VOTE FOR HAULTAIN AND YOUR RIGHTS

HOW MR. MOTHERWELL BETRAYED THE FARMERS

E. A. Partridge, a Well-Known Grain Grower and Former Supporter of the Minister of Agriculture, In An Open Letter Shows How Mr. Motherwell Has Lowered the Dignity of His Office.

The following open letter to the farmers of North Qu'Appelle by a prominent grain grower shows how W. R. Motherwell has betrayed the farmers of Saskatchewan:

To the farmers of North Qu'Appelle:

Gentlemen—As a farmer, a member of the Grain Growers' Association, a one-time supporter of Mr. Motherwell in his earlier attempts to secure legislative honors and as one who recognises and has preached that it is of more importance to us farmers, that there should be a majority of agriculturists elected, than that either political party should secure a majority, it may seem strange and inconsistent that I should be found urging you to leave Mr. Motherwell, a farmer, ex-president of the Grain Growers' Association, and Minister of Agriculture, at home, instead of asking you to give him your hearty support.

But it is not enough that a candidate should be a farmer, to deserve the support of his fellow farmers. He will not make a good representative unless his views harmonize with the views of his fellow farmers and unless he is prepared to champion their cause in the legislature, and endeavor to secure legislation embodying their demands. A farmer member, especially if of cabinet rank who is not in sympathy with the views of his fellow farmers is a greater obstacle to them in their attempts to secure legislation, than a member of any other calling, as those who are not farmers naturally regard him as an oracle in all matters relative to agriculture or agriculturists, and generally without argument accept his views as the views of his class.

There is no doubt in my mind that with Mr. Motherwell out of the way Premier Scott would have lent a more sympathetic ear to the request of the Grain Growers, made through their representatives last spring.

Mr. Motherwell first won public recognition as president of the Grain Growers' Association.

He gained the confidence of the farmers by voicing their demands. He at the same time gained the confidence of those who were preying upon the farmers, by not pushing the demands far enough to seriously interfere with their ability to continue to prey upon them. Thus he paved the way to political preferment.

As president of the association he was a hard worker, along lines and ideas which he originated himself. Unfortunately his ideas were few in number and not very radical, that is to say, did not go to the root of the matter to be dealt with. He invariably received coldly or with any hostility any suggestion which did not have the honor of being presented to the association by himself. He showed little tendency to give and take in his relations with his associates, but was always ready with a compromise when conferring with the grain men or the railway people. He was chairman conferences with the grain and railway interests where he could play the part of the broad-minded, magnanimous agriculturist who had small sympathy with the narrow prejudices and foolish clamorings of his fellow farmers.

He usually wound up his part in a conference by a sleek, bald headed eulogy addressed to some man or body of men, who had just got the better of the farmers in some compromise agreement.

The gentleman gets great credit for the passage of the car distribution clause, which broke up the monopoly of cars enjoyed by the elevators, by giving the individual farmer the same rights to a car as an elevator.

As a matter of fact Mr. Motherwell fought strenuously to allow half the cars to go to the elevators and the other half to be available for the use of the farmers.

He saw no fault in the grading system nor in its administration.

He belittled the value of the baking and milling tests made by his predecessor in the office of the Commissioner of Agriculture, and declined to continue the tests this year when requested by the Grain Growers' Association.

He opposed the establishment of grades for slightly frosted wheats.

He defended the arbitrary use of the word "red" in the grading of wheat (a strained use of the word which has cost the farmers of the west millions of dollars).

He was averse to sending an agent to watch the grading of wheat and study the conditions surrounding the grain trade in Winnipeg on behalf of the Association.

He belittled the attempt to organize a farmers' co-operative grain company, which was intended to be the ally and to supplement the efforts of the association, misinterpreted the motive of the organisation, and endeavored to prevent the association giving any assistance or even recognition to it, though it was the logical outcome of the investigations of the agent sent to study the grain trade, and has since amply proved its necessity and usefulness.

He secured the appointment of his henchmen as chairman of the Royal Commission, instead of allowing the officers of the association to choose a capable person who enjoyed their confidence. The recommendations of the commission under such chairmanship, were, for the most part, like bread-pills, being neither harmful nor useful except as they stood in the way of acceptance by the government of more effective propositions made by the Grain Growers' Association.

