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# TO THE WOMEN OF NEW BRUNSWICK

## An Independent Newspaper's View Of the Situation

[St. John Globe, Independent.]

The Standard now says: "It was the Hazen government under Hon. Mr. Grimmer's administration that first inaugurated an honest collection of stumpage." Quite so. And had the heirs and successors of the Hazen government—the present opposition—continued in the course laid out for them by their political godfathers there would have been no crown land, no Valley Railroad, no patriotic potato scandals. The Hazen-Grimmer administration gave this province good government, but the group who took control after them inaugurated a carnival of plundering such as has never been equalled in so short a time in any Canadian province. The crown land robbery was of all these the most scandalous. What was sold for a party campaign fund was immunity from imposition of a higher stumpage. In other words, the then government sold both the interests and honor of the province and put the money in a private fund to debauch the electorate. That transaction has never been repudiated by any party convention; the money which was the price of party perfidy has never been turned into the provincial treasury. Harking back to the government of Sir Douglas Hazen and Hon. W. C. H. Grimmer serves only to accentuate the mismanagement, to use no harsher word, of those who followed in their immediate footsteps. It must make right-thinking people realize how imperative it is to continue the government of New Brunswick in the control of those who, instead of dishonoring the trust imposed in them, have given every proof of honest and progressive administration of the most valuable of the provincial assets.

## OPPOSITION DIFFICULTIES

[St. John Globe, Independent.]

The declaration of the Hon. B. Frank Smith that he has left the party, the letter of Dr. Crockett accusing the party of lack of regard for constitutional principles, the abandonment in Charlotte County of two seats to the farmers, are tangible indications of opposition differences, which must carry greater weight than vague and indefinite stories about government difficulties in other counties.



HON. W. E. FOSTER, Premier of New Brunswick

For the first time in provincial affairs, the full and free right to the franchise is extended to women and all those registered have the privilege of voting on October 9. Many women will thus cast their ballots for the first time and it is fortunate that the issues in this election are so clean-cut and clearly defined. Women electors must choose between the two parties, the one led by Hon. W. E. Foster, the government party and that led by J. B. M. Baxter, the Opposition party.

Governments are judged on their records. Oppositions must be judged on the records of the men composing that opposition coupled with their pledges for future performance. Consider the record of the Foster government:

- 1.—They gave the provincial franchise to women.
- 2.—They have greatly extended and enlarged the beneficial work of the Women's Institutes in New Brunswick.
- 3.—They enforced the Prohibition Act of 1916 and granted a plebiscite which will result in the act being strengthened and made permanent.
- 4.—They have protected the family of the workingman through the creation of a Workmen's Compensation Board which does away with the necessity of legal action before the injured workman is recompensed for time lost and for doctors' bills, hospital fees, etc.
- 5.—They have cleared the province of small-pox, rendered practically the whole school population immune from the disease and introduced a system of medical inspection of schools unrivalled by any other province of Canada.
- 6.—They have taken steps to prevent the spread of social disease and through progressive legislation put in force the proper keeping of vital statistics, thus assuring every child born in the province its own legal rights.
- 7.—They have increased materially the government grant to teachers and made adequate provision for technical training in Vocational schools.
- 8.—They have raised the whole standard of rural life through proper attention to the Road building, both back and front roads, making possible as well as more ready sale of, and better prices for, Farm Produce.
- 9.—They have guarded the finances, preserved the Crown Lands and have taken the first and most important steps for the development of our Water Powers which means eventually more work and better wages in industrial centres.
- 10.—They have conducted the affairs of the province throughout three and one-half years in an honest, business-like manner without breath of scandal or suspicion of wrong-doing.

## NOW WHAT OF THE OPPOSITION?

Their record while in power was strikingly bare of Progressive Legislation while they must face responsibility for the timber limits scandal, the Valley Railway scandal, the Southampton Railway scandal, the Patriotic Potatoes mess, and other unsavory transactions which took altogether some \$500,000 from the people of the province.

And yet the Opposition party, so far, has produced no platform but this slogan:

• "WE STAND FOR THE SAME PRINCIPLES"

Women surely stand for purity in politics and all that is best in public life. Need they hesitate? The leader of the government, Hon. W. E. Foster, is a man with private life above reproach who, at an early age, assumed the full duties of citizenship and who is known everywhere as a man of high ideals and rare qualities. He and members of his government are worthy of every woman's confidence.

## Candidates of the Foster Government In This Election

To continue good government in New Brunswick vote for the Government party's candidates.

### YORK COUNTY

J. Bacon Dickson  
Peter S. Watson  
Peter Coburn  
John T. Christie

### SUNBURY COUNTY

Robert B. Smith  
David W. Mersereau

### QUEENS COUNTY

Hon. J. E. Hetherington  
George H. King

### CHARLOTTE COUNTY

J. M. Scovil  
H. R. Lawrence  
H. W. Mann  
Frank Kennedy

### CARLETON COUNTY

Dr. M. E. Commins  
Robert L. Simms

### NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY

Hon. Robert Murray  
Hon. J. P. Burchill  
Dr. F. C. McGrath  
David V. Allain

And equally strong and representative tickets in every other constituency in New Brunswick.

# Vote for the Foster Government Candidates