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THE YOUNG MAN'S VICTORY

ROYAL RECEPTION ACCORDED TO HERBERT S. CLEMENTS, M. P.

Grand Torchlight Demonstration Paraded the Streets for Hours—Regimental, Bugle and Citizens' Bands Head the Great Procession—A Wonderful Spectacle.

The Planet Tendered an Enthusiastic Ovation

All Kent Congregate at Chatham Last Night to do Honor to Her Victorious Young Son—Some Memorable Scenes Characterize the Celebration.

Victor Carried in an Arm Chair by His Enthusiastic Friends Down the Thoroughfare.

GREAT GATHERING IN THE GRAND OPERA HOUSE

Reeve Purser Tendered a Magnificent Ovation With Three Wild Cheers for Dover—Herbert Clements Speaks Briefly and Pays Tribute to His Workers—Cheers Given for the Candidate and His Many Splendid Helpers.

Never before, in the history of the Maple City, has a political victory been received with such an enthusiastic, spontaneous and unanimous celebration as that accorded to Herbert S. Clements, M. P., in Chatham last evening. It can only be described by the expression, "The whole town went wild!"

When the result became known by the myriads of people on King street—The Planet was the first to announce it—the enthusiasm knew no bounds and from that time until a late hour the festivities were in order and carried out. King street was one confused mass of howling and cheering humanity. Not alone the sidewalks but the pavement from The Planet office to the C. P. R. station, was packed with the enthusiastic electors, and notwithstanding the fact that they made all the noise it was possible for them to make with their horns and cheering and yelling, they could not fully express their delight and satisfaction over the glorious victory of the people's candidate. It was indeed a magnificent reception and Mr. Clements had reason to be, and was, in fact, the proudest and happiest man in Chatham last night.

THE NEWS COMES.

Shortly after five o'clock the returns commenced to come in from the different polling sub-divisions in the city and the crowd around The Planet office rapidly grew larger and larger, and as each of the returns came in there was reason for cheering—and the cheering was not wanting.

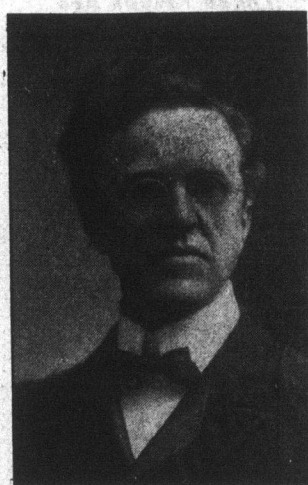
Great satisfaction was evidenced when The Planet extra was, as usual, the first to announce the fact that the city had given Mr. Clements 144 of a majority. Rapidly the news spread over the city and wherever it went it was greeted with cheers of satisfaction and delight. A crowd around The Planet office grew larger and larger as the returns from the country came in. In each case when it was learned that Mr. Clements was steadily and gradually rolling up a substantial majority the enthusiasm of the crowd also grew and grew, and with each

forts, it was felt that the victory was a thand, and the supposition proved correct.

AT THE GRAND.

About eight o'clock the crowd adjourned to the Opera House to receive the balance of the country returns and also the returns from the other constituencies of the Dominion. Here it was found that a large crowd of the electorate and those interested in the result had already gathered. The audience was not composed of the city people only. As soon as the polls closed the people from the near-by towns and polling subdivisions commenced to come to come to the headquarters for the full returns, so that the most of the constituency was well represented in the crowd at the Opera House. People drove in from as far as Tilbury.

LADIES WAVE KERCHIEFS.
One noticeable feature of the Opera House gathering was the number of



DR. A. W. THORNTON,
President of the Liberal-Conservative Association.

ladies who were present. The balcony was reserved for ladies and their escorts, and it was surprising to note how many took advantage of this opportunity to hear the results as they came in. It was also very noticeable how so many of the ladies took a real active part in the celebration of Mr. Clements' victory. It was probably the first time that the representative ladies of the city were thoroughly enthused and displayed their enthusiasm to such a great degree. They were all interested in the outcome and they were evidently well satisfied with the result.

