

# NORTHERN STRONG FOR THE LIBERALS IN THIS CONTEST

## Stirring Addresses by City Candidates at Fine Meeting Last Night

### Clear Cut Argument is Feature of Speeches—Failure of Government Shown up and Sound Reasons Given Against Their Return to Power at Fredericton

The personal assurance of hearty support for the St. John city Liberal candidates have been receiving from the electorate during the last few weeks were given a most decided emphasis last night in the Temple of Honor hall. Main street when W. E. Foster, F. J. G. Knowlton, W. J. Mahoney and J. W. Keirstead made their first public addresses at a campaign meeting.

It argues well for the cause of the opposition in this contest that, on such a fine June night, when the appeal of the doors is so strong, there responds to the invitation to attend a political meeting such a large representation of the electorate as gathered last evening to hear the Liberal candidates lay their case before the people.

The meeting, too, was full of enthusiasm and fire, the points made by the speakers found quick and hearty response and time and again the hall rang with the applause which marked features in the clear and logical arguments of the candidates against the Fleming government's administration of the affairs of New Brunswick.

Rising above the mark set by some of the orators on the Conservative side, the speakers last evening declared themselves utterly opposed to personal attacks upon their opponents. They read in their duties something above that; they were there to try the government at the bar of public opinion and this they certainly did with vigor and effectiveness. As to the verdict, there need be no doubt in the North End of the city; it was written in the record of that meeting. The Liberal triumph on June 20.

"The Liberal government is what the North End wants," said Chairman Gregory in introducing one of the speakers, and the present last night, felt no doubt that the want would be satisfied on many days.

# THE GOVERNMENT'S GIFTS TO THE C. P. R.

All the candidates made a most favorable impression on their initial appearance, and as they had much to say in the Fleming failures and the broad policy of Mr. Copp, there was no lack of subject matter. The speakers laid stress on the businesslike presentation of the facts upon which the voters must decide when they go to the polls; they pleaded for service to the people and support to Mr. Copp in carrying out his projects for advancement of the province, and they reiterated their case, knowing that to be all sufficient. All were given a rousing reception and at the close of the meeting there were ringing cheers for the king, Mr. Copp and the St. John candidates.

W. E. Foster, the first speaker introduced by the chairman, J. Fraser Gregory, caught the attention of all at the outset and he held them closely following his businesslike presentation of the Liberal case. The Conservative speakers had given but a rebuke of the matters of the last campaign; nothing new. There was no outline of what they would do for roads or for agriculture, and the Fleming manifesto also was barren. On the other hand, Mr. Copp laid down a definite, broad policy and the speaker had no doubt of the result if the electorate were to read those two documents and decide on them alone.

Mr. Foster made a strong arraignment of the government for incompetency in financial affairs as instanced in the Pinder railroad guarantee of bonds, the Minto and Gibson railway deal and the proposed handing over the Central railway to the C. P. R. practically as a gift. He judged them from the business man's viewpoint and he found them sadly lacking.

Mr. Knowlton showed the piling up of a million dollar debt by the Conservative government despite the enormous revenue enjoyed, greater than ever in the history of the province. He attacked their road administration with vigor and promised support to the project to let the roads out of politics, public contracts by public tender, fair wages in all contracts and aid to settlement on crown lands with the idea of keeping New Brunswick boys at home.

Mr. Keirstead arraigned the government for its duplicity to the temperance men and the graft methods shown in the road and bridge administration. The government, he said, had been attacked but he could find nothing in its record to compare with the Jones-Macaulay method.

# ROADS NEVER WORSE THAN NOW

W. J. Mahoney, who was next called upon, was given a hearty reception. He expressed his appreciation of the honor of the speakers and he showed the peculiar circumstances attached to its progress which gave further grounds for support regarding it.

Referring to the claims of the present government, Mr. Mahoney said that although the leaders had expressed their thanks to the Liberal electorate who had placed them in power it was not long before they were discharging Liberals to make the roads worse than before. After the election Mr. Hazen lent the whole weight of the provincial government to the Conservative party in both federal elections and had hailed their provincial victory as a Conservative triumph.

The speaker then referred to the financial policy of the provincial government with regard to the crown lands. In Nova Scotia a policy was followed of a present rate of cutting down soil waste upon the forests. In New Brunswick the operations are geared in such a way as to strip the forests in their efforts to get as much money as possible out of the crown lands before they expire. (Applause.)

That Road Policy.

Referring to the boasted road policy of the government the speaker said that from his personal experience he had found the roads were never in such a deplorable condition as at the present time. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Copp on the other hand has promised a progressive policy which will take the roads out of politics and will guarantee value for every dollar expended.

Mr. Copp's policy of letting all public works by tender and guaranteeing fair wages to the workmen was explained and commended by the speaker.

Referring to the agricultural and immigration policies of the opposition, the speaker said that their policy was to encourage our own farmers as much as possible by practical assistance; to encourage our own people to remain in the province and to aid them in achieving prosperity while at the same time encouraging the immigration of the best class of settlers in the province.

Mr. Mahoney was heard with marked attention and his remarks were frequently applauded.

# THE GOVERNMENT'S DUPLICITY EXPOSED

Mr. Keirstead, who was greeted with vigorous cheers, referred to the fact that he had taken the platform at meetings of temperance and other reform organizations, and he considered the platform which he now advocated was a complete reversal to any on behalf of which he had ever addressed the people. (Applause.)

He had never been a hidebound partisan and in the previous provincial election he had felt it his duty to support the party which formed the present government. Since then he had found that he could not excuse them for what they had done and on their own record he was forced to oppose them.

