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Editorial

WHICH WILL BE THE BETTER FOR NORTHUMBERLAND?

What may Northumberland County expect if it elects Mr. W.B. Snowball, the Liberal candidate in the by-election on October 7th? This is the question the electors of this county should consider before depositing their ballots. In 1921 the Prime Minister, MacKenzie King made numerous promises to the people of Northumberland and not one of them has yet been fulfilled. It is certain that it was not the fault of the late representative, who at all times, never for a moment lost sight of the county he represented. Then whose fault was it? Certainly none other than the Prime Minister and his Government, who after getting the electors to vote for them, forgot all about the promises they made and in fact forgot that there even was a County of Northumberland.

The Liberal Government was going to build a railway from Tracadie to Newcastle and even do better—they were going to extend it to Redbank. Almost three years have passed since this promise was made and we have never even heard the Tracadie Railway mentioned. Supposing Mr. Snowball is elected to represent Northumberland for the next session, what more will he be in a position to do for the county than did the late representative? We fear, very little more, if as much.

Now what good would it do to elect C.P. Hickey, the Conservative candidate? He will be in opposition to the government and will only be the county's representative for the next session. This is quite true, but if he is elected over Mr. W.B. Snowball, the Liberal candidate, it will be a protest from Northumberland that this county is dissatisfied with the treatment it has been accorded by the King Government in the past three years and it will make Mr. King and his Government sit up and take notice, that Northumberland resents the way it has been dealt with and possibly, during the next session our County will be considered by the government to some extent and we might be given at least some consideration by this Liberal government, which has ignored us in the past.

In conclusion—after considera-



tion of these two arguments, the question arises, of the two, which is the better for Northumberland? We have had almost three years of the King Government, with a representative from this county supporting it and we know what we got—nothing. If we elect another representative supporting the liberal administration is there any proof that we will get any more than we got before? None. In such a case then, it would seem reasonable for Northumberland to elect a representative in opposition; with the possibility of arousing the government to action by our protest and thereby getting something, that we otherwise would not get, if we elected a supporter of the government and by so doing endorse the "don't care" attitude of the government in the past. "Of two evils we should choose the least," and it would seem logical that Northumberland stands to win more by electing an opposing representative, as a protest, rather than by electing a supporter as an endorsement of the treatment already accorded the county. It will be good politics on the part of Northumberland to elect Hickey and take our chances on getting anything from the Government in the next twelve months, as it is a certainty that we will get nothing if we elect a supporter.

DISGUSTED WITH GOVERNMENT

The people of Northumberland County would like to know what Mr. Snowball means when he says in his card: "If elected, I will use what ability I possess to assist in having full justice accorded the Maritime Provinces and in such legislation as will advance the material and other interests of our whole Dominion." The late member, Hon. John Morrissey M.P. was one who always looked after the interests of the Maritime provinces and particularly the county of Northumberland, which he represented, but even he was unable to see that full justice was accorded and Northumberland County electors are rather of the opinion, that if the late member for Northumberland was unable to secure Northumberland's rights, it is idle talk for Mr. Snowball to promise that he can or will do any better than his predecessor.

Northumberland County is tired of the MacKenzie King administration and its promises. It intends to show its disgust in the by-election on October 7th by electing an opponent of the King Government, which will have a material effect on the rest of the Maritime provinces, and the Dominion as a whole. If it did otherwise it would show that it was satisfied with what already has been done and this is altogether out of the question.

A MIGHTY POOR GAME

Politics at its best is a mighty poor game. Such was the remark made the other day by one who has been in the political game for years. This gentleman remembers when politics were played clean, upright and above board, but today he said it was about the meanest game a person could mix up in. Years ago, religious and racial feelings, personal enmity and the like were unknown in politics but he said these are the predominating factors in politics today, if he was any judge of the present existing condition of affairs. In years gone by a man was either a Liberal or a Conservative and no man or group of men were bigger than their party. Each party played the game fair and square with its supporters and all irrelevant matters had no place whatever in the politics of the day. He stated that he was so disgusted with the present order of politics that it was very little wonder to him that it was almost impossible to get men to enter the political arena and further said that unless a change for the better came within



Germany Starts Paying Up

Germany starts .. On Thursday Germany paid her second ten-day installment on the 20,000,000 gold marks account provided in the Dawes plan. The money goes toward the \$3,000,000 gold marks which must be raised between Germany and the French Regie railroad before the big international loan to the Reich is floated. Regie payments are scheduled during the day, these being from the proceeds the French obtained while the Ruhr railways were under their direction.

Funds will be deposited in the Reich bank to the account of the agent General of Separations who will devote practically the entire amount to reimbursing Germany industries for payments in kind.

A six months loan of \$100,000,000 made by J.P. Morgan to the Bank of France on March 10 to halt the fall of the franc has been renewed on the same conditions and with the same guarantees in order to combat the possible future attacks on the exchange.



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the near future, it will be a much more difficult matter in years to come, to get people to take an active interest in politics, than it even is today. He deplored the present situation and said it was a serious matter for the country, as the Dominion of Canada needed men of wisdom, foresight and uprightness to carry her through the perilous times that she must necessarily face.

