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Mr. Foster's Meetings.

The public meetings in the three counties of this Province addressed by Hon. George E. Foster last week were among the largest, the most orderly and the most enthusiastic ever held in Prince Edward Island.

It is impossible for us to report at length Mr. Foster's able and exhaustive speeches. Our limited space precludes that. Without doubt Mr. Foster is the ablest debater in Canada; this is generally admitted by the public men of the Dominion.

In clear and concise language, Mr. Foster pointed out to his hearers the responsibility, along with the privilege, that rested on the people in the choice of representatives. The people are the rulers, and in the person of their representatives they are in the House of Commons and vote on all the great public questions that are there discussed.

Referring to the grievances and disabilities special to this Province, Mr. Foster said that a way could surely be found by which the decrease in our Federal representation would be made good, and our original number of six members be restored to us.

the manner our claims were submerged. He considered that if our delegates had been wide awake, energetic and resourceful, something more could have been accomplished for this Province.

On the great and all important questions of taxation, expenditure and debt, Mr. Foster referred to the promises made by Laurier and his friends in 1896, and contrasted these promises with their manner of fulfillment. In 1896 the taxation of the Dominion was \$27,000,000.

Referring to the discussion on the motion of Sir Wilfrid Laurier on the increased subsidies to the Provinces, Mr. Foster pointed out that when \$100,000 extra was voted for British Columbia, the Conservative members from this Province considered we, too, should receive something extra proportional.

Mr. Foster, in beautiful language, called attention to the duty of our young men. They would have soon to take the place of those who are now growing old. They should prepare themselves well for the serious and important duty coming to them.

the rake off men. Was he thus representing the wishes of those who elected him? "What would be the state of things in this Dominion of Canada," asked Mr. Foster, if there were no opposition members in Parliament and no opposition press in the country.

nothing left, and that all the development was the result of their efforts. What did the new stewards really find in 1896? An estate completed and united from Atlantic to Pacific.

Mr. Foster next referred to the conduct of the Government during the last session of Parliament, and showed that they did not want discussion; did not want the truth brought out. The session was opened on the 28th of November; but the Government had none of their important measures ready for the consideration of the peoples representatives.

Mr. Foster next referred to the attitude of the Liberals towards reciprocity with the United States. Before 1896, they declared that the only condition necessary to secure reciprocity with our Re-

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Terrific Floods in the South

The floods in the Carolinas and Georgia culminated on the 26th, in the breaking of the big dam six miles from the Savannah River into the canal at that point.

The great flood of water let loose soon found its way into the city and from Fifteen street to the eastern boundary Augusta was under from six to twelve feet of water. The big bridge across the Savannah River went down in the rush of water and the dam at the lock seven miles above the city, collapsed, adding to the flood.

A long distance telephone message from the Associated Press correspondent at Augusta said that the city is completely under water. In the downtown portion business houses, telegraph offices and newspaper offices are completely demoralized.

The water is going down at 9 o'clock tonight at the rate of half a foot an hour, and except in the very low places the water will be out of the city in 36 hours.

A WORD BEFORE LEAVING.

"My meetings in Prince Edward Island have been entirely satisfactory. Each of the three places in which I spoke found the largest available hall crowded and the audience most intelligent and attentive.

"I believe the people are thoroughly awakening to the condition of things, and to my mind the outlook for the Liberal-Conservative standard bearers in P. E. Island is very encouraging.

(Sgd.) GEORGE E. FOSTER.

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