

# OPPOSITION IS TRYING TO RIDE TWO HORSES ON THE PROHIBITION QUESTION; MR. FOSTER ON THE HORNS OF A DILEMMA ON THIS ISSUE

**The Two-Faced, Turning Both Ways Attitude of the Opposition on this Great Issue Exposed—Hon. Mr. Baxter Arraigns Opposition Leader for His Insincere Attitude—The Government is Prepared to Stand or Fall on its Measure, While the Opposition Must Stand or Fall on its Policy which Means Delay of Prohibition for a Year and a Half—Mr. Foster's Attempt to Repudiate the Opposition Platform is an Election Dodge Solely to Gain Political Favor—The Straightforward and Strong Stand of the Murray Government.**

The opposition party in the Province of New Brunswick are on the horns of a dilemma. Recognizing that the strong prohibitory measure enacted by the present Provincial Government has found favor with the electors of New Brunswick, the Opposition party are now seeking to repudiate their own platform on this great question. But the electors of New Brunswick will not be deceived and even Mr. Foster cannot mislead them into believing that he is sincere in his professions.

The Opposition party at a convention called together with great professions of the party leaders in St. John, January, 1916, adopted their platform on which they would appeal to the people of the province. That platform among other things included the following plank on the great question of prohibition:

"In the event of the opposition being returned to power, we pledge ourselves:

"At the first session of the legislature to pass a law prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors within the province to the fullest extent allowed by the constitution, and within three months of the passage of said act to submit the same by referendum to the electors of the province, and, should the majority of votes cast be in favor of the said law, then to bring the same into force by proclamation within one year thereafter."

That is the platform of the Opposition party on prohibition. That is the platform they are asking the electors of this province to endorse on February 24th. The temperance people should read it and re-read it, and then ask themselves the question if the Hon. James A. Murray, Premier of New Brunswick, is prepared to stand or fall on the stand they have taken on this great issue.

"I want to say with all the strength of my voice," said Mr. Foster, "that at my disposal, that every temperance man in the province voting against the government votes to delay prohibition. Now, Mr. Temperance Man, this government, having taken you at your word and given you prohibition, are you going to vote for the party whose platform published in the accredited party press means a long delay in the bringing into operation of prohibition?"

Let any one who doubts Premier Murray's sincerity look again at the platform of the Opposition party, taken from the accredited press of the Opposition in this province. It is a fact that the platform of the party which the Opposition party pledges themselves to support prohibition for a year and a half. And there are certain interests who will see to it that the full measure of time has elapsed before the opposition party, if returned to power, would bring this important measure into operation.

Contrast this platform of the opposition party with the definite, sound and straightforward stand of the government of New Brunswick on prohibition. Due to the action of this government, New Brunswick has on its statute books today one of the most advanced temperance measures which any responsible body of men have ever enacted, a law that has most stringent regulations and a law that provides for very severe penalties for the slightest infringement of its provisions. That law will come into force on May 1st next. If this government is returned to power. But if by any chance the opposition should be returned, that law will be wiped out of existence, and will be replaced by some other measure—the stringency of which the people of New Brunswick have been

given no assurance—to come into force in a year and a half. If you doubt the veracity of this statement, Mr. Elector, we would again ask you to peruse the opposition's policy, a policy which every member of the opposition party in this province has pledged himself to support.

But in face of the opposition's pledge to support the platform they have seen enacted, the electors of the province must now witness the degrading spectacle of Mr. W. E. Foster, who aspires to the premiership of the Province of New Brunswick, trying to play double with the people of this province. Although giving to the people his solemn pledge to support the Opposition's stand, which policy he will doubtless support if returned to power—he has the brazen effrontery to tell the people that the opposition will adopt the government's policy.

Why this change of attitude? Does Mr. Foster mean to repudiate the platform of himself and his party on this great issue? If he does, he breaks faith with the electors. And if Mr. Foster breaks faith with the electors of one question of such paramount importance, is there any guarantee that he will not break faith with them on every other question in the platform which he and his party have seen fit to adopt?

But, Mr. Elector, Mr. Temperance Man, make no mistake about it, the opposition party in New Brunswick are trying to ride two horses on this great question. They are trying to make prohibition a political football. Do you approve of such tactics? Do you think their stand is commendable? They adopted their policy and it does not lie within the mouth of any man in their party, not even the Peerless Leader, W. E. Foster, to repudiate it.

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And Mr. Foster has something to say about the Attorney-General's statement that a vote against this government is a vote to delay prohibition. Hon. Mr. Baxter can attend to Mr. Foster without any difficulty on the prohibition question as well as on other public issues. If Mr. Foster wants to know the Attorney-General's straightforward and strong stand on this measure let him read the report of Hon. Mr. Baxter's speech at the nominating convention on Saturday evening.

Hon. Mr. Baxter had something interesting to say relative to Mr. Foster's lack of sincerity on this great question. His remarks show the opposition leader in his true colors.

