

ENDORSE POLICIES OF PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

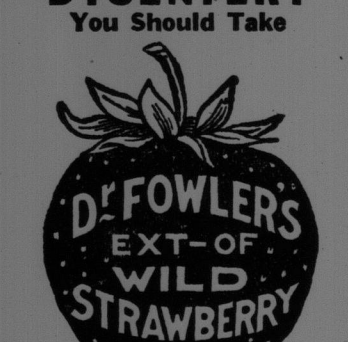
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St. John County—Joseph L. O'Brien, Lancaster.
St. John City—Charles A. Owens, Albert—F. M. Thompson, Hillsboro. Kings—J. H. McFadden, Sussex. Queens—E. St. Clair Alexander, Chipman.
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York—P. S. Watson, North Devon. Fredericton—George H. Clark, Carleton—Dr. M. E. Commis, Bath. Victoria—Guy G. Porter, Perth. Madakaska—Hon. L. A. Dugal, Edmundston.
Charlotte—Frank Kennedy, St. Andrews.
St. Stephen—Milltown—LeRoy Hill, St. Stephen.
Resolutions Presented.

Eight resolutions were presented by I. C. Rand, K. C., Moncton, chairman of the resolutions committee, and each in turn was enthusiastically and unanimously adopted.
The first was as follows:
"Whereas the Hon. Dr. W. E. Foster, on assuming the Premiership of this Province in 1917, was able to inaugurate and carry on until 1923, certain policies which have been of material and lasting benefit to this province, for which he deserves the recognition and appreciation of the people of the province as a whole, and especially of those who were proud to follow him as their leader; therefore
Resolved, that the friends and supporters of the Provincial Government in convention assembled, extend to Hon. Dr. W. E. Foster their sincere appreciation of his efforts in behalf of the province, and express their regret that he was unable to remain longer at the head of our provincial affairs; and express the hope that, notwithstanding his retirement from the Premiership, he will still be able from time to time to give to his party the benefit of his knowledge and judgment in the administration of the affairs of the province."

Dr. Foster Speaks.
The reading of this resolution was greeted with vociferous cheering and applause. Hon. Dr. Foster, in response to the resolution, stepped to the platform where he was again cheered and applauded. It was only after several minutes that he was allowed to speak. He said that he appreciated deeply the sentiments expressed in the resolution. The present meeting, he said, called to mind the convention of 1917 when the present Premier and E. S. Carter were named organizers for the province.
A platform which had been laid down at that time, Dr. Foster continued, had been carried out, pliantly, with the exception of one plank—the division of the province into ridings, and there was still the question as to whether this could be done with justice to all parts of the country.

Confident Facing People.
He referred to the manifesto issued by him in 1920 and said that there was not a pledge therein that had not been carried out by the Government. He felt that the administration could face the people and be returned to office under its present leadership. The attendance at the meeting was an evidence that the party was united and had no fear in standing for re-election.
"The works of the Government in the province since 1917 stand as a monument to the Liberal Party," declared Dr. Foster. The Opposition, he observed, was without a platform and without one just criticism of the present administration.
Free School Books.
The following resolution was then presented:
Resolved, that this Convention approve of the principle of the free distribution of school books to children attending the primary school grades of the province, and urge the Government to consider the inauguration and extension of such policy, as the financial conditions of the province permit.
Two or three delegates arose and ex-

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pressed the opinion that all school books in the of the schools should be supplied by the Government.
Premier Veniot said that this matter had been before the Government constantly and only the financial situation prevented it being put into effect before. He said that by making a start with the primary grades it would prepare the way for the general adoption of the scheme.
J. E. Tighe expressed the opinion that perhaps there were things which the province might well drop in favor of free school books for all.
The resolution was passed.

Health Policy Approved.

Approval of the Government's health policy was voiced in the following resolution, which was passed without discussion:
Resolved, that this Convention approve of the policy adopted in respect to the public health of the province and the system inaugurated for the tabulation of vital statistics, and express its appreciation of the good results being achieved in child welfare work, the prevention of communicable diseases and the lessening of infantile mortality.

Agricultural Policy.

