

Hamilton Meeting Is Strongly Conservative

Mr. A. F. Arsenault Denounces Non-enforcement of Prohibition Law Under Lea Government And Is Loudly Applauded By the Audience.

Speaking at the joint political meeting at Hamilton on Monday night Mr. A. F. Arsenault, Conservative candidate, bitterly denounced the non-enforcement of Prohibition under the Saunders-Lea Government. He was interrupted while speaking on the Conservative plank of Prohibition enforcement, by a man in the audience who shouted: "Tell us about Government Control."

Mr. Arsenault who generally carries his point scathingly replied, Government Control is not an issue at this election. The issue is the strict enforcement of the Prohibition law without political interference.

The speaker pointed out that it was a Conservative premier, now Chief Justice Matheson, who first introduced the Prohibition law and enforced it without fear of favor, thereby losing many influential political friends. Other Conservative Governments had done the same. Mr. Arsenault in withering tones next read the promises of the Saunders-Lea Government in connection with the act and pointed out where they had failed in every one of them.

He continued to denounce the method of political enforcement, where many prosecutions were called off by political interference. Members of the Government even going so far as to threaten prosecutors with dismissal if they did not stop interfering with their political friends: "You must not touch this one or that one" until some of the officials resigned rather than be a party to such practices. (Applause.)

Continuing to tear Lea's Prohibition promises to pieces Mr. Arsenault stated that not one of them had been implemented, even the text book on temperance promised to the schools had never been introduced. Only one copy was ever seen and that was in the hands of the Hon. Horace Wright while in the Legislative chambers. (Laughter.)

Warning up to his subject Mr. Arsenault continued his remarks by making scathing reference to the Government, who, to please a few favorites, who looked upon money procured from strong drink as "tainted money" wasted millions of dollars from the vendors no Provincial Police. (Applause.)

Mr. Arsenault made the hall ring with applause again when he sarcastically asked what is Lea's platform or record anyway? First we thought the Lea Government was going on its platform of 1927 but as Lea and his colleagues have repudiated most of that, one plank after another going by the board, they won't have anything left by the end of the campaign. What of their record they boast about, as that was supposed to be on the implementation of their platform of 1927 was not implemented at all. (Laughter.)

The blame is thrown on anyone but themselves. Lea blames the Commission for non-enforcement of the Prohibition Act. DesRoches blames the servants of the government, the road masters, etc., for the extravagances of the McIntyre road policy and so on down the line. So long as Lea is not to blame, never mind blaming lawyers, now out of the political arena, or anyone else who happens to be handy. (Laughter.)

condition as had already been done. Mr. McNutt, promised better winter roads, one of the platforms not implemented by the Lea Government, also Old Age Pensions and enforcement of the Prohibition Act. Mr. McNutt's remarks were very well received.

Mr. Ramsay (Lib) spoke briefly on general matters. Mr. Arsenault in rebuttal scorned the statement of Mr. DesRoches that the Conservative party had not built the Georgetown ferry. He pointed out that the Stewart Government had shown economy in this respect as the ferry had given many more years of service, only being replaced last year.

Hon. Mr. Stewart's policy was not that of Hon. Mr. McIntyre, who ripped up good roads to lay a monument to himself. (Applause.)

The meeting was on the whole very orderly.—S.



Scout News and Notices

1st Bedouk Freetown Troop

This troop of 18 scouts goes into camp July 29 at Fernwood, P. E. I. for 10 days with Rev. A. G. Crowe, Scoutmaster and Mr. J. B. Lewis assistant.

Sunday morning the troop will attend divine service at the Baptist Church, Bedouk. Sunday afternoon the scouts will be addressed by the Rev. Dr. Clarke of St. Mathias Church, Halifax, N. S. Wednesday afternoon, August 5th will be visitors day at camp. A special program will be put on and all parents and friends interested in scouting are welcomed.

The camp is being held on the farm of Mr. J. Harrison MacFarlane.

Liberal Quartette

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eral note in honour of the former Liberal leaders, the late Mr. Bell and the present Mr. Justice Saunders. Ignoring the claims of these gentlemen to distinction, the chairman introduced Mr. Lea as "the man who has given this Province the best government it has had in a generation!"