OBITUARY

DAVID GIRDWOOD

The death occurred at Red Bank Northumberland county, on Saturday, Sept. 6; of David Girdwood; at the advanced age of 81 years. Deceased had been in failing health for some time and made his home with his son, Rev. William Girdwood; at the Manse, Red Bank. He is survived by two sons, Robert Girdwood, in the United States; and Rev. William Girdwood, of Red Bank, and three daughters: Mrs. Nelson Marsten, of Meductic; Mrs. R. Barclay Gerrard, of Campbellton, Miss Margaret Girdwood; Red Bank; One son, David; was drowned in 1920. The remains were taken to Prince William for interment beside those of his wife who died five years ago.

MRS WALTER STURGEON

The death of Mrs. Walter Sturgeon of White Rapids, N.B. news of which was heard with deep regret by a large circle of friends and relatives, occurred at the Miramichi Hospital, Newcastle on Monday, Sept. 8th at 7 o'clock p.m.

Although deceased had been failing in health for some months she was able to be about her household duties until Monday, August 11th, when she was stricken with paralysis, followed by hemorrhage of the brain.

Medical aid was quickly summoned and she was removed to the Miramichi Hospital the following Saturday where all medical aid available was given her. She gradually continued to sink, however, and on Monday September 8, passed peacefully into that deeper sleep from which none ever wake to weep.

Deceased was formerly Miss Abigail Coughlan of Coughlan, N.B. and was fifty six years of age and was very well and favorably known throughout the community.

She is survived by her husband four sons, Malcolm, Norman; Hay ward and Walter and 5 daughters Mrs Thos. Coughlan of Blackville, Mrs Elridge Lebons of Underhill and Myrtle, Hazel and Katherine at home, who mourn the loss of a kind and affectionate wife and mother; she is also survived by three brothers Albert, John and Charles Coughlan of Coughlan, N.B. and the following sisters; Mrs. Margaret Jewett of St John, N.B.; Mrs. James MacDonald of Coughlan, N.B.; and Mrs. Fraser Harris of Newcastle, N.B.

The funeral which was very largely attended was held from her family residence on Wednesday Services at the house and grave were conducted by Rev. Mr. Gartschore, interment at St. Andrew's Cemetery, Blackville.

The pallbearers were Messrs. Frank Jardine, Matthew Coughlan; John MacDonald, Edward Tucker B.N. Forhill and Lindsay Gerrish. The floral tributes were as follows:

- Wreath—"Mother"—Family
- Wreath—Mr. and Mrs. Albert Coughlan
- Wreath—"Sister"—Mr. and Mrs. Jas. McDonald
- Wreath—Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Coughlan and family.
- Spray—Mr and Mrs. Thos. Coughlan and family.
- Spray—Mr. and Mrs. Elsidge Lebons
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Doaktown, N.B.; Sept. 15 1924
To Editor "Union Advocate,"
Newcastle, N.B.

Dear Sir,
I am quite aware that your paper is Conservative in politics, but at the same time I feel that you might give me, as a subscriber space enough in your columns to allow me to make a few observations, as I and many others see them.

In the first place, we are to have a by-election in the County of Northumberland on October 7th and being a Liberal, I naturally want to see the Liberal candidate win the seat.

In the second place I realize that Mr. Snowball, to win his election needs the support of Mr. Chas. J. Morrissey, M.L.A. to enable him to do so. This support is expected by the Liberal party and also by Mr. Snowball, the Liberal candidate. While the Liberal party perhaps has a right to expect Mr. Morrissey's support, in fairness to Mr. Morrissey I would like to ask, has Mr. Snowball a right to expect it? In the 1921 general election, Mr. Morrissey's father, the late Hon. John Morrissey M.P. did not receive any support from Mr. Snowball, who in the forthcoming by-election is expecting Mr. Morrissey to support him.

Now my contention is that Mr. Snowball should use his good offices, influence and prestige to secure for Mr. Morrissey something in return for this much looked for support. That something is a tangible recognition of Mr. Morrissey, who would be quite capable of the trust imposed and also one, to which the County of Northumberland is entitled.

The matter to which I refer is the vacant portfolio of Minister of Lands and Mines for New Brunswick, the seat in the government made vacant by the recent elevation of Hon. C.W. Robinson to the Senate of Canada. Premier Veniot has not yet filled this vacancy in his government and his opportunity is now at hand. The Premier of this province, if he is as good a Liberal as I believe him to be, is no doubt, anxious that Northumberland County be won for the Liberal party, but I can assure him that it cannot be won for that party without the support of Chas. J. Morrissey, M.L.A. The county of Northumberland is the biggest revenue producing county in the province for the Lands and Mines Department. At present this county has no representation in the provincial government and it is entitled to representation. Mr. Chas. J. Morrissey is quite capable of administering this department, it being one in which Northumberland county is especially interested.

The time has arrived when Premier Veniot must recognize the rights & claims of Northumberland County and it is now up to Mr. Snowball, as federal Liberal candidate for this county to use his influence in seeing that such claims and rights are strenuously pressed. It is a poor tool that cuts only one way, and it is unfair to expect Mr. Morrissey to throw his support in favor of one who did the direct opposite, when he had the opportunity, and no party should seek support such as Mr. Morrissey is in a position to give, without consideration on its part. Northumberland Liberals expect action on the part of the Liberal leaders of this province before election day October 7th; along the lines of the above suggestions.

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