

LIBERAL ENTHUSIASM AT HIGH TIDE.

(Continued from page 1.) Does anybody think the Liberal party can stand weakly by and allow this fight to go by default, while the enemy are leveling their shafts and organizing their forces in order to destroy the government at Ottawa? Why, sir, just imagine that you were listening to a student. Imagine you have forces ready to do battle with the assaulting party, and that within your own ranks there were men who were making an effort to do a little bit of mischief. Would you say they were faithful soldiers? I do not think you would.

"I do not care what Mr. Hazen may say to this not being a fight upon the dominion lines. He need not if he wins boast of it as a Liberal defeat and a Conservative triumph. But what will be the cause taken by the Conservative press throughout the country? They will say that Toryism has triumphed in New Brunswick, and you could not blame them for doing so. Mr. Hazen does not control either the press or the mouths of his supporters, and every Tory newspaper in the dominion would declare that the minister of railways had been defeated in his own constituency and in his own province. (Hear, hear.)

"Much of the strength which I have happily been able to exercise in behalf of my constituency and province has been the result of a feeling that the people of New Brunswick had confidence in me and were bound to stand at my back. (Great cheering.) If I have had any strength it was not because of anything in myself, but because the people of this province had declared their confidence in me. That is what I did. (Cheers.)

"It was because I had this great constituency behind me in the triumph of two and a half years ago which enabled me to exercise the influence which I have been able to use for St. John and the province of New Brunswick. This fact must be closely borne in mind in judging of the nature of the present struggle.

W. H. Thorne vs. J. D. Hazen. "As to the end which our opponents have in view I will make clear out of the mouth of Mr. W. H. Thorne. Is Mr. Thorne assuming too much when he speaks for the Conservative party? If he lets out the secret, would you not by reason of the prominence which he has held in the Tory party be justified in taking his statement seriously? Let me give you his statement as published in the leading Conservative newspaper of the day. He seeks out his paper, the Montreal Gazette, and makes it the avenue of his important communication. This is the report as I clipped it from the columns of the Gazette.

"When asked if Mr. Blair would likely take a hand in the provincial contest, Mr. Thorne replied as follows: 'There has been a strong feeling among my constituents against the Tweedie ministry, and as most of them are friends of the minister of railways the latter will no doubt do all in his power to bring the kickers into line.' 'I hope there are not many. I do not think I have heard of their number. I do not have a census. He seeks out his paper, the Montreal Gazette, and makes it the avenue of his important communication. This is the report as I clipped it from the columns of the Gazette.

the government had been guilty of corruption and extravagance in management of public affairs. This was a charge easily made for the purpose of producing a feeling against those in charge of the administration.

Stood Closest Scrutiny. In reply, he would say that ever since the administration had been in power, every transaction had been given the closest scrutiny by the committee of the legislature. A dollar was expended, but the voucher for it was laid before the house and its committee, and the committee was composed of opposition as well as government members. Every transaction of expenditure had been laid before that committee year by year and at not one session of that committee had there been a word or whisper of anything approaching corruption or of anything charged against the government from time to time.

Why Government Should be Supported. He would like to lay before the audience the reasons given by the government for a renewal of the confidence given the administration. The representation of a constituency was not something to be won only as an honor, but was a public burden, so was the administration of the affairs of the province. Like business men they should endeavor to do the business of the province in a business and progressive manner.

Agricultural Policy. It had been and is the aim of this government in every way in which the province can be built up to take every means to do that. We were largely an agricultural people and our advancement must be largely along such lines and such a policy should be placed before the people as would be best for those engaged in the important work.

Bounding Increase. In 1897 only \$7,000 worth of creamery butter was produced in New Brunswick and last year the production was \$133,000. (Applause.) So in cheese making the advance was marked and Mr. Keown asked if the administration had not done its duty along these lines.

The Labor Candidates. Concerning the opposition candidates here, no one approved their citizenship greater than he. Any constituency might be proud of them. Two of them came to the fray as the nominees not only of the Conservative party, but of the labor societies. No one could find fault with the citizenship of these respectable men. This was all right, but what were they doing under the banner of the Conservative party?

