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## COMPLETE TRIUMPH OF GOOD-GOVERNMENT CANDIDATES IS ASSURED ON THE MORROW

### GREAT MEETING OF GOVERNMENT FORCES AT THE OPERA HOUSE

Premier Murray, Attorney-General Baxter and the Candidates Address Magnificent Gathering of the Electors of St. John—Spirit of Victory Pervades Government Stalwarts—Issue is Clear that the people of New Brunswick Must Choose Between this Government and the Old—Thirteen Members of Old Gang who Mismanged and Maltreated Affairs of Province the Backbone of the Present Opposition Party.

A spirit of victory pervaded last night's great meeting at the Opera House, in the interests of the good government candidates in St. John city. The electors of the city heard striking messages from Hon. James A. Murray, Premier of New Brunswick, and Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, Attorney-General, and went away more impressed than ever with the government's magnificent record of achievement on behalf of the people of New Brunswick as compared with the black record of the old gang—the backbone of the present opposition party—who mismanged and maltreated the affairs of the province prior to 1908, and who in that year were hurled from the treasury benches by the votes of an enraged and indignant electorate.

Seldom, if ever, before has there been such a successful political gathering in this city. The electors of St. John were wrought up to an almost inconceivable pitch of enthusiasm. Both cabinet ministers made eloquent appeals, while the members of the winning ticket in St. John, Messrs. Tilley, Grannan, Potts and Campbell were most enthusiastically received.

The Hon. J. B. M. Baxter was the first speaker and he presented clear, logical arguments for the return of the government that made a profound impression on the large number of electors present. The Attorney-General gave concrete reasons why this government should be returned to power and pointed out to his auditors the recklessness, mismanagement and corruption that characterized the conduct of provincial affairs under the old government, the same old gang who had shamefully violated the confidence which the people of New Brunswick had reposed in them. Always an eloquent and forceful public speaker, Hon. Mr. Baxter last evening made one of the best addresses of his career.

Premier Murray received a splendid reception. It was the Premier's first public appearance in this city since his elevation to his present honored position and the people of St. John showed their appreciation of the First Minister of province in no uncertain terms. The Premier's heart was full of gratitude for the warm greeting and he referred to the pleasure it afforded him to meet such a large number of the electors of this progressive city.

Premier Murray's statement of the government's policy was followed with the closest attention and his arraignment of the old gang of buccaneers showed the opposition in their true colors. He made an earnest and eloquent appeal for the support of the government ticket in St. John city.

Both the Premier and Attorney-General made it clear that the issue was between the old government and the present government. The supporters of old administration, in addition to three of its most active ministers, were contesting constituencies in the province in the present contest and it remains for the people to judge between the two administrations.

The forces of the government in St. John city were never more optimistic than at the present time. They are sanguine that the people will not vote for the return of that government, which they dismissed as weak and discredited in 1908, and still further obliterated in 1912, as against this government with its record of success. Last evening's great meeting will serve to further stimulate the stalwart men of the good government party in the city and county in their efforts to roll up handsome majorities for the government candidates.

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#### HUN BLOCKADE WILL NEVER SUCCEED.

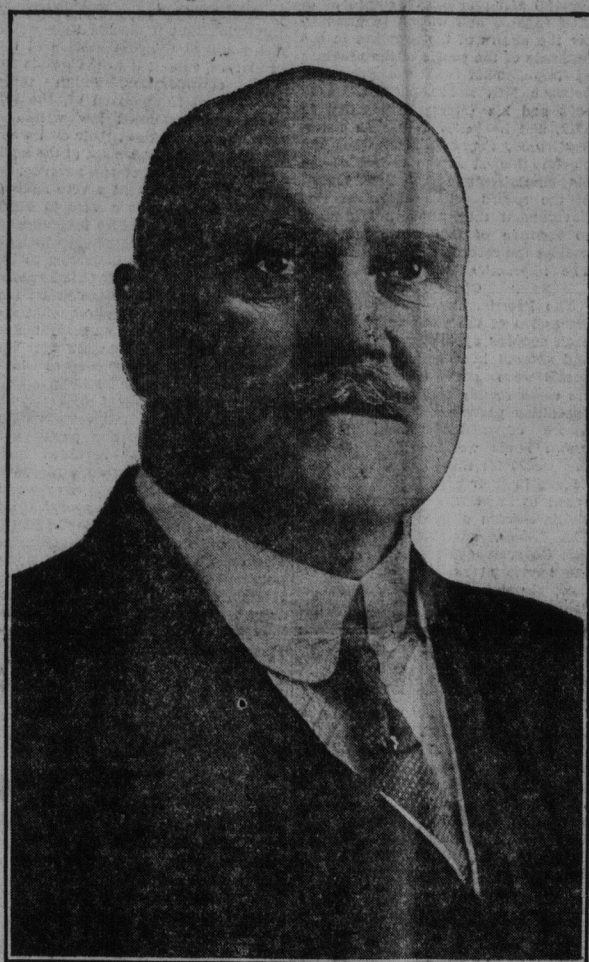
New York, Feb. 22.—A news agency dispatch from Paris, published here today, says:

"If Germany is building hopes that her new submarine blockade will cut off the Allies' supplies, decrease their military strength and thus end the war, these hopes are misplaced. The blockade will never succeed."

marine, gave this reply today, when asked for a message on how France views the German submarine war.

