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# The Government of New Brunswick Are Constructing the Valley Railway from St. John to Grand Falls Despite the Opposition of Mr. Pugsley, Mr. Carvell and Mr. Copp

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT CANDIDATES IN CITY CERTAIN OF SUCCESS

### Warm Assurance of Support From All Sides

### OPPOSITION BEATEN

### Defeat Admitted and Disheartened Followers Speculate on Size of Government's Majority -- Largest Audience Thirty-five Strong.

The campaign of the local government candidates in the city has practically closed, and Hon. John E. Wilson with his colleagues Messrs. C. B. Lockhart, Philip Grannan and L. P. D. Tilley, are now confidently awaiting the avalanche of votes on Thursday which will send them to Fredericton as supporters of the Flemming government, with the largest majorities ever rolled up for a quartette of good citizens in the history of the city.

Their campaign has been particularly successful. The popularity of the government is so marked here as elsewhere, that the candidates say it required comparatively little personal work on their part to ensure their election. Everywhere they went they were warmly received, and assurances of support have poured in upon them from hundreds of men who in federal politics are stanch supporters of the Liberal party.

There has been abundant evidence that the whole ticket will be returned and little if any variation is expected in the vote. The meetings held by the government candidates have been largely attended and characterized by a spirit of confidence in the result of the fight. The wards are well organized and the number of workers who are coming out of their own volition to take their part in the victory of Thursday, is larger than usual, particularly when it is considered that the fight is so very one-sided. There has never been a shadow of doubt as to the outcome of the campaign, but there is a desire on the part of the voters to make the victory a sweep, and it would not be surprising if the fight on Thursday was a repetition of the British Columbia election where Premier McBride was returned with no opposition to face in the House.

Opposition workers have given up hope of turning the government out and now confine their predictions to the number of seats they expect to carry. One ardent oppositionist said yesterday that he would be delighted if the government majority in the next House was no larger than at the closing of the last House when they had 33 seats as against 13. In the light of the strong tide of public opinion in favor of the government, this hope, modest as it is, does not have much chance of being realized.

No four men in the province recognize the certainty of the defeat in store for them more than the opposition candidates in St. John. In their public utterances they are keeping up a show of courage, but the spirit has gone out of the campaign, and they have no hope of doing more than saving their deposits and in the case of at least one of the four, this is regarded as very doubtful.

The opposition canvasses, while particularly bitter, have been at the best, wide of the mark. A fairly good instance of this was found last evening when the quartette blew into Dufferin ward committee rooms. Surrounded as they were by their friends, they opened their hearts somewhat, and got near to the truth in at least part of their ante-mortem utterances. There were 35 people present and the candidates said that they had visited all the city wards, and the faithful 35 was the largest audience they had found.

But these gentlemen made speeches in Dufferin ward, encouraged no doubt by the 35. Mr. Foster showed his knowledge of provincial affairs when he advised his hearers to vote for the opposition because Mr. Borden would grant running rights to the C. P. R. over the Intercolonial. Mr. Knowlton appealed to the voters to vote for the opposition and thus keep the I. C. R. in the hands of the people. The gentlemen did not particularize as to what dark and dreadful designs the Flemming government harbors toward the I. C. R. nor did they say what Mr. Copp would do with it if he were placed in power. Probably Mr. Copp's record in connection with the Central Railway furnishes a clearer idea on this point than could be supplied by the oratory of Mr. Foster or Mr. Knowlton.

Mr. Mahoney did not refer to the I. C. R., but he did give an idea of the inner workings of his mind when he said that he believed if they were elected on Thursday, they would go to Fredericton as four members of the opposition. Evidently Mr. Mahoney does not expect the defeat of the Flemming government.

Mr. Kierstead in his remarks did not refer to the fact that he had spent the greater part of the last few days in canvassing for himself as the representative of the temperance party, to the exclusion of his comrades in misery, or that his fellows had about decided to drop him on this account, but he did tell a wonderful story about a dead cat sucking the breath out of the Conservative party. He did not explain how this freak of nature happened or what happened to the cat, but he hinted that there would be dead cats after the 20th. Here Mr. Kierstead was most unkind to himself and his friends for The Standard or any other government supporting newspaper, no matter what it might have said about the opposition candidates, at least spared them the indignity of referring to them as deceased felines. The meeting was a "wonderful success."