HON. H. A. MCKEOWN'S ABLE ADDRESS. Deals With the Labor Candidates, and Shows in Masterly Way Why the Government Deserves to be Returned. Mr. McKeown, who was given a splendid reception, said it was gratifying for him to see evidence of such a strong, spontaneous movement in favor of this constituency as was in this building tonight. We heard talk of wanting interest. This might be so of the opposition, but interest in the government party was never greater than today. The government had no need to be ashamed of its administration. The closer the scrutiny, the more satisfactory to the administration, the more clear showing forth of their good, honest stewardship.

He did not know there was any danger of that here. What was a trust? A combination of capitalists to force out competition, lower wages, etc. This could exist only under one policy—a high tariff. High tariff was the mother of trusts, and

in fighting trusts in the United States they were trying to bring down the tariff. In Canada the Conservative party were the high tariff party and the Liberal party the low tariff party. (Hear, hear, and applause.)

When they wrote this as their policy, the labor candidates wrote themselves outside the Conservative party. They took the banner of labor, which wanted no tariff, and took it to the high tariff party, which created trusts.

The platform again said: "No monopoly in gold or iron products." Mr. McKeown said there was such a monopoly and passed to the next section: "Workmen's Compensation Act." He said Mr. Tweedie, in his manifesto, pledged the government to the enactment of a workmen's compensation act. (Hear, hear, and applause.)

Strengthen Minister's Arm. The speaker said we were standing face to face with some of the most momentous problems which had arisen since Confederation. But we must want a man of power, intellect and determination to represent us! In the wider range of politics, with province pressing against province, we were to throw away a mighty intellectual power and put a dilapidated representative in its stead? On the contrary we should strengthen the arm of the minister. (Applause.)

All Stand Together. Mr. Robertson repeated his strong belief that we would and, continuing, said he had no hesitation in saying that the opposition in this campaign are going against a stone wall which they will no more bring down than they could the Rock of Gibraltar. Referring to the strength Hon. Mr. Blair has in pressing in New Brunswick the interests, Mr. Robertson spoke of the proposed labor facilities. Mayor Whiteford went to see the minister of railways with the idea of getting these facilities. In the face of the people's hopes, in view of the determination that no more expenditures would be made by the city, would it not be suicidal, he asked, to strike down the man who made it possible to carry out these improvements?

DIARRHOEA BREAKS THE STRONG AND IF NOT CHECKED BECOMES A CHRONIC CONDITION. N. A. MERRILL'S DIARRHOEA CURE. and if not checked becomes a chronic condition, which is a very serious and dangerous one. It is a disease which is caused by the action of the bacteria of the bacillus dysenteriae. It is a disease which is caused by the action of the bacteria of the bacillus dysenteriae. It is a disease which is caused by the action of the bacteria of the bacillus dysenteriae.

SHAMEFUL PRESS STATEMENT KILLED. Mr. Robertson Trims 'The Offshoot of the Sun'—Election Means More Than Return or Defeat of the Government—The Dry Dock. The chairman then introduced George Robertson, M. P., who was heartily received. Mr. Robertson enlarged Mr. McKeown's remarks, and said that he believed he could, but he

did not feel so kindly towards the opposition. There was a struggle to-night in the offshoot of the Sun, not written by the hyperbolic editor of the Sun, stating that Hon. D. C. Fraser had been paid \$40 by St. Andrew's Society for speaking at their anniversary celebration here, and referring to Mr. Milligan and Mr. Robertson as authority. Mr. Robertson, who was president of St. Andrew's Society at the time, declared this paragraph as a shameful statement, an outrage, beneath the dignity of the press of Canada, but they couldn't lower him in the estimation of the people. There was in these papers a cry that there was nothing of Liberal or Conservative in this campaign, that the issue of the opposition was largely to get rid of this corrupt government. Mr. Robertson gave some examples of opposition campaigning. He referred to the bridge charges made against the opposition and the fact that although they had been expelled and how Mr. Hazen himself had signed the document declaring Mr. Robertson entirely free and not liable for any charges. He said that some of the vilest charges, too, had been made against Messrs. Tweedie and Pugsley and they would be answered.

Watched by A. Canada. The eyes of Canada, he said, are watching this contest with deep interest, and quoted a statement made by the leader of the Conservative party in Canada that the success or defeat of the government in New Brunswick meant the success or defeat of the Liberal-Conservative party in Canada.

