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THE CANDIDATES

The Liberal convention for St. John city and St. John county have named winning tickets. The men nominated, both in the city and county are men of high standing in the community, who may be relied on to serve the interests of the city and the province faithfully and well.

The members of the city ticket are all well known to the people. Mr. Walter F. Foster is a young and successful business man, whose business training will make him a valuable representative. He has been president of the Board of Trade, is now president of the Arboriculture Society, whose aim is to beautify the city, and is concerned as well in the affairs of St. John county, where he has business interests. Mr. Foster has been president of the Young Liberals, is an effective speaker, and will add to the strength of his party in the house.

Mr. F. J. G. Knowlton has for years been an active and influential member of the Liberal party in St. John, and enjoys the respect and confidence of men of all parties. Aside from the official relations with the Liberal party he has not been active in public affairs, although this is not the first time leading members of his party have looked to him as a desirable standard bearer in a campaign. Mr. Knowlton is a lawyer and also a man of business, and is thoroughly equipped for the work of an intelligent representative at Fredericton. He brings strength to the ticket.

Mr. W. J. Mahoney is a lawyer, and was in earlier life a teacher. He is an able speaker and clever debater. He has been a close student of public affairs, has taken an active part in political campaigns, and enjoys great popularity. Mr. Mahoney has but lately been the head of the Knights of Columbus in the maritime provinces and Newfoundland. He is familiar with all parts of the province, and knows its resources and its needs. It is safe to predict that he is now at the beginning of a successful career in public life.

Mr. J. W. Keirstead is well known not only in St. John but throughout the province, from St. John to Campbellton. And he knows the province. His service in the common council made him thoroughly familiar with the needs of this city, and while a member of that body he gave the strongest evidence of a desire to improve the public services. A man of high character, he has also proved that he possesses practical business ability, and a disposition to get at all the facts in relation to matters with which he is called upon to deal in a representative capacity. He will add greatly to the debating strength of the House of Assembly.

Of the county candidates, Mr. Anderson is new to the political arena, but he is a practical farmer who enjoys the confidence of the people, and may be relied on to stand up for the interests of the farming community. Mr. Bentley, on the other hand, has already proved his quality in the House, and during the last session was one of the formidable critics of the government, upon whom misrepresentation was tried when argument failed to meet his trenchant criticisms. Mr. Bentley has greatly improved as a public speaker, and he is one of the most fair-minded and industrious men in the public life of the province.

It will be observed that both county candidates are county men, and represent the two sections into which the city divides it.

The Liberal party is to be congratulated on the result of last night's convention. Mr. Copp will be glad to know that the party here has so greatly strengthened his hands. The campaign must now be waged with determined vigor.

CAUGHT IN THE ACT

The Fleming government, in the matter of the Valley Railway, has been found out.

The assertions of the premier that the railway will be built to Grand Falls are made to all the suspicions of the people, while provision is being made for the construction of only a portion of the line.

The bond issue does not provide for the whole line, but this is quite consistent with the whole course of the government. The minister of railways has not yet approved of a route between Andover and Grand Falls. The federal parliament, at the instance of Mr. Hazen and Mr. Bowden, voted down a provision for the construction of a bridge at Andover. The Tories at Fredericton voted down a motion that would have ensured construction work on the Grand Falls section along with that on the other sections. The issue of bonds sufficient to provide only for a line from St. John to a point near River de Chute is the final proof that, as Dr. Pugsley aptly phrases it, Mr. Fleming is trying to ride two horses.

It is not surprising that the people of the St. John valley are up in arms against the duplicity of the government and its evident desire to deprive them of a through line with intercolonial operation and competitive rates. It is not surprising that the whole province, whose credit is pledged for the construction of this road, resents the action of the government. The issues involved are too great to be lightly regarded. We must have at Fredericton a government free from corruption influence and working in the interests of the people. The Fleming government must be defeated.

SERVANT OF CORPORATIONS

The following extract from a speech by Mr. Copp, made in the legislature last year, reveals the attitude of the Fleming government toward corporations. He said:—

"But the present ministers have enacted legislation, driven it through the house in the face of the protests, the opposition, by which the people of the province are deprived of a most important source of revenue. I refer, sir, to the legislation by which this government has given to the Drummond iron corporation the iron deposits of Gloucester county. Experts have declared that those deposits are among the most valuable in all Canada, deposits, by the way, which were revealed through the efforts of the old government, which encouraged investigations as to the mineral wealth of the province. Now what has the course of the present government been in regard to these Gloucester deposits? The ministers have given to this powerful Upper Canadian corporation exclusive privileges in respect to the working of this splendid property. And what are the people of the province to receive from this corporation which is to gain so much from one of the national resources belonging to the people? The people, the real owners of this property, are to be paid the paltry sum of five cents a ton in royalty, and for eighty years this great corporation will enjoy exclusive rights in return for five cents a ton."

