NOMINATION DAY GIVES THE GOVERNMENT A LEAD OF TWO SEATS; FIGHTING SPIRIT EVERYWHERE

Victory By a Great Majority is Assured--Liberals in St. John Captured the Crowd on the Hustings

In Able Speeches Their Case Was Presented to the Electors Who Cheered Government For Good Work It Has Done-Outlook For Liberal Party Never Brighter-Enthusiasm For Liberals Surpassed Most Sanguine Expectations.

As a result of yesterday's nominaconfidence of sweeping victory and with a lead of two seats.

n Madawaska after all their boasting, the oposition were unable to put up a ticket. All four candidates pledged themselves yesterday to support the government; in fact the only ground for rivalry is the assertion of the new ticket that they are more Liberal than the old. In Gloucester two of the three tickets in the field are favorable to the government and the opposition ticket, torn by dissension and hampered by the presence of an independent opposition practically every constituency strongly was in the audience. in favor of the overnmen

The government now holds ten of the fifteen constituencies and helds seats in all but one—Sunbury. Nowhere in the government strongholds is there a sign of weakness and in every county where the opposition has a foothold, the government has made great gains. It has nothing to fight that it did not defeat in 1908, and has on its side hun-dreds of Liberals who were against it in the last campaign. This Liberal influx alone will give it two more seats

creasing daily. Quietly-Laberal VI

prevented by illness from being present, and E. Lantelum, addressed the electors on the issues of the campaign. A large and interested crowd filled the court house all the afternoon, the applause being nearly equally distributed intil the latter part of the day when it was clearly evident that the government candidates had made the better impression and had won popular ap-

The heavy work for the opposition was done by Robert Maxwell, who devoted a large part of his time to atconnection with the International and Central Railways.

Attorney General McKeown, who was in especially good form, made the principal defense for the government. on general issues, and effectively shattered the criticisms of the opposition, showing that the province had ample security for their suaranteeing of the International Railway Company's bonds and that the province had been safeguarded even in the matter of interest charges.

As to the Central Railway he pointed out that Mr. Maxwell's hysterics were MI-timed, as he had been one of the down an offer for the lease of the road at \$21.900 a year.

He also showed that from 316 tons of sesi mined four years ago at Minto the sutput had increased to 30,000 tons last did not want to see the resources of Washam hould be forgotten. year, and asked the audience if they

Their answer was expressed in unble terms. As to the public debt he said it would be wiped out by the sinking fund which the government had provided out of

The larger proportion of the present government's contribution to the debt been added for permanent bridges, which were also to be paid for out of a sinking fund established for each

The dominant note of the Attorney | ernment. General's speech was optimism, and he declared that the forward policy of the government would not be changed opposition who would tear down, but ment? had nothing to offer in the way of

While delivered without rancor or and when he sat down the elaborate structure of denunciation reared by had weathered the past financial crisis Mr. Maxwell has poppled to the ground.

A striking feature of the afternoon

The smaker references was the first-class fighting speech delivered by James Lowell, the sturdy

and independent colleague of the Attorney General. Mr. Lowell showed that Mr. Mosher. who shad criticised the St. John High- No government would be in a position, there was one gentleman with the opway Act had assisted to pass it when a member of the county council, and rather ineffective Mr. Mosher's other criticisms of the government by showing that he had been one of Mr. Lowell's strengest supportprevious to accepting a nomina-Mr. Lowell's admirers were delighted

The effect of Mr. Wilson's speech | ment had planted the Central and left tions the government enters the last was marred by an allusion to Mayor it to ruin, the present government had Sears, which the audience resented, taken it up and developed it. and which was certainly in very bad

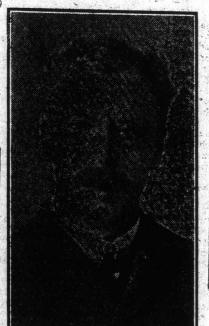
ner, was unanimously chosen to preside at the public meeting, which he ince into debt. did in an impartial manner. The arrangement was that each speaker should have half an hour, and

