

COL. HUGHES WARMLY RECEIVED AT OAKWOOD

Made a Splendid Address—
Condemned the Grafters

THE HALL WAS CROWDED

Freemen In That District Anxious
For a Change.

(From Our Own Reporter.)

From the little boy who was just starting to school, to the hoary-headed man who was living in retirement after a long life of toil, on a farm, made up the gathering which packed into the town hall at Oakwood Tuesday to hear Col. Hughes discuss the public issues of the day, and to determine, if possible, whether he was the man to serve them again for another term. Scarcely before in that hall has there ever been such enthusiasm displayed at any public gathering, and if last night's meeting is an evidence of the popular feeling throughout Oakwood, Col. Sam Hughes has carried that district by storm.

The meeting commenced about 8.30 o'clock, and as the speakers took their places on the platform, they were lustily cheered. Mr. MacDonald, Mr. Channon and Mr. Mallon all made good political speeches, but the Colonel was in fine shape. He had already addressed two meetings that day and was properly tempered for the occasion. When he started out, perhaps a few people in the audience might have had some respect for the Liberal government, due to ignorance of the state of affairs, but when the speaker sat down that impression was erased from their minds, and in its place was stamped indelibly the desire for a change.

Col. Sam. Hughes last night entered what has always been termed a Grit stronghold, but what Grits are left in Oakwood, no doubt in their disgust at the way their party has betrayed their trust, will turn independent and cast their influence with a man who has always fought for the liberty of the freemen of his riding, and ever assisted in perpetuating the continuation of responsible government, a man who has stood up in the House for what he thought was right on every occasion. The people of Oakwood appreciated this and applauded the Colonel warmly for his independent, manly stand in the matter of the Ross rifle and the Manitoba question, where he showed that he had the interests of the people represented, and the entire dominion at heart.

The meeting was a very orderly one, as the boys who crowded in the back and sat on the window sills were too much interested to make any noise.

Col. Hughes spoke for nearly an hour, but during that time not one person left the hall.

Mr. Wm. Channon occupied the chair, and in his opening remarks acknowledged the honor he felt in being appointed chairman of the evening. He went right after the Laurier Government and their mal-administration, and predicted that on the night of Oct. 26 there would be a great falling off of the Liberal party, if they had not fallen off altogether. He reviewed the platform of 1896, and declared that there was not one plank in it that had been carried out. Closing his remarks, he felt assured that the freemen of Mariposa township would return Colonel Hughes with an overwhelming majority. (Cheers.) The chairman then introduced Mr. A. D. Mallon, who was warmly applauded as he came forward, and no doubt his reputation as a speaker is well known in Oakwood.

Mr. Mallon, in a humorous but impressive address, urged his audience to turn out of office the men who were fast bringing ruin on the country. In sending the Laurier administration bosses to power, he said, the people were laying their welfare in the hands of Providence. Before closing, Mr. Mallon told some very amusing stories which provoked much laughter in the audience. The closing of his address was the signal for much applause.

Mr. G. A. Macdonald was next introduced, and was warmly received. In his opening remarks he made it clear that he would not deal with any of the important issues of the day—he would leave them for the Col. who was present. He asked the audience did they honestly believe that the Laurier administration were honestly striving to promote their interests. He pointed out that out of 97 cases of scandal that were brought up in the House at Ottawa, 75 were proven on the floor of parliament. They stand convicted, said he, as the premier promise-breakers of the Dominion. They have shown no thought for the people, but have only endeav-

avored to keep in power in order to line the pockets of the grafters. He criticized the building of the Quebec bridge, and the land scandals in the West. He believed that in this election Mr. R. L. Borden and his followers would be sent to power, and the outcome in his constituency, he said, was sure to be in favor of Colonel Hughes.

The speaker then closed and was warmly applauded.

THE CANDIDATE HEARD.

Before calling on Col. Sam. Hughes, Mr. Channon asked if anyone from the Opposition was present, but finding no one respond, the Colonel came forth and received a great ovation, which lasted several minutes. The Colonel made a fitting address, and told of the good feeling shown all through Victoria county. The citizens of Oakwood leaned over their seats to listen, and he held them for over an hour.

