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**New Party to Conserve the
"N. P.", H. C., Hocken
Tells Conservatives**

ALIEN ENFRANCHISEMENT

**Will Fight Against Giving
Enemy Aliens Vote, Is
His Promise**

Mr. H. C. Hocken, West Toronto's representative in the Federal Government, has no illusions as to which section of political thought will control the policies of a permanent Unionist party. He frankly believes that tens of thousands of Liberals will support a permanent Unionist party, and that the policy that will be adhered to will contain all the essential features of the National Policy of Sir John A. Macdonald. Mr. Hocken expressed these views to an executive meeting of Ward Four Conservative Association in Broadway Hall last night. At the same time he admitted that he stood up in caucus and voted for the continuation of the Unionist party.

A resolution, introduced by Messrs. J. D. Bailey and A. Anglin, protesting against the amendments to the War Time Elections Act at the last session, brought Mr. Hocken into the discussion. The resolution as first presented openly criticized the Toronto members, who it said, "were conspicuous by their absence when the said amendment was passed." It also censured the Prime Minister. But after Mr. Hocken finished his explanation, and defense, and told the meeting that when the General Franchise Act comes up in the House at the fall session, he would fight against enemy aliens being enfranchised, the phrases of criticism were deleted, and the West Toronto member was acclaimed as a splendid representative for his attack on the Civil Service Commission.

Advice to Play Safe.

The resolution had been discussed for a few moments before Mr. Hocken was asked to speak. Mr. Wm. Smith cautioned against passing the resolution if its effect would be to add any fuel to the flame which was being kindled by Liberals from the Atlantic to the Pacific which was to sweep the Conservative party out of existence.

Mr. Hocken said that he was prepared to come before the association, as he was bound to do, and account for his conduct in Parliament. He pointed out that the amendments to the War Time Elections Act were agreed to and passed as they were to provide for by-elections, and the General Franchise Act would be brought up at the fall session. The speaker made the prediction that

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When that act comes up there will be found on the Government side a body of opposition to a re-franchising of enemy allens who were dis-franchised in 1917 that will make the passage of such a measure impossible.

Dealing with the criticism that Toronto members were not present when the bill was passed, Mr. Hocken said that the session had lasted five months and that during the last few weeks sittings had been held from 11 a.m. until 1 a.m., and that being tired out he had returned to his home a few days before the session ended. However, he assured the meeting, if the General Franchise Act had been brought down he would have remained to fight it. "I feel very strongly indeed against any proposition to confer the franchise again upon those who were dis-franchised for the purpose of the war in 1917," said Mr. Hocken, and prophesied that many Liberal Unionists would be solid in opposing such a proposition.

Unrest in Politics.

Mr. Hocken said he understood the feeling of some of the old-time Conservatives who wanted to get back to the old Conservative Government. There were some Ministers who felt the same way. At the present time the Ministers did not know from which side to expect opposition to a measure. "The unrest that is existing should not be carried into our political affairs in an aggressive way at this moment," he said. "There is no body of men on top of earth that could govern this or any other country to the satisfaction of the people at the present time."

The speaker said he believed two-thirds of the members of the Government would be pleased to lay down their responsibilities at this time and return to private life. He thought Conservatives should rejoice that tens of thousands of Liberals joined them in carrying conscription. "I am one of those who stood up when it was suggested by Sir Robert Borden—or whoever it was—that we should form a Unionist party. I believe we ought to form a Unionist party in this country. It would be a party that would preserve all the essential features of the "National Policy." I don't think any other party can live in this country."

A Policy Coming.

If in the turmoil, continued the speaker, the Conservative name disappears and Union takes its place Canada will be following the precedent of the old land. "It will be the Conservative party with large additions of Liberals," he said, and expressed the view that Conservatives ought to suspend criticism until Sir Robert Borden issues a declaration of policy of the Unionist party. After the forthcoming Liberal Convention he felt the Government would soon have to make known its policy.

But Mr. Hocken did not pacify all the critics. Mr. Harry Saunders declared that the Conservatives had had a lot of patience. If a protest was not entered now it would be too late. The Grits in the Government were responsible for about 85 per cent. of Grits being pushed ahead and engaged by the Civil Service Commission. "Five big business men in this city say that when they go to Ottawa the only men they can see are Rowell and Carvell," he said, and there was disgust in his every word. And the Grits were going back to their old love. "There is not a young man," he continued, "that we can ask into our association and say we can get you assistance of a position in any Government office. The organizer in this Province hasn't got any more power than a yellow dog. In the next election you will have to pay every worker his price."

"That is against the law," warned the Chairman, Col. Henry Brock.

"Then let the candidate work the thing himself," retorted Mr. Saunders.

Regarding Col. Kelly Evans.

Just before the meeting adjourned, Col. Brock said that he had received a letter from Ward 4 Riding Association, in which it suggested Col. Kelly Evans should be endorsed as candidate for Northeast Toronto in the Provincial election, taking the place of Mr. Mark Irish. "What I propose to do is to write to them and tell them that we will give Mr. Kelly Evans every chance to express his views before us, and if our association

chooses to vote for him at the convention, it will do so, but that his association cannot bind itself to any candidate, under its by-laws."