The only unpleasant incident occandidate, will likely lose their depos- curred during Mr. Clark's speech, its. Everywhere else the fight is a whose references to W. A. Quinton straight party fight with the odds in aroused the ire of that gentleman, who

Mr. Sears was the first speaker. He said it was stated that he was in the fight more for personal ends than any-Square Polymorphian club. He was in treat these great questions.

several years and thought, that his the working men would vote for the terms had perhaps been long enough

He had been elected mayor by a non partisan vote. He had been elected as a citizen and had made the present convass on the grounds of citizenship. In the afterneon the candidates, ex- convass on the grounds of citizenship, cept W. Frank Hatheway, who was He believed there were times when



EDWARD SEARS.

In a conversation with the premier at for the opposition.

Ottawa. Sir Wilfrid Lauried had said. "It is a death-bed repentance and one Ottawa, Sir Wilfrid Lauried had said the warmest feeling for the Port of St. John, when I see what they have The government says the debt must have done and what they are still will- Province possesses great assets. When St. John as if I were a citizen there,"

The mayor wished the younger voters to pay particular attention to what had been done in the provincial gov- a small matter. He was surprised to

True there had been bad government as well as good but had the government on the whole done well? Had the sympathy they felt for him. because of the "carping critics" of the their policy tended toward improve-

It does seem, he said, as if Providence had offered the hest test that could be applied to the government. The tterness, the address of the Attorney time would be very unpropitious if the General was spirited and aggressive, present government had built upon the sand. The manner in which the country

The speaker referred to the meeting at the Opera House. He wished to Han D. J. Purdy know what the member from Sunbury would do in regard to the keeping of the books. Many of Mr. Flemming's questions were unreasonable, the last time I stood on this platform to supply the figures he had asked for position who is not there now. I mean by remarking that 'n Madawaska until they had passed through the Fred. E. Anderson, who I understand County the opposition had not nomin- therefore is Will be able to get any council and through the legislature. has come round to believe that the ated any candidates, The speaker spoke of the good the government is all right. So you see we Referring to the remarks made by a "It is the intention of the governstreet cars had done to help Fairville, are gradually getting them. (Applause) previous speaker that was the ball was ment to take \$30,000 of the amount rethe heads of the opposition candidates. the extension of the line having been "I have been," continued Mr. Purdy, now set rolling, the Atorney-General celved from the Dominion and put it brought about by Mr.Lowell's influence. "a supporter of the government for said: "It has indeed been set rolling, away, and let it grow. This sum would

He spoke of the establishment of the works of the Grand Trunk Pacific. He present government had got the prov-

"We have assets far and beyond anybe a debt, else there would be stagnation. The mayor referred to the C. P. R. as a comparison and said that the position of the province was financially

The C. P. R. had to compete with other, roads and our province must compete with other provinces. Mr. Hazen had said that the province might go into debt for the Hart-

the movements which resulted in the His worship spoke of the splendid

them had given their promise and he he was afraid to from in the city. How hardship. believed that they were truthful men. ever, they took care to say nothing He was cheered as he sat down.

J. E. Wilson

John E. Wilson followed Mayor Sears. An appeal to the electors to support the said he had listened to his Worth whole government ticket on electors remarks with not a great deal tion day brought Mr. Furday's speech of pleasure, because he sympathised to a close amidst great applause. with that speaker. He remembered that five years before his Worship had stood Robert Maxwell on the same platform as himself and had strongly criticized the government that he now so strongly supported. His Worship was in a different tention of the electors to the provincial position from any other candidate. He debt, which he considered was outrag-

of Dominion politics into this election," financial record of the government was said Mr. Wilson. "I want every voter the most remarkable aspect of their sider whether or not the government that has been in power for the last 25 years has benefited New Brunswick. If it has, support it. If it has not, vote. against it. As I am a member of the lowed this year every part

"What has the provincial government done for St. John? It is said that the ed in spite of the amendments proposed ward the West Side wharves. It has but it has also taken from the city \$14,000 or \$25,000 in liquor licenses. It has also transfered to the city the cost of keeping the paupers and the insane. There is yet another thing I wish to touch upon for you know that a speech from Wilson will have to deal with school books. (Laughter.) The Premier last evening made a statement concern-We have been perhaps too much wed- ing free school books Gentlemen I think people free. ded to party ever since Confederation. that statement to be a signal victory

