

A FEW FACTS CONCERNING THE OPERATIONS OF THE NEW BRUNSWICK FARM SETTLEMENT BOARD

Nothing too good or too optimistic can be said of the Farm Settlement Board legislation. In fact, there is nothing as good in the way of land settlement schemes nearer than Australia, unless it is the new after-the-war settlement scheme of 1916. Both these acts owe their inception to the most progressive governments this province has ever seen. At present we have about three hundred settlers living on what would otherwise be vacant farms in the province. The farms are being improved, the buildings repaired, and in some cases painted, and the general appearance of the neighborhood improved.

The moral effect on the whole farming community has been so great through the influence of this act that farm property today (with all the adverse conditions of the world) is worth from twenty to fifty per cent. more than it was four years ago. There are not so many people wanting to sell their farms as formerly, and those for sale are at a much higher rate. In one noticeable section of the province, i. e. Bay Road, Charlotte Co., only a few miles out of St. Stephen, four years ago nearly every other farm along that road was vacant, today there is only one vacant farm on the road in twelve miles, the others have been occupied and improved under the Farm Settlement Act, and there is a different atmosphere altogether in that section. One real estate man told me that a few years ago when anyone asked him for a farm he could give them any number to choose from, but today he had to go away back for one or decline altogether. This is an instance of the benefit derived from this act, and yet another instance of the benefit derived from an insurance manager of a large general office, told me the Farm Settlement Act had improved the farm risks one hundred per cent. in the last two years. In fact, he said a few years ago his company did not care about taking farm risks, but today it was good paying business, of which they were looking for more, all owing to the changed conditions brought about through the Farm Settlement Act.

During the past year the Farm Settlement Board has placed thirty-six families on farms at a cost of \$75,000 or an average price of about \$2100. We have also disposed of some we had on hand, among the number being the Charles Cain farm, so-called, that was so severely criticised by the opposition last winter. The following letter from the purchaser of this farm rather than the statements made about this place by unscrupulous critics:

West Scotch Settlement, Kings Co., N. B., August 18th, 1916.
Mr. James Gilchrist, Immigration Agent for the Province of N. B., St. John, N. B.

Dear Sir—I am pleased to say that I have not settled on the Cain farm and am at work farming, but do not expect to put much crop in this season. I have some cows, some pigs and a good young team, and feel that I am very well located at the present. I am pleased to say that after several months looking over many of the farms in the province, through the medium of many real estate agents, that I decided to buy the Cain property. I only arrived at the conclusion at the last moment, hearing so many discussions over the different farms that the Farm Settlement Board had been handling led me to think it might be worth while to look some of these properties over, and yet often publicity sometimes leads in many cases to good results. I had decided to return to the west and take a few acres there, and realizing that there are only two crops out of every six years that you can depend upon led me to change my mind with regard to the farm proposition, as I know if I am here in this province depending on one class of crop, I like this farm very much, although hearing so much about some of these farms made me feel quite shy in undertaking the proposition. After looking over the farm carefully and finding quite a quantity of good standing lumber, both hard and soft wood on it, also over 100 acres of good young growing timber that must eventually come into money in the future, makes me feel more pleased with the proposition of settling in this country, yet I cannot understand why our opposition friends should run down these properties and more especially the property that I have purchased from you people who compose the Farm Settlement Board. If the same property was in the west there would be more boosters there boosting the property than there are knockers here. These knockers do not make anything for themselves, and certainly must injure who are coming in here with the hopes of making our homes in this country.

As I said before, I do not expect to do much farming this year, other than put up my fences and put enough stock on it to eat the hay.

Trusting it may be my pleasure to have some more of our people come from Ontario and settle here, as they can buy land much cheaper here than they can in the western province.

Yours truly,
Dennis J. Noonan.

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Another instance is at Glasville, Carleton County, where there were a large number of vacant farms before the act came in force, and the farmers remaining were trying to sell out, but today this is all changed. Every vacant farm has been resettled and the old residents are contented and happy with their new neighbors, and a feeling of permanent prosperity has settled on the whole community, Oth-

OPPOSITION IS DIVIDED IN THE COUNTY OF KENT

Certain Politicians in Boutouche Cause—Hon. Dr. Landry, Popular Provincial Secretary and Colleagues Will Sweep County on Saturday.

Special to The Standard.
Richibucto, Feb. 21.—The Government candidates are meeting with great success in their campaign throughout the county, and everything points to the election of the Hon. Dr. Landry, George A. Hutchinson and Francois O. Richard by an overwhelming majority on the 24th. Opposition heelerers are making all sorts of wild predictions in order to give heart to their supporters, but they realize themselves that they are badly beaten.