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# A WARNING

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# F. J. G. KNOWLTON MAKES ROUSING SPEECH

F. J. G. Knowlton, on being introduced and on rising to speak, was given a magnificent reception. He said that he was disappointed in what they had performed. He had advocated the acceptance of the amendments of the license law offered by the Liberal government, but neither he nor those associated with him had known that the amendments carried a clause which was of as much value to the Liberal government as the other clauses were to the temperance people.

When we learned of this," the speaker said, "we asked how the other clause had gone through without the knowledge of the temperance people. They told us that they did not know. They could not tell. It must have been by mistake of the printers. I afterwards learned that it was put through as a result of a visit of a delegation of liquor men to Fredericton, and when I heard of this, I was indignant. I said to myself, 'I will not let this go without a word.'"

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The prospects of the Liberal party in St. John city and county are growing brighter every day as the campaign progresses. When it commenced the government was willing to concede one seat in the city and two in the county to the opposition, and since then many Conservatives are willing to admit the loss of two seats in the city and one in the county to the Liberal forces. The Liberal forces are becoming more and more confident of capturing the whole city. The Liberals who supported Mr. Hazen at the time of the last provincial election are not to be misled by time and their loss will greatly weaken the government party. Many Conservatives have been convinced of the necessity of defeating the government in the interests of the province, and will lend their efforts to the work.

F. B. Carvell, M. P., to be one of the speakers at a meeting in the Temperance hall, Parville, this evening, and there is no doubt that the large audience will greet him and Mr. Carvell will deal with the issue of the government's policy in the Oldfield hall, Carleton, the evening of the 13th.

The other meetings in support of the Liberal candidates are scheduled as follows: Thursday, June 13—Smoker at Barker House, Ben Leonard. Candidates and workers of the district will speak. All friends invited.

Friday, June 14—Black River school house. The candidates, James Lowell, and others.

Saturday, June 15—Lorneville. The candidates, James Lowell, Dr. W. B. Wallace, K. C. and others.

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# COFFEE NINETEEN SEATS AT OUTSET TO OPPOSITION

Certainty of Good Working Majority for Liberals, Says Leader Copp

Addresses Rousing Meeting in Charlotte County—Revolt There Against the Government is Pronounced, and Hazen is Brought in to Try to Win Supporters Back

St. Stephen, N. B., June 11.—Members of the opposition party in Charlotte feel they have been neglected entirely without cause, in the production of victory which has been made with respect to candidates for the party in other counties of the province.

Two fine meetings tonight in what are regarded as Conservative strongholds furnished striking evidence of the popularity of the candidates—H. W. Mann, Harrison McAllister, D. P. Gillmor and Geo. M. Byron—and of the bright chances for their success in the coming election.

Mr. Copp, the opposition leader, was given an enthusiastic reception tonight in Milltown and his presentation of the issues made a most telling impression. Mr. Copp made the direct charge that the real deficit in the provincial finances last year was \$235,000 instead of \$36,000, the payment of nearly \$189,000 of expenditure on roads and bridges last year being held back until after the closing of the fiscal year, on Oct. 31st.

As the government voted only \$270,000 this year for public works," said Mr. Copp, "and they promised to pay the debt of this year's appropriation, you can see there are only a few thousands to spend on the roads this summer. It was this reason the elections were hurried on in June, because the government dare not let the people learn of its improvidence."

Mr. Copp also exposed the government's pretensions to a more efficient collection of the taxes and to the provision of more adequate financial safeguards by the passage of the audit act.

Two of the candidates, Messrs. McAllister and Gillmor, also spoke at the meeting and made a most favorable impression. Messrs. Byron and Mann were absent at the time of the meeting in Warwick, where they were assisted by N. Marks Mills.

# FORFEIT DEFEAT.

So pronounced is the revolt against the government candidates in Charlotte, particularly among the Conservatives, as party lines are not drawn very closely here, that the aid of Hon. Mr. Hazen has been invoked and he will address a meeting here tomorrow night.

The great fear of the government party now is that Attorney General Gilmor will be defeated and the provincial treasury will be sacrificed to other candidates to save him.

It is generally admitted that a great mistake has been made by the government in bringing out a ticket with three professional men, two of whom are not in the province, and the practical hard-work candidates who represent the opposition are making great headway.

Mr. Gillmor was cheered again and again as he referred to the personnel of the opposition ticket tonight, his reference to the assistance of Mr. McAllister as not a partisan representative from Milltown being particularly well received.

Mr. Mann represents the farmers, and Mr. Byron, better than any other man, understands conditions on the seacoast and needs of the fishermen, while Mr. Gillmor is a young man of brilliant promise, who has chosen St. George as his home and will make his life work there.

These facts were brought out with great effectiveness by Mr. Gillmor himself tonight and the young candidate is carrying everything before him in Charlotte.

The MacDonalds presided at the Milltown meeting, held in Eaton's hall, which was crowded by a large and intelligent audience. The meeting was furnished by the Milltown band.

Mr. McAllister spoke briefly to his fellow citizens, and remarked on the low rating of the government by the opposition. He said that the government was carrying down of any representative from the town by the government convention. He said that the opposition Conservatives had brought him support.

Mr. Gillmor spoke along lines indicated above, and W. F. Todd, ex-M. P., appealed for support of the opposition candidates as a private citizen having an interest in the future of the province.

# WILL VOTE AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT

A. C. M. Lawson, G. C. T. of the I. O. G. T., writes from Fredericton to the Telegraph under the caption "How I will vote (D.V.) on June 20."

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