Mr. Mayor I wish to say that I have in which the people will have little confidence. done for themselves, how the people go on increasing. It need not, for the

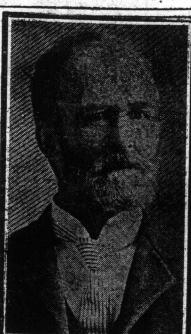
ing to do, I am as much interested in Mr. Hazen is returned to power economic administration will make these assets available. His Worship Mayor Sears has said the double prices for school books is hear such a statement made by His Worship since lie has so often received the workingman's vote on account of

At this functure a voice from the audience cried, "That's not true. It was not through sympathy. That's an insuit." (Applause). Thereupon Mr. Wilson withdrew the expression, and said he had no intention of wounding the feelings of Mayor Sears or of anyone else. The speaker closed his remarks by appealing to the electorate to support

the opposition on March 3rd,

D. J. Purdy was the next speaker. "I remember," said Mr. Purdy, "that the Attorney General was given a rous-

"Much has been said of the Central Railway, which had been severely at-Railway, the 'sink-hole' as the opposition calls it. I believe that that road is ne of the province's greatest assets, "that \$5,000 a mile would be quite suf-it has opened up a magnificant coal ficient assistance but when it was country. Only yesterday I went into found what all expensive road it



ate in that region, The nominations were received by spoke of the signs of prosperity due for taking away the license-money Sheriff Ritchie, who on molion of Col. principally to the policy of the governfrom St. John. I think the government the men on that bond. ment. The opposition claimed that the has treated St. John very well. Nowhere has the Winter Port stauhcher supporters or truer friends than among attacked thing we owe," said Mr. Sears. When This has also been the case in the past

the members of this local government. been today?" Mr. Hazen and Mr. Flemming said to a large extent. Mr. Tweedie, when nearly all the speakers occupied their that this debt was a mortgage on the he was premier, I think was an excepwell-being of the province they were then to the rule as he was not as that as long as the government was misrepresenting. To expand there must friendly to St. John as he should have asle to command the approval of such Mr. Purdy then devoted considerable fidence of the country.

still had a love for the soil. Before the

about Mr. Hazen ruining the a Httle back-country constitute paristead of in St. John, Where he should rum en

hoped that after the election Mayor eous. Mr. McKeown, he said, had stat-Sears would gain his heart's desire.

"I will now deal with the introduction the expenditures in a short time. The a Conservative or a Liberal but to conaudit the books in four days, when it takes the majority of corporations several weeks.

> of the legislation for which they fought for years. The five times in the House by the opposition. Mr. Maxwell also referred to the price of school books and said that Mr. McKeown and Mr. Jones had stood on the floors of the legislature and had told the people that the price on books was as cheap as it could be. It was the policy of the opposition to have these prices lowered and they were strongly these matters. in favor of having them supplied to the

He dealt some time with the Central not weep away any bitter tears on this Times on Monday, Mr. Skinner charac-Railway and, stated that the government misappropriated large sums of money in this connection. They built one of the majority of the house who nine miles of railroad into the mines for the benefit of their friends.

He concluded with a few remarks regarding the International Railway: his attention to the public dobt, which When the matter of the bonding of he said had claimed a great deal of atthis railway was up in the house he tention during the campaign. He said it was stated that the first thirtythree miles of the road were all that proportion of the debt that had been would be guaranteed. In spite of all, incurred before the present govern-Mr. Pugsley, at the next session, introduced a bill to guarantee a total of them. The amount \$880,000. ever put in the public works depart- was \$2,300,000. ment for more than the first 33 miles-Mr. Malcolm, he said, was the whole wharves and permanent bridges. While International Railway Company, and owned everything, They had not finished it yet, and it was the duty of ed a sinking fund, which would wipe the people to defeat the government or they would back with Mr. Malcolm with another guarantee, which would sum is paid into that fund. mean more money expended. (Cheers). He took his seat amid load cheers

and applause. Hon, H. A. McKeewn

The chairman announced Hon. H. A. ing reception when he arose. He put his supporters in good humor