Mr. Trainor, the junior Liberal candidate, recited a prepared speech, in which he defended the McIntyre highway on the ground that "the government at Ottawa agreed on a policy to relieve unemployment." Mr. Trainor neglected to remind his hearers of the manner in which Messrs. Lea and McIntyre had stumped the Province in the last federal campaign, damning the Bennett unemployment policy, lock, stock and barrel.

The senior Liberal candidate was sonorous and prosy. "The farmers are behind the Progressive Policy as enunciated by the Lea Government," said Mr. E. T. Higgs. Mr. Higgs neglected to state what this wonderful policy was!

The Liberal candidate credited the Lea Government with "acknowledging the principle" of sharing the railway grant with the city and incorporated towns. Four years ago Mr. Higgs assured the electors that if the Liberals were returned this grant would be distributed and Charlottetown would receive its share. The grant has not yet been paid, and Mr. Higgs seems quite satisfied that the Government has "acknowledged the principle."

boosting the gasoline tax by order in Council, he said, was because a reduction had been made in motor car licences and it was necessary to make up this decrease in the revenue. Robbing Peter to pay Paul! Apropos of newspaper headlines, Premier Lea in his opening remark said it seemed to be the idea of each party to convince the people that they are sweeping the country. As the only newspaper to make this statement in its headings is his own party organ, the audience was left to form its own opinion as to what the Premier meant. Mr. Lea complained he could see nothing "aggressive or progressive" in the Conservative platform. Having no use for platforms, how could he?

The Premier modestly informed his hearers that his government had done more for the country "than any other government that preceded it." Even the increase in the potato industry was credited by Mr. Lea to the Saunders-Lea Government! The Government, he contended, had increased the highway borrowings "without incurring any debt or liability on the people." It was all being paid for "on the installment plan." Those of his hearers who have made purchases on the installment plan must have wondered what the Premier was talking about.

Again Premier Lea bewailed the fact that the Stewart Government had implemented its election promises and reduced taxation. He seemed to have forgotten the announcement of his former leader that the policy of the Liberal party in 1927 would be a further "downward revision of taxation."

How he had to get "pried out" of a hole in the road at Freetown, four years ago, during the last election campaign, was told by Mr. Lea. The Premier made no reference to his misadventure of last week, however, when both he and his colleague, Hon. Horace Wright, were stuck on the road in the middle of their own district to the amusement of the whole country-side.

"The people are not so much interested in the amount of money which we expend as in the amount of value which we expend for it." After this oracular utterance, the Premier proceeded paradoxically to announce that his policy for the future would be the record of his past performance—"not a list of promises of what we will do in the years to come that we failed to do when we had the opportunity."

Elaborately he explained the trouble he had gone to in order to prove that the "cranberry" plank in his 1927 platform could not be implemented. "If Prohibition enforcement is not all that the people would like it to be it is as good as any other law enforcement," he argued, varying the alibi he had produced last year at the by-election in Second Prince, when he said that if the enforcement was not satisfactory it was the Prohibition Commission that was at fault.

Mr. Higgs had criticized the Stewart Government for not securing a full subsidy settlement from the Duncan Commission. Premier Lea inadvertently spiked this argument when he declared that it made no difference who presented our claims at that time—the Duncan Commission award would have been the same!

Duly appreciated was the Premier's frequent reference to the Guardian as "the leading newspaper in the Province!" The audience was amazed at the Premier's discussion of federal matters—marvelling how he could skate so dexterously over the surface without once falling into the Beauharnois puddle!

Mr. Lea was highly indignant at the Guardian photographing "those spider-web cracks" in the McIntyre highway. \$800.00 he claimed, had been added to the cost of school books by the sales tax. (The sales tax does not apply to school books!) Taking credit for the establishment of the Provincial Sanatorium, the Premier conveniently ignored his own record in connection with the closing of the Dalton Sanatorium; nor did he see fit to mention the activities of the Women's Institutes and Red Cross Society and the generous initial contribution of \$10,000 by a Charlottetown business man, which made possible the establishment of the present institution.

