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## GOVERNMENT WILL WIN VOTE THE STRAIGHT TICKET

Electors of New Brunswick Do Your Duty Today by Voting For The Candidates of The Murray Government and Thus Ensuring that the Province Shall Have Five More Years of Honest Administration. The Men to Vote For in St. John City Are L. P. D. Tilley, Philip Grannan, Frank L. Potts and J. Roy Campbell, and in the County Hon. J. B. M. Baxter and Thomas B. Carson. Victory For the Government is Certain. Make It a Clean Sweep.

### The Winning Ticket in Today's Balloting!



TILLEY GRANNAN POTTS CAMPBELL

Good Men With a Good Government and Good Policies Behind Them

### PREMIER MURRAY ASSURED OF TRIUMPH OF GOVERNMENT PARTY AT THE POLLS TODAY

**Whirlwind Finish of Kings' Campaign at Magnificent Sussex Meeting—Premier Murray Gives Lie direct to the Insinuations from Opposition that Liquor men Were Encouraged to Make Applications for Licenses—The Government's Strong Stand on Prohibition—George B. Jones Effectively Answers His Slanderers—The Insinuations and Misrepresentations of the Opposition Disposed of—People Choose Today Between this Progressive Government and the "Broken Down, Spavined, Knock-kneed Administration" Hurling from Power in 1908—Great Reception at Sussex for Premier Murray and Mr. Jones.**

Addressing a magnificent meeting of his fellow citizens of Sussex, at the Hippodrome, last evening, Premier Murray gave assurances of the triumph of the government at the polls today. The Premier stated that he had received reports from every section of the province and that there was no doubt that the people by their votes today would give a handsome majority to the government standard-bearers.

George B. Jones, who also spoke, likewise predicted the triumph and return of the government party. He made a splendid address answering his accusers in every one of their insinuations and innuendoes.

Last evening's great meeting at Sussex was a fitting close to the Premier's whirlwind campaign—a campaign which has been characterized by signal success. During the present week the Premier's engagements have taken him to many outside points, and, wherever he went, he made friends for the sturdy, intrepid and aggressive government of which he is the leader. It was quite appropriate that the Premier should terminate his campaign in his home town of Sussex, and the people of bustling Kings county centre appreciated his action. The reception that the Premier received was a remarkable tribute to his worth and must have impressed him with the sincerity of purpose of the electors of Sussex to give him and his colleagues a record-breaking vote at the polls today.

Premier Murray made one of the best speeches of his career. His utterances on the many important questions were followed with the deepest attention and made a profound impression. His speech was a scathing indictment of

the old-plunderband—the backbone of the present opposition party in this province. Every charge, every misrepresentation, every insinuation which the opposition have made in their bitter campaign of vilification and abuse was effectively answered by Premier Murray. The opposition's small canvass that wholesale and retail liquor dealers had been encouraged to make applications for liquor licenses by the government was given the lie direct from the mouth of the Premier. The First Minister of the province stated that the government, having passed the law, proposed to see that its stringent provisions were carried out. He pointed out that under the strong prohibitory measure that the government had enacted the sale of intoxicating liquor was absolutely forbidden with the exception of small quantities to be sold by vendors for medicinal purposes and only then on the prescription of registered physicians. No man had been encouraged to make application for licenses and none would be granted. Just as sure as this government is elected today the people of New Brunswick will have prohibition on May 1st.

The Premier also pointed out that under the provisions of the act the provincial inspector and not the government would have the selection of the men who would handle the small amount of liquor to be used for medicinal purposes. These men were required to give the greatest security and were under very exacting regulations to observe the provisions of the law to the letter.

Hon. Mr. Murray showed clearly the fallacy of the statements of the opposition that they had forced the government to adopt prohibition, declaring that the temperance men of New Brunswick had been assured by this government that they would introduce a prohibitory bill before the opposition had adopted their weak and indefinite policy of passing an act at the first session of the House, if they were successful at the polls, referring it to the people within three months, and if approved of by them proclaiming the measure as law within a year thereafter.

Mr. Jones received a very flattering reception from the large audience. He contrasted this government's magnificent record with the black record of the old administration, showing up the old crowd in their true colors. Mr. Jones also took occasion to reply to the slanders of the opposition party. There had been no falsehood too base for the opposition party led by E. S. Carter to utter against Kings' able representative who has given to his constituents the very best of his talents and energy for the promotion of their interests. Taking the public accounts Mr. Jones challenged any man to show that accounts had been sent in to the province in the name of J. P. Macaulay during the latter's ab-

### INFLUX FROM CANADA WILL CONTINUE

Special to The Standard.  
New York, Feb. 23.—In responsible banking quarters the opinion is expressed that the influx of gold from Canada will continue for at least another fortnight or so. On Wednesday gold to the amount of \$25,500,000 was received from Canada and deposited at the assay office to the credit of J. P. Morgan and Co.

This brings the total gold imports from all sources this year up to \$120,000,000. The total imports since January 1, 1915, amount to \$1,287,500,000. The New York Federal Reserve Bank has purchased from J. P. Morgan and Co. approximately \$12,000,000 of the \$25,500,000 gold which has just arrived from Canada. Although the gold consists of foreign bars, some of which are nine-tenths fine and others eleven-twelfths fine it will be secured in the vaults of the bank for the time being.