Mr. Maxwell, said the speaker, was voted against the leasing of the road for \$21,000 a year. The Attorney General then turned

his attention to the public debt, which thought it was not fair to charge that came into power ment against. that had been No plans or profiles were added by the present administration

Of this amount \$1,625,000 was for the government had built these steel bridges it had at the same time creatout the cost of the bridges long before they were worn out. Every year a

ing forward the claims of the province been able to secure a grant of \$130,000 a year from the Dominion treasury. The criticism of the opposition on this matter was that the grant should have been a larger one, and that we pay McKeown as the next speaker, and into the Dominion treasury more than we get out.

"This is not the question. What we

He referred to the great good the op- nine years, and I am not ashamed of and it will stretch right down over the in 40 or 50 years completely wipe out appealing for the support of the elect-

been paid into the general revenue of

"It was at first thought," he said, general. was to build, an increase in the amount "In spite of that," said the attorney of the guarantee to \$8,000 a mile was general, "if I tell him that it has been granted. I do not regret my share in this transaction," he said.

If assistance was to be given railways he asked if the government's policy of guaranteeing bonds, and having a first quent reference to the great resources nortgage on the assets of the company of the province, which the government was not more advantageous to the province than a cash gift. The applause which greeted this remark intimated that the audience

If Mr. Maxwell would read the Act he would find recited there the fact that the report of the government engineer had said that the road would cost between \$27,000 and \$30,000 a mile. | a few preliminary remarks in which The Province thus has a mortgage of he expressed his disappointment that \$8,000 a mile.

"Is this a sound policy?" "On that policy we stand or fall."

thought so.

"Hear, hear." "We have put our hands to the plow and do not intend to be interfered with by any captious criticism of the opposition." (Cheers.) Continuing the Attorney General said

the people held every mile of the road and every car and other property owned by the company as security for the guarantee of bonds. "Moreover, the government in order

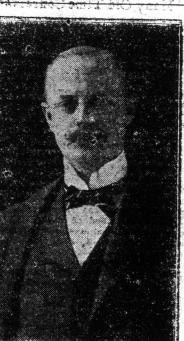
vince compelled the company to execute a bond for the payment of the interest of the loans until the road was the government's constructive legislacompleted when it would earn money. A millionaire of Montreal, was one of

on this question as it has Cries of "No, no." The Attorney General then paid a tribute to Hon D. J. Purdy, and said

The Attorney-General then referred ing a secret ballot. government had come into power such to the Central Railway and thought | The Attorney General then arose and the United States to be manufactured things as creameries and cheese factor- that in order to develop the coal explained that before the election to there. les were unknown. Now they were mines of Queen County and to give which Dr. McInerney referred it was a On licensed lands in direct violation spread all over the province in the old the people in the district through well known fact that the government of the law, lumber only five or six fight more for personal ends than anything else but believed his record would
might do so for the bridge and Mr. Flemming said it days cheese had to be imported from which it passed communication, the
was about to pass a Secret Ballot Act. inches across the butt was being cut.

Nova Scotia to meet the demands of
government's action in taking it over
Dr. McInerney next alluded to the He had proof of that, said Mr. Mosher.

said that while there was this supply some of Dr. McInerney's attention. It James
The opposition had accused Mr. Mcgovernment ticket. A great majority of Keown of going to the county because would not again operate with the same to ascertain that the net debt and total In a chaffing manner the speaker



HON. H. A. McKEOWN,

"He doesn't feel half as badly as he ter port. would like to make you believe. Do The saw-off reported in The Evening been given by the government to St.

The government had also by press-

pay into the Dominion funds we would have to pay anyway. The question,

the year. "Are you sure?" asked the attorney "I am positive," said Mr Maxwell. "The books of the province show it."

put away, will he accept my state-This closed the incident Mr. McKeown closed with an elo-

were endeavoring to have developed, and expressed his belief that the government would be triumphantly returned on the third of March.