W. H. Harper had a special wire installed in the Opera House and the returns were given out to the meeting just as soon as they were received. It was soon found that the body of the Opera House could not accommodate the vast crowds that sought admission and the stage was rapidly filled with anxious people awaiting the results. Many were turned away from the door, being utterly unable to secure even standing room.

MAJORITY GROWS.
There was lots of chance for cheering. Each country sub-division, as the results came in, showed that Mr. Clements was making a magnificent run.

Geo. Heyward, S. B. Arnold, Dr. Thornton, Arthur Dunn, Ward Stanworth, J. M. Pike, G. W. Sulman, Mr. Clements, and other prominent Conservatives were seated around the table on the platform checking off

the returns as they came in and each despatch was read to the audience by Mr. Heyward, not from the wires. These despatches are published elsewhere in this edition.

When Mr. Clements' election was assured from the reports received there was no more interest manifested in the returns from the outside places, and the audience called loudly for a speech.

THE NEW MEMBER SPEAKS.

Mr. Clements, with his usual obliging and polished manner, responded to the request and addressed the audience. As he was lifted to the table he was greeted with a thunder-burst of applause, which had to be checked by those on the platform before Mr. Clements could be heard. When order was finally restored, Mr. Clements addressed the meeting:—"I wish to thank the young men and the electors," said he, "for the hearty support they have given me in this fight. I am your representative now and I shall always have your interests at heart."

This was his message to the people and it was greeted with round upon round of applause.

THE POPULAR PRESIDENT.

The crowd called for Dr. Thornton. They wanted a few words from the man who had assisted Mr. Clements so materially.

"At the meeting at Pain Court," the doctor said, "Mr. M. K. Cow" was said to be too full for utterance. Well, that is the way I feel now. I am overjoyed over this victory. It was said that the light man would be snowed under, but we don't hear anything of that to-night—Applause. At North Buxton, last night, a prominent Liberal was heard to say that he would walk in the Stephens procession to-night if nothing happened—but it did happen—Laughter. We have a magnificent candidate, now our member, and he has worked

a few straightforward, honest words, as is always his habit.

"If the Conservative party ever felt proud," said he, "it should be to-night. You have had a hard fight but you have had a good candidate and he has received a well earned victory."

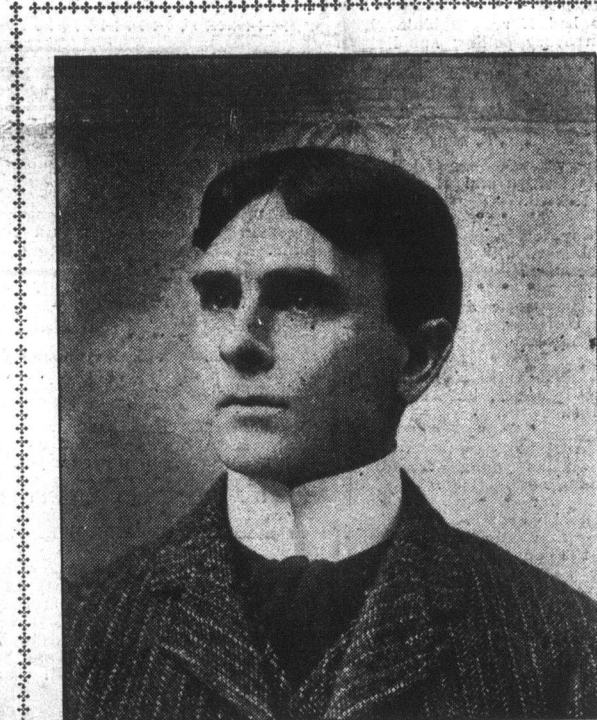
CLEMENTS CHAIRED.

The Opera House rang with applause as Mr. Purser uttered these words and then it was that the enthusiasm of the crowd could be held in check no longer. Those on the platform raised Mr. Clements on their shoulders and carried him out of the house and placed him in a carriage which was waiting at the bottom of the stairs.

