

# FIGHTING IRISHMAN ONCE MORE IN BATTLE

**J. H. Hawthornthwaite to  
Run in the Newcastle  
By-election**

**Receives Nomination at the  
Hands of Ladysmith  
Coal Miners**

The Federationist is pleased to record the return of J. H. Hawthornthwaite to the field of political activity. He has been asked by the miners of Ladysmith to contest the seat made vacant by the resignation of the recently-elected Liberal member (Williams), whose resignation was due to his having accepted an appointment to the board of commissioners to administer the Workmen's Compensation Act, an appointment that was made in strict conformity with the well-defined non-patronage policy of the newly-elected government. "Jim" has accepted the call of the miners, and as the election will be pulled off in about three weeks the voice of this staunch rebel and courageous fighter in Labor's cause, will once more be heard in the political arena of B. C.

#### **As To Canadian Politics.**

In no other part of the capitalist vineyard has the political expression of class rule sunk to a lower level than in Canada. A more mediocre aggregation of talent could scarce be imagined than that which dominates the political life of the Dominion at present. From the top at Ottawa to the frazzled and ragged tail end at Victoria, there is not a capitalist politician possessed of a vision that reaches beyond the narrow confines of the cesspool of graft, chicanery and deceit, and whose moral and ethical concepts are not colored by the slime of that filthy pool.

In the face of world events of the widest and most far-reaching significance, while old institutions are being shaken to their very foundations, and a new order of things is loudly knocking at the door and demanding admittance and consideration at the council board of humanity, the petty souls of these political tinhorns cannot rise above the level of seeking office for office sake, and the opportunity thus afforded to mouth their patriotism and purity of purpose, while serving the meanest, most sordid and petty interests of this vulgar and sordid capitalist age. The most that could in truth be said of the political status of this province at the present time is that there is not a solitary figure upon the boards that could by any stretch of the imagination be classed above the level of a narrow and dull mediocrity.

#### **A Single Flash of Light.**

The only encouraging flash of light along the dull political horizon that has ever yet been recorded was the advent of real Labor representatives, some years since, into the provincial parliament, in the person of J. H. Hawthornthwaite and others. At their hands a direct attack was made upon the very source of all the rottenness and corrup-

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tion that thrives and runs riot in the political and economic life of the province and Dominion, and the way pointed out to cleanse the Augean stables so long polluted by the political oxen of graft, plunder and profit.

That "Jim" Hawthornthwaite led the way and blazed the trail, everybody familiar with events down through the years from 1903 to 1914, well knows, and that his efforts were ably seconded by such stalwarts as "Bill" Davidson and "Jack" McInnis, none will deny. That the services of these three staunch warriors in the battle for economic freedom and right, have been denied the workers of this province of late, is one of the most regrettable incidents of these most troublous times. But that "Jim" has seen his way clear to again accept the gauge of battle, and once more plunge into the fray, The Federationist shall insist upon interpreting as a good omen for the future.

May the miners of the Newcastle district be sufficiently awake to the highest and best interests of themselves and their class, to once more place their mandate in the hands of this tried and true fighter in the cause of Labor struggling for the light and the life. Let the election of Hawthornthwaite mark both a renaissance and a rejuvenation of the spirit of class solidarity and class warfare against capitalist rule and robbery, that over a decade ago placed the coal miners of Vancouver Island in the very vanguard of human progress. The Federationist will do its utmost to aid in the fight.

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