

DID NOT BREAK FAITH, RAMSDEN DEFENDS SON

Alderman Replies to Evening Paper—G.A.C. Secretary Scores Government.

At McBean's Hall, corner of College street and Brunswick avenue last night, Ald. Ramsden, speaking on behalf of the Liberal candidates in North-west Toronto, took a hop, step and a jump at the *Toronto Telegram's* editorial of yesterday criticizing his son, Lieut. Jack Ramsden. The *Telegram*, he said, was the one Toronto paper that had been trying for 20 years to drive him out of public life and had failed. He could ignore attacks upon himself from that quarter, but when it came to affronts to his son, it was another matter.

His son had been accused of divulging a private conversation, said the alderman. Yet his son's statement had been forced from him by Conservatives in the audience badgering him while he was on the platform. They had wanted a little of the truth about Jack Ramsden and Will McBrien meeting in France, and had pestered him with questions and interruptions for that purpose. When they got the whole truth a howl went up, and the *Telegram* set up the cry of betrayed confidence.

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Who was the *Telegram*, of all papers, to raise this cry, the alderman

demanded to know? The *Telegram* had its own representative continually running to it, he said, from the Hydro Commission, the Exhibition Board, and the Harbor Commission, with confidences never intended for the ears of any paper. This informant had told the *Telegram* that when Sir Adam Beck was proposed as an honorary director of the exhibition, George Gooderham had openly opposed it and voted against it. From the same source they knew that Hon. Geo. Henry sat silent while the vote was being taken as to whether or not Sir Adam would become an honorary director. But the public knew nothing of that through this organ—that would howl at betraying confidences.

In self-defence, he said, Ald. Ramsden traced his family and personal history back several generations to prove that he was all-British by descent and all-Canadian by environment.

Ald. Ramsden demanded an investigation into the Standard Reliance case, charging that a Government official held \$5,000 stock in the com-

pany, which he had obtained in exchange for certain lots in Lawrence Park.

His son, Lieut. Jack Ramsden, Liberal candidate in South-west Toronto, was on the platform with his father while the latter made the reply.

The meeting was well attended, the hall being crowded to capacity, and the speakers were subjected to little heckling. Candidates Col. H. Cooper, and James Cane, Liberal nominees in North-west Toronto, both spoke briefly. Col. Cooper stated that he was an independent soldier candidate, and would vote with the party as the soldiers' interests were best served. He would not pledge his support to either Liberal or Conservative forces.

Wants Asylum Reforms.

Mr. Cane dwelt on the alleged inattention of the Government to Toronto's homes for the insane, saying that this needed attention and would receive it if he got into the House. He promised to try to bring the Liberal party around to his ideas in this regard, if elected. He thought Whitney had been an honest figure in politics (applause), but he felt he could not say as much for his successor.

Soldier Scores Government.

Secretary W. J. Carmichael, of the

Grand Army of Canada, predicted a change of Government on October 20. It was the only way for soldiers to get justice, he stated. The Provincial Government, upon whom he had waited many times in the interests of returned men, had never once granted any of the requests made.

"All I could get," he stated, "was a promise that it would receive the serious consideration of the Government. They must be considering all our proposals yet. But what we wanted was action and not consideration, and that is what the electors will demand."

Knocks Kapuskasing Scheme.

Secretary Carmichael dealt at length with the Government's Kapuskasing settlement for returned men, stating that 1,000 had gone north the 700 miles from Toronto to try it out, and that only 100 had remained. The conditions the men and their families had to live under up there, he stated, were harsh in the extreme, no arrangement having been made for their education or worship.

"They might be brought up atheists as far as the Government was concerned, and ignorant, too," he asserted, speaking of the children of the Kapuskasing settlement. Half of the enormous sum of money expended there had been wasted, he stated.

W. T. J. Lee accused Provincial Secretary McPherson of sleeping on the job. His name was never to be seen in the newspapers, he said, having done anything for the good of the Province as a whole, or for any one.

MADE 100 P.C. PROFIT

Calgary Shoe Retailer Blacklisted by Wholesalers for Excessive Charges.

Calgary, Oct. 15.—Before the local Board of Commerce, James Marles, manager of the Archie McKillip Shoe Co., testified that some years ago he had detected a local retail shoe merchant selling the company's lines at a profit of "about one hundred per cent." The dealer was at once cut off the firm's selling list.

Ontario Briefs.

A mineral water spring has been found near Meaford.

Trenton ratepayers will vote on a by-law to grant a fixed assessment to a chemical company which will operate the war-time works there and employ 500 men.

James Adams, aged 92, who lived alone in a house two miles from Meaford, was found dead in bed. Two nights before he had attended a political meeting and been introduced to Hon. Dr. Cody as the oldest Conservative in the district.



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