They followed the same tactics in 1912, when P. J. Veniot spent all his spare time and energy in the county. At that time they announced that Dr. Landry would be defeated. Nevertheless the provincial secretary and his two colleagues, Dr. Bourque and Col. Sheridan were elected with the crushing majority of eleven hundred and sixty.

Opposition Weak.

In the present instance the opposition ticket is an exceedingly weak combination. There is not a strong man in the outfit and the assistance of Col. Sheridan were elected with the crushing majority of eleven hundred and sixty.

er instances could be mentioned in different parts of the province. The total number of farms owned by the Farm Settlement Board are worth more money today than when purchased, and if the government wished to dispose of all the farms at the present time, we could form a company in a few days that would be glad to take over such a good investment and make money out of it. The province will not lose one dollar on these farms in the end, except the small amount for administration, and the uplifting effect and boost that has been given real estate is worth more to the province than the whole cost of the farms, supposing all the money invested was lost, which is impossible.

Total number of farms purchased to date, 312, at a total outlay of \$251,000, made up as follows: Original capital (bond issue), \$145,000 Re-invested capital from payments received on farms, 90,000

of Mr. Veniot has not been forthcoming, he being kept very busy in his own county where in 1912 he himself was defeated by 800 votes. There is a big split here in the opposition ranks over the selection of Mr. Allison A. Dysart, a choice which was the result of a picked convention engineered by a small group of politicians from the southern end of the county. Mr. Atkinson, who ran in 1912 was turned down by the convention in order to make way for Mr. Dysart, whose candidacy is not at all satisfactory to a considerable portion of the opposition forces.

Mr. Atkinson would have been a much stronger man than Mr. Dysart. He is personally popular, and he has throughout the county many followers who are resenting keenly the unfair treatment which was meted out to him by certain Boutouche politicians and who will therefore vote for Mr. George A. Hutchinson and his two colleagues. The result in Kent is a foregone conclusion. The opposition has not the ghost of a show and the Hon. Dr. Landry and Messrs. Hutchinson and Richard will sweep the county.

Re-invested capital, interest, 16,000	
\$267,000	
Farms Divided into Counties.	
St. John	2
Sunbury	7
Victoria	12
Albert	25
Kings	26
York	14
Charlotte	68
Cheney	23
Northumberland	30
Queens	9
Carleton	41
Westmorland	16
Gloucester	22
Restigouche	17
	312

PRICES GENERALLY FIRM IN MONTREAL MARKET.	
Montreal, Feb. 21.—At the opening this morning prices were generally	

THE FATAL MISTAKES OF THE OPPOSITION

The Views of a Strongly Moderate Man With Regard to the Present Political Situation

Some Things That Will Count Heavily Against the Opposition Candidates—The Carter Party Prepared to Accept Support From Any Quarter.

Speaking with The Standard yesterday, a St. John gentleman, who takes a strongly moderate view of politics, said: "I think the fatal mistakes of the present opposition are:

"First—That they should have nominated any member of the old government that was turned out of power in 1908, or anyone who had supported it in the legislature or earlier.

"Secondly—That they have not given the people of the province something like a constructive policy.

"Thirdly—That they have dealt in a campaign of slander and misrepresentation.

"Fourthly—That they had not been satisfied with their failure in Carleton county last fall in attempting to make ex-Premier Flemming an issue in the present campaign.

"Fifthly—That they should have had among their prominent supporters men of doubtful character and reputation."

Continuing, he said: "The opposition party adopted Harry M. Blair after he had been dismissed from the Department of Public Works on the report of Commissioner Teed, who declared him to be a man whom he would not believe under oath. Notwithstanding this, the opposition made him a prominent figure in the Carleton county election, as well as in the present provincial campaign. Indeed, it is a well known fact that Mr. Blair is largely in charge of the opposition campaign in York county, and his friends are declaring that if there is a change of government Mr. Blair will go back to his important position in the Public Works Department."

"The opposition would very gladly have welcomed Mr. J. K. Pinder to their ranks if he had done as they had hoped he would do—squealed—when there was some friction between him and some of his former friends in York county; but Mr. Pinder disappointed the opposition, inasmuch as he preferred the present government, with a real, genuine, constructive policy, to the opposition party, until very recently without a visible leader, and still without any policy except that of abuse and misrepresentation.

"The opposition are trying to make much of an observation of Mr. J. L. Stewart when he said the only way to reform the Clarke Government was to kick it out. One of the strongest arguments in favor of the Murray Government as reconstructed is the fact that Mr. Stewart and his colleague Mr. Swim held the government ticket in Northumberland county, and Mr. Stewart's action will speak a thousand times more powerfully than his quoted words of many months ago."

firm, and the highest prices for the situation as it is, there was naturally a day took place. After the first hour, trading became particularly dull and fractional losses were shown in the active securities. There was no significance to these fluctuations. Tomorrow being a holiday in the New York market, and with the foreign

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YORK PLUNDERBUND HENCHMEN CAUGHT IN DELIBERATE LIE

Miserable Tactics of Emulators of Tammany Hall Exposed at Great Government Meeting in Fredericton Last Night—York County Will Give Emphatic Reply to Dark Lantern Men and the "Gang" on Saturday.