Britishers live to-day, he began, under the principles of responsible government, and he first wanted to show what this meant. He felt that he was speaking to many young men who were casting their votes for the first time. The country, he said, was now face to face with a general election, and on Oct. 26th the people were going to determine who will govern them during the next five years.

He felt sure that by the time he got through the independent voter would assist in turning out the present government. He asked the Liberals present had the government given them free trade. Farmers of Mariposa, he said, were paying double the price for binder twine. The Grits said they would reduce the expenditure \$2,000,000 a year, but they have rolled it up from \$40,000,000 to \$120,000,000. He showed very clearly that the Laurier government had broken their promises. They had increased the Senators' indemnity from \$1,000 to \$2,500, and seventy-five members of parliament, during the past twelve years, were appointed to the Senate. They promised, the Colonel continued, that they would not grant subsidies to railways; they would not travel in private cars and seek for tin-pot titles of knighthood. But they travel through the country drinking the richest wines, smoking the best cigars, and smile out of the window of the cars at the farmers who toil in the field, and exclaim "There are the suckers who are paying for this."

He reviewed the tenure in office of John A. Macdonald as Premier, and showed how he had carried out the promises made by the Conservative party. He reviewed the work of the Whitney administration on the question of public schools, and showed the great improvement that had been made. The assessed valuation of Mariposa township was \$3,500,000, the largest assessed township in Canada. He reviewed the land deals in the West and showed how friends of the government were reaping great rewards and the people's money being stolen. He then went into the Huron election scandal, and showed how the farmers of that constituency had been robbed of their true representative, and bogus ballots had sent the wrong member to the House. There were over forty ridings, he said, where the ballots had been tampered with. He asked the freemen present would they stand for such a government who would allow these practices to continue.

Turning to the years when the Conservatives reigned, he showed how they treated their bootlickers. They had, to a man, forced Thos. McGreevy, a Conservative bootlicker, to appear before the House, and when he refused to produce his books on the election he was arrested. He was tried in a criminal court and sentenced to Kingston Penitentiary, where he died. (Applause.) That, the Colonel explained, was how the Conservatives treat their bootlickers. (Cheers.)

He did not believe, he continued, that the people of Mariposa—shareholders of the Dominion of Canada—would allow these grafters, who were thwarting the public will and living in luxury, coming out of the pockets of the people, to remain in power. He asked those present where the money was coming from to keep the army of blacklegs in the United States, who fled after the scandals were made known.

Because he had no timidity to show up Sir Wilfrid Laurier, his good friend, Mr. R. J. McLaughlin, was invited up and down the country criticizing his actions. He opposed his own leader and he voted against Laurier when he attempted to control the Federal Government to control affairs in Manitoba. He wanted to let Mr. McLaughlin and Dr. Wilson let Mr. Laurier, who had committed an act of duplicity in catering for the Orange vote of Ontario and the Catholic vote of Quebec.

In Haliburton at present, he said, there are 300 men from the shores of the Mediterranean and they, he said,

were taking the bread and butter from the sons of Victoria and Haliburton counties. A pedlar cannot go through the Province without a license because they destroy merchants' trade. These foreigners, who are a positive injury to the country, will have to pay also.

He thought that most of the people of the county were of the opinion that he was independent at Ottawa, and he wanted to explain this clearly. He was the president of the Dominion Rifle Association, and was also president of the committee in charge of the installation of small arms, etc. He thought that the Ross rifle was the most efficient in Canada, and the English press said it was far superior to any rifle in England or the United States. He had stood up and fought his party on this question because he knew that he was right. (Cheers.)

The Liberal party, he continued, had clung to the view of making an independent nation out of Canada. The Tory party wants to draw closer to the mother land, and would even join hands with England in perpetuating the continuation of responsible government. He pointed out that no man could say that he had ever done anything that was wrong, and would defy any man to lay a charge. He was satisfied that on the night of the 26th of October he would be returned at the head of the poll. (Prolonged cheers.) He then closed his remarks by expressing his happiness at seeing so many present, and trusted that they would assist him in the coming campaign.

