

MR. BORDEN SPENDS A VERY BUSY DAY.

Speeches in Waterloo and Wellington Counties.

THE MEETING AT GUELPH.

Party Arranged an Unneces- sary Overflow Meeting.

**Mr. Borden Needed a Rest, but Was
Given One of the Hardest Kind of
Days—Attacks Labor and Immi-
gration Policies — Conservative
Position on Tariff.**

(Special Despatch to The Globe.)
Guelph, Sept. 29.—The leader of the
Opposition was looking forward to to-
day as affording him the opportunity
to take a needed rest. Since com-
mencing his tour Mr. Borden has ad-
dressed twenty-six meetings, many of
which have been held in the open air,
and the strain is commencing to tell
on his voice. The only gathering on
the itinerary for to-day was to-night's
meeting in the Opera House, but, in-
stead of resting, Mr. Borden found
himself literally whirled from place to
place, in the hope that his appearance
might bring recruits to the Conser-
vative ranks, and he made no less than
four speeches.

The Conservative leader drove from
Galt to Preston last night, and, ac-
companied by Hon. W. J. Hanna, trav-
elled by special car to Berlin, where
a non-partisan reception was extended
to him at the Berlin Club, and he af-
terwards visited St. Jerome's College.
In North Waterloo the Conservatives
hope that the fact that their candi-
date has long been occupied with edu-
cational work in the riding will out-
weigh the prestige of Mr. W. L. Mac-
kenzie King, but except by a few
enthusiastic partisans, the election of
the brilliant ex-Deputy Minister of
Labor is generally anticipated. The Bor-
den party was joined by Mr. J. E. Sea-
gram, ex-M.P., and Mr. R. Reid, Con-
servative candidate for North Water-
loo, and then motored to Waterloo,
where a meeting was held in the Town
Hall. From there Mr. Borden trav-
elled to Hespeler, where Mr. Z. A. Hall
presided over a rush meeting, arranged
by telephoning. Necessarily the meet-
ings at all these places were very short.
Mr. Borden, as might be expected,
where the manufacturers' interests are
large, dealt chiefly with the question
of protection. At Hespeler, in reply to
the statement by Mr. Z. A. Hall, to
the effect that what Canada wanted
was more adequate protection, he said
that the Conservatives had been preach-
ing adequate protection in the House
of Commons for years, but so long as
things had gone along swimmingly the
people had not paid much attention.
His party had not one policy for
one part of the country and another in
a different section, whereas the Liber-
als preached free trade in one place
and protection in another.

The Meeting at Guelph.

Recognizing that Mayor Newstead of
Guelph is leading a forlorn hope in the
fight to defeat the Liberal represen-
tative for South Wellington in the last
Parliament, Mr. Hugh Guthrie, the
Conservatives used their best en-
deavors to make the meeting
in the Opera House here to-night
a success. Not only did Mr. Borden
have the assistance of Hon. W. J.
Hanna, but from the arena of Provin-
cial politics came Mr. J. P. Downey,
M.P.P., and Mr. Hugh Clark, M.P.P.
for Centre Bruce. Some sixteen hun-
dred people crowded into the Opera
House, and in the enthusiasm of the
moment it was decided to hold an
overflow meeting in Castle Hall. The
attendance there was small.

The Conservative Candidate.

Briefly Capt. Pritchard, President of
the Conservative Association for the
riding, introduced the candidate, Mayor
John Newstead. Mr. Newstead talked
volubly of victory, but elicited little ap-
plause, and similarly failed when he
declared his belief that in a short time

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the franchise would be extended to the ladies. "While a Conservative," he declared, "I shall go to Ottawa, if elected, as an independent representative, with the determination of censuring my political friends as well as my enemies if they do not do what I think is right." Mr. Newstead was appealing for support when a voice from the gallery came: "A little louder, John."

Mr. Borden's Address.

Mr. Borden himself did not arouse great enthusiasm when, following his declaration that Canada for ten years had been misgoverned, he said that there was a great upheaval of public opinion against the Government. "The Liberal press and speakers," said Mr. Borden, "either tell you that we have no policy or that which we have is useless, absurd and valueless. The policy laid down in Halifax in 1907 is but an adaptation to the conditions of the present time of the great National Policy to which the people of Canada owe so much." His opponents, he claimed, practised protection as a matter of political expediency, and neither free trade nor protection was safe in their hands. The Conservative party were not in favor of protection because they were particularly friends of the manufacturers, but because they believed it to be in the general interests of the people. The farmer of Canada, in addition to the advantages which came to him from the restriction of competition from abroad, has the same advantage from protection as any class.

Immigration Questions.

The leader repeated his "quality, not quantity," cry in the course of condemning the Government's immigration policy. "I do not," he said, "cast any general imputation on the settlers from the United States, the British Isles and the continent of Europe, but we cannot shut our eyes to the fact that many have come in under conditions which make them undesirable." It was for such that \$400,000 had been given from the treasury to the huge fraud and swindling corporation, the North Atlantic Trading Company. Mr. Hugh Guthrie had declared that he must vote in favor of the dismissal of Mr. W. T. R. Preston unless the charges against him were investigated. The investigation was promised but never carried out, and Mr. Preston simply moved from department to department. The people of Canada had no knowledge, and could get none, of the men behind the most gigantic and unblushing swindle ever perpetrated by any Government.

Department of Labor.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier had announced that he took great interest in labor. Personally he hardly knew what that meant, because he thought there was already such a department in existence, although he was not prepared to say it had done a great deal. Still, dealing with labor, Mr. Borden accused the Government of failing to attend to the interests of Canadians in connection with the Japanese treaty by forfeiting the right to control Japanese immigration, in spite of the representations of the British Government. Once more he declared that the National Transcontinental should be owned from coast to coast by the people, whereas under the Government's bargain they only retained possession of the least paying part.

Criticizing the Government's fiscal policy, Mr. Borden said if the Government killed every industry in Canada they would increase the taxation on imports and then claim credit for the enormously increased revenue.

The remainder of Mr. Borden's address was merely a repetition of his former addresses.

Hon. W. J. Hanna.

Hon. W. J. Hanna thought that Mr. Hugh Guthrie had not given his constituents credit for intelligence when he said at Toronto that the people did not wish to read discussions of political questions. Mr. Hanna applied himself once more to immigration, saying that in the asylums and jails of Ontario they had evidence that too many undesirables were coming to Canada. The man who declared that he would hang himself if his connection with the North Atlantic Trading Company were revealed had a better appreciation of wrong than the Prime Minister. Mr. Hanna proceeded to attack the Minister of Public Works. No man, he said, knew more about corruption in New Brunswick than William Pugsley, who in the House had behaved like a whipped dog. Efforts to reform the Liberal party from within were being joined in by James Conmee, who had been practically driven out of public life in Ontario in disgrace, and J. R. Stratton.

Mr. Hugh Clark.

Mr. Hugh Clark, M.P.P., regretted that the country could not be roused from its lethargy and death-like apathy. Mr. Clark spoke at considerable disadvantage, the overflow meeting which he was to have addressed having been abandoned, and the audience in the Opera House commencing to leave as he started to speak there. Major Craig, M.P.P. for East Wellington, and Mr. J. P. Downey, M.P.P., also spoke.