## MAKE IT A CLEAN SWEEP

Growing frantic at the certainty that many hundreds of Liberals throughout the Province are giving whole hearted support to the Flemming Government, the Times vents its spleen on the St. John Globe which, it declares, "is not a Liberal newspaper."

The Globe's offence, in the eyes of the organs which acknowledge no other political god but Mr. Pugsley, is that it will not support the discredited remnant of the old gang, now headed by A. B. Copp, nor will it advocate a return to the old regime of graft and extravagance which came to an end in this Province four years ago.

The Globe and other Liberal and independent newspapers are supporting the present Administration because it has an unblemished record of clean, honest and progressive government. On these grounds the Hazen-Flemming Administration appeals to Liberals and Conservatives alike.

Organs supporting the Opposition would draw a veil over the disgraceful record of the old Government. No defence is attempted. No defence is possible. They can only claim that the wrong-doing of the old Government is not an issue. Yet no less than ten of the Opposition candidates in this election, including the Leader of the party, are men who helped to make that record, who worked hand in hand with the old gang, which by their reckless and dishonest methods, brought this Province to the verge of bankruptcy.

Not one of these candidates can deny that by his vote and his speeches in and out of the Legislature, prior to 1908, he endorsed the policy of the old Administration whose record the people condemned. Their names are as follows:

A. B. Copp, Leader of the Opposition.
C. H. LaBillois, Ex-Commissioner of Public Works.
P. J. Veniot, former representative of Gloucester.
O. J. LeBlanc, former member of the Blair Government.
C. M. Leger, representative of Westmorland.
J. F. Tweeddale, representative of Victoria.
James Burgess, Jr., representative of Victoria.
George F. Burden, former representative of York.
Isaac W. Carpenter, former representative of Queens.
C. L. Smith, former representative of Carleton.

These men, and the other Opposition candidates associated with them supporting Mr. Copp, are now attempting to defeat the best and most progressive Government the Province has had since Confederation. A vote for an Opposition candidate in tomorrow's election, is a vote to return to the old and disgraceful conditions which formerly prevailed and for which the leader of the Opposition and his associates are still responsible.

They must be judged on their record. Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots?

## QUEENS COUNTY WILL BE IN LINE FOR HONEST GOVERNMENT TOMORROW

### Chipman Meeting Indicates The Result

### CANDIDATES AND MR. HAZEN SPOKE

### Deafening Applause Greets Exposition of Record of Local Government -- Return of Messrs. Slipp and Woods Now Sure

Special to The Standard.

Chipman, June 18.—Attended by fully 800 people and marked by scenes of great enthusiasm, the meeting held here this evening in the interests of the government candidates, was easily the biggest political demonstration held in this part of Queens county and an impressive tribute to the government which has administered the affairs of the province for the past four years.

A special train came in from Norton bearing a large crowd of electors, and the farmers of the surrounding districts drove in from considerable distances to hear the former leader of the government, Hon. J. D. Hazen, and the candidates, Messrs. Slipp and Woods speak upon the issues of the campaign.

In the gathering that crowded the hall, were many supporters of the Liberal party in federal politics, and these listened to the remarks of the speakers with great attention. Many evidences of the fact that popular sentiment in this district is setting strongly to the government have been forthcoming in the last few days, and it is now confidently predicted by the government workers and admitted by the opposition supporters, that the government candidates will make great gains in this Liberal stronghold.

**Rousing Reception.**

The candidates were given a rousing reception, and their speeches showing a thorough acquaintance with public affairs made a splendid impression. The former leader of the government was given a regular ovation, and his masterly and comprehensive review of the government's actions, and his vivid exposition of the condition of chaos which existed under the old regime, carried conviction to the hearts of the audience, and brought forth frequent outbursts of loud and prolonged applause.

A. R. Slipp, the first speaker, referred to the various pledges made by his leaders at the last election, and was able to show to the satisfaction of the audience, that the government had implemented every one of its pledges. He drew a parallel between the record of the old government and the new, and by a series of striking contrasts, vividly illustrated the difference between an honest and painstaking administration and a bunch of self-seeking politicians wallowing in the mire of corruption and wasting by reckless extravagance and disregard of the future the substance of the people. He then took up the audit act, showed the benefits that had accrued to the province from its adoption, and pointed out how it enabled the people to get good value for the money they had to expend. He then dealt with the highway act, pointing out that it placed the administration of the road monies in the hands of the people, and had enabled a great improvement to be made in the condition of the public highways.