Discussing the prohibition issue, Hon. Mr. Baxter said that he wanted to say a few words on a subject which was of the very greatest interest to every thinking man, yes, to every thinking woman in the county. This government had at the last session placed on the statute books of the province a measure providing as completely and perfectly for the prohibition in the traffic in intoxicating liquors as he thought it was possible to devise. There were certain interests which said that the government had acted without a mandate from the people, that the province did not want prohibition. There were others who said that it was the only proper course for the government to follow. As to whether it was wise or unwise it was for the electors of the county and of the province generally to make up their minds. This government must stand or fall by their opinion. This government stands behind the law it had enacted and it proposed to enforce the law without fear, favor or affection. Why did this government enact this law? Because they felt that the people of New Brunswick were ready for it, because they believed that the great war had created a condition of public sentiment throughout the world that turned people with favor towards prohibition. The government realized that there would come a time when the saving of every individual during this war would be a matter of the highest importance to the community, that every individual who saves the money he would spend on strong drinks, and lends that money to the nation by subscribing to the war loan was doing some bit for the cause of civilization because only by banding all the resources of the country and of the Empire could the people win this war in the way it ought to be won to give assurance that the job would not have too soon to be repeated.

People have said that prohibition cannot be enforced. He would tell his hearers that he believed the reason that prohibition is not enforced in many cases was because the people were trying to ride both horses at the same time and some politicians desired to keep in with both interests.

There was another side to this great question. He proposed to speak to the electors personally. He was not going to speak as an advocate pleading a case, but intended to say something that was very much more personal in its character. He would ask why had he voted for the adoption of the prohibitory law. People had said that such a law cannot be enforced. He would tell them that he believed that the reason that prohibition was not enforced in some of the places in which the measure was in vogue was because the governments there had not the courage to stand behind the measure. Certain politicians wanted to keep in with both interests and they tried to ride both horses at the same time. "And I tell you this, gentlemen, this government proposes to ride only one horse and the moment there was a shadow of a turn from that stand the government will be minus some of its members. It is not we who are sincere; it is our opponents," said the Attorney-General.

"I don't wish to do any injury to any man," said Hon. Mr. Baxter. "But there is something that appeals to me a little bit more than business or politics. All that one can accomplish in the legislature at Fredericton, in the parliament at Ottawa, or in the great Imperial Parliament of the United Kingdom is to try to make the lot of his fellow man a little bit better or

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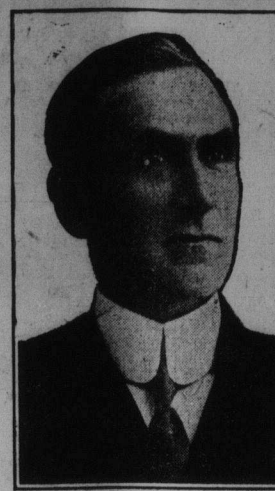
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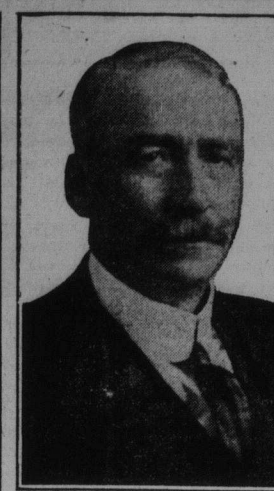
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## THE WINNING TICKET IN KINGS



MR. GEORGE B. JONES.

HON. J. A. MURRAY  
Premier and Minister of Agriculture.

MR. HEDLEY V. DICKSON.

Special to The Standard.

Sussex, Feb. 11.—The campaign in the interests of the government party in Kings county is meeting with much success. Several meetings have already been held and the enthusiasm that prevails at the government rallies is an indication of the strength of the candidates. Premier Murray is being most enthusiastically greeted in every centre and his clear statements of the policy of the government have greatly impressed the electors. Mr. George B. Jones is being well received in every section. He has done much for Kings county and he will doubtless be returned with an increased majority. Mr. H. V. Dickson's candidature is popular among all classes, particularly among the important section of the province. He will poll a splendid vote.

After that it was before he touched it. And while it may be that a man may think he has the right to drink, that in prohibiting the use of intoxicating liquors we are depriving him of his individual liberty, I tell you, when I see the results of that individual liberty as I have in the emaciated children and broken-hearted mothers in the almshouses and other places for one would not take the moral responsibility of voting against this measure which may better the conditions of these poor people and which certainly will not hurt them. It ought to be a question on as high a plane as that.

"This government is prepared to stand or fall on the measure it has adopted. This government has passed a law providing for the bringing of a prohibitory law to come into force in the far distant future. There is no prospective leadership telling the people as the gentleman who would like to lead the other side, Foster is telling them that in his dry goods store he has goods which he does not care about handling, but he keeps them there because some people may want them and that he puts prohibition on the same stand, not because he considers it desirable himself, but because the people of the province want it. That is not the position of the Murray Government. If Mr. Foster wants to occupy that position he is welcome to it. We will have nothing to do with it," concluded the Hon. Mr. Baxter.

THE POLICE COURT.  
In the police court yesterday Frank Doucette was fined \$16 for using obscene and profane language.

In the case where Lim King, a Chinese, is charged with conducting a gaming house on Mill street and twenty other Celestials charged with being inmates, after some evidence was taken the case was adjourned. Ten of the Chinese are out on bail amounting to \$50 each.

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Arrive St. John.

No. 9. 6.30 a.m. Halifax, Moncton, The Sydney.

No. 23. 9.00 a.m. Sussex Express. No. 13. 5.35 p.m. Montreal, Halifax, The Sydney, Moncton.

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