Mr. Robertson continued, was more than a local matter. The aim of the machine, the aim of those who were trying to capture the Dominion of Canada was to strike down Hon. A. G. Blair, who was ever so loyal to St. John and the maritime provinces than any other man who was ever so loyal to parliament. (Cheers.)

Some one had asked what about the dry dock. He would say that since 1891 he had been in the city and next to his wife and family St. John and its interests were nearer to him than all else in the province. He had prophesied last month that the next month since he placed the dry dock project before the common council but Hon. Mr. Blair was the first man to carry out the project. He had prophesied that the dry dock could be made a success. Mr. Robertson told his work in England for the project and his failure there, and how on returning to Canada he found a man of power, intellect and determination to represent us! In the wider range of politics, with province pressing against province, we were to throw away a mighty intellectual power and put a dilapidated representative in its stead? On the contrary we should strengthen the arm of the minister. (Applause.)

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Westmorland County Nominates Four Strong Candidates. (Continued from page 1.) While the committee was out the meeting was addressed by Hon. H. R. Emmerson, A. B. Copp, J. T. Hawke and others. After an hour's deliberation the committee reported that the standard bearers selected were Hon. C. W. Robinson, A. B. Copp, Frank J. Sweeney and Clem M. LeGere. This announcement was made amid such enthusiastic applause.

Temperance Man Named in Charlotte. St. Stephen, Feb. 16.—(Special)—A temperance convention was held this afternoon in the Salvation Army Hall to place a candidate in the field at the approaching election. W. W. Graham, Mr. Milligan was chairman, and W. S. Thompson, of St. Stephen, secretary. About 60 delegates were present.

Moncton Convention Pass Resolutions. Moncton, Feb. 13.—(Special)—The Liberal convention here this afternoon was attended by between three and four hundred delegates. The Botsford and Westmorland contingents, half a hundred strong, failed to arrive because the train was wrecked at Melrose on the Cape Tormentine Railway, and did not pass Port Elgin in time to permit delegates reaching here.

Another Good Rally in Restigouche. Campbellton, N. B., Feb. 13.—(Special)—The feeling in favor of the government candidates in this county is daily increasing as was evinced at a meeting held at Flat Lands tonight, the attendance exceeding even the expectation of the speaker and visiting party. Many walked two miles where driving was impossible. County Councillor M. G. Mann was appointed chairman.

Carleton County Opposition. Woodstock, N. B., Feb. 13.—(Special)—There was a good attendance of electors at the Opera House this evening to nominate candidates in opposition to the government.

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FREE GIFT. An eminent specialist, well known in all sections of North America, who has written some of the most valuable medical books of the present day, has decided to give away absolutely free of charge, a limited number of one of his best publications. This book, which represents the study of many years, is one of the best works ever gotten out by its author. No pains or expense were spared to make it all that he desired, and he now presents it, as a free gift to humanity, to all who desire it. The book deals with indigestion and all its causes and its cure. To anyone who has any form of stomach trouble this book will prove valuable beyond words. In fact, it will induce expression of the most valuable medical and scientific research to date. Every page is full of practical information. From beginning to end it is bright, readable and best of all—helpful. A heart keenly sensitive to the sufferings of mankind lends sympathy and friendliness to every line.

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MONCTON CONVENTION PASS RESOLUTIONS. There is little question that the convention would have nominated Hon. C. W. Robinson, A. B. Copp, and Doctor Gaudet; for fourth choice, F. J. Sweeney was strongly favored. Other names suggested being Doctor E. A. Smith, who was unable for business reasons to accept. Councillor Fred Magee, of Port Elgin, and Warden Amos Trueman, of Westmorland among others. The following resolutions were unanimously adopted: "Resolved, that this convention places on record its continued confidence in Sir Wilfrid Laurier as premier of this dominion, and congratulates him on the stevedamlike manner in which he has acquitted himself in the various trying and responsible positions he has filled during his public career.

MONCTON CONVENTION PASS RESOLUTIONS. "Resolved, that this convention congratulates the Hon. A. G. Blair, minister of railways and canals, on his successful and progressive railway policy, and notes with pleasure and approval the improved condition of the Intercolonial Railway, its increased volume of business and its efficient condition generally. Under his administration the railway has been extended from Lewis to Montreal, the metropolis of Canada, with very satisfactory results, and we trust that his energetic policy of the extension will continue until the people's railway will reach the great west and ultimately the Pacific coast.