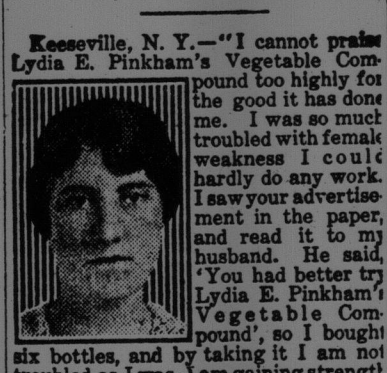
The following resolution was then put to the meeting:
Resolved, that in the opinion of this convention the policy of the present Provincial Government which has achieved such splendid results in the interests of agriculture would produce still greater benefit thereto by the adoption of a more vigorous policy in the encouragement of the establishment of central creameries for the manufacture of butter and cheese in those farming districts where sufficient cream would be produced to warrant financial assistance to the creameries on the part of the Provincial Government.
And in view of the large quantities of imported pork products that are being sold throughout the Maritime Provinces and with a view to encouraging a greater production of pork and dairy products by the people of the lower provinces and to avoid the present day surplus which is much in evidence in the spring and fall.
Be it further resolved that it would be advisable to establish an abattoir at some central locality in the Maritime Provinces to care for the ever increasing activities in the dairy and pork business.
And further resolved that our agricultural industry in general should continue to receive the utmost possible encouragement on the part of the Provincial Government.
A question, raised by one of the delegates regarding the possibility of a reduction in express rates to encourage agriculture, was answered by Premier Veniot. He said that the Government had appointed a committee to go into this matter and had already succeeded in having some of the rates reduced. It was still continuing its work, he added.

Federal Aid.

Resolutions approving the continu-

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ance of Federal aid for road improvement and the hydro policy of the Government were presented, as follows, and carried unanimously with out question:

"Whereas in 1919 the Federal Government adopted the policy of granting aid to the provinces in the construction and improvement of main trunk roads to the extent of 40 per cent of the cost of such roads, such grants as a whole not to exceed \$20,000,000 during a period of five years; and
Whereas all the provinces of the Dominion with the exception of two, have to date accepted the several amounts allotted to them within the time stipulated by Federal Aid Act; and
Whereas the various provinces have undertaken the construction and improvement of such roads and have now reached a stage of partial completion thereof; and
Whereas, should the said Federal aid be discontinued, New Brunswick in order to continue a policy that has met with such widespread approval and to complete the application of that policy to the province as a whole, will be obliged to assume additional financial responsibility not originally contemplated. Be it, therefore
Resolved, that this convention urge upon the Federal Government the continuance of such Federal aid for at least another period of five years."

Funding of Motor Fees.

Whereas, since 1917 the roads of the province have been reconstructed and improved to such an extent as to receive the commendation of all persons using the same; and
Whereas, these improvements have been brought about under the road policy adopted by the present administration in 1918 and 1919, whereby it was decided to fund the automobile fees for the improvement of secondary trunk, branch and by-roads, and to comply with the offer of Federal aid on main trunk roads; be it therefore
Resolved, that this convention approve of the road policy so adopted and carried out, and urge a continuance of the funding of automobile fees for the purpose originally intended.
And whereas, it has been represented that the Federal Government may discontinue Federal aid to our main trunk highways; be it further
Resolved, that should such aid be discontinued this convention is of opinion that the Government of the province should complete the reconstruction and improvement of the remaining main trunk roads as rapidly as the financial conditions of the province will warrant.

Hydro Policies.

Whereas, the Provincial Government has declared a policy of public development, ownership and control of the water powers of the province; and
Whereas, the hydro development on the Musquash River has demonstrated the soundness and the merit of such policy, especially in furnishing cheaper light and power and in the extension of such services to large classes and sections of the province to which such benefits have heretofore been denied; and
Whereas, the Premier has committed the province to the policy of the development of the water powers of Grand Falls to be undertaken as soon as the international questions involved can be settled; be it therefore
Resolved, that this convention heartily approve of the policy of development of the water powers of New Brunswick in the manner carried on by the Government, and that it urge the proposed development of Grand Falls, the work to be undertaken as soon as the international questions relating to the St. John River and its tributaries are settled; and be it further
Resolved, that this convention approve of the action of the Provincial Government in aiding research work to determine the commercial feasibility of the development of tidal water power on the Petitcodiac River, and urge the Government to give all possible encouragement thereto.

