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THE DECORATIONS.

The stage was beautifully decorated, and much credit is due to Mr. W. F. McCarty for the artistic man- poor policy on their part. ner in which the decorations were carried ou. Flags and bunting were in profusion, while the stage setting was also good. Suspended prominently were two banners bearing the following inscription, "We welcome Our Premier," and "The Best Government Ontario has Ever Had.' The Premier was warmly welcomed on his arrival, the Citizens' Band being in attendance. Roenigk's orchestra also played a number of popular airs to the gratification of the large

PRESIDENT CHANNON. Mr. Wm. Channon, President of the opening remarks stated that he was delighted to see such a large crowd ition, but I do not see anything par- right to be proud of. in attendance, and was pleased see so many ladies. He way proud to be connected with such a good government, and to be a supporter ci such an able and efficient statesand premier as Sir James

DR. VROOMAN. The Conservative candidate, Dr. A. E. Vrooman, on being called on, was given a hearty receptioni and stated that along with the chairman, he was delighted to see such a magnifiattendance. "You do yourself credit and you do the Premier credit to come out and listen to him. I am proud to be the Conservative candidate, and am proud to be able to represent you, and I am also proud to be a supporter of Sir James Whitney, and to be able to say that I am in thorough sympathy with the Whitney policy and the Whitney Gov-

"If you search the records of the Whitney government it would be impossible to find any semblance ried out what it proposed to do, and also carried out a great many forms. In fact it has been ablest government this province has ever had, and is one well worthy of support. There has not been a whisper of a scandal, which is something to be proud of, and something very refreshing to the people of this country. "The leader of the Opposition Jas

here a few nights ago, and delivered a grand address. The leader and a number of the men in the Liberal party met at Toronto for the purpose of preparing a platform the party, and the people of Ontar- cided policy on the temperance quesio awaited the outcome of that meeting, but when the manifesto came forth we were very much sur- all others, but his friends were disorised, indeed, for we saw at once appointed. At Ottawa Leader Rowthat it was simply an imitation of ell made the statement that he had the platform of Sir James Whitney, nothing to do with the framing and the Liberals proposed to do the Liberal platform, but that what Sir James' government had

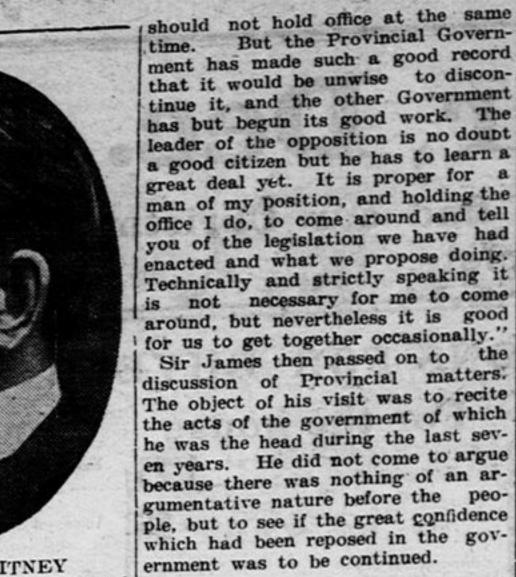
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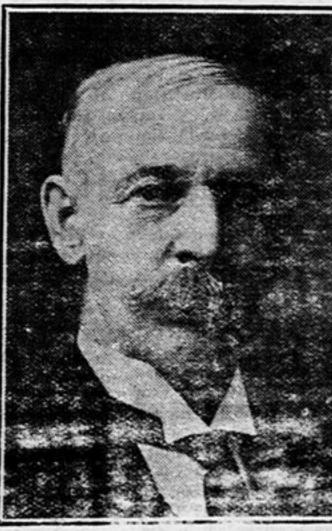
SIR JAMES WHITNEY 800 People at the Academy Friday Night.

LIBERALS' POOR POLICY.

now advocate a change, which

able administration. NOT SO GREAT.

ticularly great about Mr. Rowell. He for years has been posing as a great worker in the interests of temperan e, but Mr. Rowell has failed take a bold and courageous stand in regard to the question in his platform. He trots forth the weak excuse to wait for two or three years and then he (Rowell) and his friends will be able to formulate some de-



DR. A. E. VROOMAN Popular Conservative Candidate, Who Was Given a Hearty

Reception.

tion. It was expected that he would come out strong on this question, of committee drew it up and he could do nothing but accept it. However, he says that if elected this time he will, along with his colleagues, think it out. He is not so courageous af-

In conclusion Dr. Vrooman invited the young men and others to attend the meetings in the Conservative committee rooms, where bright speeches on political matters were made every night, "And they can talk and tell the truth," stated the doctor, "because they have a good premier and a record we can boast

The doctor expressed the hope that 'all would turn out on election day and poll their votes for the Conservative party. All should at least exercise their franchise. PREMIER WHITNEY.