Mr. Copp has here stated in clear language a striking reason why the people should defeat the Fleming government. It is too much the servant of the corporations.

THE PROVINCIAL CREDIT

There is a very serious aspect of the question relating to the Valley Railway bond issue, which the people will not overlook. We are told that the issue attracted very little attention.

There might be two reasons for this state of affairs. One would be that the provincial government has not made the province well known in England. The other would be that the financial methods of the Fleming administration were too well known. This government has increased the debt over a million dollars in four years, added other millions to its liabilities, squandered a greatly increased revenue, and last year recorded a deficit of \$56,000. At that rate the debt of the province would soon become enormous. The extent of the resources of the province are not so well known in London as they are in St. John. The government does not bear scrutiny. It is high time for a change, and the Liberal party has in its hands today the remedy for the undesirable condition to which the province has been reduced by men who went into power with solemn pledges of economy and reform.

THE GLEANER'S JOKE

For the purpose of diverting attention from the hand to hand conflict within its own party, where scolding knives are flourished with deadly intent, the Fredericton Gleaner makes an effort to be humorous, doubtless hoping by mirth and laughter to heal the awful breach. Hence it says:—

"There is an apparently well founded rumor that Mr. Copp is seriously considering the advisability of withdrawing his candidature absolutely from the fight, and taking no further part in the present election campaign. The rumor comes from Westmorland, where an intimate friend of the opposition leader said yesterday that there was at least a measure of truth in it."

Exaggeration is a kind of humor, rather enjoyable when well done; but the Gleaner's joke will not make its friends by such their response for a single instant. Mr. Copp will be amused, however, as will the Liberal candidates in every constituency. The Liberal party is not about to retire, but to win a victory, and its opponents are more and more troubled every day as they review the situation and note the caliber of the men who are fighting in the Liberal ranks.

The speeches of the Liberal candidates and others last evening gave the campaign an excellent beginning. Now for organization and effective work in the wards.

Three strong candidates were nominated by Carleton County Liberals yesterday, and Mr. Fleming will be kept busy in his own constituency. The Valley Railway deal does not go down with the people in that section.

Hon. Dr. Pugsley made an effective reply last night to charges made against him in connection with the Central Railway and showed in a clear light the bad bargain made in relation to the same railway by the Fleming government.

The Liberal party has strong candidates in St. John. They can be elected. There are more Liberals than Conservatives in this city, and many Conservatives are against the government because of its broken pledges and extravagant conduct of provincial affairs.

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HOPSON GROANED.

"What's the matter, old chap?" inquired a friend kindly. "Oh! agh! My wife can't sing!" "Can't sing?" "Can't sing!" exclaimed the friend cheerfully. "My dear chap, in that case I should have thought you were to be congratulated." The poor wretch shook his head sadly. "Can't sing," he echoed dully; "but think she can!" And they sat down side by side and wept together.

ALL IN THE GAME.

A Scottish gamekeeper who had been left in charge of an estate was being questioned by an English visitor. "Are there many deer on the place?" "Hundreds, sir," "Many hares?" "Thousands, sir," "Well, now, are there many gillies?" asked the Englishman, satirically. For a moment the gamekeeper hesitated, then he replied: "Well, sir, they—they come like swivel, just now and then."

MORE CAREFUL.

Miss Antiqua (sighs)—Oh, Mr. Smith, I had such a strange dream last night! Quite a delightful dream. I assure you, I dreamt that you and I—only just you and I—were on our honeymoon! Do you ever have dreams like that?" Mr. Smith—"I used to. But now I'm very careful what I eat for supper, and I don't suffer from nightmare any more."

WELL THREATENED.

At a religious service in Scotland the late Lord Kelvin noticed a youngster accompanying his grandparents and sitting wise as a young owl through the sermon. At the close of the service Lord Kelvin congratulated the grandfather upon the excellence of the lad's behavior. "Oh, ay," returned the veteran, "Duncan's well threatened after he hangs in."

CHAWING CONTINUED.

Sally, who's dog's owner wanted it chew up a seedy-looking individual. "Call your dog off!" shrieked the victim. "He'll murder me!" "Call him off, man!" "Sorry," replied the owner, "but really I can't. I only bought the dog this morning, and I forgot to ask what his name was." And the chawing continued.

HE REMEMBERED.

"There is a man in the ranks of men," said the man who habitually quotes Shakespeare, "which, taken at the flood, leads me to my fortune." "Yes," replied the man who had married an heiress, "I remember the tide that led to my fortune."

"What was that?"

"It was evident, and we were sitting in the garden."

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