Port Development.

At this point Premier Veniot arose and, remarking that the Provincial Government had been doing everything in its power to induce the Dominion Government to provide better transportation facilities for New Brunswick and the other Maritime Provinces, asked to be permitted to present the following resolution:
Resolved, that this convention is of the opinion that the influence of the Provincial Government should be used to the utmost in an endeavor to obtain better transportation facilities for New Brunswick, and especially direct attention to greater development of our winter port and other ports suitable for trans-Atlantic shipment."
He said that the people in the north

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New Brunswick were one with the people in the south of the province in their desire for the proper development of St. John and other ports, in spite of rumblings which had been heard from time to time regarding their jealousy of the southern sections.
Veniot Is Endorsed.
The last resolution, and one that was most enthusiastically received, was that in which Premier Veniot and his policies were endorsed and the support of all delegates pledged. It was as follows:
Whereas on the retirement from the Premiership of the province of Hon. Dr. W. E. Foster in February, 1923, the Hon. P. J. Veniot, Minister of Public Works, was called to fill this responsible position; and
Whereas the Hon. P. J. Veniot since assuming the office of Premier has proven himself to be a capable and careful administrator in carrying out the policies of the Government; be it therefore
Resolved, that the friends and supporters of the Provincial Government in convention assembled do heartily approve of the choice of the Hon. P. J. Veniot as successor to the Hon. Dr. W. E. Foster, and pledge him an energetic and whole-hearted support, and express the hope that he may long be spared to direct the destinies of our province.
Given Remarkable Ovation.
Prolonged cheering broke out immediately the reading of the resolution had been completed and continued for some time; it was again resumed as the Premier arose to speak and "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow," broke out in one corner of the hall and gradually took on volume until the whole of the throng in the big auditorium was contributing to the chorus. It was one of the most flattering receptions ever given a public man in the city of St. John. As the Premier addressed the gathering, he was frequently interrupted by cheers and hand-clapping. He said that the resolution gave him added encouragement to go ahead and fight for the party and for New Brunswick; he was greatly moved by the wonderful reception which the resolution had been given by the meeting.
It was his honor, he continued, to be the first of French extraction ever to be called to the high position of Premier of New Brunswick, and, on be-

half, not only of himself, but of all the French-speaking population, he desired to express his earnest appreciation of the honor that had been done them and him by the English-speaking majority of the province. He said that he could frankly promise to carry on his duties as he had heretofore, to the best of his ability, without consideration for race or creed.
Urges Union.
At one time, he said, the matter of race was one of the bitter political questions of the province, but now experience had convinced him that it had entirely disappeared from among both peoples. Of the 387,000 people in New Brunswick, he added, 182,000 were of French descent and he felt that the future destiny of the province depended on the whole-hearted union of the two peoples towards the one common end—the general prosperity of the country.
He congratulated and thanked the local committee for the excellent arrangements for the convention and, upon his suggestion, votes of thanks were tendered to the temporary chairman and secretary for their work.
He was proud to say that in St. John the old party was united and strong as ever.
Organizers to Be Named.
The convention approved the appointment of two organizers for the party in the province, one of them to speak French and look after organization in the counties with mixed popu-

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lations, the other to be English-speaking and work in the other constituencies.
The appointment of these two officials was left in the hands of the executive in consultation with the Premier.
In connection with the appointment, J. D. McKenna, M. L. A., Sussex, said that all the organizers in the world would be useless unless all the delegates present would, on their return to their homes, start work by which the organizers would receive the undivided support of the members of the party in their constituencies.
A hearty vote of thanks was extended to the members of the resolutions committee and that which dealt with the nomination of officers for the new organization.
Before the meeting adjourned the Premier called on Hon. L. A. Dugal, referring to him as one who had done more to bring the present party into power than any other in the province. As he stepped to the platform, Mr. Dugal was cheered loudly.
He spoke first in English and then in French, saying that he was present to help along with the good work in which he had taken so great interest since 1912. He thanked the delegates for their wonderful tribute of applause. The meeting was brought to a close with the National Anthem.

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