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MASSEY HALL MEETING.

The public meeting held in Massey Hall Wednesday evening of last week to protest against Ireland having self-government was attended by about 3,000 people. The meeting was enthusiastic, and utterances of the speakers were applauded to the echo. Some of the speakers admitted that Home Rule was a good thing for Canada. In fact it was the prop er thing for South Africa and Australia, but it would not be safe to give Irishmen similar treatment.

The Toronto World in reporting the speeches gives the following reasons put forward by Rev. Dr. Hincks, for voting against self-government in Ireland:---

"Because our empire is a unit, and the sorrows or dangers of any part of it are the concern of all.

A proposition is being made at the centre to break up the United Kingdom.

Because the proposition arises from the ultramontane Nationalists of Ire land.

Because I believe the ultramontane Nationalists of Quebec and of Ireland to be equally dangerous to the empire.

Becauge home rule is largely the latest child of a Romish mother.

Because of Ireland's unexampled prosperity as a member of the family of the British Empire.

Because there is a limit to the extension of parliamentary autonomy.

Because there are two Irelands and both must be justly dealt with.

Because the proposal is the most superb instance of financial cheek in all the history of the British Empire." Another paper reports Dr. A. W.

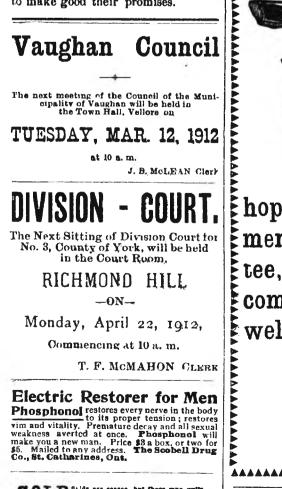
Thornton as saying in his address:

"We are here to-night because a part of the Empire is threatened with a great wrong, and we are here to protest against that wrong. We are here to say that if Ulster fights, we, the people of Toronto, or part of them at all events, are ready to stand behind them with our moral and material support as far as lies in our power. If we did less than that we would be worthy the name of Canadians."

Ireland will not make her own local laws unless the majority of the British House of Commons say so. If they do it is surely not wise to encourage the Ulster men to take up arms. It will be time enough to fight after the Irishmen have failed to make good their promises.



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