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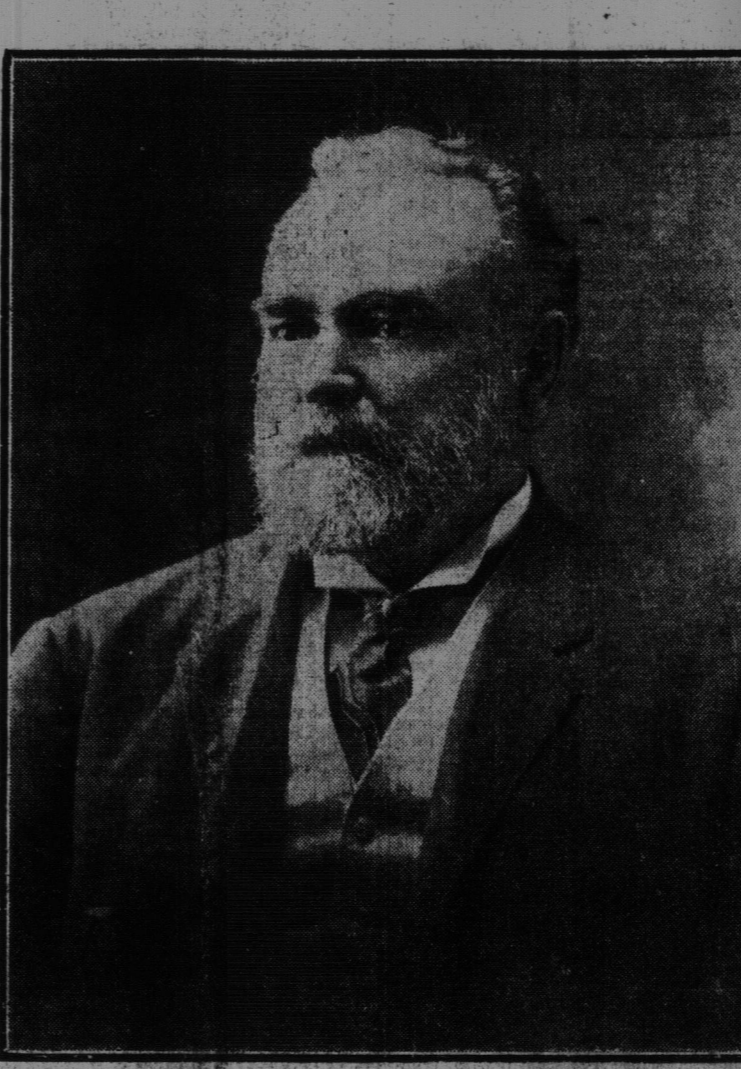
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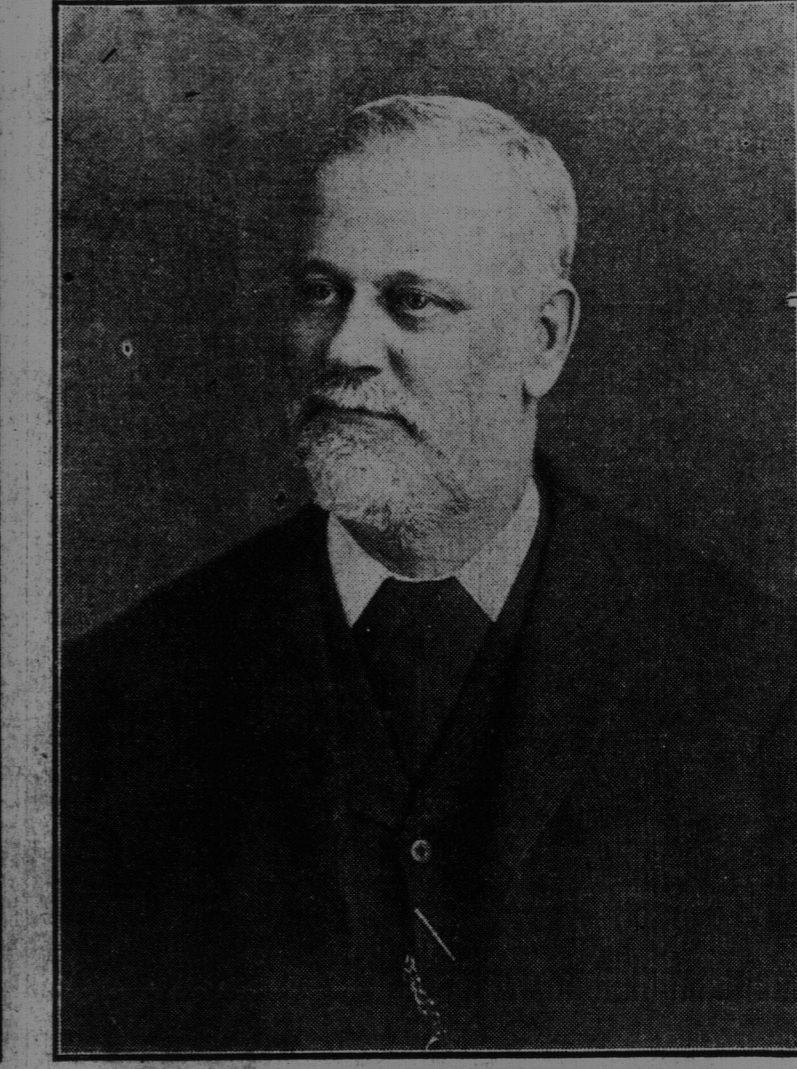
MEN WHO STAND FOR PROGRESS AND HONEST GOVERNMENT