**Those Hidden Deficits.**

H. W. Woods, the next speaker, discussed the finances of the province, showed the chaotic conditions which existed prior to 1908 and told what the government had done to straighten out matters. He dealt with what he called the no-account account wherein the old administration was in the habit of hiding expenditures and carrying them over for a year or so, thus deceiving the legislature and the people. He also took up the road policy of the government, and told of Senator King's part in defeating the measure of the Borden government which would have enabled New Brunswick to secure over $50,000 to expend on the roads this year.

**Ovation for Hon. Mr. Hazen.**

Hon. Mr. Hazen on rising was greeted with round on round of applause. In opening he spoke of his association with Messrs. Woods and Slipp in the legislature, paid a striking tribute to their ability and public spirit, and declared that it would be a difficult matter for the people of Queens county to find two men better fitted to represent them in the legislature.

He then gave an account of the many and varied acts passed by the government in the last four years and pointed out briefly the benefits which had resulted from these measures. He dealt at some length with the Valley Railway question, pointed out the hypocrisy of the attitude of Mr. Pugsley and Mr. Copp, and gave an instructive and convincing resume of the difficulties the present government had had to contend with while the liberals were in power at Ottawa.

## WHAT GOOD GOVERNMENT HAS SECURED FOR THE PROVINCE SINCE THE ELECTION IN 1908

The record of the present Administration since coming into power is one of which the leaders of the Government may well be proud. The four years of Administration under Mr. Hazen and Mr. Flemming have been the most prosperous years in New Brunswick since the present century opened.

The first years of the present century were years when corruption in this province was the order of the day; when every account was over-expended; when the permanent debt of the province was being added to year by year to meet current expenditures; when the revenue remained uncollected; when public office was prostituted for private individuals.

These were the conditions prevailing in New Brunswick when Mr. Hazen and his government were returned to power.

In four years, by an honest collection, the Territorial revenue has been increased from $321,550 to $528,439. The cutting of undersized lumber has been put an end to, and the forests have been better conserved than ever in the history of the province.

The increased revenues collected by the present government have been expended in public works and in the advancement of Agriculture and Education. The total expenditures of the old government for the last three years they were in power for Agriculture, Education and Public Works amounted to $1,349,012. In the last three years the present government have expended $1,981,364, an increase of $587,352.

In eight years the old government funded over $500,000 of its expenditures on Public Works. Since coming into power the present government have spent an average of $34,000 annually more on Public Works than the old government, without adding a single dollar to the permanent debt. They were able to do this because they honestly collected the revenue that was due the Province.

During the last four years of their administration the old government expended $116,556 for the benefit of Agriculture; the present government have expended $141,283, or $24,627 more during the same period. The grants to Agricultural Societies, which go directly to the farmers, have been increased $8,000by the present government.

Under the present administration the parents of children attending school are saving 40 per cent. in the purchase of school books. The school book ring has been broken up and $50,000 annually is being saved the people over the prices they formerly paid.

The present government passed the Highway Act under which all road monies are expended by Highway Boards composed of the Municipal Councillors for each parish and a secretary treasurer appointed by the chief commissioner of public works. Under the provisions of this act district taxation is spent within the district where it is levied. By this method the people know where the money goes. Under the former act it was expended by supervisors under the control of the government.

The Audit Act passed by the government requires that a voucher shall be obtained for every dollar expended. Under the old government hundreds of thousands of dollars were spent for which no vouchers were ever presented.

## WHY THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE SUSTAINED

In a leading editorial yesterday the St. John Globe, representing the best elements in the Liberal party in this province, said:

A few hours will bring the day of the provincial election, and the large majority of the people will be glad. On the smallest possible number of important questions we have had one of the fussiest possible contests. On former occasions we have had governments of the province kept in power fifteen or twenty years, now every possible effort is making to turn out an administration which has, as provincial governments go, DONE ITS WORKVERY WELL, AND WHICH HAS SHOWN A SINCERE DESIRE TO DEVELOP THE PROVINCIAL RESOURCES AND TO ADMINISTER PRUDENTLY AND CAREFULLY PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS.

There is no political principle of great importance involved in the contest. The Opposition papers are joyfully reporting from day to day every Conservative who announces himself as opposed to the Flemming regime, and are gladly accepting the support of men who in the larger politics are of the Borden following. But a Liberal in the Provincial Cabinet, or a Liberal who gives him support, is one to be condemned.