Harry Cahill, who was injured on Monday at the West Side, is now out of danger. He is still at the General Public Hospital.

Four soldiers were taken to the police station last night. They are being detained by the request of the military authorities.



#### VICTORIA CO. LIBERAL WITH GOVERNMENT

Special to The Standard. Andover, Feb. 22.—One of the largest and most enthusiastic meetings ever held here took place in the Specialty Theatre, Andover, this evening. Frank Baird, of Bairdsville, was chairman. The speakers were T. J. Carter, ex-M. L. A.; Hon. J. K. Flemming, Councillor E. C. Moran, of Hartland, and William Pirie, of Grand Falls. As Mr. Flemming entered the theatre he was given a hearty reception.

Mr. Pirie, who has been a lifelong Liberal, threw a bombshell into the opposition stating that he left the

party on account of the stealing of the people's money by James Burgess, the opposition candidate, when he was a member under the old government. He cited a case of a little bridge near Grand Falls. Only nine dollars was spent on this bridge while something like \$200.00 was paid by the province for doing the work on it. He stated that he was prepared to prove this, and he challenged Mr. Tweeddale and Mr. Burgess to deny it. He also said that Mr. Burgess was a pro-German. He has canvassed against recruiting and advising young men to stay home, and only to fight when they had to. He stated that Burgess is using as a canvass in the French district, that if this government is returned conscription will follow, and they will be forced away from their homes. He also challenged Burgess to deny his statements.

Mr. Pirie said that Mr. Carter and Mr. White have had more done for them in Victoria county in one year than Tweeddale and Burgess had done in nine years.

#### WESTMORLAND FAVORS THE GOVERNMENT

The County of Sweeney, Robinson, C. M. Leger, "Doc" Smith and Hawke Will Not Go Wrong This Time.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, Feb. 22.—Reports from the workers in the City of Moncton and from the party workers in all sections of the county indicate that Moncton city and Westmorland county will elect five supporters of the Murray government on Saturday by substantial majorities. Dr. Price's election in the City of Moncton is conceded and it is only a question of majority. The opposition, including John T. Hawke, the oft-disappointed one, are raising all sorts of false canvasses and rear-backs in the desperate effort to defeat the popular Murray government candidate.

Dr. Price is taking no chances and he is prosecuting a vigorous campaign and everywhere is being heartily received.

His opponent, C. W. Robinson, is likewise making a strenuous canvass. Dr. Price will close his campaign with a meeting in the city hall tomorrow night when he will make the last word in reply to Mr. Robinson who addressed his third meeting in the city tonight.

The prospects of the four government candidates being elected in the county by a good majority are very bright. In previous campaigns the government members never addressed better meetings and there is a feeling of optimism among the party workers in every parish.

Judging from the large and enthusiastic meetings which Hon. P. G. Mahoney has been having in Botsford and Westmorland parishes the eastern end of the county will be strongly for the government.

Tonight Col. Black and A. J. Legere addressed a magnificent meeting at Sackville, and the reception given the colonel leaves no doubt that Sackville parish will roll up a record majority for the government ticket. The situation in Sackville will be better understood when it is stated that the opposition in this election has no candidate from Sackville whereas in 1912 Mr. Copp, weak as he is, was on the opposition ticket.

Reports from Dorchester, Shediac, Moncton and Salisbury parishes are very encouraging. In Salisbury parish A. E. Trites, the Government candidate from that section, is sure to lead the poll with a good majority and carry his ticket with him. The sentiment of the people is strong with the Government and a full ticket from Westmorland can be counted on.

Editor Hawke, of the Transcript has condescended to write a few editorials for the forlorn home, but his standing in the county ends little figure, even in his own faction.

#### SINN-FEIN MEN TAKEN IN IRELAND

Fifty Members of Society and Gaelic League Arrested in Limerick, Galway and Skibbereen.

Dublin, Feb. 22.—A number of Sinn Feiners, who had recently returned from internment in England, were arrested today in Limerick, Galway and Skibbereen, as well as in Dublin. The arrests were made under the Defense of the Realm Act.

