

HON. DR. W. PUGSEY, JAMES LOWELL AND THE TICKET

Minister of Public Works For the City and Mr. Lowell For the City and County Unanimously Nominated by Convention and Choice Ratified by Vast Gathering of Cheering Liberals Certain of Triumph on September 21.

Dr. Pugsley Announces That Three of Greatest Contracting Firms in British Empire Have Tendered For the Courtenay Bay Work Which Means Expenditure of Millions—Minister's Ringing Utterances on the Loyalty Cry and on Building Up Greater St. John—Ovations For Both Candidates—Mr. Lowell's Fighting Speech Wins Great Reception—A Great Meeting Foreshadowing Sure Victory on Polling Day—"Both Seats This Time" the Slogan.

Friday, Aug. 11.
For the city of St. John, Hon. William Pugsley, Minister of Public Works.
For the city and county of St. John, James Lowell, M.P.P.

Amid thunderous applause, unannounced and with a vim and enthusiasm never equaled in the history of the party in St. John, the Liberal convention in Queen's Park last evening nominated its winning ticket in the federal contest.

"Both seats this time," was the Liberal slogan, and no one who was present at the great ratification meeting last evening can have the slightest doubt about victory.

The city seat, held in the last parliament by Dr. J. W. Daniel, will be carried on September 21 by the Minister of Public Works, who in his official capacity as a member of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's government has done so much for the port of St. John as well as for the province at large.

Mr. Lowell, the sterling representative of the county in the New Brunswick legislature, having consented to become a candidate for the city and county seat in the federal contest, secured of Hon. Mr. Pugsley, who presided at the convention, and after September 21 next the people of this city and county will be represented by a solid Liberal delegation in the house of commons.

County is heartily pleased with candidate.
Hon. Mr. Pugsley at the solicitation of hundreds of members of the party consented to become the city candidate, and after September 21 next the people of this city and county will be represented by a solid Liberal delegation in the house of commons.

Among the many interesting features of the evening was the announcement made by the Minister of Public Works that tenders had closed yesterday at Ottawa for the Courtenay Bay improvements, involving an expenditure of some millions of dollars, and that he had just received a telegram from the deputy minister of his department at Ottawa saying that three of the greatest contracting firms in the British Empire had submitted tenders, each of which was accompanied by the required deposit of \$500,000.

HON. C. W. ROBINSON
TO JAMES LOWELL, M.P.P.
Moncton, N. B., Aug. 10.
James Lowell, M.P.P.,
Queens Rink, St. John:
If tendered Liberal nomination, would advise acceptance for patriotic reasons. We must not let Canada's opportunity pass.
(Signed) C. W. ROBINSON.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley, throughout the course of a soundly reasoned and most impressive address dealing with reciprocity and other issues of the hour, was repeatedly interrupted by applause, and at no time was this more hearty than during his straightforward, earnest, and effective references to the Conservative attitude to make political capital by falsely charging the Liberal party with something approaching disloyalty because of the trade agreement which will benefit Canada so greatly.

Mr. Lowell, who for a long time has been a sterling representative of the people in the legislature, was given a most hearty greeting, both when his nomination was announced and when he stepped forward to make his speech, and as in a manly and effective fashion he gave his views upon the questions of the day it was evident that he had struck the right note and that all present would assist in carrying him to victory.

Both Hon. Mr. Pugsley and Mr. Lowell spoke most confidently of the coming triumph of the Liberal party and of their tickets and the great shout of confirmation which answered them left no doubt as to the high qualities of the fighting spirit of the Liberals of this city and county.

The delegates chosen at the primaries first met in an anteroom and chose Hon. Mr. Pugsley and Mr. Lowell as the candidates. They then adjourned to the main building to report to the convention, when John Keeffe, chairman of the Liberal executive, took the chair.

The choice of the delegates was ratified with great enthusiasm and both candidates were given a great reception as they took places on the platform.

