

The Liberal Meeting at Chatham.

A LARGE AUDIENCE—ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION OF THE SPEAKERS OF THE EVENING—ALL CLASSES REPRESENTED AND ALL ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THE TORRES MUST CEASE TO RULE.

The Liberal Association of Northumberland County acted wisely in securing Chatham as the scene of their meeting on Thursday night last. The rink, when properly arranged, seats perhaps, four thousand people, and on this occasion, seats for about two thousand were put in. The threatening weather of the day and the smart rain which set in as evening approached, prevented many country people from leaving home, and it is probable that more were living in town, did not venture out fearing that the rink would be unaccountably cold.

—During the evening, the fact that, notwithstanding these drawbacks, over two hundred ladies and gentlemen—twice as many as the Masonic Hall is capable of holding—gathered there, is a fact which speaks for itself. The other speakers of the evening, in abundant evidence of the popularity of these gentlemen, held the liberal cause as on the public heart, and the interest which our people generally take in public affairs.

A temporary platform had been erected on the main floor of the rink, opposite the main entrance. This was nicely covered all around with carpeting, and over it were such motes as "Welcome, Come, Duty, Freedom, Peace, Revenue, Reform, etc.," "Revenue Tariff—no monopolies," "Liberal Reform," etc. The stenographic reports of the ADVANCE, Messrs. Fry and Everett of St. John, occupied a special table at the left from below the platform and seats reserved immediately in front for ladies and gentlemen accompanying them.

The chair was occupied by Wm Kerr, Esq., President of Northumberland Liberal Association, and the following were on the platform: Hon. L. H. Davies, Dr. Silas Alward, D. C. L., Messrs. J. P. Burchill, Nelson, A. K. McDougall, Alward, Richard D. Wilson, Drury, Thos. Holmes, Blaisdell, Foster, Fawcett, B. N. T. Underhill, H. Grindley, Blackville, W. V. Babour, St. John, Thos. Troy, Douglas-Dunlop, Paik, Hennessy, E. P. Williamson, Jas. Brown and C. S. Ramay of Newcastle; and J. B. Snowball, B. Stapleton, Paik, Conroy, E. J. Edgar, R. Strang, R. Flanagan, Jas. Pierce and D. G. Smith of Chatham.

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