

GENERAL ELECTION, NORTHERN IRELAND, NOVEMBER, 1933.

# MANIFESTO.

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The North began—  
The North held on;  
God bless the  
Northern land!

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*"The undying aspiration for  
Irish Nationhood will outlive the  
British Empire."—Mitchell.*

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## FELLOW CITIZENS:

AS these elections would afford, if a free expression of opinion were allowed, an opportunity to those in North-East Ulster who stand for the National Freedom and Unity of Ireland to register their will, I, the undersigned, offer myself as Republican candidate.

**My National Faith is based on the Proclamation of the Republic proclaimed in 1916, which declared Ireland to be a Sovereign and Independent State, the right of the Irish People to the unfettered control of Irish destinies to be sovereign and indefeasible, and which guaranteed civil and religious liberty and equal rights and equal opportunities to all citizens.**

I deny the claims of the British to suppress the Nation's liberties, to partition the National territory, or to dictate the form of Government by which the Irish People are to be governed.

I will not, if elected, take part in the proceedings of the Parliament of the Six Counties, which is a creation of the British Government imposed and maintained by force. I will not participate in the proceedings of any Parliament which is not the Parliament of a Free and Independent Irish Nation.

The connection with the British Empire cannot be defended even on the grounds of material advantages. This fact can be proved by the many thousands of unemployed men and women, without prospects of employment, and who can exist only by doles and charity; by the conditions amongst the agricultural community, who are breaking under the load of rents, bank interest, and of general and local taxation; by the number of shop-keepers becoming bankrupt because of the diminution of trade and the restriction of credits, by the growing evidence of the impending collapse of the economic structure on which the British Empire is based. Where, then, are the benefits of the Imperial connection to be found?

I believe that the material interests of the people of the Six Counties are inseparable from those of the rest of Ireland, and that, therefore, only as one political and economic unit can prosperity or greatness in Ireland be achieved.

**The mass of the people of the entire country, united by their common interests in a free nation, could end the present social order which is degrading and robbing them of the dignity of human beings.**



In a free and united Ireland the tradition of industry and commerce in North-East Ulster would ensure for our people a leading influence in the industrial re-construction of the Nation. Outside Ireland, there are no opportunities for the development of that talent and tradition. Within Ireland, with the industrial and agricultural resources organised and controlled to serve the full needs of the people, the opportunities would be boundless.

**Partition is an evil for the mass of the people of both partitioned areas, which must be ended. Its enforcement has served only the interests of exploiting sections on both sides of the unnatural border. It has created a hateful barrier which a small country such as ours cannot afford.**

Religious differences in North-East Ulster are fostered by the British and their adherents to keep the masses of the people divided, so that they may be a more easy prey for exploitation. I would plead for a cessation of sectarian strife and bitterness, so as to enable those of common interest to come together and work and plan for their common good.

**Unity is easy and possible on these simple terms: That Ireland is a Nation with a natural right to a separate existence and free from outside control or interference, and that Ireland is the country to which all Irishmen should give their allegiance.**

To participate in the proceedings of a foreign imposed legislature is admitting the right of a foreign power to make laws binding on Irish citizens. My opponent in this election, Mr. M'Carroll, in order to enter the Stormont Assembly, must make a declaration inimical to the principles of Irish Nationality by taking an oath of allegiance to his Britannic Majesty.

**The Parliament in Belfast is a sham. Neither Catholic or National interests can be safeguarded in it. Further, Catholic interests cannot be secured by a National betrayal.**

Complete abstention from Stormont by all claiming to be Nationalists will ultimately cause division in the Imperialist ranks. Imperial difficulties and economic conditions in the North-East are bound to hasten that desrable end, and thus make easier the task of those working to restore the unity and independence of this nation.

**The attitude of the Imperialist Junta in imprisoning without trial Republican soldiers and citizens, and in seeking to intimidate the free expression of Republican opinion in this contest, shows clearly that Craigavon realizes wherein lies the REAL challenge to a continuance of his power.**

Derry showed in 1918 that it was with the rest of Ireland in its allegiance to the Republic proclaimed by the men of Easter Week. You have seen the futility of the policies preached by the apostles of expediency. Now is your opportunity to take your stand for the principles and policy for which our heroic dead offered their lives, and by returning a Republican candidate, show the Imperial enemy that **"we are not conquered yet"—that Ulster is ours, not theirs!**

As an Irish Republican, I believe that the cause of a free, contented Irish Nation can only be served by those who are prepared to resist to the utmost the aggression of Ireland's only enemy, England, in her endeavour to consolidate the partition of our country. Until the Irish Republic is again functioning, non-recognition of Britain's puppet parliament in Stormont is everywhere possible and everywhere a duty.

**Citizens of Derry! give Thomas and Craigavon the answer of freemen—and, with your compatriots in every province of this historic and unconquerable Nation, say:—**

**"Damn your concessions, England, we want our freedom."**

For the principles and policy for which I stand, I ask your fullest support.

Beir buaidh agus beannacht!

**SEAN M'COOL.**