Dr. McInerney was the next speaker, and was given a good reception. After Mr. Lantalum was not to speak, he made reference to the charge of the

constructive policy. However the record of the opposition could be examined and the truth ascertained. The government had formerly built steel bridges without ten-The opposition brought an expert to New Brunswick and showed that the bridges were being built at two or three prices. Then the government had been compelled to go into the open market and buy its bridges. Some persons might not think that that to safeguard the interests of the pro- was constructive legislation, but the people could judge.

The Highway Act was an example of cluding Mr. Gogain and Premier Reb- tered but one man who was satisfied inson, and also Mr. Tweedie, who had with the act, and yet that act was the "This being the case do you think the gone to his reward, had said the High- best in New Brunswick. The county government policy should have been way Act was working magnificently. roads and bridges had been neglected Yet when the matter came in for criti- until just before the election. He himcism the premier announced from vari- self had temporarily repaired Tyne-

repealed. More of the oposition's work was the enunciation of the one-man-one- ernment on the ground that the grants vote principle and also the passing of to the agricultural societies had been man they were worthy of the con- the Secret Ballot Act. The Hon. Attor- reduced. attention to the agricultural policy of the government. In his younger days, County, and it is quite safe to criticize to an arrangement made between speaker. He said that Americans had Messrs. Wilson and McKeown concern- been allowed to come in and take large

was a question of "which ox is gored." the local marker At the present time was justified. If they had not done so, Central Railway. The opposition had He would advocate cutting no lumber It was a narrow spirit in which to New Brunswick exported large quantities these great questions.

The local market, At the present time was justined. In they had not come so, been asked why it voted against the smaller than twelve inches across the given in subsidies. the movements which resulted in the forming of the present Horticultural Society.

When it was suggested to him by which amounted to 3 per cent, on \$700, years could not successfully run the benefit of the farmer than twelve inches across the forming of the splendid in various districts and choice associately in the movement with the positive standard in various districts and choice as of the road to Greenshields at the rental of Society.

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liability of the province was more than \$8,000,000. The government talked of its tidy lit. hear Mr. Mosher criticise the St. John

tidy surplus there was a deficit The immigration policy was next considered. Dr. McInerney made facetious eference to the appointment of Messrs. McDade and Craigie as immigration agents and to the proposal of Hon. Jas. Barnes to use Japanese to work the Minto coal mines. He closed his speech by expressing confidence in the

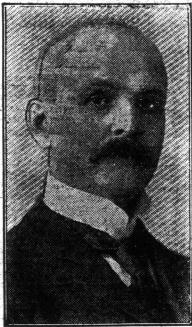
election of the opposition on March

A. O. Skinner

A. O. Skinner was the next speaker after Dr. McInerney. He dealt with the provincial debt and showed that the premier's proposition to have an independent auditor examine the provincial accounts effectually showed that the opposition's statement concerning the debt was incorrect.

Mr. Skinner then took up the statement that the election was not on party lines. He said that the Liberals were supporting the government and the Conservatives were opposing it. Party lines were distinctly drawn. Should the government be defeated it would be spread broadcast that the Liberals had been defeated in New Brunswick and that Dr. Pugsley was discredited in his own province. Such a thing would have a very detrimental effect on the development of the win-

terized as absolutely false. There had



A. O. SKINNER.

been no proposal to leave Mr. Lantalum and himself at home. The only have asked for, were sawn off. (Applause). ening up of railroads did the farmer its record. A few days ago that gov- province."

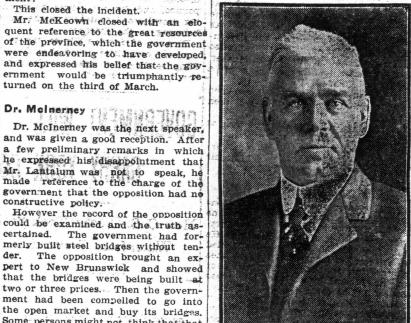
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and the country. The former govern- ernment did me the great honor of. The Atterney-General then plunged.

