

DEWART SAYS PEOPLE ARE DOWN ON HEARST

After Traveling Thousands of Miles in Ontario He Is Hopeful.

Hartley Dewart, K.C., who was chosen as leader of the Liberal party in Ontario only a few weeks ago, is not letting the grass grow under his feet. Since the middle of July he has travelled thousands of miles and addressed more than twenty public meetings, beside a multitude of committee and organization meetings. Conservative Ministers, though wondering whether he can keep up the pace, are being made to "get a move on."

Among the ridings already visited by Mr. Dewart are:

- July 11—West York, at Weston.
- July 15—South Bruce, at Formosa.
- July 25—West Bruce, at Kincardine.
- Aug. 4—Russell, at Russell.
- Aug. 16—West Kent at Chatham.
- Aug. 20—North Middlesex at Ailsa Craig.
- Aug. 22—London.
- Sept. 6—North Lanark at Lanark.
- Sept. 8—Stormont at Finch (afternoon). At Cornwall (evening).
- Sept. 9—South-west Toronto.
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- Sept. 10—Muskoka at Bracebridge.
- Sept. 11—Parry Sound, at Elmsdale.
- Sept. 15—North Brant at Paris.
- Sept. 16—South Essex, at Kingsville.
- Sept. 18—South Grey at Durham.
- Sept. 20—North York at Newmarket.

To-day Mr. Dewart is in North Perth, where he speaks at Milverton in the afternoon and in the Stratford Opera House in the evening. To-morrow he will be in South Oxford at Ingersoll. Returning to Toronto, he will rush north and be in Temiskaming at New Liskeard, where he will speak in the afternoon, on Friday, and in the evening at the Opera House in Cobalt. On Saturday he will speak in East Simcoe at Orillia.

His Impressions.

Asked by The Star yesterday afternoon to indicate his impressions after being in touch with the sentiment of a large part of the Province, Mr. Dewart spoke as follows:

"Great interest in the Liberal cause is being shown, not only by the attendance at the meetings, but also by the real spirit of enthusiasm on the part of the workers. It has been most heartening. There has been hardly a discordant note. Of course, there will be some defections owing to the campaign of the U.F.O., but only what might be expected. I have found the people particularly interested in the discussion of matters relating to the agricultural interests and the respective records of the two parties in the Legislature as to the same.

"The high cost of living and the failure of the Government to deal with profiteers or do its duty in prosecuting those who have combined to increase prices in restraint of trade is a real live subject. There is a general feeling of satisfaction with the clear-cut policy of the Liberal party as set out in the resolutions passed by the convention in June. The people appreciate that they can find out where the Liberal party stands and that it has taken a democratic course as to the important questions of moral and social reform. The Conservative party has not dared to adopt the same democratic method of settling its policy owing to the warring elements within its own ranks.

"Despite the evident attempt that Sir William Hearst has made to mix up the referendum with the general political issues, I believe the people will deal independently with both questions. I am well aware that my position has been misrepresented, but I am satisfied the people will accept the record and present policy of the Liberal party in preference to the record and lack of policy of the Conservative party.

Dissatisfied With Hearst.

"The people are absolutely dissatisfied with Hearst and his Administration because of his failure to do anything to reduce the high cost of living, the fact that the Government has not developed any real schemes for the reconstruction period, that there has been extravagance and utterly reckless expenditures—of which the building of Government House is a striking illustration—that there has been no attempt to conserve our natural resources, particularly nickel; that there is no confidence in the promises of the Government with reference to soldier reestablishment that so miserably failed at **Kapuskasing**; that the administration of timber and mines by Hon. Howard Ferguson is partisan and giving much opportunity for profiteering, and that Hearst has retained in his Government a Minister like Ferguson, whose honor and word cannot be relied upon; that he has an Attorney-General drawing double salary and not giving value for a single service; and, further, that the Government is using every possible form of political manipulation to keep themselves in power instead of being ready to trust the people.

"These are some of the counts in the indictment upon which I believe the people will give judgment against the Government at the polls."