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## Public Meeting

### Mr. A. Campbell's Able Address

#### AN EXCELLENT MEETING

Notwithstanding the rain, the Masonic Hall was full to the doors Friday evening last when a public meeting was held in the interests of Mr. Arch. Campbell, the Liberal candidate for Centre York for the coming election. The audience contained a fair sprinkling of ladies who manifested as much interest in the questions discussed as did the men.

Mr. M. Naughton, president of the riding was chairman, and before the proceedings opened he invited Mr. W. H. Pugsley or his representative to come forward so that arrangements could be made as to time. Mr. Pugsley, however, was not present, nor any person on his behalf.

Mr. Arch. Campbell ex-M. P., was then introduced. He expressed regret that Mr. Pugsley, his opponent in this contest, did not see fit to attend this meeting held in his own village. He proposed holding a series of joint meetings but Mr. Pugsley declined, and although his opponent or his representative had been invited to all his meetings, they had not so far taken part in any yet held. Mr. Campbell, in taking up the various questions said he had a pleasant story to tell. He went briefly over the record of the Laurier Government during the past eight years, a record of which every Canadian should be proud. It matters not whether the party in power is known by the name Liberal or Conservative, but it is most important that those at the head of affairs should give us clean and progressive government. In 1878 many Liberals recorded their votes for Conservative candidates believing that the policy they were advocating was in the interest of the country, and in 1896 many life-long Conservatives voted with the Liberals because they agreed with the latter in the questions then before the electors. To-day it was not a question between himself and Mr. Pugsley, the question for the electors to decide is whether they are satisfied with the kind of government of the past eight years. For himself, Mr. Campbell was prepared to prove that the record of the Government was eminently satisfactory, and that the progress of the country was almost phenomenal, whereas Mr. Pugsley maintained that the government was wrong, and if he were sent to Ottawa he would do what he could to turn them out. Mr. Pugsley was pleased to refer to the recent changes made in this county as "the infamous gerrymander of the County of York."

The speaker was prepared to show there was no gerrymander, but that the redistribution was perfectly fair to both political parties. In 1882 the Conservatives interfered with County boundaries wherever they could do so with advantage to their party, but the Liberals did not interfere with county boundaries. For example, the Conservatives took the township of Whitechurch out of the County of York and placed it in West Ontario, boasting that they "hived the Grits" in that constituency. In the last distribution a committee of seven, consisting of four Liberals and three Conservatives, did the work and so satisfactorily was it done that there was a division in only five counties. The Conservatives, or Conservative members of the Committee—Messrs. Borden, Haggart and Monk—did not raise a single objection about the divisions of the County of York. In the present distribution both sides were consulted, whereas in the former distribution under the Conservatives the Liberals knew nothing about the measure until it was laid on the table. As the three Yorks now stand the population in each riding is about equal. Formerly West York had 53,000, about 30,000 of which was in the city of Toronto. Centre York is now a purely rural constituency, consisting of four townships, Markham, Vaughan, Scarborough and Etobicoke, and the villages of Richmond Hill, Woodbridge and Markham.

Mr. Campbell then showed by figures that the trade of this country was increasing by leaps and bounds, increasing from \$239,000,000 in 1896 to \$467,000,000 in 1903. Deposits in the banks had also greatly increased, and there was prosperity on every hand. There was a large surplus, notwithstanding that duties had been reduced in many lines, and binder twine and several other articles had been placed on the free list. The Government did not believe in tinkering at the tariff every session as their opponents had done, but information from manufacturers and others was now being obtained, and there would be a revision at the next session of Parliament.

Mr. Campbell referred to the excellent showing in the P. O. department and other departments and gave a clear statement relative to the cost of the proposed continental railway. The railway across the continent would be built by a company, but the Government would guarantee the bonds and pay the interest on part of the road which would amount altogether to about \$13,000,000 to be paid by this country. The speaker compared this agreement with the agreement made years ago in building the C. P. R. At that time the Conservative Government paid the company \$25,000,000 in cash, gave them 25,000,000 acres of land, exempted their rolling stock from taxes, their lands to be free for 20 years. Mr. Campbell pointed out that the members of the Government were free from scandal, the farmers were reaping their just reward, manufacturers were doing well, and there is prosperity everywhere. Mr. Campbell asked the electors to weigh well the policy of the Government as compared with that of the Opposition, and if they believed that the Liberals had given us a wise administration to vote for him on the 3rd of November.