In the canvass anything has done for a cry. For years the high ways have not been in the best condition, but the present government has put out much effort to improve their condition, and has made some progress with the work which will take twenty years to fully accomplish; yet because some automobile chauffeur punctures a tire of his coach, or a lad riding a bicycle is thrown, because of a stone on the roadway, a half dozen orators have to be summoned to announce at a public meeting the sins of the Adminstration.

THERE HAS BEEN A GREATER JUMBLE OF TRIVIALITIES TALKED ABOUT BY MANY OF THE OPPOSITION ORATORS THAN HAS BEEN DISCUSSED BEFORE IN NEW BRUNSWICK IN A QUARTER OF A CENTURY. The better class of the party orators and the candidates with ideas of a substantial kind must have been disgusted many times with the vapid character of the subjects they have been required to place before the electors to induce them to turn down the Flemming Administration.

Yet that Administration has done GOOD AND USEFUL WORK IN THE COLLECTION OF THE PROVINCIAL REVENUES, IN IMPROVING THE KEEPING OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS, SO THAT NO LONGER CAN LARGE SUMS DISAPPEAR FROM THE PUBLIC TREASURY WITH NO ACCOUNT OF THEIR WHEREABOUTS, AND IN STIMULATING INDUSTRY GENERALLY. IT HAS MADE CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS IN MANY THINGS FROM CONSIDERATION OF EDUCATION REFORM TO RAILWAY BUILDING. IT HAS SHOWN ITSELF A SAFE AND CAREFUL ADMINISTRATION.

To defeat it means to bring back to power in this province those who controlled the former administration, A PORTION OF WHOM DESERVES NO CONSIDERATION WHATEVER FROM LIBERALS, AND WHO THOUGHT THAT THE LIBERAL PARTY EXISTED SOLELY TO PAMPER THEIR WHIMS AND TO GIVE EFFECT TO THEIR DESIGNS.

The Globe is desirous of seeing the Liberal party in power in every country of the world, believing that its foundation principles are in the best interests of mankind, but it does the Liberal party no harm whatever TO PURGE ITSELF OF THOSE WHO WOULD USE IT SOLELY FOR THEIR OWN ENDS REGARDLESS WHOLLY OF THE WORK WHICH IT HAS TO DO FOR THE COMMON GOOD.

## OPPOSITION WORKERS ADMIT THE GAME IS UP IN CHARLOTTE COUNTY

### OPPOSITION CLING TO THE OLD CANVASS

Special to The Standard.

Sussex, June 18.—The long delayed pledges for the government candidates arrived today by registered mail and have been promptly returned to Secretary Stockford in St. John. All three candidates have given their signed endorsation to the programme of the Federation, and Mr. Stockford and Willard Smith informed the government candidates that all federation meetings in Kings county would be cancelled, and that the temperance party would endorse all six candidates as acceptable from the temperance standpoint. This was officially announced at Hatfield's Point tonight.

Today the opposition leaders issued posters for an alleged temperance meeting to be held at the Opera House, to which it is announced Messrs. Murray and Jones are invited. Neither gentleman has received an invitation, and on assurance that the Temperance Federation is not behind the meeting, neither will attend and Rev. Mr. Robinson will be left to carry out the programme arranged by him and E. S. Carter, organizer for the opposition. The meeting will therefore be a straight opposition meeting and is now regarded as such. Mr. Carter has taken a prominent part in bringing about this so-called temperance meeting, and has been materially assisted by H. H. Harmer, chairman of the opposition committee at Norton. Electors of Kings know which party includes in its ranks the temperance element and Mr. Robinson will have his hands full to win sympathy in the meeting, behind which is arrayed every element in the opposition organization.

It may be added that Hon. J. A. Murray has received a personal assurance from the leaders of the Temperance Federation in St. John that they regret the whole situation which has been greatly misrepresented by the opposition press. Their refusal to have anything to do with the Sussex meeting is the best possible evidence of their good faith in the matter.

### EASTERN SHORES OF THE PROVINCE WILL BE IN LINE

Special to The Standard.

Moncton, June 18.—That the whole eastern shore of the province is solid for the government is now assured. In Kent county the campaign of meetings has closed and a careful review of the county indicates the election of the whole government ticket by at least 700 majority.