The large audience, which had sat quietly all night, applauded at every opportunity the Colonel's brilliant remarks and rose from the benches and cheered the candidate lustily. When the storm had subsided, three cheers were given for Mr. R. L. Borden and Colonel Sam. Hughes, and the candidate came forward and thanked them. Nearly everyone in the hall pressed forward to shake hands with Colonel Hughes before he left their vicinity, and assured him of their support during the remainder of the campaign.

What is Happening At Bury's Green

DEMISE OF A POPULAR YOUNG MAN—POLITICS THE TOPIC OF THE DAY AT THE POINT.

(Correspondence Free Press.)

Bury's Green, Oct. 12.—Hello, Mr. Free Press Editor! As your paper has such a large circulation in this district, and although your columns are already full of news, we thought perhaps you could find room for a few items from this little world.

Fall fairs are all over, and farmers are busy again plowing and taking up their potatoes and mangels, which are a very good crop. Politics is the general talk of the day. Dr. Wilson, the Liberal candidate for this riding, held a meeting in Lamb's school on Thursday night last, which was fairly well attended. Col. Sam. Hughes, the Conservative candidate, will follow with a meeting later on.

Mr. Geo. Smith, formerly of this place, but late of Peterboro, has recently purchased Mr. Geo. Flett's farm and will commence operations thereon at once. Mr. Flett, we understand, will purchase again.

Mr. Jas. Akister, jr., has rented his farm to Mr. A. Kelly for a term of years, as he intends moving to Saskatoon in the spring.

Mr. John Flett, jr., has sold his handsome young driver to Dr. Johnson, of Fenelon Falls, for a very high figure.

Mr. Jas. Armstrong, who unfortunately had his house burned recently, has the frame of his new one up and is busy getting it completed before winter.

We understand the lumber firm of Phillips & Findlay have dissolved partnership, and hereafter the firm will be under the management of Mr. Joe. Phillips, lumberman.

Some of our young people attended the fowl supper at Burnt River on Thursday night last, and report a good time.

A large number from here attended the Fenelon Falls fair last week.

The funeral of the late John Campbell, on Monday of last week, was the largest ever seen in this district. The deceased, who succumbed after two weeks' painful suffering with typhoid fever, was in his 28th year and was one of our most highly respected young men, being a general favorite of everyone. He was an active member of the Orange Order, belonging to North Verulam lodge, and was buried under the auspices of that Order.

Mr. Geo. Cayley, who has spent two years in the North-west, returned last week and is renewing old acquaintances.

Mrs. W. Small and family, of Michigan, are visiting relatives here at present.

Mr. and Mrs. Ragland Richmond, of Noyes's Creek, spent Saturday and Sunday, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brooks.

This world never agrees with the man who tries to swallow it whole.

Ontario Provincial Winter Fair At Guelph December 7-11

SPECIAL PRIZES FOR OUR AMATEUR FARMERS, OFFERED BY VICTORIA COUNTY COUNCIL TO EXHIBITORS OF BEEF CATTLE—OTHER PRIZES OPEN TO THEM.

The annual "Fat Stock Show" at Guelph is unique among fairs in the many educational features which it offers. In the judging ring the judges give reasons for their placings, and answer all questions from exhibitors and onlookers. Prominent specialists in all lines of agriculture are present to deliver addresses during the several days of the fair. The exhibit of beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, swine, poultry and seed grain is in itself a great inspiration and silent educator—save for the poultry.

In order to induce more of our farmers to become exhibitors, the executive of the Fair this year appealed to a number of the county Councils to offer special prizes to amateur exhibitors of beef cattle. The Victoria County Council offers to amateur exhibitors of beef cattle, residents of the county of Victoria, the following prizes for the best beef animal, any age, any breed, grade or cross of any breed, age to be considered along with quality in awarding prizes: 1st, \$20; 2nd, \$15; 3rd, \$10. Animals competing for these prizes will also be eligible for competition for other special prizes, open only to amateurs, totalling \$60, \$40 and \$30, as well as for competition for the regular prizes of the Fair. The freight rates for the Fair are regular tariff rates for Guelph and return free. An amateur is defined as follows:

"Animals to be eligible to compete in the amateur classes in the beef cattle department, must be owned and have been fed by someone, who has never won a first prize, or who was not a member of a firm at the time of the firm winning a first prize on beef cattle at Exhibitions at Toronto, London, Ottawa, or the Provincial Winter Fair at Guelph; or if exhibited by a firm, no member of the firm shall have won a first prize or have been a member of a firm at the time of the firm winning a first prize on beef cattle at Exhibitions at Toronto, London, Ottawa, or the Provincial Winter Fair at Guelph. Any person who has lived with or been employed for a term of one year by any one of the persons disqualified above will not be eligible to compete unless he has been living independently for at least two years. A statutory declaration will be required from each exhibitor competing for amateur prizes that he is entitled to compete under the above regulations. The above prizes are offered as a special inducement to bring out new exhibitors for the Fat Stock Show. With this strong inducement some of the amateur feeders of beef cattle in Victoria county should this year be prize winners at the Provincial Winter Fair.

For prize list and any further information address A. P. Westervelt, Toronto, or F. H. Reed, Lindsay.

A Sad Drowning Fatality at Ball Point Last Wednesday

TWO DUCK SHOOTERS ON A WEEK'S VACATION, UPSET OUT OF A BOAT—ONE MAN, MR. LAWSON, WAS DROWNED—PARTY LEFT TO SEARCH FOR THE BODY.

One of the saddest drowning fatalities that have occurred in this vicinity for some time past, happened last Wednesday at Ball Pt., when a member of a party of four duck hunters was drowned in Sturgeon Lake, and up to the present time has not been found.

About three weeks ago Messrs. John Culp and Charles Lewy, of Beamsville, Ont., rented Mr. Basil Newton's cottage at Ball Point, intending to spend a month shooting on Monday last, two of their friends, Mr. Andy Lawson, and Mr. Sinclair, also of Beamsville, hearing of the splendid duck shooting, came down for a week's vacation.

Wednesday morning the four went out for their regular morning hunt, two men in each canoe. About 9.30 o'clock the boat containing Lawson and Lewy upset and they yelled to their friends for help. Mr. Sinclair and Culp were some distance away, but soon arrived at the overturned boat. Mr. Lawson, who was unable to swim, became exhausted before

help arrived and went down, but Mr. Lewy was rescued and hurried to the home of Mr. Coppin, where everything was done to add to his comfort.

As soon as the accident happened one of the campers drove to Cameron and phoned Mr. Melvin Robinson for assistance.

A party composed of Messrs. M. Robinson, T. Sadler, B. Newton, Ross, F. Reeves, Dr. Blanchard and Mr. Nugent, of Anderson & Nugent's, left in a gasoline launch about 11 o'clock to go to Ball Point in search of Mr. Lawson.

The circumstances surrounding the death were extremely sad. The young man came here for a short vacation and the incident has cast a shadow of gloom over the other three members of the party. Mr. Lawson, the missing man, was of a very genial disposition and was very popular in Beamsville and well known in Lindsay. A wire was sent to his home Wednesday. The sympathy of the entire community goes out to those who are left. The body has been recovered and brought to town.

Kirkfield Woman Charged With Theft

HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND FURNITURE MISSING—LOSS TOTALLED \$200.

The charge of house breaking, laid against Mrs. Taylor, of Kirkfield, was taken up in police court Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, before Magistrate Jackson.

Mrs. Wilson, John-st., east ward, the lady who was the victim of the alleged theft, was first to give evidence, and told of the disordered appearance of her home, after two weeks' absence.

Some furniture, she said, and a number of household articles were taken, and the windows broken and boarded up. The list of articles taken was then gone over and totalled up to the sum of \$200.

The case was then adjourned until 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

Civil Service Exams. To be Held Next Month

The civil service examinations, for the Dominion of Canada, will be held on the third Tuesday in November. The examination is of local interest, because many of the young people of Lindsay are going to try the test. Those who go from Lindsay will no doubt write at the Parliament Buildings in Toronto. The examination is very hard, but any person with a Collegiate education should be successful.

WOODVILLE.