Enthusiastic Crowd Packed the York Theatre and Cheered Pugsley and Pender to the Echo

Hon. Mr. Pugsley, in Greatest Speech of His Career, Thoroughly Exposes Those Who Have Slandered Him, and Tells of His Projects Which Will Build Up St. John and the Province--An Ovation for Mr. Pender--Rousing Speeches by McKeown and Copp--A Meeting that Presages a Great Triumph October 26.



HON. WM. PUGSLEY, ST. JOHN'S CHAMPION.



JAMES PENDER, CITY'S FUTURE LIBERAL MEMBER.

THE magnificent greeting which Saint John gave to Hon. Mr. Pugsley and his colleague, James Pender, the Liberal candidates in the York Theatre last evening, gives the Liberal campaign here an unmistakable swing of victory. Probably never before in his career did Hon. Mr. Pugsley make so effective a public speech as that he delivered last evening. He carried his audience off its feet as he nailed the falsehoods of his accusers and outlined his policies for the prosperity of St. John and the province.

The house was crowded from pit to gallery, and throughout the speakers were cheered in that good old ringing fashion that tells the hearts of the throng are in the shouting.

Thus, at the outset, there is a significant contrast. The Conservative meeting in the Opera House on Thursday drew a slim crowd, and one none too ready to cheer. But last night the throng on its way to the Liberal meeting began to cheer in the streets before the hall was reached. The York Theatre was not big enough for the concourse. Everyone knows what such a contrast means.

The mighty throng who heard Hon. Mr. Pugsley's answer to those who have slandered him, and who heard his brilliant and effective handling of the questions of paramount interest to St. John and the province, cheered him to the echo. If any man had any doubt about the Minister's triumph on Oct. 26 that doubt vanished last evening.

Cheer after cheer greeted James Pender as he rose and his brisk, incisive, fighting speech was applauded with great heartiness throughout. St. John is backing Pender. That's evident.

This great meeting gives the Liberal campaign the stamp of success. It presages a great victory on Oct. 26 in the city and county.

Long before 8 o'clock, the hour set for the meeting, the theatre was comfortably filled and as the hour approached crowds continued to pour in until standing room was at a premium. The City Coronet Band brought with it a strong contingent of the Young Liberals, who marched in procession from Berryman's hall, and cheered at intervals on route with such vigor that they could be heard half a mile away.

The seats on the platform were quickly filled and while waiting for the speech making to begin cheering for Pugsley and Pender was indulged in. The arrival of the minister of public works was the signal for another outburst. Well known Liberals as they appeared and took their seats on the stage came in for vigorous recognition.

"Pugsley, Pender and Progress," shouted somebody, and the audience caught at the Liberal battle cry and cheered again. Viewed from the stage the scene was one to fill the hearts of the leaders of the party with pride. There was a sea of expectant faces from floor to gallery and the high spirits of the audience left no uncertainty as to their enthusiasm. Late comers on the stage were compelled to stand and the wings, as well as the auditorium, were crowded.

