MURRAY, JONES AND DICKSON AT ROUSING RALLY

CARTER'S OPPOSITION PARTY HAS PLACED IN NOMINATION MEN WHO WERE PART AND PARCEL OF PLUNDERBUND RING

Hon. James A. Murray, at Splendid Greenwich Meeting Last Night, Exposed Clearly the Hypocrisy of Carter & Co., in Claiming to Be Purists and Reformers When Opposition Remnants Have Hon. Mr. Sweeney, Mr. Legere, Mr. Osman, Mr. Ryan and Other Supporters of Rotten Regime Which Was Hurled From Power by Indignant Electorate — Premier Tells Progressive and Constructive Policy of Government — George B. Jones and H. V. Dickson Meet With Excellent Reception and Present Some Unanswerable Arguments.

Special to The Standard.

Greenwich, Feb. 9.—A very successful rally was held here tonight by Hon. James A. Murray, premier of the province, George B. Jones and H. V. Dickson, the government candidates in Kings.

The meeting was a splendid success and the reception which greeted the nominees was very flattering. This parish will cast a heavy vote for the champions of good government.

Mr. Jones thanked the audience for its hearty greeting. He said that since he had been elected nine years ago as a representative of Kings he had given the best of his ability to looking after the interests of his constituents and he had spared neither time nor expense in travelling from one end of the county to the other in connection with the duties which his position involved. He hoped to follow the same course in the future, if again honored with the confidence of the people.

The Opposition Campaign.

Mr. Jones declared that the gist of the opposition's arguments in the present campaign was nothing but misrepresentations and falsehoods. The opposition had declared the road supervisors had been dishonest and had cooked their accounts, notwithstanding that the account must now be sworn to in sharp contrast to the conditions under he old government.

Mr. Dickson.

Mr. Dickson was enthusiastically received. He said one would think after hearing the talk of the opposition candidates that the government party was dead, but on the contrary the supporters of the government were very much alive and they would show their strength on election day.

He wanted to say a few words concerning agriculture, which industry the majority of the residents of Kings County followed with much success. If one stopped to consider the important part the farmers were playing in the affairs of the country he would come to the conclusion that every possible assistance should be given the men working out the many problems incident to farm life. His government fully realized the value that the farmers were to the community, and it was the policy of this administration to afford the farmers every encouragement.

Hon. Mr. Murray.

Hon. Mr. Murray in opening said that the electors of the district were assembled tonight under different conditions than those existing in previous elections. The electors assembled under the shado wof the greatest war that the world had ever seen, the Empire was passing through a great crisis. Throughout the whole domain of Britain every nerve was being strained to bring this war to a happy termination. Men had gone forward to do battle for the cause of civilization, and he desired to pay tribute to those who had seen their duty and had gone forward to do it. There was sadness in the mother's heart at the thought that her loved ones had left home to face death on the firing line and yet through all the sadness there must be a feeling of pride at the monly stand that the young men of the country had taken in this war. The best manhood of the country had sprung to arms and had crossed the seas to meet the mighty hosts of Germany, to fight, yes, if necessary, to die for the principles of liberty, righteousness and justice which the people of Great Britain believed in with all their hearts. Every true Britisher was actuated with a spirit of grim determination to win this war at any cost. The people of Britain were willing to put out their blood and treasure and to spend years if necesary to bring victory to the great cause of civilization. On his recent visit to the old country he had visited the troops from this province, and while there was impressed with the cheerful manner in which the boys from New Brunswick were ready to do their duty, and it thrilled him with pride to think that he belonged to a country that could produce such a high type of citizenship. "God bless our gallant boys, and when they return, let each one hold out the welcome hand to those who had gone forward and answered the call to arms. Anything that I can do to assist the returned soldier I want to do it with my whole heart. That was the feeling of every public man in the Dominion of Canada today." At a representative conference of men from the various provinces of the Dominion, held at Ottawa lately, it was decided without a dissenting voice that provisions must be made to obtain employment for the men who had sacrificed their personal ambitions and had rendered the Empire gallant service on the firing line. He realized that it would be a physical impossibility to obtain government positions for all the returned soldiers, but efforts would be made to secure good positions for them and to show them that their noble efforts had not been made in vain.

Honor To Kings.

The honor that has come to him comes alike to the County of Kings, and to use a common expression, he did not propose to get a "swelled head." He would still be as active as ever in the interests of his constituents, and he trusted that he would still remain their friend. The height of his ambitions would be achieved if he could conduct himself as head of the administration in such a manner as to warrant the esteem, good-will, support and sympathy of his friends in Kings county and throughout the province. Without their support he would have made a failure of the whole thing. If after considering the record of this government as compared with the old administration, considering the advanced policies as laid down by this government, the electors would vote for this party, as he believed they would, he assured them that it would be his endeavor to give New Brunswick good, honest, prudent government. On taking office he considered that it was only a fair thing for the people and for the government to place his administration in the hands of the people for their verdict, so that he and his colleagues could go forward working out the destinies of this good old province with the approval, sympathy and support of the people. He believed that he had associated with him men who were willing to do their utmost to advance this province, to give the very best that was in them to give New Brunswick clean, honest and systematic government. He believed further that the men who were candidates with him on the government ticket in this county were representatives of the highest standard of the citizenship of Kings county, and that it would be their endeavor as in the past to work faithfully and well to advance the interests of their constituents.

Robinson's Action.

The opposition party two years ago at Fredericton had placed under the white light of publicity the Hon. C. W. Robinson. They had made him leader of that great party, a position which Mr. Robinson, he understood, had accepted somewhat reluctantly. But at a convention in St. John last year, called together with great acclaim, Hon. Mr. Robinson had resigned the leadership of the party and the opposition from that day to this had been absolutely without a leader. They had chosen a leadership committee of which W. E. Foster was the shining light. He had the greatest respect for Mr. Foster as a private citizen and was on very friendly terms with him, and while he had no desire to say a word against him as a private citizen, he would say that as a public man Mr. Foster had not shown that evidence of leadership and initiative as would inspire confidence among the electors that he was a proper man to lead the government of this province.

The opposition had announced a platform, but now they were on the horns of a dilemma with respect to one of the most important planks. They did not know whether to repudiate it or not. If they repudiate one plank the people had no guarantee that they would not repudiate the other planks. But very little had been heard about this great platform. The men who were at the head of the party in this province at the present time preferred to carry on a campaign, which for violent criticism and false accusations, for insinuations and innuendoes, for villification and abuse, had never been equalled in any province of Canada. To such an extent was this character of a campaign being waged that there was a change of feeling among the supporters of the opposition. He had heard prominent members of the party say not once but on many occasions that they did not countenance the methods that were being followed by the opposition, while one man high in the counsels of the party had informed him that he would not support the opposition unless this sort of a campaign was discontinued. He believed in a fair, honest fight, in placing the issues squarely before the people and asking them to choose between the two parties on their past records and the policies they had enunciated. He had tried to avoid personalities in conducting election campaigns and regretted that the opposition would not follow the same course. But that party was being led by some men who were not worthy of the public confidence which they seek. Mr. E. S. Carter, by the way, was one of the leaders, in fact, the real leader, as his name appeared in the party press as speaking for the opposition more than of any other member of the par-

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