(Correspondence Free Press.) Woodville, Oct. 10.—The agricultural contest held here Fair night was a decided success, the artists being Miss Anna Brabtree, who made her first appearance here and won for herself an enviable reputation as an exceedingly clever elocutionist. Every selection was new and well rendered. Our humorist, Mr. Harry McDonald, fairly brought down the house with his comic selections, and was recalled again and again. He was clean and very funny, and his work was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Our boy soloist, Master Percy Mulhron, of Lindsay, proved himself to be a star singer, and won the hearts of all present with his clear, rich soprano voice. Miss Mabel McKee acted as an able accompanist.

Misses Stella, Florence and Gladys Moore spent Saturday afternoon in Cannington.

A large number from here attended Beaverton Fair Wednesday last. "Did you hear of anyone missing the train?"

Miss Kate Campbell, of Lorneville, visited friends in town Sunday.

Miss Dora McLeod entertained a number of friends on Wednesday.

Miss Edith Lucas, of Argyle, spent Saturday afternoon in town.

Miss Margaret Campbell spent Monday with friends in town.

Miss Margaret McEachern, of Woodville, is visiting at Eldon Station.

A number from here attended the Eldon church Anniversary Services Sunday and Monday.

Mr. Moore visited friends in town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Prouse spent Sunday with friends in Oakwood.

Miss Rube Thomas returned home Saturday after spending a week with her parents in Markham.

Interesting Legal Decision Given By Judge Harding

ACTION ENTERED BY TOWNSHIP OF ELDON FOR MONEY PAID OUT ON BEHALF OF A QUARANTINED PERSON.

The following judgment, issued yesterday by Judge Harding in Chambers, will be received with much interest by members of Municipal Councils and others interested in the enforcement of the provisions of the Public Health Act. The judgment was in connection with a suit entered by the Corporation of the Township of Eldon, plaintiffs, against William Nicholls, defendant, and read as follows:

This action was commenced by special summons issued on the 12th day of September, 1908, and served upon the defendant the same day. The plaintiffs' claim from the defendant the sum of \$16, paid by the plaintiffs to one James Jack for services rendered to the family of the defendant, William Nicholls, while quarantined. The defendant on the 16th day of September, 1908, filed a notice disputing the plaintiffs' claim in full. The action came on for trial at the sittings of this Court at Woodville on the 23rd day of September last, Mr. McDiarmid for plaintiffs; Mr. F. H. Hopkins for defendant.

The evidence showed that the above-mentioned James Jack was employed by Dr. Grant on some day in April, 1904, as constable and to look after the needs of the defendant while there was diphtheria in his family. This action on the part of Dr. Grant was at once reported to the Medical Health Officer, who approved and adopted the action taken in the matter.

The evidence of James Jack showed that he was to all intents a guard or constable, and was in no sense attending to the needs of the defendant. Even if the Sanitary Inspector had performed services for the defendant this would not be such services as could be recovered under section 93. It was further shown that the plaintiff paid his account on the 3rd day of March, 1908. After hearing the arguments of counsel for the parties I adjourned the case into chambers at Lindsay for judgment.

JUDGMENT. I find as a fact that James Jack was acting as a constable or sanitary inspector to enforce the isolation of the defendant and his family.

I find further that he was properly employed by the Medical Health Officer of the plaintiffs, and was properly paid by the plaintiffs for his services.

LAURIER ADMINISTRATION WAS CONDEMNED AT LORNEVILLE

ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING HELD THERE TUESDAY—SPLENDID ADDRESS DELIVERED IN INTERESTS OF COL. SAM HUGHES.

(From Our Own Reporter.)

At Lorneville, Tuesday, was held one of the largest political meetings that the people of that district have been permitted to attend for some time. Reeve G. A. Jordan and Mr. Johnston Ellis were there to espouse the cause of Mr. R. L. Borden and their candidate, Col. Sam. Hughes. Mr. John Cameron, in a most pleasing manner, executed the office of chairman and won for himself high praises for the manner in which he so ably and wittingly carried the meeting. The chairman called on Mr. Wm. McKee who, at considerable length, contrasted the acts of the governments since confederation. He dwelt on the manner in which Sir Wilfrid Laurier had permitted his Cabinet to beguile the people, and also spoke of the building of the C.P.R. by the Sir John A. Macdonald government, and the treatment the people received when the Conservatives were in power. He urged the meeting to vote intelligently, and if so Col. Sam. Hughes would receive their vote and Mr. Borden their support.

