to this most important people's project.

That the present supporters of Mr. Ham comprise the very element, with one or two exceptions, which fought Hydro-Electric's coming to Brantford, and this same gang are still fighting it, despite the fact that every Brantford ratepayer is now a part owner in the city power plant.

That at the great "Abolish the Bar" rally held in the Liberal Club rooms last week, a number of the prominent workers there assembled adjourned to a nearby bar-room in an endeavor to abolish it by consuming its contents.

That the last time liquor was found in a political club room in Brantford, and the only time liquor has ever been found in such a place, it was in the Liberal headquarters on George street, and also in Ward 4 Grit rooms.

That Joseph H. Ham, when chairman of the Buildings and Grounds committee of the City Council, virtually sold to himself and his friends civic property, viz., the Waterous property on Dalhousie street, and that subsequent events have shown that this sale was bad business for Brantford.

The above are only a few of the bomb-shells fired into the Ham-Expositor camp at a rousing rally of the Conservatives of the city Saturday evening in the Borden Club rooms. Mayor Spence, in a speech bristling with fight and with facts, turned the calcium on several spots in the campaign of hypocrisy which the Conservatives of South Brant have been called upon to fight. He was the first speaker, and he was ably followed up by Mr. Cockshutt, M.P., Mr. H. C. Powell and Mr. W. S. Brewster himself.

MAYOR'S FIGHTING SPEECH.

The speech of Mayor Spence was of the real fighting kind. The Mayor effectively criticized the record of Mr. Ham while that gentleman was a member of the City Council, having control over the city's assets and the city's property. After reviewing the facts of the sale of the Waterous property, as he had found them on the city

records, and as they were to be found by anyone who cared to go and see, the Mayor asked his hearers if the deal had been a straight one, and one which ratepayers would expect their representatives to put through, under the circumstances which surrounded it. Mr. Ham and his associates had bought property on Darling street from the city, for which they paid \$50 per foot, and only last week the city had been offered \$150 per foot for the remaining portion of the same property. In addition to this, Mr. Ham wanted to buy the property of the then Mayor Wood for a market, said property having been given a valuation of \$29,000, but a few days after commanding an optional price of \$60,000.

Mr. W. F. Cockshutt was in excellent form. He recalled the days of Rossism, and what the people of the province suffered from the last Grit regime only ten years ago. The people had not forgotten, and would not forget, the trail of iniquity which had been left behind by the Liberals in Ontario. The Government of Sir James Whitney had been one of achievement and honesty of purpose, and instead of growing weaker, had grown stronger in the affections of the people.

HAM IS CHALLENGED.

Mr. Brewster was warmly received. He had discovered in his canvass that Mr. Ham was strongly temperance when he met a temperance man, but when he met the other fellow he was very much different. In order that the people might know just where Mr. Ham and himself were on all the issues of the day, it would be a good idea for both to meet on the public platform of this city. He therefore challenged Mr. Ham to get from under and come out in the open and let the people decide as to what each man stood for. Let the innuendo business stop about booze and money in this fight. The Whitney Government had never been charged once since it came into power with bribery or corruption, and they had won every bye-election since they came into power.

Referring to Mr. Rowell, Mr. Brewster declared he was the same old bird who supported Rossism tooth and nail, even the night before the enraged electorate drove Ross from power. Mr. Rowell was found speaking in behalf of that Government, and no lawyer had shared any better in fat fees from Ross than had Mr. Rowell.

The meeting was one of those kind which means victory again in South Brant, but it was made very plain that the Liberals are resorting to the same old misrepresentation, the same despicable tactics, anything at all to get control once more of the purse-strings of this province.

President Charlton

The President, W. M. Charlton in calling the gathering to order, made a splendid introductory speech. The fight was on he declared, and it was a fight for the continuance of good government, a fight against Conservative who would welcome and look forward to results with confidence. No provincial government of Canada had ever achieved such a notable record as the Whitney Government had in nine years. It had been a government of action and clean honest administration. As regards the temperance platform of the Liberals it was merely a matter to them of again securing control of the public purse. That was how they loved temperance, and to them it was only a means to a sordid end. At the Liberal headquarters of Ontario, the Ontario Club Toronto, of which Mr. N. W. Rowell is a leading member, they continue to punish as much champagne per capita as in any other spot of the province. Rowell severed his connection with the Globe because it accepted liquor advertisements, but he has yet to sever his connection with the Ontario Club. Grit headquarters, where liquor is sold.