The premier was then introduced by the chairman, and upon rising to address the electors, was given hearty reception, and presented with a magnificent bouquet by Miss Gert rude Pepper, to which Sir James made suitable acknowledgment. In his opening remarks, he stated that he was pleased to see such a large turnout and so many ladies present. "I came down here to-night to congratulate you on your next member, Dr. Vrooman, and to congratulate the constituency. I also wish to express to you my deep and sincere regret at the death of the late member, Mr. S. J. Fox, who was an able representative and an honest and conscientious member. He was

a good man. My friend, the doctor,

said that some of the opposition

(and there is opposition occasionally

to be found) are saying that two

governments of the same stripe

But the Provincial Government has made such a good record that it would be unwise to discontinue it, and the other Government has but begun its good work. The leader of the opposition is no doubt a good citizen but he has to learn a great deal yet. It is proper for man of my position, and holding the office I do, to come around and tell you of the legislation we have had enacted and what we propose doing. Technically and strictly speaking it is not necessary for me to come around, but nevertheless it is good for us to get together occasionally." Sir James then passed on to discussion of Provincial matters. The object of his visit was to recite the acts of the government of which he was the head during the last seven years. He did not come to argue because there was nothing of an argumentative nature before the people, but to see if the great confidence which had been reposed in the government was to be continued.

WHY AN ELECTION NOW. "On the 25th of January, 1905, a general election took place, after James. "From certain points of "Mr. Weeks, the Liberal candidate, months since that time, so that the I can say is that people who talk vince of Ontario to have two gov- vious one." The House had been "We have extended the mileage of Dr. A. E. Vrooman, the Conserv- ernments of the same political stripe; dissolved because of eleven vacan- the Government road to 380, tive candidate, was also given an that it was sufficient to have one cies, and in order to hold bye-electinued he, "and we could sell attentive hearing, and delivered a Conservative government at Ottawa tions to fill these seats it would have lease that road to-morrow to either short but convincing address, and if without having another at Toronto, cost the people of the province at of the two great railways at our the meeting last night can be taken but let me tell you that when the least \$15,000, and that amount own terms, but we don't want to as a criterion, Dr. Vrooman will be Laurier goaernment was in power at would have had to be duplicated had lease it, because you don't want that Citawa, Leader Rowell and his stal- the bye-elections been held, as an- we should sell or lease it. That's warts worked hard at the same time other general election would come on the reason." to keep in power the Ross Govern- next year at any rate. These two ment at Toronto. However, they reasons in themselves were enough is to dissolve the House, but he had been created, the price of several other reasons which he would books had been reduced by one-half, "Mr. Weeks said also that the speak of later. Sir James then and the school book ring had been Whitney government should not be passed on to the consideration of the destroyed, with nothing left it but sustained because it was already too achievements to his government. the record of its misdeeds. A large

Rowell) approved of many of the and myself had been going about the The liquor law had been honestly en-Whitney policies, although ! under- Province talking of the mal-adminis- forced. The government railway stand that since that time they have tration of the old government, and had been extended till it now touchchanged their views a little. It were also making seven or eight ed the G.T.P. at Cochrane. "Durwould be rather odd and unfortunate promises in regard to legislation we ing this three years and three to elect a man to go to Toronto to were to put on the statute books. months," said Sir James, "we put oppose such a good government as We were green then, and some peo- the finances of the Province on the Whitney government because the ple thought we would be unequal to sound basis, and the revenue people are well satisfied with the the task which was placed upon us. been doubled, from four to eight mil-In three years we have filled all the lions. Was I drawing a long bow promises we have made, with the ex- when I said that no other Govern-"The chairman made the remark ception of one, and that has been ment has equalled this record." tion, occupied the chair, and in his that it was a good thing to have partially fulfilled. That is a word We went to the country and great men at the head of the Oppos- I am proud of, and one I have a told them what we had done, and HONEST GOVERNMENT.