"We are not going ahead on any particular road policy until we experiment as we have done in the past," he said. How much this experimentation would cost, how long it would last, he was unable to say. The Premier concluded by expressing the hope that he would get a "large Conservative vote!"

BASEBALL

ABBIES VS. MALDEN

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McLean Answers Call Of All Hands To Pump But Sharp Handles Him

Federal Liberal Member, Challenged To Explain Beauharnois Deal At Tyne Valley Meeting, Sneeringly Accuses Tories Of Being "Sore" Because They Did Not Get As Much Graft As Liberals. Sharp And Ramsay Given Enthusiastic Reception.

The joint political meeting at Tyne Valley on Monday night was a splendid one from the Conservative point of view, Messrs. Sharp and Ramsay scoring frequently over their opponents and receiving enthusiastic applause.

Tyne Valley has always been known as a Liberal district, but even Mr. A. E. McLean, M.P., recently returned from Ottawa and invited to speak for C. I. Lidstone, had qualms as to the outcome of the election in the Second District, as in his opening remarks, he said: "Coming from the serene and quiet of Parliament at Ottawa to the turmoil of a Provincial election, I do not think Mr. Lidstone was well advised to ask me to come here tonight. Mr. Sharp is a very energetic man and you will need to watch him or he will slip in on you again." (Loud applause.)

Mr. McLean said, he asked a gentleman well acquainted with the 2nd District what he thought of things and he replied that "there were not enough Conservatives to elect Sharp; hard to say what the Liberals would do, but if they do the same as last October, he will get in," which plainly showed Mr. McLean was uneasy as to the outcome of the election.

Mr. Ernest Ellis was appointed chairman and acted very impartially. On the platform were the four candidates, Mr. A. E. McLean, M.P., Mr. John Kennedy and Mr. A. J. Matheson, of O'Leary. The hall was filled to overflowing with an attentive audience.

MR. SHARP'S RECEPTION

Mr. Sharp was roundly applauded when he addressed the audience. He denounced the Liberal party for their failure to produce a platform and gave the Conservative platform in detail.

It was amusing to hear the Liberals say they are the proper people to elect for the implementation of our claims at Ottawa with another Government at Ottawa now, when they failed when their own Government was in power. They claim they built the Sanatorium; the truth is the people built it and the Government made a contribution towards its cost and upkeep. Mr. Sharp also dealt with Mr. Lea's failure to get the \$75,000 offered him for the Sanatorium.

Mr. Sharp was loudly cheered when he denounced the Government for not allowing farmers to work on the roads. "You can go to the lumber woods or the shore to get money for your taxes, while the McIntyre machines do the work, but not so efficiently." He quoted differences of Island gravel at \$1.75, compared with Nova Scotia at \$4.00 a load. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Sharp promised prohibition enforcement without political interference. The Liberals have a big following among the bootleggers, who find it pays to elect a party who will protect them as they did when they paid a detective \$1,400 to keep his mouth shut. (Loud applause.)

MR. DENNIS "NOT ASHAMED"

Mr. W. H. Dennis opened his speech by saying, he was hopeful of the electors' support. He was not ashamed of prohibition. They had not used the profit from the Prohibition Commission, except \$8,000 for the upkeep of the jail, owing to the extra expense of violators of the liquor law.

Avoiding mention of the record of his own party, Mr. Dennis tried to tell what the Bell Government had done, but the audience cried, "Gives us news of Lea!" He tried to defend the actions of the Government in relation to buying foreign gravel, but failed to register, as was also the case when he began to talk of tenders for bridges.

Mr. Dennis owned that it was a mistake to order foreign gravel. "We all make mistakes and I expect to keep on making them." (Laughter.) Mr. Dennis referred to the circular letter sent out to the heads of the polls last election regarding the people's attitude on Prohibition by

the Saunders government, as being in perfect "order."

