

PREMIER ANNOUNCES FREE SCHOOL BOOK PLAN; TWO GREAT MEETINGS.

Government Proposes to Give Free Books to All the Lower Grades

Premier and Candidates Greeted With the Enthusiasm of Victorians in North and West Ends—Opposition Slanders Shattered

Two great Liberal meetings in one night. Both of them packed to the doors with wildly enthusiastic crowds. Both cheering New Brunswick's premier to the echo, applauding his eloquence, captured by the addresses and frankness of the young man at the head of the administration. Gains and dignified in his speech, vigorous in his criticism of the slanders of the opposition, clearly exposing their cowardly tactics in the back districts and their excited statements in the presence of the press and their opponents, the premier was widely cheered, and still more enthusiastically became his audience when he announced the policy of the government to supply free school books in the primary grades in the near future.

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The Finances

Does anyone believe that? (No! No!) The proof of whether you are bankrupt or not is best shown when you go to borrow money. (Laughter.) Can a bankrupt borrow money?

Hen D.J. Purdy

Mr. Purdy was the first speaker and the audience gave him a cordial greeting. He lost no time in saying what he thought of the "saw-off" statement published in the Times and amid great applause he said that story was on a par with all the other stories they saw in the Telegraph and Times. There was no truth in this story. They were in to win and would win. (Applause.) The candidates had been around the city and they never saw so much enthusiasm as they saw tonight. He thought that the party would be victorious. (Applause.) The government wished to build up New Brunswick—their motto was to build it up. Anyone can tear down a house, but it takes someone with ability to construct it. He spoke of the importance to the province of agriculture and how the government had aided the farmers in the different branches of that great industry. (Applause.)

The Premier Cheered

When the Premier was introduced he was greeted with three cheers and a tiger, and in a few pleasant words of introduction he told them he was confident that if there was any part of the province he could appeal to with sympathy it was this city of St. John, where they knew what it was to construct public works and to pay for them. They knew something of the cost and their burden, and could sympathize with the efforts of the local government in its efforts to build up the province of New Brunswick. (Applause.)

The Winter Part

He believed that the exports of Canada should be shipped through our own ports and the people of St. John with the same idea in their minds put their hands to their pockets and succeeded in improving this port to a marvellous extent, so much so that Hon. Mr. Pugsley the Minister of Public Works has succeeded in so impressing the government of Canada that he has already obtained a generous grant toward assisting in the project. The development of St. John means prosperity to New Brunswick, as the city grows so will the country thrive. The men of the coast, but now a chance is taking place, it is in the air and the young men have not the same urge to leave the province. Many in fact are coming back and are doing the first and most important functions of a government to foster such movements.

Then three cheers for Hon. Mr. Purdy, after which both gentlemen hurried to the Union Hall, North End, to address a public meeting there.

A. O. Skinner's Vigorous Talk

A. O. Skinner did not mince his words when he started out on what was an eloquent and able defense of the course of the government, but first of all, he said his respect to the Times and the Telegraph, particularly the dastardly attempt in the Times as he termed it to belittle him and Mr. Lantaulum in the eyes of the people of St. John. There was no meeting of the Liberal executive, no thought of a saw-off as stated in the Times. The whole thing was out of light and win. (Great applause and cheers.) The whole statement was absolutely a lie from beginning to end and an unfair and dishonest attempt to belittle him and Mr. Lantaulum.

E. H. McAlpine

That favorite of every audience, E. H. McAlpine, was literally received with a roar by the audience and soon roused them to fighting humor and his vigorous and original statements soon had the audience cheering and shouting. He was glad to hear the premier announce free school books for the primary grades, he hoped for further and further advance in the school books in the advanced grades, free under certain circumstances. Mr. Skinner made an admirable speech, which won him many contents from his friends.

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Harris car works had been full blast in St. John. The wages earned by the employees had been a great boon to the people of this town. The works had offered splendid opportunities to our young men and had supported a large number of our population. The company which owned the works had been driven to transfer their seat of operations to Nova Scotia.

Denies Times' Statement

"I was greatly surprised," went on Mr. Lantaulum, "to read in the Times an intimation that Mr. Skinner and myself would withdraw from the contest. I have always been a fighter and those who know me know that such an intimation is entirely groundless." (Applause.)

Mayor Seeks Vote

The chairman then called upon Mayor Sears. When his worship arose he was greeted with a storm of cheers, and for some moments was unable to proceed owing to the uproar of enthusiasm.

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County Candidates At Golden Grove

Attorney General and Mr. Lowell Addressed Large and Enthusiastic Audience.

Queens Solid For The Government

Senator King Says Farris and Carpenter Will Have Big Majority.

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