Altogether about fifty members of the Sinn Fein and the Gaelic League have been arrested, and arrests are continuing. Thirty-five men were taken into custody in Dublin alone. In Galway tonight a prominent member of the Oughterard district council, and a prominent Athlery merchant, were arrested.

It is believed here that these arrests will greatly embarrass the Nationalist party.

#### Prominent Men.

London, Feb. 22.—The arrest today of a number of leaders of the Irish volunteers and other persons who figured in the Irish uprising of last year is reported in a Central News despatch from Dublin. Among those arrested, the despatch says, are Councillor S. T. Kelly, J. J. O'Kelly, editor of the Catholic Bulletin; Darrell Figgis, a well known writer, and Capt. Laim Mellows.

#### U.S. EXPECTS A BREAK WITH AUSTRIANS

British and French Repel Hostile Raids—No Move Made by Washington on Holiday Regarding Germany.

Washington, Feb. 22.—No move was made here today in the crisis in relations between the United States and the Central Powers. The indications were still that tomorrow's cabinet meeting would be followed by arrangements for the president to address congress with a request for authority to deal with any emergency that may arise after adjournment.

There was no announcement of important dispatches received at the state department during the day. The government is awaiting official confirmation of news dispatches telling of the release by Germany of the American prisoners of the Yarrowdale, a report from Ambassador Penfield at Vienna on Austria's attitude, and definite information about Americans in Turkey.

There virtually is no hope here of a favorable reply to the memorandum recently presented to the Austrian foreign office, asking whether the pledges concerning submarine warfare given the United States in the Ancona and Persia cases were still in effect. An answer that will make severance of diplomatic relations with Austria inevitable is expected at any time.

Hun Raids Repulsed. London, Feb. 22.—The war office communication issued this evening follows:

"Hostile raids attempted early this morning east of Vermelles and south of Neuve Chapelle were successfully repulsed. The enemy suffered a num-

#### LOCH LOMOND ENTHUSIASTIC FOR GOV'T

George A. Clark, Roy Smith, A. E. McGinley and Commissioner Wigmore Tell Some Plain Facts to Electors

Special to The Standard. Loch Lomond, Feb. 22.—Before a large and enthusiastic audience in Treadwell's Hall, this evening, the progressive policy of the Murray government was thoroughly dealt with by George A. Clark, Roy Smith, A. E. McGinley and Commissioner Wigmore of St. John. Mr. Keyes made a capable and efficient chairman, executing his duties in a splendid manner.

George Clark was the first speaker. He placed before the audience the solid business-like policy of the Murray government, and to it contrasted the weak-kneed platform of the opposition.

Roy Smith.

Roy Smith followed Mr. Clark and in a masterly manner vividly outlined the splendid road policy prepared by the Hon. E. F. Smith. Mr. Smith discussed the matter of roads and bridges in a masterly manner. He made special reference to the progress which has already been made upon the highways of the province since the present government took over the reins of government and concluded his speech by giving a detailed description of the road work which is to be continued with the return of the good government.

A. E. McGinley was the next speaker. He took up the allegations made by the opposition in circulation which have been sent to the voters of the province, and in each case he exposed the deception of the political grangers who are again trying to hoodwink the voters of the province.

The final speaker, Commissioner Wigmore, made a deep impression upon the audience. He received a great ovation as he arose to speak. The issues of the day were thoroughly discussed by Mr. Wigmore. He paid unstinted tribute to the first minister of the province and concluded his speech by appealing to the good electors of the Parish of Simonds to give their hearty support to the Hon. J. B. M. Baxter and Thomas B. Carson.

The predominating feature of the meeting tonight was the presence of several prominent Liberals, who are tired of the halfhearted policy of their own party. Indications point to the fact that this parish will roll up a handsome majority for the Hon. J. B. M. Baxter and T. B. Carson.

#### Capt. Correll Leaves.

Captain A. D. Correll, who has been in St. John for the last eight months, attached to headquarters as staff instructor, left the city last night for Ottawa. It is not known just where the officer will proceed from there. As far as can be learned no other position has been assigned to Captain Correll in any of the military districts.

#### European War Veterans.

The returned soldiers in the city will meet in the European War Veterans' rooms, 33 Charlotte street, this afternoon at three o'clock to attend the funeral of Pte. Eugene Woodrow, a soldier who died in a hospital in England after being wounded at the front. Pte. Woodrow formerly resided at 61 Market Street, West St. John.

ber of casualties, and left prisoners in our hands."

#### French Statement.

Paris, Feb. 22.—The official communication issued by the war office tonight reads:

"In Belgium yesterday afternoon German patrols who attempted to reach our lines near Rodepoort, north-east of Neuport, were dispersed by our fire; the enemy suffered losses. "The artillery fighting was quite spirited on the right bank of the Meuse, in the sector of Cote Du Poivre. There is nothing to report on the rest of the front."