MR. A. A. RAMSAY

Mr. Ramsay scored many points as he successfully answered Mr. Dennis' assertions. Speaking of the absence of the Liberal platform, he said, "I defy Mr. Dennis or any man who had anything to do with that famous 1927 platform to say they have faith in it, when out of 24 Liberals only 12, after much hard consultation and persuasion, came forward for re-election, whereas every one of the Conservatives are appealing to the country."

He denounced Mr. Dennis for his hardness on speaking of the tenders. Two meetings have elapsed since the accusation was made and yet he has only now come forward to answer and then makes extravagant statements he can't prove.

Mr. Dennis: "I say you're wrong."

Mr. Ramsay: "Where am I wrong?"

Mr. Dennis: "You go on speaking I'll show you." But he neglected to do so.

Mr. Ramsay then got after the Liberal candidate on Prohibition enforcement. For the first time in the history of the Province, the police were, by request, at the Freeand meeting to keep order, because at the previous meetings Mr. Dennis had offered \$5 to the Police to quell a disturbance that arose when he was speaking "and then scored Mr. Ramsay, he says he is not ashamed!"

Whether by accident or request it was noticed that the Inspector of Prince County Provincial Police was in the audience.

Mr. Ramsay, citing as an instance of abundance of liquor, a recent seizure; some one called out "Why don't they go to Summerside jail," which was greeted with cheers.

Speaking on the failure of the Lea Government to keep their promise regarding the canning of fruits, another hit was scored, by the remark that the only promise kept in their platform was the diablosite. Mr. Ramsay was roundly applauded as he sat down.

Mr. Kennedy spoke on behalf of the Conservative candidates and reviewed the political situation very fully, scoring heavily over Mr. Dennis, when he exposed the political enforcement of the Prohibition Act by showing that Constable Jay had been removed from O'Leary because he had caught a Liberal with liquor. Mr. Kennedy was shown five cases of liquor by Constable Jay taken from a man in West Devon, but because he was doing too good work, now the election writs were out, he was removed! (Applause.)

Mr. Ramsay noticed Mr. Dennis limping, perhaps he has fallen through the Prohibition plank? (Laughter.)

Mr. Lidstone, (Lib.), spoke for a few moments and demanded to know why his opponents were making fun of the Prohibition authorities. Was there any drinking at Lennox Island? he demanded. With a few more remarks he sat down and gave his place to Mr. A. E. McLean, who after his opening remarks quoted above, attempted to draw the audience away from the local issues and the defeat in store for the Liberals by launching into Federal politics. He was listened to with patience until he mentioned Old Age Pensions. He claimed Bennett had not kept his promise of 100 per cent. He now asks us to make up 25 per cent.

Mr. McLean said sneeringly that the Conservatives were "sore" because they did not get as much as the Liberals.

MR. SHARP IN REBUTTAL

Mr. Sharp hit straight from the shoulder in his rebuttal speech in answer to Mr. McLean's explanation

of the Beauharnois affair, Mr. Sharp scathingly replied that the Beauharnois deal was a scheme to barter away the rights of Canada for \$700,000 to the Liberal political machine and to obtain party funds. (Applause.) He also ably rebutted Mr. McLean's statements in Old Age Pensions proposal.

He brought the Public Works Report to show that the tender for Hayes Bridge had not been given to Mr. Quinn, of Charlottetown, (lowest tender), but to Mr. Noyes. Answering Mr. Dennis' charge that the Conservatives had got more money from liquor than the Liberals, Mr. Sharp replied that Mr. Saunders claimed that it was the poor man's medicine, "Well, there must have been a lot of sick as \$120,000 of liquor was sold by the Commission last year, \$30,000 profit and \$20,000 expenses, \$1,000 to keep up jail and \$1,400 for a detective." (Applause.)

"Give us some more Mr. Sharp," was the cry when the speaker's time was up. The meeting, which was orderly throughout, closed with the National Anthem.—S.

King's Insincerity

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"that in 1926 the same gentleman sat down and wrote a letter to the honorable member for Winnipeg, North Centre (J. S. Woodsworth, Labor), in which he promised he would do the very thing he now says this House should condemn when in power. After the election he put on the statute books of this country this very law, and now he says, 'what an iniquitous thing it is.' Is anything more calculated than to bring democratic institutions into contempt?"

