

Tories Did Not Dare Risk a Cheer for Borden or Hearst

Gloomy Gathering of the Faithful in Toronto---One Speaker Dwelt Upon the Fact That Liberals Were in an Exultant Mood---He Also Declared That the Tory Party Was a Disrupted Party---Many Sheep Have Wandered From the Fold---Sir Sam Hughes in Bad Odor.

(Toronto Globe.)

The bite of last night's annual nominating meeting of the Ward Six Conservative Association was at its end. All evening President Thomas Rooney had sat stoutly on the lid. Officers had been nominated, plans made to send Christmas presents to soldier members at the front and in khaki, and platitudes had been talked cautiously by officers on the platform. No member of either Dominion or Provincial Parliaments was present, though Mr. A. C. Macdonnell, M. P., sent his regrets.

No one had mentioned the name of either Premier Borden or Premier Hearst, though laudatory references had been made to Sir John Macdonald, Sir James Whitney and Sir Adam Beck.

"We will hear a word or two from Ald. McBrien and Ald. McGregor, then we will close with the National Anthem," said President Rooney. Then the President realized he was in a vast minority. "No, no," cried the members. There were calls for "McCauley" and "What's the matter with some speaking out?"

And There Was "Speaking Out."

The "speaking out" started. It was not stayed until Mr. Rooney finally appealed that it was "not fair, when I have practically closed the meeting." There were two references to the Premiers, one to Sir Robert Borden and the other to Hon. W. H. Hearst.

"There are plenty of Conservatives who have no use for Sam Hughes," declared Mr. John Hutchinson, "but there isn't a word against Sir Robert Borden."

"Oh, isn't there?" queried one stentorian sceptic, while another shouted "Forget him," amid laughter.

Then ex-Ald. Austin asserted that a commercial traveller had recently assured him that Mr. Hearst was now gaining strength in the province.

"He was kidding you," exclaimed a voice, amid renewed laughter.

No Cheers for Leaders.

The feeling of the meeting was exemplified at its end. There were cheers for the returned and fighting soldiers, then cheers for the retiring president, Mr. Rooney.

"Shall we tackle cheers for Borden and Hearst?" a man in the front row asked of the officers on the platform.

"Don't chance it," was the whispered response.

So for probably the first time in the history of Tory Toronto, a Conservative Ward Association annual meeting was dispersed without any attempt to applaud the leaders of the party.

"Meet Exultant Liberals."

Things ran smoothly along routine lines till Mr. J. R. McNichol rose to decline his nomination as President for the ensuing year. "We're face to face with a Dominion election," said he, "and we better just figure out where we stand. Most of us know. We get it every day. We meet exultant Liberals. They know what's coming, too. The Liberals are so jubilant they actually smile when they stand talking to you. We might as well look the facts in the face. We've got to do something—something along the line of organization—and do it mighty quick. The Conservative party today is in a precarious position. It's not an organized party; it's a disrupted party. There are five polling sub-divisions in this riding without captains."

Poor Chances for Tories.

"Is there a Conservative present in this hall tonight," exclaimed Mr. McNichol, "who thinks for a moment that if there were an election tomorrow our party could carry South Parkdale or either division of West Toronto, or, for that matter, elect any Conservative in any seat in the city after what has taken place?"

"And if we couldn't carry a seat in Toronto, what chance have we got to

carry the province? Not one chance in a hundred to carry five seats in every twenty. It is no good our running men for office in the face of conditions like these unless they are prepared to take hold. Men who take office now have got their work cut out for them, and they must be men fitted for the job. The place must seek the man."

Mr. John Phillips said he agreed with much of what had been said, while President Rooney interposed that some seventeen captains had left for the front.

No Enthusiasm Left.

Mr. Thomas Bates believed in delaying the nominating meeting and in having the executive canvass the ward for good workers and willing men.

"We've all come here tonight like a lot of sheep," said he, "and we look like a lot of sheep." What was needed was something to re-create Conservative enthusiasm and get interest in the party again.

"Made a Noise Like a Coyote."

Sergt. Major Parkes, returned soldier, was enthusiastically applauded. He declared that when the soldiers overseas heard that Ontario had gone dry they "made a noise like a coyote," and when they heard that Mr. Dewar had been elected in Southwest Toronto they "hadn't a word to say."

"And what do they think of Sam Hughes?" asked a voice in the audience.

"He gets a lot of guff," retorted the soldier, amid laughter.

Tory Line is Broken.

Dr. McIntosh regretted that facts compelled him to agree with much Mr. McCausland had said. He had been a lifelong Conservative and worker for many years. "Our political enemies have broken through our line," said he, "and scattered our forces. The Liberals hold all the gains they have made. They are making more every

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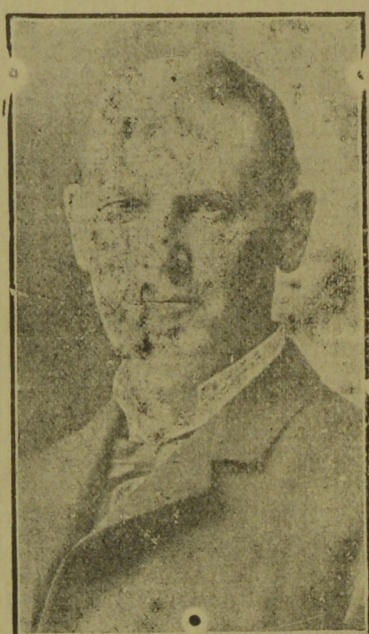
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Montreal, Oct. 29.—Frank B. Carvell, M. P. for Carleton, N. B., was banquetted by the Montreal Reform Club last night, and he expressed the belief that the only man of proved ability and



FRANK B. CARVELL, M. P.

prestige sufficient to meet the great, crowding problems of the days after the war is Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

Mr. Carvell claimed that though the Liberal government had established the Ross rifle factory, they had not established the Ross rifle, only the policy of making rifles in Canada. Mr. Carvell stated that the report of General Alderson had been in the hands of the Borden government five months before an Ottawa paper published it.

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Russian and Roumanian Positions Taken in Dorna-Watra Region.

Petrograd, Oct. 28.—Austro-German forces launched a series of violent attacks on Russian and Roumanian positions on both banks of the river Bys-tritsa, in the region of Dorna-Watra, says the official statement issued today by the War Office, compelling the Russian advanced posts to abandon two heights.

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day, and unless we do something to gain new strength we can never hope to repeat the victories of 1911. The enemy is pretty well loaded now for the next Dominion and Provincial elections. If we are to hope to make a respectable showing at all we must wake up and re-establish among the people of our party the confidence they have lost.

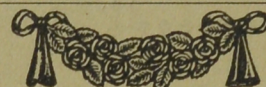
"We have lost sheep by the hundreds, and we must either give up or do something to bring them back to the fold. The Conservative party is off the track. We've got to do something to get it back again."

Mr. John Hutchinson declared that there was some reason to hope that Conservatives, however badly they felt, would not line up behind Laurier.

"There are plenty of Conservatives," said he, "who have no use for Sam Hughes and for many other things, but there isn't any to say anything against Sir Robert Borden."

A voice—"Oh, isn't there?" and cries of "Forget him!"

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