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South York Veterans Rally to MacGregor's Support

We are pleased to note that our appreciation for Alexander MacGregor, the Candidate we feel it is our clear duty to support for South York, to the utmost of our ability, has been so generally and heartily re-echoed by the Veterans of South York.

We see that on the 25th of October, at Creber's Hall, the Ladies' Auxiliaries of the G. W. V. A., of the North-west District of South York, enthusiastically endorsed Mr. MacGregor.

Mrs. Scivens, the President of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Eulscourt G. W. V. A., presided at the meeting, which was convened by the Women of the North-West District of South York, and with Mrs. Scivens, on the platform, were Mrs. Langford, President of Fairbank Auxiliary, Mrs. Hammond, President of the Silverthorn Auxiliary, and Mrs. Blake, President of the Mount Dennis Auxiliary.

A notable feature of this gathering was that it included not only the Ladies of the G. W. V. A. Auxiliaries, but also prominent civilian Ladies of South York, including Mrs. Grant Needham, Mrs. Ada Courtice, Mrs. Albert Gilbert and Mrs. Noble, and many others, as there were about 100 women present.

The note emphasized at the meeting was distinctly non-partisan, and the gathering heartily endorsed Mr. MacGregor's declaration that Re-establishment is, at bottom, a moral and not a political question. "What," he exclaimed, "is the question of whether this Country is going to pay its debt to the noble men who saved all that we hold dearest, got to do with 'Gritism' or Toryism." Mr. MacGregor, we are pleased to note, did not unduly emphasize Re-establishment, but dwelt effectively also on the vital and pressing problems of unemployment and public ownership, and effectively urged efficient administration in tariff matters, and scientific revision of the tariff, with a view to shifting the burden of taxation, as far as is practicable, from the necessities to the luxuries of life; and also urged such enquiry into tariff matters as would assure the community that, if as the manufacturers claim, there are no croney-holes in tariff adjustment, the evidence of this would allay the natural anxiety of the people, as a whole, to know that the heavy burden of taxation that is evitable in Canada for many years to come is being distributed equitably, and as democratically as the circumstances permit.

Mr. MacGregor also repeated his declaration for a Tariff Commission that would function like the Railway Commission, and pointed out that Saturday Night, a leading Government organ, in its issue of the 8th ultimo, had also advocated a Tariff Commission, and repeated that it will have to come to this before efficiency can be secured in tariff matters.

Mr. MacGregor also quoted Saturday Night and the Montreal Star, that other leading Government organ, in confirmation of his contention, that the Government are merely seeking to haul a herring over the trail, by urging so insistently that the issue now before the electors is an issue of Tariff vs. No Tariff at all (free trade).

The ladies present evidently enjoyed this interesting and instructive economic discussion, and it is to be hoped that there will be much more such discussion for the women voters, as they have not had sufficient opportunity to know the vital economic issues that face this Country today. Over and above the economic issues, however, the women at that meeting made it clear that they trust to Mr. MacGregor to loyally and effectively serve in the great task of working out Soldier Re-establishment in the Soldier riding of South York. His years of work in that direction have specially fitted him to serve in that connection.

Later, we note, on the 30th ultimo, the Ladies' Auxiliaries of the G. W. V. A. of the South-west portion of South York joined, with the south-east portion of that riding in the East (Woodbine Avenue.) Here again, Mr. MacGregor was unanimously endorsed, the Auxiliaries represented being those of Todmorden East Toronto, Woodbine Heights, Oak Ridge, Fairbank, Eulscourt, Mount Dennis, Silverthorn, and Black Creek. Again it was emphasized that that the motive of these Auxiliaries was not political, but the hearty endorsement which was accorded to Mr. MacGregor was because it was felt that Re-establishment is, as Mr. MacGregor claims, rather a moral than a political issue, and that in view of his years of work and study of the Re-establishment problem he is the man best calculated to function in that work.

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Further, there is a fine wide spirit of citizenship shown by the veterans of South York in their endorsement of Mr. MacGregor. For instance, read this from The Eulscourt Veteran (No. 13):

"We are sure Alexander MacGregor will go 'over the top' in the coming Federal elections. He deserves well of South York. He is in hearty support of everything that will make life sweeter and cleaner, and is keenly interested in all matters pertaining to 'reconstruction.' He has been a real friend to the returned man, and we are very fortunate in having such a man to represent us at Ottawa. He will put principle before party. We wish him strength of body, strength of purpose, strength of mind, for the great task that will be his, and withal the impetus of a high patriotism and an honest purpose. Comrades, 'go to it.'"—The Hat Review.

York Ranger Cadets

Seniors parade Friday night at 7.30 as also signallers.

Juniors Saturday afternoon at 2.30. Intensive training on physical drill is now scheduled and full strength parade is imperative.

Mr. Milton Wellwood is to give a special signalling course to the cadet officers, as also the signalling N. O. O's. The Morse Code will be given, Cadets Ransom and Glass are to attend these Lectures.

The ladies of the Institute Board as also of the W. C. T. U. have approached the O. C. in regard to the cigarette smoking of the boys in this community under 18, and being against the Ontario Statutes, smoking in barrack quarters and on all parades is now absolutely forbidden. The O. C. in announcing this order appeals for the support loyally of every cadet.

The town will be divided into districts and canvassed by the cadets for the Ben Hokea Recital, may a loyal support from the citizens be forthcoming.

Mrs. McLatchy, Mrs. Stirling and Mrs. Nicholls have kindly consented to arrange the stage decorations as also the hall lighting for the dance following the recital.

Mrs. Mylks is kindly entertaining Ben Hokea and his artists to supper at the recital-dance interval which is most gratefully appreciated by the command.

Courses for Boys and Girls

Junior farmers of York County will have a busy winter. Their educational program has been mapped out, and plans for their social and sporting activities are being discussed. This year there will be two (and maybe three) short courses in agriculture conducted in York County. The regular short course will open in Maple on the 3rd of January, under Mr. J. C. Steckley, District Representative. On January 23 a similar course will open at Newmarket. It is expected that a special course of a week's duration will be held at Stouffville sometime in March. While the junior farmers are being instructed in agriculture their sisters will receive lectures on domestic science and other household matters. This is the greatest educational program yet mapped out in York County in connection with the Junior Farmers' Improvement Association. It has always been the custom to hold one course every winter, but never more than one.

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