

MR. BORDEN AT COBALT.

GOVERNMENT'S IMMIGRATION POLICY DENOUNCED.

References to the North Atlantic Trading Company — Maladministration of the Civil Service Charged — Mr. Cochrane Denounces Mr. McCool for Not Securing Bonus for Ontario Government Railway.

(Special Despatch to The Globe.)

Cobalt, Oct. 11.—The local Conservatives accorded Mr. Borden and party a grand reception yesterday. With the leader were Messrs. Frank Cochrane; Morell; Peter White, Pembroke; Plaunt, Beauharnols, and Geo. Gordon, the candidate. The Haileybury band was in attendance.

The meeting was called in the Opera House at 3 o'clock. Mr. Sol White was Chairman.

Mr. Shillington in a few words expressed the hope of the election of Mr. Borden to power. He considered it a duty to stand by Mr. Gordon.

Mr. Gordon, the candidate, spoke in glowing terms of Mr. Borden. Mr. Gordon referred to the Civil Service Commission's findings, and urged that only good business ability was required in the administration of the different departments of the Federal Government. Referring to Government legislation as to labor, the speaker pronounced it rotten. Referring to the appointment of Mr. Murphy to the Cabinet, Mr. Murray said it was on the ground of Mr. Murphy being an Irish Roman Catholic. Many people left the hall, apparently resenting Mr. Murray's mention of Mr. Murphy, the meeting being largely composed of French-Canadian Catholics.

Mr. Borden was received with great enthusiasm. Mayor Lang, on behalf of the citizens and Council, read an address of welcome. Mr. Borden thanked the townspeople for the honor, and criticized the Liberals for failure to carry out the Liberal platform of 1896, which brought them into power. He predicted that the Liberals would be down and out after the October elections. Mr. Borden claimed that Sir Wilfrid Laurier had carried out the greater portion of the Conservative platform after getting into power, and scoffed at the idea of the Premier being responsible for the improved trade conditions. Referring to Canada's natural resources, Mr. Borden urged that strong measures should be taken to promote home manufacturing. Should the Conservatives be returned the National Policy would be strictly adhered to, and every encouragement be given to Canadians to settle the country instead of encouraging undesirable foreigners. He denounced the Government immigration policy, saying our shores were open to desirable immigrants, and also denounced the bonusing system. He claimed if the inside history of the North Atlantic Trading Company were known it would be enough to turn the people against the Laurier Government.

Mr. Borden also said the Government were guilty of open and brazen maladministration of the civil service and other departments, and charged Sir Wilfrid Laurier with an organized effort to block the investigation in the Department of Marine and Fisheries. Mr. Fielding was denounced as the most dangerous man in public life today for giving away the public domain to friends of the party. The speaker believed from five to ten millions annually was given away to friends of the party. Mr. Borden further asserted that the Liberals were making no effort to prosecute the guilty parties in the Colchester election, but the guilty party was a former Liberal, who had received his training in the Liberal ranks. Comparing the Provincial administration of the timberlands, Mr. Borden claimed that Premier Whitney was giving a splendid account and making millions for the Province, whereas the Dominion Government were giving it all away to party friends.

Mr. Peter White, Pembroke, waxed warm in predicting defeat for the Government at the coming elections, evincing concern over the public domain, of which he contended the Government's party friends were robbing the country.

Hon. Frank Cochrane was well received. He took occasion of the first opportunity to thank the voters for electing Mr. Shillington, and paid a tribute to Messrs. Shillington, Gordon and Borden. Speaking highly of Mr. McCool personally, the speaker discredited Mr. McCool as a public man and representative of the district on account of his failure to secure from the Federal Government the bonus of one and a half millions due to the Provincial Government on the T. & N. O. Railway. Mr. Cochrane went on record to say emphatically he would vigorously oppose Mr. Borden and his Government if they failed through Mr. Gordon to secure the bonus complained of. Mr. Cochrane contended that Mr. McCool's stand taken regarding the election lists in northern Ontario in the unorganized districts was an insult to the people.