The market for securities recently

sence from the province. Any lumber or other materials that had been furnished had been under circumstances absolutely justifiable and at a time when it was impossible to obtain it from other dealers. The best of material had been supplied at a fair and honest price.

Mr. Jones replied effectively to the opposition's charges that there had not been labor performed on the Sussex steel bridge to the amount of \$93.63 as appeared in the public accounts. He read a statement showing the names of the workmen, the number of days they worked and amounts they received, totalling \$93.63. The materials in connection with this bridge had been supplied and the work performed at fair and reasonable prices.

Mr. Jones repeated his charges against E. S. Carter of wrong-doing in connection with the Rothesay wharf repairs—a most unworthy act of the opposition purity exponent and one that should in itself lead the electors to reject him and his associates at the polls.

Mayor McKenna made an admirable chairman and in the course of his remarks made reference to the large number of brilliant men that Kings county had given to the public life of the province and of the Dominion.

The campaign has closed. The candidates go before the people today. That Hon. J. A. Murray, George B. Jones and Hedley V. Dickson in Kings county will be elected with an overwhelming majority is a foregone conclusion.

This will be a momentous day in the history of New Brunswick. It will mark the rendering of the verdict of the people of the province in the case of this government versus the old government. That is the issue. And considering the great preponderance of evidence in favor of this administration there can be no doubt that the people will give an emphatic mandate to Premier Murray and his able associates to continue in charge of the destinies of this fair province.

### THE GOVERNMENT THE FRIEND OF THE WORKING PEOPLE

Man's Title to Compensation Established if He Was Injured in the Course of His Employment—A Most Advanced Measure in the Interest of the Working Man That Will Win Support for the Government.

"I say that this Government has been active in the interests of the working man. We have accomplished many things in their behalf, the greatest of all being the passage of the Workmen's Compensation Act at the last session of the Legislature, an act which came into force on July 1st last.

"The effect of that act is to make a man's title to his money simply the fact that he was hurt while working for somebody else. Before the Government passed this act he had to prove a large number of things which served to make it difficult, and in many cases absolutely impossible, to receive compensation for the injuries he had received. Today he shows his bleeding arm, his smashed foot or his injured head. That is all he requires today. And in case of death from injuries the matter of recovery is also a simple process. Acting for steamship companies I have sent out three cheques for \$2,000 each to the widows and orphans of those poor unfortunate men who met their death while working in the steamer. No one appeared to be at fault. It was simply an accident, and had this law not been enacted, their families would have been deprived of the wage-earner and left almost penniless. So I think I can fairly say that the members of the Government have at least been thinking of the lot of the people they represent and how they can make it better.

"I had the pleasure during the last few weeks of naming the members of a commission to investigate all these acts and to see if it was possible to improve on the present legislation and make the lot of the working man a little bit better. We want to give them the best law that it is possible to secure to safeguard their interests. I named as the chairman of that commission, Mr. F. J. G. Knowlton, a man of the widest experience in insurance law in New Brunswick, a candidate for the opposition party for the city of St. John at the general elections of 1912. That was not appointing a partisan commissioner. No, sir, I selected Mr. Knowlton because I knew his sincerity and ability, and I wanted him to give that service he was capable of rendering. I also selected Mr. Lewis Stimmis, a man fair in mind towards the question of labor, a man who has most up-to-date facilities for his employees in his large factory. I also named Mr. John C. Cudlip, of the cotton mill, a man who takes a broad view of the relation of capital to labor. Then we have Mr. James Sugrue, who was recommended by the Trades and Labor Congress, who with Fred Daley, the head of the Longshoremen's Association, will make admirable members of the commission.

"My friend, Mr. Foster, is telling you what he will do in respect to the adoption of these acts. What he says he is going to do, we are already doing."—Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, Attorney-General of New Brunswick.

looked well when they reached London today, after what they described as a pleasant voyage across the Atlantic. Premier Morris and the Canadian Minister of Marine are accompanied by their wives. Tomorrow the party will be the guests of the Duke of Connaught, at luncheon. Afterwards they will go to the House of Commons to hear Lloyd George make his deferred statement relating to the restriction of imports and other war measures.

Hon. Robert Rogers naturally was not willing to talk regarding the belief here that one object of the visit is in connection with the vacant high commissionership. Canadians in England seem to believe that Sir George Perley will soon relinquish one of his dual offices and they associate the Minister of Public Works with one of them.

**NEW YORK TO GRAPPLE WITH FOOD SITUATION**  
New York, Feb. 23.—Definite measures to meet the food situation were considered today by both state and city authorities. Governor Whitman and some of the members of the state legislature see hope in the immediate passage of the food and market bill, already introduced by an executive committee which has investigated the situation in different parts of the state.

**VOCATIONAL TRAINING.**  
Ottawa, Feb. 23.—The parliamentary committee dealing with the welfare of returned soldiers will not be confined to sessions here, but has announced the following meetings: Montreal, March 15 and 16; Toronto, March 21, 22, 23, and 24. A sub-committee may be delegated to go to the west. It is hoped to have a report ready when parliament meets on April 19. Colonel Patter, acting director of medical services, was today closely questioned as to the system which the granting of pensions was based.

Senator McLennan, of the hospital commission, stated that vocational training of returned men had proved a great success. All work had been sold and more requested. The report of Lieut.-Colonel Marlowe on medical services was tabled, but will not be made public until next week.