

Whitney at Markham

The Leader of the Opposition Speaks to East York Conservatives in favor of Mr. Moyes.

Mr. J. P. Whitney, the Provincial Conservative leader, delivered an address in the interest of Mr. W. J. Moyes, the Local party candidate for the constituency of East York, at the Town Hall, Markham, on Saturday afternoon last. He was accompanied by Col. Matheson and Mr. Moyes, who also made addresses and reached Markham at 2 o'clock on a special train from Toronto. Mr. Whitney was met at the station by a considerable number of his supporters, who cheered him as he stepped from the train, to the platform, and followed by quite a procession in which he was escorted to the place of meeting. It is claimed that he was one of the best if not the best political speaker held there.

The meeting was presided over by County Councillor Baird, who in opening the meeting, expressed his pleasure at seeing so many present, stated his confident belief that Mr. Whitney would be successful at the polls in March and declared his belief that a change in the Government of the Province would be for the better and could not possibly be for the worse. He then called upon Mr. W. J. Moyes, the candidate, to address the meeting.

Mr. Moyes was received with marks of cordial approval and spoke for over half an hour. He said that this was the first on which he had had the pleasure of speaking at Markham, and he felt that they had given him the honor to their chief, Mr. Whitney. He was confident that such a meeting as the present could not have been called together if a zealous sympathy had not existed for their cause. This confident and tenacious courage to go on in the campaign and make a more vigorous effort than his others, would be able to do. He was present, he said, to speak to them as a plain business man, addressing a business man would speak. His opponent, Mr. Richardson, was not about whom he would not say an unkind word if he could. What he desired to do was to direct the minds of the province in an impersonal and purely political manner, and he wanted to discuss these affairs because, he believed, they were not properly conducted. He referred specifically to the fact that Mr. Richardson was not yet married, although during the last campaign his duty, in this respect, had been cast upon him and contrasted his own condition of grace in this regard. Mr. Richardson's lack of it. He had not only married a lady from East York, but had chosen a Markham girl as his wife. The ladies should remember this. He then took up the questions of the day, and the Government claimed to be

Mr. Whitney entered with some enthusiasm, when he rose to speak. His voice was still coarse, but clear as he was to his subject, and he spoke for nearly an hour and a half. He presented, as usual all the charges which he has already made of incompetency and dishonesty on the part of the present government. In summing up, he said the Mr. Moyes had no recommendation from him. That gentleman's appearance and address on the platform showed that one would have to go back a considerable distance in the political history of East York to find a man of his merit. Mr. Whitney referred to the meeting which Mr. Hardy had had in Markham, which was attended by a considerable number of his supporters, who cheered him as he stepped from the train, to the platform, and followed by quite a procession in which he was escorted to the place of meeting. It is claimed that he was one of the best if not the best political speaker held there.

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