Among those on the platform besides the speakers were W. H. Robertson, S. B. McKeown, J. F. Bullock, Baver S. Smith, Col. E. T. Sturdee, W. J. Mahoney, W. J. S. Miles, A. W. Adams, W. J. Magee, Dr. W. W. Robertson, Dr. G. G. Addy, Robert Nixon, Murray McLaughlin, E. J. Armstrong, Harvey King, John Haslam, Thomas Nagle, George E. Craigie, Alexander McMillan, H. Horne, Walter Fleming, C. B. Allen, A. O. Skinner, John Sheehan, J. A. Barry, Dr. McAvenny, W. H. Merritt, H. G. Flood, E. Collins, Dr. S. B. Smith, William Knudell, A. P. Barnhill, Hugh S. Gregory, M. Ryan, G. Grey Murdoch, Dr. Hetherington, Heber Vroom, C. W. Romans, M. G. Grass, B. H. Macaulay, George Colwell, Col. Blaine, Col. Edwards, J. H. Dood, E. Lantaulm, Edward Sears, Senator Gillmor, W. E. Foster, Dr. Jas. Christie and F. C. Beatty.

Big Reception for the Minister.

It was about five minutes after 8 o'clock when the chairman, John Keefe, appeared on the platform accompanied by Hon. William Pugsley. His appearance was marked by a salvo of cheers and bursts of applause of the heartiest kind.

As soon as he could be heard, the chairman arose and thanked the audience on behalf of the Liberal executive of the city and county of St. John for their response to the invitation to come and listen to the presentation of the issues of the day by the candidates and other speakers of the Liberal party. Liberal candidates from St. John meant liberal prosperity for the constituency. He then introduced Dr. Pugsley as the first speaker.

On rising, Dr. Pugsley was cheered to the echo, and the call from someone in the audience "Pugsley, Pender and Progress" was the signal for another burst of applause.

Dr. Pugsley, in commencing his address, said he was suffering from a severe cold and therefore would not detain them at any great length. There were present, however, several gentlemen who were well fitted to present the issues of the day in an interesting manner. They are, he said, "my colleagues Mr. Pender, who is invited to represent the city of St. John (applause); that eminent Liberal from Westmorland county, A. B. Copp, and

to be slandered with impunity and it is surprising that I should object.

"Now let me call attention to what I have done, what I was entitled to draw and I leave it to you, to any disinterested barrister to say if I have received more, or anything like what I should have received. First we will take the Eastern Extension claim. This claim, which had been standing for sixteen years, was preferred against the Conservative government when Mr. Hazen was its member of the city and county of St. John. This claim arose because the Conservative government had compelled the province to sell the line for less than its value--for \$250,000 for a road worth \$400,000. We should have been paid the interest on this sum for, while it was withheld, the province was losing a large sum annually in bonuses, or part of our rail way subsidy.

"After Hon. A. G. Blair became a member of the government in 1886 we took this claim up again. In 1888 I was approached by the government of which Mr. Blair was a member, to take this matter up. I prepared a brief on the case, went to Ottawa again and again urged the government to submit to arbitration. Mr. Blair advised us to accept an award of \$130,000 in settlement of the claim, because he said that was all we could get. However, the province is not in having it left to arbitration. Evidence was taken in Ottawa and in St. John and, after five years, I succeeded in securing to the province of New Brunswick some \$100,000 as the result of the award. (Cheers.)

The opposition is so anxious to obscure the issues of this campaign that they are devoting all their time to attacking me. The Standard this morning published a part of a letter which I sent to Mr. Babbitt. It is a contract to which the province is to stop there. I say as the government will be too busy to stop it, it is that where I really said the government was unable to find one who was fit to represent and allow me what is fair. They also kept back other letters to Mr. Babbitt. I am told one speaker has gone even further. Mr. Powell has called me every name under the sun, even Dr. MacRae, with whom I have been personally associated for many years, has discovered I am a very wicked man, but it remains for Mr. Maxwell to charge me with murder. And this is the way he figures it. He says Mr. Flewelling committed suicide and Pugsley was responsible for it. Hence Pugsley is a murderer.

"I can imagine the anxiety with which my opponents searched Mr. Flewelling's books, to see if they could find anything to connect me with him, but they were unable to find one thing. Notwithstanding the utter failure of those gentlemen to find anything to connect me with the transactions of Mr. Flewelling, they were reckless enough to go behind my back and make slanderous statements about me.