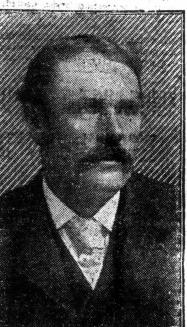
Mr. Maxwell here interrupted to say Pugsley might be strengthened. ors in order that the hands of Dr. well, had criticised the expenditure

candidates in St. John County, followed Mr. Skinner. He opened his remarks by saying that he had been out the county that a county man should represent that constituency.



E. LANTALUM. Mr. Mosher referred to the Highway Members of the government, in- Act. In all his canvass he had enco ous platforms that the act would be mouth Bridge to keep his horses from falling through

James Lowell, who was the next speaker, was given a magnificent reception. He said he was surprised to urged the people not to take too seritle surplus of \$5,000. They had the County Highway Act, when he sat custy the heroics of Mr. Maxwell on surplus because they had not paid their alongside the speaker in the municipal debts. For the past year listed of a council and help make the act. (Apcouncil and help make the act. (Ap-



JAMES LOWELL

plause.) In the past year \$7,000 had John county for the roads, and not \$2,000, as said by Mr. Mosher. The speaker went on to say that he stood on his record and would appeal to the independent people of St. John county. He did not ask Liberals to support him if he was not considered

worthy of support. (Applause). Mr. Maxwell had devoted considerconsiderable attention to the previncial Highway Act. That law had nothing whatever to do with St. John city or county, and in speaking on it Mr. Maxwell was merely wasting words,

(Cheers). Referring to Mr. Mosher's promise to ave a law passed allowing statute labor, Mr. Lowell pointed out that this was already provided for under the existing law. He read the following

letter in proof: James Lowell, ex-M. P. P., South Bay, St. John Co.:

Dear Mr. Lowell.-In answer to your request of the 24th inst I beg to say that the Highway Act in force in the County of St. John provides that the Highway Board of any parish can order that statute labor can be performed or a cash assessment can be made in any of the four parishes. I may also say that the highways of each of the parishes in St. John Co. are under the control of the Highway Board, which consists of the three councillors for each parish. Hoping this will give you the information you

I am, yours very truly. Secretary of Municipality of City and County of St. Johhn.

yet had not opposed it. Mr. Maxwell

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Continuing, the sne Mr. Lowell ended ing that he intende

own record. (Cheers)

A. H. Clark, the ne people of this proving irrespective of to the electors alone at one time and ha to the Liberal doubtful if he could Mr. Clark also si building a bridge said it was their in sition party to pu accommodate people it was now giving. good government, tle here. But this co the existing govern no industries to hold men and they leave elsewhere. A policy dustries would be for

the people. in connection with th natic Asylum form. 196 tons of hay raised but it dwindled down so and why the gov properly looking after supposed to be owned the asylum, he continu eading to the exit owned by an official government not purch terrupted and a voice told Mr. Clarke in stron he was a liar. Every w about the asylum was he said. The property from the Steves estate of the asylum owns was again interrupted what he had said w

falsehood. This seemed Clark, who finished h apparent difficulty. Mr. Clark said that should be looked into h sioner of agriculture government would have He concluded by sayin if so he would guarant

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HAMPTON, Feb. 25. proceedings here today greatest crowds that e at Hampton on any pre here were more than five hundred voters pre no exaggeration to sta than two-thirds of the favor of the governme The result of the day government supporters

night confident in the st ticket and proud of the candidates had proved Had the Liberals desi technical advantage ther been no election. The n pers put up for the opp dates were improperly had the point been press must have declared the Liberals however decline vantage of the technica The official nomination ernment candidates, Geo Duncan H. McAlister ar Wetmore was signed by over twenty of the mos tive men of the county

sands of names were ap nomination papers brow every point.
Geo. B. Jones, James Fred. Sproul were nom opposition candidates. Speech-making began a S. H. Flewelling of Ha

G. G. Scovil started t and never made a bette surprised his friends, w to be in a sick bed v made an effectual answe sition statements regard debt and the Central Rail

Geo. B. Jones followed ute speech, and then Ma in clear cut sentences friends with his criticism sition arguments. Mr. M ed him and then Dr. nearly an hour took tatements made by and answered them ami