A procession was immediately formed with torches, decorated rigs, etc., and Mr. Clements was paraded in a carriage in which were also seated his father, Wm. Clements; Dr. Thornton, President of the Liberal-Conservative Association; S. B. Arnold, Secretary of the Association; Arthur Dunn and others, followed by other carriages carrying prominent and enthusiastic Conservative workers, the Citizens Band, the 24th Regiment Band, the Bugle Band, and a wild mob of cheering people on foot. The torchlight procession proceeded along King, Fourth, Queen and Fifth streets and ended at the Garmer House, where addresses were given from the balcony.

CHEER THE PLANET.

The feature of the procession was the serenade given to The Planet. The procession stopped twice in front of The Planet Office, and several hearty and enthusiastic cheers were given to The Planet and its proprietor, S. Stephenson, who was called to the window to bow his acknowledgement. The cheers were deafening and the crowd called for a speech from Mr. Stephenson, who had been watching the demonstration from the window of the editorial



HERBERT S. CLEMENTS, M. P.

hard. He could not win alone, but he did so with the help of his workers—Applause.

MR. PIKE'S TRIBUTE.

Dr. Thornton was wildly cheered as he resumed his seat, and J. M. Pike was the next speaker called for.

"I want to offer my congratulations now to our candidate, who is now our member. — Applause and cheers. But in celebrating our grand victory we have no hard feelings against our opponents, in spite of all they have done to defeat us. Their frantic efforts have been the result of their bad feelings at losing and we excuse them. I believe West Kent has elected a member of whom you will be proud, and having won this victory I hope that the fall of the Ross Government will follow."

OVATION TO REEVE PURSER.

Reeve Purser, of Dover, who was on the platform, was then called on for a speech. Mr. Purser received the applause of the evening. It was clearly shown that the hold the esteem and the respect of all of the intelligent people of West Kent. For many minutes he stood bowing acknowledgments to the thunderous ovation. Mr. Purser is very modest over it all and he merely came before the audience and gave

room.

THE ADDRESSES.

The speeches from the balcony of the Garmer House were short but pointed.

Dr. A. W. Thornton came first and in a few well chosen words referred to the splendid victory and the new member. He was loudly and warmly applauded by the immense crowd below.

Mr. Clements followed with a few remarks. He was cheered to the echo. He said:

"Ladies and Gentlemen,—I desire to thank you all. We have won the fight; it has been your fight as well as mine. I cannot express my feelings, but I trust you feel as elevated as I do. I can assure you I am deeply grateful to you all for the honor you have done me."

And again, thanking the people, the cheer was taken up and continued.

GETS A BOQUET.

Mr. Clements was presented with a handsome bouquet of flowers from his Cleveland and Louisville friends.

Mr. Pike followed Mr. Clements with an excellent address. "I am sure I am more than delighted with the success of Mr. Clements," said he. "It augurs well for the future. On behalf of Mr. Clements I wish to thank all of the independent electors who have helped us in this campaign. You all contributed towards swelling the majority before the audience and gave

GRAND CONSERVATIVE TRIUMPH DOES HONOR TO OLD KENT

Splendid Support Extended by the Townships—The City Puts Up an Increased Majority—The Victory Greeted With Wild and Long Continued Enthusiasm.

Herbert Clements, M. P., the People's Choice

Every Part of the Constituency Joined in the Splendid Gains—Dover's Magnificent Verdict was Herald With Applause—Bonus Business Doomed.

Many Ladies Mingle in the Festivities of the Night and Heartily Applaud the Winner.