Resolved, that we the Liberal party of the city and county of St. John in convention assembled do hereby give our hearty approval to the agreement with the United States— an agreement which both political parties in Canada have been endeavoring to secure for many years, an agreement which will benefit the general public of New Brunswick, and an agreement which will mark another step toward the march of progress of our fair Dominion.

that another gentleman, not speaking for himself but for his party—I refer to the Hon. Mr. Pugsley, in making a speech from the throne, ratified the trade agreement. I will quote to you, said the minister, "the exact language which he used. It is not because the Liberal government is speaking for itself but because he was speaking in the name of the Conservatives. It is also significant to note that this language was used by Mr. Pugsley twenty years ago and twenty years is not long in the life of a nation. Here are his exact words:

"It was, I think, most expedient and very proper that the advocates of His Excellency, late last year, should have been the Liberal government of the Great Republic to the south, of our willingness to join with them, in developing the trade between the two countries. In doing this the government of the day were simply following out the policy which we have pursued since the Confederation of 1871, when they caused that policy to be embodied in an act which was then placed upon our statute-book. Now, Sir, it must also be very gratifying to this house to know that our government having reminded the government of the United States of their willingness to trade with them, a time has been fixed in the month of October next, for holding a conference for the purpose, not only of considering trade matters, but, for the purpose, also, if possible, of arriving at an amicable settlement of all matters in dispute between the two countries, including the fishing question and the Behring Sea dispute. That conference, I believe, will be watched with very great interest by the people of the whole North American Continent. The relations and the interests of the people of the two countries which compose the northern part of this continent, are, in a commercial way, in a social way, and in a friendly way, closely interwoven in many respects. I believe, that if a fair reciprocity treaty can be effected along the lines of the old treaty of 1854, it will be of considerable benefit to both countries. I believe, that it will be favored from all parties in the Dominion of Canada."

"Gentlemen," said Dr. Pugsley, "that address received the unanimous approval of the house. I believe that the great Liberal party whose standard bearers both Mr. Lowell and myself are so proud to be, drew up a platform embodying reciprocity and pledged themselves to do everything possible to secure it. Therefore we have both parties here. Therefore we have both parties here."

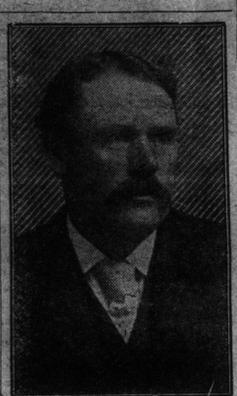
In 1891 the Conservatives sent representatives in an endeavor to bring about a reciprocal agreement. They failed because they were not in the interests of the United States unless manufactured goods could be included. Dr. Pugsley here told how an American statesman had vowed that the United States would never allow lumber to come in free unless the Americans were satisfied that the Canadians would never go on their knees to Washington. Soon the Americans were entertaining that view, he said, the Canadians could not succeed in their endeavors. In 1897 the Liberals sent a delegation and they also failed. The interest in opposition was never there. It was not until 1904 that the Liberal government made the announcement that the Liberal government would make no more pilgrimages to Washington. It was then that the Liberals started in to develop the country with the determination that the Canadians would never go on their knees to Washington. The Americans were long for commercial as well as friendly relations. At length they became anxious and with the view of securing reciprocal relations they sent representatives to Ottawa.

When people questioned the fitness of Messrs. Fielding and Paterson to conduct such negotiations they did not know that they were facing about for two better qualified men could not have been selected in America.

There were foolish men on both sides of the Atlantic, said Dr. Pugsley. There were men on this side who would say that the Canadians were taken in and there were men on the other side who would say that the Americans were taken in. Fielding and Paterson were putting millions of Canadian money into American exchanges and they, too, were crying that increased business was the result of the trade agreement. They themselves could remain loyal to the flag, they said, but the farmer was not to be trusted.

"Take it from another standpoint," said the minister. "In 1898 our combined import trade and export trade with the United States amounted to only \$18,000,000. On March 31, 1911, it had grown to \$40,000,000. Canada's foreign trade with all the countries of the world is valued at \$78,000,000, and some \$40,000,000, or over half of this, was with the United States. We are 60 per cent more disloyal than in 1898."