President Charlton concluded by stating that the Whitney Government was sure to be returned and it only remained for South Brant in its best interests to return W. S. Brewster by a bigger majority than ever. (Applause.)

Mayor Spence

His Worship, Mayor Spence, was the next speaker and he was greeted vociferously. "We have all had the pleasure recently," remarked the Mayor, in droll fashion, of reading in the Expositor of a wonderful meeting of Liberals in the club rooms Tuesday last. There were several speeches, all referring more or less to the "Abolish the Bar" propaganda. But after discoursing all evening on this splitting political topic and on other moral issues, what did some leaders of the meeting do as soon as they could break away. Why they rushed right over to the nearest bar room and proceeded to abolish the bar by consuming all that was behind it. These were the friends of Joseph H. Ham and said the Mayor

amid applause. "If that isn't the rank hypocrisy on the part of these political leaders of morality then I don't know what hypocrisy is. I assume however, that the ordinary man will take it as rank hypocrisy" (Loud Applause.)

Money and Booze.

The Mayor said he had noticed Mr. Ham's declaration that he did not want one vote bought by money or booze. As for that, declared the speaker, in his recollections of 30 years political fighting in Brantford, booze had never been found in any political committee room except those of the Liberals. (Applause.) On one occasion it was flavored with methylated spirits (laughter), but even that did not fool those who found it. The Mayor said he himself had not so many years ago had the privilege of breaking up a Grit committee meeting in Ward Four, where everyone present was beastly intoxicated. (Laughter.) These are the same Grits, the same old boys who now come forward and ask citizens of Brantford to vote for the Grit candidate who will abolish the bar. If ever there was a time for the people of this community to brand these fakirs for all time to come, now was the time to do it. If booze is found to be playing a part in the present election contest, it will not be found in the Conservative rooms, but in the Liberal rooms.

Mr. Ham's Record.

Proceeding, Mayor Spence said he proposed to delve into Mr. Ham's municipal record, and show how he had served the people when entrusted with an Aldermanic seat. Brantford through a citizen's committee, a few years ago elected a City Council of which Mr. Ham was a member. People, irrespective of politics, voted with the Citizen's Committee, and the Mayor said he had no fault to find with that. But there were manipulators behind the scene and the day after the Citizens Committee had succeeded in electing their representatives the Expositor came out and boasted of a Grit Council this year. Were Conservatives going to be humbugged in this contest by any such treason as that?

How People Fared.

When the Expositor's Grit Council got down to business, what did they

do? asked the Mayor. They didn't bother with moral issues. The city then owned the Old Waterous property on Dalhousie street. At first the buildings and grounds committee brought in a report through its chairman, Mr. Joe Ham, asking that legislation be secured at Toronto, so as to enable the use of the Dalhousie street property as a market. A little later, this report was withdrawn, and it was decided to establish the market where Wood's mill stands. The Wood property was given a valuation of \$29,000, but just afterwards an outside party secured an option on the mill for \$60,000, which was some jump in a few days. W. B. Wood was Mayor then. But what was to become of the Waterous property?

Ham's Committee Report.

Then it was seen where the cat was going to jump. Mr. Ham's committee brought in another report, authorizing the disposal of all or part of the Waterous property. Tenders were called for the property, which really amounted to nothing, because certain purchasers were lined up together. Then came another report recommending the sale of 118 feet frontage on Dalhousie street at \$210 per foot, and 40 feet on Darling street at \$50 per foot to a certain legal gentleman. In the last few days, declared the Mayor, an offer of \$150 per foot has been made for the Darling street property. The report was adopted.

Who Bought It.

Who was that legal gentleman whose bid for the Waterous property was accepted? It was the representative of Jos. Ham, and associates and in this transaction, declared the Mayor, the spectacle is presented of an Alderman elected on behalf of the people, the Citizens Committee and on moral issues virtually selling the people's property to himself and associates.

The By-Law Vote.