"Standing here this afternoon, with all the power and authority of the leader of a party, he condemns this action which he himself fastened on the country. Then he asks the people of this country to take him seriously. I wonder if he has any policy about anything." When this statute was passed he fixed the terms upon which the Provinces would have to pass their legislation.

Premier Bennett reminded the House that the Conservatives, at their convention in Winnipeg in 1927, went on record in favor of National Old Age Pensions. The same convention chose him as their leader, he added, and he was committed to such a policy.

"In connection with my undertaking with the people of Canada," he added, "namely to pay 100 per cent and take over the National Old Age Pension system, I realize I cannot do it in a day, nor did I promise I would do it in a day, nor did my party say that it would do it in a day. I realize, however, that the provinces are hard pressed in these days, very hard pressed, and their position is one of great financial uncertainty, to relieve them of any part of their burden, providing I safeguard federal interests, is something that, having regard to that legislation, I am bound to do."

"Now I succeed to the obligation under the promise made by the party to which I belong, to deal with this as a national system. And we will deal with it as a national system if we continue in office as I believe we will—but we are not going to endeavor to do it at a time of national financial emergency. All we can do is to endeavor by this bill to show our good faith to the people who gave us their support, and that good faith is evidenced by our relieving to the extent of 25 per cent the obligation that the provinces has assumed with respect to pension legislation."

Mr. Jenkins Well Received

Mr. Jenkins was given much applause and his usual good hearing when he answered the charges and offered criticism of the Lea Administration. They are the most incompetent lot that ever sat in the Legislature. What would I do with a road machine on my farm? (Laughter.)

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I would think a great deal of this party if it had fulfilled even three quarters of its pledges, remarked Mr. Jenkins amid applause.

Mr. Jenkins again accused Mr. LePage of not carrying out his Old Age Pension promises. He told the electors that at the Rustico meeting Mr. John H. Buntain confronted Mr. LePage and said he was willing to swear he had been promised one. Mr. LePage: "His oath would not be worth much."

LEA CANDIDATES AGAIN HECKLED

Another Rebuff For LePage and MacPhee Mayfield Meeting—Conservatively Warmly Applauded.

The Conservative candidates, Messrs. Jenkins and Bethune, again scored at Mayfield last night and were greeted with enthusiastic applause.

The increase in revenue obtained by this Province was in no way the act of the Lea Government, but of Hon. J. D. Stewart, who had gone to Ottawa and got \$40,000 in taxation from the Canadian National Railway, and \$125,000 interim payment until the Subsidy is finally settled, declared Mr. Jenkins, the first speaker. The Liberals did nothing but double the gasoline tax. It didn't take much brains to do that. (Applause.)

Mr. William Moffatt acted as chairman and maintained very good order throughout.

MR. LEPAGE

Hon. B. W. LePage, while admitting that the Dominion grant had been stopped, criticized the Stewart Government for reducing expenditure upon the roads. He was willing, however, to give credit for the permanent work done such as concrete culverts and steel bridges. Every road in the province has been gone over at least once since coming to power, Mr. LePage stated while on the other hand the Conservatives did nothing. How can they ask for your vote?

VOICE: "They are going to get mine!"

"The country is not bone dry," Mr. LePage admitted, "I know that there is a little around." (Laughter.)

Mr. LePage claimed that the Government has only been condemned on two points, non-enforcement of the Prohibition Act, and extravagance.

VOICE: "Now Rosie." Mr. LePage read a statement showing money obtained in fines from Prohibition cases.

VOICE: "The fines are increasing." When the Lea Government came into office, he declared, there was not one road machine in the shed. If they had any they must have given them to "their friends." He said he would not be surprised if Mr. Jenkins had "one on his farm."

VOICE: "Give it to them, hot, its your last chance." (Laughter.)

In speaking of the Bennett Government he referred to the Old Age Pensions. What would you think of the Lea Government if it only implemented three quarters of its pledges? he asked.

Defending the extravagance of the Minister of Public Works, Mr. LePage said that they spent twice as much on the first mile as was necessary because that is the way it should be, the poor people need the money.

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