A vote of thanks was tendered the chairman, cheers were given for the King, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Campbell, and the meeting closed.

**Woodbridge Fair and Banquet.**  
The West York and Vaughan Agricultural Society held a most successful fair at Woodbridge Wednesday and Thursday of last week. Many of the exhibits in cattle, horses and other departments were creditable, and the attendance on the closing day was very large. About 300 people of both sexes attended the banquet Thursday evening. President W. Ellerby presided and proposed the first toast, "The King," which was duly honored.

Mr. T. F. Wallace, in proposing the toast "Canada," said that the most important question in Canada to-day was whether we are to have a railway-owned Government or a Government-owned railway. For himself he preferred the latter.

Mr. St. John, M. P., was the first to reply. He devoted his time in praise of Canada and Canadians, and the great resources of this country. He also spoke of the necessity for purity in national as well as in domestic affairs. He estimated that at nineteen bushels an acre one-fourth of the 171,000,000 acres of cultivable land in the west would produce \$12,250,000 bushels of wheat, which would feed 30,000,000 people in Canada and give England all the wheat she wanted.

Mr. W. J. Hill, who was received with cheers, contented himself with congratulating the management on the success of the Fair, and adding: "Everybody knows we are on the eve of an election. I think I have too much sense to enter into the realm of politics."  
Mr. W. H. Pugsley said nothing could stop the development of Canada, which he believed would remain part of the British Empire. "However," he added, "it would be well not to go largely into the national development, because we might have to touch upon something that would not be right at an agricultural dinner."  
Mr. W. A. Skeans of Toronto, who avowed himself a Conservative, regretted the unavoidable absence of Mr. Arch. Campbell and of Mr. A. T. Hunter, "a very brilliant young man who has entered the field against Mr. Osler," and one of the most interesting speakers in the city. Mr. Skeans said politics was in the air, and people did not wish to hear anything else. "I am not sorry," he went on, "at the present moment that we have had as Premier of this country a great French-Canadian. I do not follow the Liberal party; I was not brought up that way; but I have learned to honor and respect the great man who has been for eight years Premier of Canada. It has been in the interests of Canada that, for the time being at least, we have had as the chief Minister of State a French-Canadian. It is a good thing for Canada that these two races should learn to respect and honor each other, and to follow each other's leadership. I believe this man has done a great deal to heal the differences and unite the two races in this country. For that I honor him as well as for the noble character which he bears, and the noble place he holds in this country's history." Mr. Skeans then alluded to the importance of the transportation question, and without declaring himself asked that the two leaders give it their best consideration.  
Mr. A. T. Orth, President of the Vaughan Agricultural Society, proposed the toast of "Agriculture and Dairying," which was responded to by Mr. Thompson Porter and Mr. John Gardhouse.

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## PERSONALS.

Miss Frith is staying at Foulden Lodge for a short time.  
Miss Rose Law, Toronto, is spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Law.  
Mrs. Coombs and little daughter of Newmarket, spent Saturday with Mrs. Newton Brown.  
Mr. Frank McDonald left Monday to take a position in the Standard Bank at Stouffville.  
Miss May Abraham of Toronto, was the guest of her friend, Miss Comrie Brown, on Wednesday.  
Mrs. (Rev.) Campbell spent a few days in Toronto, the guest of her niece, Mrs. J. A. M. Armstrong.  
Mr. W. Frith and Mr. L. Brown, students at St. Andrew's College, spent Saturday at Foulden Lodge.  
Mr. Wilford Clark, postmaster at Elcho, Lincoln county, spent Friday with his uncle, Mr. T. F. McMahon.  
Miss Lamby of Quebec, visited her cousin, Miss Comrie Brown, on her return from St. Louis and the far west.  
Miss Ritter and Miss Warner of Toronto; also Miss Eva Miller of Aurora, were visiting at Mrs. Pethick's over Sunday.  
Mr. Kenneth McRae, who is attending Toronto University, spent Sunday at the Poisonage, the guest of Mr. George Campbell.  
Miss Ivy Newton, a nurse in the Western Hospital, Toronto, came up the latter part of the week to spend a few days at her home here.  
Miss Emily Campbell has returned home after spending the summer in Muskoka and Parry Sound, the guest of the Misses Harvie and Mickie.  
Miss Beulah Brydon is home from Lowell, Mass., after spending five months with her aunt, Mrs. John Storey. She returned home by way of Montreal, where she spent a week with her cousin Mr. John Ness.



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