

BIG MEETINGS FOR UNION ARE HELD IN CITY

Candidates Receive a Hearty
Reception

Telling Arguments

Large Gatherings in Seamen's Institute and Star Theatre Hear Messrs. Elkin, Wigmore, Baxter, E. A. Schofield, A. O. Skinner and L. P. D. Tilley

Two fine meetings in the interest of union government were held in the city last evening.

Seamen's Institute Meeting.

Dr. J. Roy Campbell was chairman of the meeting at the Seamen's Institute. After a few brief introductory remarks he called upon R. W. Wigmore, one of the unionist candidates. The latter received a warm reception, which was significant of the sympathetic sentiment of the large audience in the cause of unionism.

Mr. Wigmore said that he had been working hard during the past week but he intended to keep it up and work insistently and ceaselessly until the day of the election. The speaker expressed pride at being in a position to stand on the same platform with men who formerly were his political opponents. Although on many former occasions he had fought strenuously their political beliefs he was glad that in this great crisis he was able to see eye to eye with them and they with him. He felt his own unworthiness in the position he now found himself but as he had received the nomination he was determined to do his share in bringing the affair to a successful issue. The whole question, he declared, was whether Canada intended to remain in this great fight of civilization with the same degree of energy or whether she was going to desert the men who have already gone to France to maintain Canada's standing among the nations of the earth—to fight for the principles of humanity. "I say it with a great deal of pride," he said, "I say it with a great deal of humility, that Mr. Elkin and myself are the candidates of the boys at the front."

The speaker then referred to the visit of Sir Robert Borden to England to attend the imperial conference. When he

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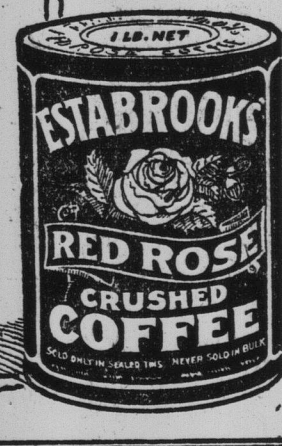
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returned home he was convinced of the fact that conscription was necessary. It was impossible to secure the necessary men in any other way.

Make Profiteers Loosen Up.

Continuing, the speaker declared that he was not alone for conscription of men but also for conscription of wealth and everything that may be necessary to help win the war. If he went to Ottawa he gave assurances he would use his every effort to despoil profiteers of their ill-gotten gains. To use a street expression, he said, he would make them loosen up. This was no time for men to take advantage of conditions to make profit for themselves.

Referring to the conscription issue Mr. Wigmore said he did not consider the voluntary system a failure. He considered it to the everlasting glory of Canada that she had sent 400,000 men across, and that within six weeks of the declaration of war 88,000 were proceeding overseas. There was nothing to be ashamed of in this. Rather, from a

standpoint of patriotic response, he believed Canada was head and shoulders above any other nation. The voluntary system, however, has been worked out and the selective draft scheme was the most logical and at the same time the most equitable means of maintaining Canada's strength in France.

Before union government was an accomplished fact a large part of the press of Canada was calling upon the prime minister to do something in this respect. In response to the general sentiment prevailing he extended an offer of coalition to the leader of the opposition but that offer was rejected. Laurier says a referendum should be taken.

"We believe a referendum would be defeated, but even if it were not it would take two years at the least to send the reinforcements to France which Borden proposes to send immediately." "So go to the ballot box on election day and tell Quebec in no uncertain terms that we do not propose to be dominated by that province. There is no need of making any bones about it, that

is the question. Quebec has been the political football of both parties since confederation. But in spite of Quebec we insist upon sending immediate aid to our men in France who are calling for support."

In concluding, the speaker expressed pleasure at the large attendance of the meeting. He felt confident that Mr. Elkin and himself would receive their earnest support and he invited them to work ardently in the cause and impress upon their friends why they should do likewise.

Stanley E. Elkin, the other Unionist candidate, had just ascended the platform and he was greeted with a burst of applause, speaking largely along the same lines as at the North End meeting.

E. A. Schofield.

E. Allen Schofield, whom the chairman next called upon, presented a most logical and straightforward argument in favor of conscription. In handling his subject he dwelt upon several subsidiary issues. He first referred to the patriotic fund, the payments made from which showed clearly that the voluntary system did not reach the proper men. The speaker said that he was in close touch with the recruiting situation in the province. A year ago last March representatives from each of the provinces met at Ottawa to discuss the recruiting situation and it was the general opinion that the voluntary system was a failure. At that time it was pointed out by Sir Robert Borden that there was a border line of 4,000 miles which would have to be guarded in event of the introduction of conscriptive measures, so that a greater force would be required to enforce the act than the number raised. Now, however, conditions were different. The United States was now an Ally and international courtesy served the same purpose as a 4,000-mile line of guards.

Mr. Schofield also spoke of the food control movement. He presented the difficult situation of the food controller. Mr. Hanna was doing much, he said, and within a short time he was hopeful of material improvement in food prices. The need of greater production was also touched upon.

The speaker declared that Union government had his whole-hearted support. Previous to 1914 he was a Liberal, but in 1914 he became a supporter of the union idea which has just lately been consummated.

In concluding his remarks he appealed for a conscientious and impartial study of the recruiting situation. Men were needed and he asked if the selective draft system was not the most just and most democratic.

A. O. Skinner.

A. O. Skinner, formerly one of the most prominent local Liberals, also spoke a few words. Support of Union government, he believed, was the only course for him to take. He was just as much a Liberal as ever, but during the war he intended to drop politics and bend every effort to the successful carrying on of the war.

The audience listened with great interest and the speakers were interrupted time and time again with enthusiastic applause. Three cheers for the candidates and for the king concluded the meeting.

Profiteering An Issue.

Prevention of profiteering was one of the chief issues discussed at the union meeting at the Star theatre last night. Several speakers said that the practice of using the war for the purpose of amassing millions of dollars would be preemptorily stopped when the Union government is returned to power.

"And it will be in the better position to prevent this evil," said one of the speakers, "as it will be much stronger than a partisan government being composed of both Liberals and Conservatives."

The chairman for the evening was J. Fraser Gregory, and on calling the meeting to order Mr. Gregory remarked that the gathering was for the purpose of supporting the Win the War candidates. He said that the meeting was intended to bring home to the hearts of the citizens of North End, all the objects of Union government.

Cheers for Candidates.

The first speaker was Mr. Elkin. On entering the hall, some minutes before, Mr. Elkin had been greeted with a great deal of applause and when he rose to speak three hearty cheers were given by the audience which showed unmistakably what the sentiments of the North End people are in the present issue. At the beginning of his speech,

Mr. Elkin remarked that he was not a politician but a fighter. He said that he was on the platform to endeavor to win the people a few things for which Union government stands. Mr. Elkin said that he was greatly pleased to see the work that the women, and the men who had never before taken any interest in an election campaign are doing at the present time for the Union government. He said they did not consider the party which was going in power, they were interested in bringing the boys home and the winning of the war. Mr. Elkin explained that before the conscription bill was passed there was the old militia act in Canada which made every male citizen perform military duty in war time when called upon to

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