The old war horse, Mr. Archie Campbell, was next called upon, when it was quite evident that the crowd expected something out of the ordinary, and they were not deceived. Mr. Campbell attacked the Trent Valley crowd, or the parties who were ripe for superannuation. They were handling the bridges and filling other offices on that scheme, which was inaugurated by the Conservative party and being bungled by the Laurier government.

"Why don't they superannuate some of those men who are filling offices on these waters and put in men who are capable of locking through the canoes that ply the mighty waters of the Trent?" asked the speaker. He touched on the Montcalm incident, and told of the number of dishes that were used for breaking

I can find no authority for the recovery of the amount so paid from the defendant.

The plaintiffs' contention that section 93 of the Public Health Act, R.S.O., 1897, cap. 248, gives them this right is untenable. That section reads as follows:

"In case any person coming from 'abroad or residing in any municipality within this Province is infected with or lately before has been infected with or exposed to any disease (mentioned in sec. 92, diphtheria being one of those mentioned), 'the Health Officer of the Local Board 'of Health of the municipality, where 'such person may be, may make effective provision in the manner 'which to them seems best for the 'public safety, by removing such person to a separate house, or otherwise 'isolating him if it can be done without danger to his health, and by 'providing nurses and other assistance and necessaries for him at his 'own cost and charge, or the cost and 'charge of his parents or other person 'or persons liable for his support, if 'able to pay the same, otherwise at 'the cost and charge of the municipality.'"

It will be observed that only the last clause provides for payment by the isolated person for the services therein mentioned, such as nurses and other assistance and necessaries. The general term or words "other assistance" comes under the well-known rule of "Ejusdem generis," that where a general term follows a specific word that in construing the general term it must mean of a like nature; here other assistance of a like nature to nurses. It has been held that those words cover the medical attendance, but to hold that it could refer to a constable or Sanitary Inspector would be preposterous—see Maxwell on the interpretation of Statutes, p. 469. The Legislature intended that the necessary outlay incurred for the public safety must be paid for by the local municipality, and that the outlay incurred for the interest of the private party must be paid for by the party infected or those parties liable for his support if able, otherwise by the municipality.

Judgment will be entered, dismissing the plaintiffs' action with costs. Dated at Lindsay, this 6th day of October, 1908.

JOHN E. HARDING, Judge.

ice. He asked those present to attend give them further details of the ras-

calities of the present administration. Mr. G. A. Jordan, the last speaker, was next introduced and was warmly received by his many friends who crowded the hall. He at once began to speak on the citizenship of Canadians, and referring to some of the recent acts of Sir Wilfrid Laurier he instanced where, at Russell, the will of the people was frustrated; the choice of the convention, Mr. McLaren, was ignored and Mr. Murphy, Sir Wilfrid's personal choice, was shoved in. Mr. Jordan asked would Canadians stand for such acts? He thought not, because they were an educated, broad-minded people, and would not put up any longer with the Czar-like rule of any leader.

Next came the debt at the time Sir Wilfrid took office; he compared it with the tremendous debt which now rests upon the people of the Dominion. Then he went after the Arctic expedition, and pointed out the uselessness and heavy expense to find out that it was cold at Hudson's Bay—the only report of any account which was brought back.

Civil service was gone into, and when the land grabs and timber steals were exposed the people seemed not only amazed but convinced, that a stop had to be placed on the mal-administration of Laurier and his colleagues. But it was not until the immigration policy was handled without gloves that Mr. Jordan was at his best, and by the applause it was evident that the meeting was being brought to his way of arguing.

Other matters were lightly touched on, and one of the largest meetings ever held in that place was dispersed with the singing of "God Save the King."

PEAT AND ELECTRICITY.

The peat in the extensive bogs of central Ireland is to be utilized with a view to generating electric power sufficient to drive the mills, run the railways and light the cities of that region. The bogs cover 874 square miles. One works can get 15,000 horse power for 50 years on a 30 per cent. load factor.