Mr. Powell Attended To.

"At the Opera House last night Mr. Powell attacked me. Now Mr. Powell is a man of capital and means, and if he was one half as good as he would like to make people believe he is he would be a much better man. Mr. Powell does not like me a little bit and because I tried to prevent him from committing one of the worst crimes ever known--the crime of hypocrisy.

"In St. John, Mr. Fielding and R. C. Welton were running an election. Now Mr. Welton was one of the Liberal government's agents in power. In Albert county once he was running an election and he wired Sir Charles Tupper to ask if he was elected would the government take over the Albert railway. Sir Charles replied in the affirmative and Mr. Welton was returned. After the election he went to Sir Charles and asked him to make good his promise. Sir Charles said, 'You wanted that telegram to help you in your election didn't you?' Mr. Welton replied, 'Yes.' 'Well,' said Sir Charles, 'you got it, didn't you?' That was the nearest Mr. Welton ever came to a corrupt influence.

"Well, in Shelburne county Mr. Powell said if he had spent money he thanked God it was his own money. Now I had information that a fund of \$100,000 had been raised in Montreal and of this \$25,000 had been sent into Westmorland in 1894 to help Mr. Powell. I called attention to this in a speech at Fairville to show the Conservatives that their friends were on the downward path.

"Last night Mr. Powell said if any money did come into Westmorland he spent it as did the minister to fight fire with fire. Well, I am glad Mr. Powell admits it but I do not see why the Conservatives are determined to destroy me for this.

"I found it so in parliament, for when I arose to present my estimates three or four Conservatives were on their feet at me like a pack of wolves. Later my estimates went through with little criticism and one evening \$400,000 worth went through in a couple of hours. So I think that by acting the part of a gentleman I succeeded in winning the respect of a large number of the members.

"Mr. Hazen has said that I carried on the finances of this province in a 'very' tentative again, (more applause.) The government's policy is that this great nation

work of equipping the ports for carrying on the immense trade of the dominion shall be carried on at all Canadian ports on the east and west. Millions of dollars are being spent to build the great Transcontinental railway that is to help the trade of Canada so much and bring the trade through Canadian ports. (applause.)

"I look forward to seeing the wharves at Courtenay Bay would not be needed for many years, but let me tell you what the government has done for St. John. They have taken the work of wharf building on the west side off the hands of the city; they are building wharves and dredging the harbor and this work will go on still further. (applause.)

"I look forward to seeing the wharves extended below Sand Point so that as many as thirteen large steamers may be accommodated there carrying freight to and from this port. (Great applause.)

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As he took his seat the minister was cheered again and again.

Mr. Copp of Sackville in Ringing Speech.

A. B. Copp, M. P. for Westmorland county, was next introduced and made a ringing speech, puncturing the arguments of the opposition speakers and showing how they are deliberately deceiving the people in their campaign literature and from the platform. He was given a great reception and was applauded continually.

In opening his address he said it was worth coming to St. John to witness a demonstration such as this. Mr. Powell had addressed a meeting in Sackville a few nights ago and had scored Dr. Pugsley and almost told them the verdict of the Central Railway Commission, but nothing he had said about Dr. Pugsley was as hard as his characterization of Dr. MacRae as a "serpent."

He contended there was no good and sufficient reason for turning the government from power when the country was so prosperous. He showed the audience a pamphlet which was being distributed by the opposition called "Facts and Figures" and said it should be labelled "Fables from Fakers," as it was a tissue of falsehoods from beginning to end. He instanced a number of cases.

He told of the surplus in the post office department and of the proposal to establish free rural mail delivery, at which the audience expressed their hearty approval. He contrasted the records of the two parties while in power, showing how trade had expanded and prosperity reigned under the Liberal regime. The only cry of the opposition was "It's time for a change." They cried scandal but couldn't prove anything and lacked the courage to make their charges in parliament for fear of losing their seats. Conservative members advocated economy and yet were always asking in the house for more money for their constituencies. They are saying, "Oh, if the Liberal party only had a man like Mr. Kennedy, yet when Mr. Kennedy was alive they said all manner of things against him as they do now about the present leader. The Conservative party were writing splendid epitaphs and no doubt in St. John they are writing one for Daniel and MacRae."

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speech at every meeting and had worried his auditors by confining his remarks to the affairs of this province which were not of interest to the people of Ontario.

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