When the by-law authorizing the sale of the property came to the third reading, Mr. Ham and Mr. Minshall were the only two who recorded their votes against it. But that was as silly as useless because they knew the council had been previously lined up in its favor and a two-thirds majority was secured.

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TAKES A HAND TO RECRUITING OF RECRUITS

Met Out to Men Who Practise Young Soldiers, and Situation Regarded as Grave.

cutting counsel. Surprise would have been universal had such sentences been passed, even though the general opinion is that the prosecutor was quite right in saying that unless examples are made it is like tilting at the windmills to attempt to put an end to exaggerated "ragging" of young recruits. The court actually did increase the sentences.

Public opinion is curious to know whether this case is to establish a precedent. For the matter of cruelty to soldiers is a grave one in many ways. In the recent debate in the Reichstag on the military estimates a socialist member stated that the number of suicides in the army between 1890 and 1910 was 10,489, and that in the same period there had been 2,333 unsuccessful attempts to commit suicide. General Falkenhayn did not refute these figures, but argued that since they amounted to only 43 per thousand among the military element, and the figure for civilians between 20 and 25 and 36 per thousand, they did not bear the very grave interpretation that was placed upon them.

But be this as it may, it is admitted by all who look into the matter that the severity and cruelty of non-commissioned officers and, as in this case, of older recruits, are the most important factor in providing about a couple of thousand soldiers for service under the tri-color in the Foreign Legion. And if General Falkenhayn, by taking up a strong position against cruel treatment and by mildly disowning some of the more discreditable methods employed for provoking German national feeling against the Foreign Legion, has these couple of thousand men, who can count on making some real progress. He may help, at least, in producing a more objective attitude toward the question. And this alone would be an appreciable gain for the peaceful councils of Europe.

A very tempestuous and unscrupulous campaign has recently been carried on in Germany, which logically amounts to interference in the internal affairs of another country. Indeed, the campaign has gone so far that few can believe that the Foreign Legion is not the only organization of its kind in the world, and that it is not almost exclusively constituted of Germans, whereas reliable information shows that Holland has also such a foreign contingent (and even proposes to enlarge it), that Italy and Spain are considering the formation of similar bodies, and that, all in all, the German element in the Foreign Legion is scarcely more than 18 per cent of the whole.

HEROINE OF THE RAILROAD SIGNAL BOX

scious but still breathing, was placed on board and conveyed to Paris, while his heroic wife refused to quit the levers till six in the morning, when finally she was relieved by another signalman. It was only then that the poor creature broke down in a long fainting fit, and as soon as she recovered she took train to see her husband, whom she found dead.

AND FORTUNE IN WRECKED STEAMER

than Mr. Turner how to obtain full value for the scrap iron to which he proposes to reduce the hull. The cargo claimed his particular attention. The words iron ore have a peculiar fascination for a marine store dealer, and 3,000 tons, estimated to be worth \$5 a ton, appeared a fine prize. The ladies were freed, and Mr. Turner dropped down upon the cold, wet contents of the hold. He looked long and earnestly at the yellowish rubble, but said nothing, except to order half a ton of it to be put ashore. This half ton was secretly and mysteriously sent to be assayed. It proved to be heavily veined with copper, and was estimated to be worth \$20 a ton. This week forty men in lighters will attack the stranded steamer. They will be able to work only at certain states of the tide, but Mr. Turner recognizes the value of incentive. All the powers of persuasion which lie in the hands of a man, and the best of virtuous are being extended to each of these forty men.

VERY TOUCHING TRIBUTE TO THOSE LOST BY THE ARMY

Memorial Service at the Grand Opera House Last Night Was Attended By Over 1500 People—Philip Lawlor Speaks Briefly.