"No," he responded the audience with great emphasis. "Our trade has increased wonderfully since the Liberals came into power, and yet today there are no signs of disloyalty. I venture to say, the speaker went on, that if the duties on our trade with the United States would never be found more ready to march to the front and fight in the defence of the empire than the duty on our trade with the United States, yet more than half of our foreign trade is with the United States. Speaking of the other country Dr. Pugsley remarked that it was those same words which were used by the Hon. Mr. Pugsley when he took his seat in the house that were crying that reciprocity was the only way to save the country. He pointed out that the Liberal government had granted the British preference, and increased it from 25 to 33 1/3 per cent and that preference stands today. It was only recently while in the mother country that Sir Wilfrid said that the Liberal party had nailed the flag of British preference to the top of the highest mast and there it would remain forever. (Applause.)



James Lowell, who has represented the County of St. John in the Legislature since December, 1904, was born at St. Martins in 1859. He is a lumberman, and lives at South Bay. He has been a county councillor and warden of St. John since 1908. There has never been any stronger man in the county than Mr. Lowell. He is a fighting Liberal with a splendid campaigning record, and a man who has always given solid service in the Legislature, standing up manfully for the rights of his constituents under all circumstances, and showing the greatest independence when he believed the public interest demanded it. He will give the people of the city and county a magnificent fighting lead.

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"I am one of those who believe that by reducing the taxes and putting money into the pockets of the people you can make the country happy. I requested Mr. Fielding to take up all these matters. I am now happy to be able to state that with the single exception of lime being allowed to go into the United States, and this was a matter which Messrs. Fielding and Paterson found difficulty in arranging. The Ontario lime manufacturers objected also to the admission of lime from Michigan and this had to be considered.

"Yet our genial but erratic friend Mr. Haywood (laughter) who sits on the Globe or expounding on the platform would have us believe because of the single exception of lime being held up the whole country would be ruined. Sir John Pugsley said that if the present agreement went into effect he hoped to see lime in the course of time placed on the free list, the result of which would mean a great boon for the industry in the maritime provinces. In showing the benefits to be derived from the reduction of the duty on lumber, the speaker referred how, under the Pike law, which operated about sixty years ago the Americans cut their lumber in Maine, floated it down the St. John river, manufactured it in New Brunswick and then shipped it to the United States free of duty. The repeal of the Pike law a few days ago would result in a loss of money to New Brunswick since the Americans, rather than pay the duty, would likely transfer their interests from New Brunswick to Maine. New Brunswickers were opposed to the repeal of the Pike law.

Dr. Pugsley next expressed his surprise at seeing any opposition to the reciprocity agreement. The Liberals, he said, in an agreement with the United States, Sir John Thompson, Sir Charles Tupper and all the great Canadian statesmen had previously failed to get had reason to believe that they would be congratulated for something. He said the minister, "how the Conservatives had committed themselves to reciprocity. Now is it not surprising that, because we succeeded in getting what they could not get that they do not want it? The cry of disloyalty is raised. All I have to say about those who are raising the disloyalty cry is that if the time should come when they would have an opportunity of showing their loyalty it would not give much for the bravado and some weeks ago. The time for it was when the Hon. Mr. Pugsley was in a position to state that he had received a telegram from his deputy minister stating that three of the greatest contracting firms within the bounds of the British Empire had sent tenders. (Cheers.) He said he would not know anything about the figures until the tenders were opened. That three eminent contractors who have been studying the Courtenay Bay situation had made offers went to show that the \$300,000 deposit with each tender was not as prohibitive as some Conservatives had tried to make out.

The minister reminded his audience that the Grand Trunk Pacific terminal was to be at Courtenay Bay and said that an agreement had been arrived at with the local government, though not altogether pleasant to Mr. Haes and his colleagues, whereby the Valley road must be a first class line, running all the way from St. John to Grand Falls, and will be operated as part of the Intercolonial. In closing Dr. Pugsley dealt with the "Let well enough alone" cry. The Conservatives say that in the past fifteen years the country has prospered marvellously and it would be well not to break new ground. What a compliment they pay to Sir Wilfrid and his party, said Dr. Pugsley. My own view, however, is different. I say, for while the country has prospered greatly there is yet greater room for advancement. I am not able to say that the country has prospered marvellously and it would be well not to break new ground. What a compliment they pay to Sir Wilfrid and his party, said Dr. Pugsley. 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