In Albert county the campaign on the opposition side has descended to personal slanders on the character of Mr. Dickson. At a meeting in Harvey on Monday night W. J. Carnwath uttered slanders against Mr. Dickson and Mr. Dickson will answer him tomorrow night when a big meeting will be held in Hillsboro and special trains will bring the people from all over the county. Carnwath's course was sharply rebuked tonight in Albert when Hon. H. R. Emmerson addressed a big meeting. In the course of his address Mr. Emmerson deplored Carnwath's attack and said that he had never resorted to personal abuse or slander in all his years of campaigning.

Restigouche county is also swinging into line and it is believed it will return two supporters of the government.

Pugsley and Laurier in regard to the road.

**The Central Railway.**

Continuing, he took up the Central Railway question, and justified the action of the government in providing for C. P. R. operation of the road under conditions which would relieve the people of a burden they have borne for years.

"When we came into power," he said, "we found the road from Chipman to Norton in bad condition, and had to make a considerable expenditure to ballast the trackage so as to make traffic safe. No government could take the road from Norton to Minto and make it pay. In a short time the wooden trestles will have to be replaced, and about $300,000 expended to bring the road up to a proper standard. The present government decided that the secret of making the road useful was to extend it to Fredericton, which with points north will furnish a market for the Grand Lake coal."

Continuing the ex-premier told of the negotiations with the C. P. R. with a view to getting that big corporation to take over the road and develop the Grand Lake coal areas, and justified the bargain which had been made, pointing out that it would relieve the province of a considerable burden and result in the development of a big coal mining industry in Queens county. Cheers for the King, the government and candidates concluded the meeting.

### Government Has Done Much For The Fishermen

### KNOW THEIR FRIENDS

### All Will Vote for Return of Flemming Administration Tomorrow --Attacks Upon Attorney General Grimmer Unsuccessful.

Special to The Standard.

St. Stephen, June 18.—"We haven't a ghost of a show and I know it," is the way a worker in the opposition ranks who has always been and still is in touch with the inner circle sums up their chances in the election of Thursday. A dead set has been made especially to defeat Attorney General Grimmer for Mr. Pugsley's orders were that no stone was to be left unturned in the endeavor to defeat a man who had played so prominent a part in the exposure of the rotten conditions that prevailed at Fredericton previous to March of 1908. Misrepresentation had been their weapon and they have used it freely, but their attempt has spent its force and any ground that they might have gained in the opening of the campaign has been lost to them by the clear and explicit statements made by the attorney general and his friends and the opposition finds itself utterly discredited before this electorate.

The most that those of that party who can read the signs of the times are claiming is that the highest man on the opposition ticket will not be more than two hundred votes behind the lowest man on the government ticket.

**False Opposition Canvass.**

Opposition canvassers have been busy among the fishermen in the county with the stories that Hon. George J. Clark in Fredericton has done much to make their calling more difficult and unprofitable. The facts of the matter are that all the representatives of Charlotte have proven themselves to be friends of the fishermen and to have labored in their interests. The opposition has attempted to make capital out of the fact that a clause has been added to the weirmen's license to the effect that weir fishermen must give Canadian buyers the preference over their American competitors if the prices were equal. The effect of this is to operate against the American customers of the local fishermen, and the opposition contended that the county representatives should have taken the matter up. As soon as the attention of the local representatives was drawn to the matter they did take it up with the Hon. J. D. Hazen, minister of marine and fisheries, and succeeded in obtaining from him his promise to have all phases of the question carefully investigated, and that at any rate the operation of the offending clause should be suspended for a year. This fact was known to the opposition canvassers, but they made no mention of it, and relied on their representation to turn the fishermen's votes.

Another matter affecting the fishermen in which there has been misrepresentation is the question of having a certified captain on all fishing craft over 10 tons measurement and having auxiliary power. This was an old regulation which had been called into force on the eve of an election by Collector of Customs Dunn, and used to influence fishermen against the government candidates, the opposition claiming that the governmnet candidates, and especially Hon. Mr. Clark, had been instrumental in putting the regulation into effect. Mr. Clark also took this up with Mr. Hazen and received the assurance that the matter would be investigated, and if found to impose unjust burdens on the fishermen would be righted at once. Thus it will be seen that the representatives of Charlotte county have really accomplished much that is of special benefit to the fishermen, and the fishermen of the county will support them on Thursday. There is no doubt about the result in Charlotte.