Over 1500 souls crowded into the Grand Opera House Sunday evening and there sat in sackcloth and ashes and mourned with the members of the Salvation Army, the loss of four dear members of the Brantford Army, who went to a watery grave when the Empress of Ireland collided with the collier Stordast in the St. Lawrence river. Long before the band arrived the house was crowded and a solemn hush fell over the vast assemblage when the strains of the army band playing "The Dead March in Soul" were heard approaching the Opera House. Soon the curtain went up, revealing to the audience Phillip Lawlor and his son Herbert, the only two Brantford survivors of the wreck, both with heads bowed by their great sorrow. In the front row in front of the Army band were Mayor Spence, W. S. Brewster, M. P., P. A. Ald Charlton, T. H. Preston, Dr. Leeming, and Adjutant and Mrs. Hargrove. Mrs. Hargrove announced the first hymn, "I will Guide Thee with Mine Eye," and though it was storming without, the audience arose and men and women of every denomination, sang with one great voice this grand old hymn. Every consideration and everyone felt the great truth of these words. The secretary then referred to Miss Steele's home life and how she had cared for several small children like a mother. "I am confident that she is with her God, for she hath fought a good fight" said the Secretary.

Just before Bro. P. Lawlor was asked to speak to the memory of his late beloved wife, the band played Mrs. Lawlor's favorite hymn "Hiding in Thee" and there was a many a tear stained face in the audience when Mr. Lawlor, with trembling voice began to speak. "I thank God that he has given me the privilege to be in Brantford once more" said Mr. Lawlor. "God gave me a dear, godly woman for my wife, a good partner and

Enemy to Labor; Oh, Come Now

The Whitney Government has passed the Workmen's Compensation Bill, which gives to every worker when injured 55 per cent of his wages. If he is killed, he will receive \$20 and each child \$5 per month. This is without resort to law, and the Government of the province stands behind the payment. It is the greatest act of its kind in the interests of the worker that has ever been passed in the entire world. And yet this is the Government which Mr. Ham and the Expositor assert is an enemy to labor.—Extract from Mr. Brewster's speech.

a godly companion. I go to meet her by and by. Ah, I shall never forget that night, people crying out to the Lord to save them, "I thank God for it." With choking voice Mr. Lawlor took his seat. After Mrs. Frank Leeming had sung "Rest for the Weary" Mrs. Adjutant Hargrove gave a most inspiring memorial address, speaking from the text "And I saw a new Heaven and a new Earth." and "There was no more sin." Mrs. Hargrove compared life to a great voyage and no one can escape their share of the world's great cup of sorrow. On the Empress the rich and poor, high and low, were sent to a watery grave, irrespective of their station in life. Mrs. Hargrove then launched into an evangelical appeal for the lost and erring ones to accept Christ and his address will not soon be forgotten by those that heard it, for it left a message in every heart. The last number in the order of service, "God be with you till we meet again," the hymn played by the Salvationists as the Empress left the port at Quebec, was then sung most feelingly by the entire audience after which Adjutant Hargrove pronounced the benediction.

Want Street Paved

A number of citizens on Queen St. have written a letter to City Clerk Leonard, stating that they wish to have the necessary steps taken to have the street paved and put in good condition, now that it is already torn up for water main excavations.

FIRST STEPS ARE TAKEN IN EFFORT TO RECOVER DEAD

Diver Goes Down Today to Inspect the Empress of Ireland.

[By Special Wire to the Courier] RIMOUSKI, Que., June 8 — The first step towards recovering the 800 or more bodies lying imprisoned in the wrecked Empress of Ireland was taken yesterday afternoon, when a diver descended from the Canadian government lighthouse tender, Druid, and for upwards of an hour investigated the accessible parts of the sunken liner. The Empress was found to be lying on her side, in about 180 feet of water. On board the Druid, besides several government officials were Captain Walsh, marine superintendent of the C. P. R. and George Weatherspoon, wrecking expert, who has been engaged by the railway company to undertake the task of bringing the remainder of the victims of the disaster to the surface, several divers and embalmers. The last named will carry out the work of preparing the bodies for burial immediately they are recovered. Mr. Weatherspoon, the wrecker, who has the work in hand is the same engineer, who successfully carried to completion the task of recovering the bodies of sailors who went down with the Maine in Havana harbor. Other engineering projects of a similar nature he has been engaged in are the floating of the Royal George more than a year ago and the Allan Liner Bavarian.

Ball the Stordast.

MONTREAL, June 8.—The formal petition for the hauling out of the Stordast, the collier which rammed the Empress of Ireland, was presented to the Admiralty Court to-day, and arguments were postponed until the representatives of the owners of the ship, who are coming from Norway, reach here. The vessel was placed under arrest by the C.P.R. as security in their \$2,000,000 damage suit against her owners, the Actieselskab Maritime Company of Christiania, Norway.