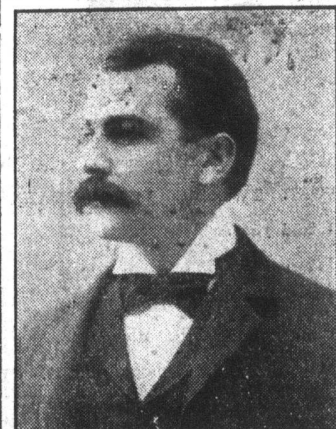
EVERY TOWNSHIP DOES ITSELF PROUD WITH RESULTS

Kent's Stalwart Farmers Royally Rally to the Standard of Their Young Colleague and Give Him a Bumper Vote of Confidence—Efforts of the Corporations to Defeat Him Fail Ignominiously—People's Choice Will Devote Himself to Their Interests.

The people of Kent did nobly and many constituencies in the Dominion followed the example of this Good Old County.

By six o'clock it was pretty generally conceded that the election of H. S. Clements was assured. Then the city went wild. It had been a hard, up-hill fight, and the re-action after the struggle had to have vent. The city of Chatham did about what was expected. But anxious eyes were turned to the country. What will the townships do? The Liberals were confident that the rural sections of the County would wipe out the city majority. But when the returns began coming in and each polling sub-division was showing a Conservative gain, then even the Liberals began to realize that it was all off.

It was a great victory, a grand redemption, but the men who deserve the most credit must not be lost sight of in the moment of victory.



FRED STONE,
President of the Reform Association.

First, there is H. S. Clements, the new member for Kent. He set to work as soon as he was nominated and has been heartily at the good work ever since. No one knows except his immediate friends how hard he has worked.

Then there is Dr. Thornton, the popular and esteemed president of the Conservative Association. He has been Clements' right hand partner from the very beginning and he has worked night and day. It is incredible the work he has done, but he's happy now. There are others, hundreds of them. Every Conservative was interested and the combined result of their energies is a victory for Mr. Clements.

The crowd on the streets in Good Old Chatham went wild with delight and they gave every evidence of their happiness.

The Opera House, where the Conservatives were mostly congregated, was the rendezvous for all who desired to hear how the country was going. The returns were read out by G. S. Heyward and ex-Mayor Sulman and were received readily by the happy crowd. Some of the leading city Conservative spoke, but their speeches were short and to the point. Laurier's election was conceded from the first, but the Conservatives have made some notable gains.

The full figures telling of the magnificent victory in West Kent are as follows:—

Cle- Ste-
ments, phens.
Chatham.....145

Blenheim..... 35
Tilbury Village..... 13

HARWICH TOWNSHIP.

	Cle- ments.	Ste- ments, phens.
1. McDougall's.....	13	—
2. Masterson's.....	tie	—
3. Bridge End.....	26	—
4. Walker's.....	29	—
5. Town Hall.....	—	4
6. Burk's.....	—	18
7. Pickering.....	15	—
8. McCully's, S. H.....	—	36
9. Mull.....	23	—
10. Morrison's.....	—	1
11. Bell's.....	—	52

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Majority for Stephens, 5.

RALEIGH TOWNSHIP.

	Cle- ments.	Ste- ments, phens.
1. Boley's.....	40	—
2. Bloomfield.....	22	—
3. South School House.....	19	—
4. North Buxton.....	3	—
5. Doyle's.....	—	41
6. Merlin.....	2	—
7. South Buxton.....	tie	—
8. Jenner's.....	9	—
9. Ouvry.....	—	9
10. School House No. 10.....	—	21

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Majority for Clements, 25.

DOVER TOWNSHIP.

	Cle- ments.	Ste- ments, phens.
1. Wood's Survey.....	—	11
2. Town Hall.....	—	19
3. Pain Court.....	—	25
4. Bagnell's.....	—	6
5. Big Point.....	—	29
6. The Bay.....	5	—
7. Dover Centre.....	—	13
8. Bear Creek.....	—	3
9. McKay's.....	—	—

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Majority for Clements, 38.

TILBURY EAST.

	Cle- ments.	Ste- ments, phens.
1.	23	72
2.	—	13
3.	—	13
4.	50	59
5.	62	49
6.	9	—

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Majority for Stephens, 76.

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ARTHUR DUNN,
Treasurer of the Liberal-Conservative Association.

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