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, Feb. 21.—Dr. W. C. Crockett, one of the government candidates in York, nailed another opposition lie in an address to a large meeting held in the Opera House to-night in the interests of the four standard-bearers of the Murray Government in this county. For the past two weeks the opposition speakers and press have been shouting that Dr. O. E. Morehouse, one of York's representatives in the last house, who declared at the convention held here on February 8th that he did not desire to again become a candidate, had refused to support the candidates chosen at the convention.

Lie Promptly Nailed.

Elwood Burt, one of the opposition candidates, made a statement to that effect here on nomination day, but to-night Dr. Crockett showed Mr. Burt up in a poor light, and branded the statement as false.

"Dr. Morehouse is supporting the government candidates," said Dr. Crockett, "and on Thursday night he is to be one of the speak-

ers at a meeting to be held in Springfield in the interests of the four candidates chosen at our convention."

Bitter Pill For Gang.

This statement was greeted with cheers. The active parties in the campaign by Dr. Morehouse will prove a bitter pill for the opposition remnants to swallow. From every platform in this county the opposition candidates have made false statements regarding Dr. Morehouse's position in this lie, but now they will be called upon to deny these.

As the campaign draws to a close the condition of the opposition in York becomes more pitiable and the electors are disgusted with the methods being employed by those in charge of the opposition here.

Tonight's meeting in the interests of Messrs. Young, Crockett and Hunter was one of the most enthusiastic political gatherings held here in years. Alderman Lemont acted as chairman, while five members of the city council, as well as prominent business men of the city and county, occupied seats on the platform. Addresses were made by Dr. Crockett, Miles E. Agar, St. John, and Hon. B. Frank Smith, Minister of Public Works.

Hon. B. Frank Smith.

The Minister of Public Works arrived from Woodstock on the Gibson branch C. P. R. train and was tendered a great ovation when he entered the hall. Dr. Crockett made an admirable address, dealing almost entirely with the opposition campaign being waged in York, and answering effectively the criticism of the candidates opposed to the present government.

Will Reject Boosters.

Mr. Agar in his address pointed out how the present government had increased the territorial revenue by an honest collection of stumpage and declared that a vote for the opposition on February 24th meant the return to power of the same old gang of boosters who plundered the public treasury prior to 1908.

Minister of Public Works.

Hon. Mr. Smith made one of the finest political addresses ever heard in Fredericton. He explained the policy of the Murray Government and discussed at length the new road policy of the present administration. The Minister of Public Works showed clearly the incompetency of the opposition on many of the important issues at stake in the fight, and his remarks were loudly cheered.

Alderman Lemont.

Alderman Lemont in a brief address declared that a vote for the Murray Government on Saturday next would be a vote in the interests of people of New Brunswick. He called upon all temperance workers to support the government candidates in York and every other county of the province. Such a clean-cut statement from Alderman Lemont, who is one of the foremost temperance workers in New Brunswick, made a decided impression on the electors.

York will send four representatives to the next legislature to support Premier James A. Murray.

GOVERNMENT'S FINE RECORD.

While some of the members of the Murray Government are accused of their supporters, as well as the press supporting the Government, have found it necessary to expose the cant and hypocrisy of its opponents and lay before the public the record of the old government—a record of disgraceful incompetency and dishonesty—the chief claim of the present Government for a continuance of public confidence is the record of the Government for the past eight years and the programme of the Murray Government for the future.

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Leonard P. D.

Lawyer, Member of last Legislature. Late Director of National Service for New Brunswick. For two years active in recruiting, devoting military salary to patriotic purposes.



GRANNAN
Philip

Successful Hardware Merchant. Member of last Legislature. Progressive citizen and indefatigable champion of St. John's claims. Special representative of North End.



POTTS
Frank L.

Auctioneer by occupation. Last few years devoted to duties as Commissioner of Public Works, St. John. Member of former Aldermanic Council.



CAMPBELL
J. Roy

Doctor of Law, with large and lucrative practice. Recently completed careful study and report on Taxation Commission. A man of judicial mind and familiar with legislative matters.

THE PERSONNEL OF THIS TICKET admirably suits the needs of the times. We want men of various types and abilities in our Legislature the next few years. The need is for men representing the middle class of wage earners as well as the professional class. We also want men of constructive legal ability—men who have mixed with people and who have had experience in carrying out public work for them.

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