GOVERNMENT LABOR BUREAU AND ITS USE TO CITY AND COUNTY

That the Labor Bureau established in Brantford by the Ontario Government through the efforts of Mr. W. S. Brewster has during the last four months been a great boon to many of the unemployed is evidenced by the report of T. Y. Thomson who has charge of the bureau for four months past. Over 250 people have been placed in positions free of charge and one feature of the work has been the great advantage accruing to farmers who have wanted help and wanted it badly. The report for four months is as follows and the figures speak for themselves.

February—Parties wanting work: Male 42; female, 11. Parties wishing

to employ labor: Male 32; female 9. Situations filled: Male 27; female 9.

March—Parties wanting work: Male 10; female, 23. Parties wishing to employ labor: Male 33; female 27. Situations filled: Male 42; female, 19.

April—Parties wanting work: Male 72; female, 15. Parties wishing to employ labor: Male 44; female 15. Situations filled: Male 52; female 12.

May—Parties wanting work: Male 82; female 27. Parties wishing to employ labor: Male 54; female 17. Situations filled: Male 67; female 32.

Total Parties wanting work: Male 236; female 76. Total Parties wishing to employ labor: Male 163; female 68. Total situations filled: Male 188; female 72.

MAYOR SPENCE GOES TO OIL SPRINGS TO INSPECT NEW GUSHER

Mayor Spence leaves to-morrow for Oil Springs, and his mission is an important one to Brantford. His Worship will inspect the new gas gusher, which is reported to giving out millions of feet of gas per day. It is owned by Mr. W. J. Aikens of this city.

"The reason I am going, is to see if this well is as big as reported, and His Worship this morning. "They be with us in the fight against sulphur article."

ON ROOSEVELT'S TRAIN MEDNA DEL CAMPO, Spain, June 8.—King Alfonso of Spain travelled on the same train as Colonel Roosevelt last night. The royal car was attached to the train at San Sebastian at midnight. The King left the train here with the intention of proceeding by motor car to the palace Lagranja.

MUST TAKE LOCALS.

TORONTO, June 8.—That passengers cannot board through cars and demand to be let off at intermediate points on the Hamilton and Dundas railway system, is the decision of the Appellate division which to-day dis-

WILL RAISE LORNE BRIDGE SOME TIME IN JUNE, IT IS SAID

Important Announcement is Made by Engineer Kellett This Morning.

Work begun in earnest this morning on the inner retaining wall at Lorne Bridge. The excavation for the wall on the north side of the bridge is completed and the concrete mixer will be put into commission as soon as possible. Engineer Kellett of the L. E. and N. announced this morning that Lorne Bridge would be raised just as soon as the wall is completed, which will be within the next week or two. The work will be rushed with all speed so as to get the raising of the bridge commenced as soon as possible.

NO EXCURSION TO GUELPH THIS YEAR

Farmers' Institutes of Brantford Annual Meeting in City on Saturday—Business Transacted.

The Farmers' Institute of both North and South Brant held their annual meeting at the Y. M. C. A. on Saturday afternoon. Addresses on the work of the United Farmers' Association of Brant, were delivered by Mr. Geo. Keen and W. C. Good. The members of the Institutes are greatly disappointed this year, that the Grand Trunk refuses to give any excursion rate for the annual trip to the O. A. C. at Guelph, consequently no excursion will be run this year and a resolution condemning the railway's attitude was passed and will be forwarded to the Government. The officers of the two Institutes were re-elected as follows: North Brant: President, Mr. Simpson; Vice-President, Mr. Roseburg; Secretary, A. W. Pate. South Brant: President—George Morris; Hatchley; Vice-President, G. M. Ballachey; Sec.-Treasurer, F. E. Malcolm.

Copetown Boy Was Drowned

[By Special Wire to the Courier] COPETOWN, Ont., June 8.—Lloyd Vinton, 14 years old, who was bathing in a pond near the Grand Trunk tracks, yesterday afternoon, stepped into a whole and was drowned. The body was recovered two hours later.