"We are simply honest, ordinary there are 107 now. That was business men." he said. "We not like our predecessors, who themselves on a pedestal from which to look down on the people. have endeavored to carry on the bu- government for salaries for teachers siness of the province in an honest, businesslike way, and we think have done it. What's more, think the same thing. It was a re-Provincial government." NO SCANDALS.

"We abolished the numbered ballot, and you have not heard of any election scandals since that time. Have you heard of any scandals at all? have appointed district representatives in schools in the interests of agriculture. A liberal assistance has been given to the Provincial university, amounting to \$448,000 undergraduates in this university than in any other university in the world. The mining laws have been revised, and we brought a man from Northern Ontario who knew all about that country to supervise that department, and to-day he is one of the strongest men in public life in the country. That man is Hon. Frank Cochrane, now with the Dominion Government. We have stored the county councils, and I am sure this has met with general approval. We also put out of existence the school book 'ring' and gave the people cheaper books, and that was a good thing. We have deavored honestly to enforce the cense law-that great bug bear many people. It is impossible enforce it more honestly or fairly, and we propose to continue along those lines." " People say the Government has

too large a majority," continued Sir



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which the government of which I am view perhaps it is, but I'm not gothe House was dissolved. It is a "People also say we are not dolittle over three years and three ing anything for New Ontario. All

PROGRESSIVE GOVERNMENT A railway and municipal board had strong. This again is poor 'ogic. achievements to his governments grant for the increase of the salaries Both speakers (Mr. Weeks and Mr. "Before we took office my colleagues of the public schools had been made. they elected 86 out of 106 members to support the government, are pretty satisfactory testimonial of the put actions of the government." Since that time, continued the We premier, the amount payable by the

> in the rural districts only, had been we increased to \$475,000, and was there we any reason why teachers could not think the people of this province be had? He proposed to withhold certificates till teachers had taught cord, which I say to you in all hon- one year in the Province, as he did esy, has never been equalled by any not think it right that teachers should receive the benefits of large expenditures on education and then leave the province. Provision had also been made for industrial training and a course of agriculture for school teachers had been provided in the Ontario Agricultural College at Please God, you will not, either. We Guelph. This year the appropriation for colonization roads had been \$582,000, most of which would spent in Northern Ontario, and yet they had been told this work was not being done. A commissioner in New designs, new granites, new and this year, and to-day there are more the person of Chief Justice Meredith had been appointed to look into the question of compensation for workmen, and a great work had been done in prison reform. The object Get our prices and see our de signs of this reform was that the prisoners should not be made to suffer punishment merely for the sake of punishment, but that they should be reformed and helped to better lives. POWER MATTERS. Sir James told of the arrangement whereby the Grand Trunk Railway

paid to the government \$300,000 year for the running rights over the T. & N. O., and said that company would also pay a portion of the maintenance. "We have now from 350 to 380 miles 📽 Government railway, whereas when we came inoffice we only had 113. regard to the schemes great risks had been taken, and the most unexampled opposition had been met with. "You have no idea of the efforts made to destroy the power scheme. But they failed and to-day the original scheme is in operation." An effort had been made to bring the power to the cenlate government of Sir Wilfrid Laur- per training. Write for Large Catier had done their utmost to prevent the provincial government from get- Cor. Yonge and ting hold of water powers in Central Ontario, and they even attempted to give leases to certain companies to develop those water powers. A sympathetic government was now in power, at least sympathetic to the development of this power scheme. At present any farmer requiring power will have it brought to his door at cost." The revenue of the Province had been a little over \$9,000,000 this year, which was twice what it had been when they assumed the reins of office.

THE PRISON FARM. Sir James went on to refer to the new Central prison farm at Guelph. "There you will see the men working with a smile on their faces and their heads lifted up instead trudging along with their heads down. Isn't it better to give them an opportunity of feeling in their bones that when they come out o the prison farm they will have another chance of starting life with renewed vigor?"

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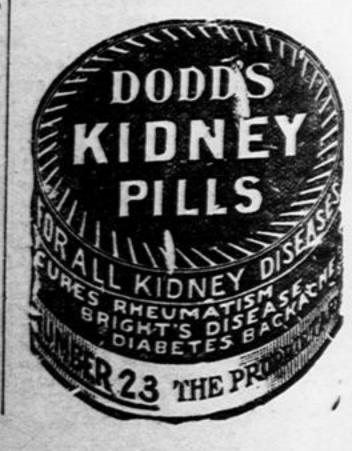
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