He condemned the prosecution of the grain exchange members, instituted by President McQuaig of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association.

He endeavored to have a circular (which was sent out under the authority of President Hopkins of the Saskatchewan association, and endorsed by a majority of the executive) withdrawn because it approved of the prosecution, and asked for voluntary subscriptions in support of it. In demanding its withdrawal, he made a thinly veiled threat that the payment of the government grant to the association might depend on this withdrawal.

While Minister of Agriculture he openly lowered the dignity of his office and disgraced his manhood by going out of his way to strike an unmerited blow at the Grain Growers' Grain Co. and its chief executive officer, through the public press, at a time when the company was fighting for its life against the grain combine. In this dastardly attack he enjoyed the support of his minion, the chairman of the Royal Grain Commission.

A nice pair of "two-spots" surely!

In the following positions he is not in agreement with the great majority of the Grain Growers of the three western provinces, taking their opinions as formally expressed by resolutions passed at their convention, and requests addressed to parliament and the various legislatures.

He is opposed to changing the grading system.

He is opposed to the making of tests with a view to discovering a more scientific method of classification of the grain in accordance with its milling value.

He is opposed to special binning in the terminals.

He is opposed to government ownership and operation of line elevators by the province, and terminal and transfer elevators by the Dominion.

He is opposed to public ownership and operation of railways. He is therefore opposed to either the province helping to build and operate a railway to Hudson's Bay or the Dominion building and operating it as a state railway.

He is the friend and champion, apparently of pretty nearly everything which the grain growers as a class abhor, and an opponent of pretty nearly everything they desire.

As minister of agriculture he has shown neither originality or enterprise, he has instituted nothing of importance for the betterment of the conditions surrounding the sale of the farmers' commodities, concerning himself more with matters tending the advancement of party interests than agricultural interests.

His great activity has been in the providing of temporary employment for a large group of farmers as judges, institute speakers, etc., and the giving of grants and prizes with a lavish hand, both methods which mark the politician rather than the statesman.

For fear I might be accused of being a Provincial Righter in disguise, I will just state here that I am a Provincial Righter without disguise, —not a Conservative, a radical rather, but a believer in the rights of this province to the land and other natural resources which our presence as a people has made valuable.

Our contributions to the general revenue of the country by the payment of excise and import duties should give us a large and ever increasing amount in addition to revenue arising from the sale and lease of our land and natural resources.

But my plea for the retirement of Mr. Motherwell does not seek for justification on any other grounds than his lack of sympathy, not to say antagonism, shown in matters affecting the welfare of the farmers.

I have no hesitation in saying that the cause of the farmers of the west would be materially advanced by banishing Mr. Motherwell from our public life till his views are more in accord with the public opinion and his efforts directed more to the advancement of the public interest and less to gratification of selfish ends.

Faithfully yours,

E. A. PARTRIDGE.

Stutaluta, Aug. 7, 1908.

SCOTT'S POLICY

Here is the way the Ranching News of Maple Creek sizes up the Scott Government's policy:

"And soon the power will the Giffie gie 'em.
To see themselves as ranchers see 'em."

1. RAPID RAILWAY EXTENSION. Not one mile in three years.

2. A RAILWAY TO HUDSON'S BAY. Will cost $3,000,000. Built at once for $100,000!!

3. BRANCH RAILWAYS TO OUTLYING SETTLEMENTS. But not one branch built when they had the chance.

4. GOVERNMENT OWNED TELEPHONE LINES. Copying the Conservative policy.

5. FREE SCHOOL READERS. Printed in New York.

6. GOOD ROADS AND MORE BRIDGES. But not enough for the money.

7. SIMPLE, INEXPENSIVE, MUNICIPAL ORGANISATION. As set out in a statute half an inch thick.

8. LIBERAL ASSISTANCE TO RURAL TELEPHONE LINES. Whereby the farmers have to build them themselves.

9. AN AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE FOR FARMERS' SONS. To teach the advantages of the cent an acre tax.

10. SOUND, SAFE, PROGRESSIVE GOVERNMENT. Sounds like a death bed repentance.

WHO'D VOTE FOR THE SCOTT GOVERNMENT?

God Save Saskatchewan.

PROVINCIAL RIGHTS VICTORY IN SIGHT

(Continued from page 1.)

Broadview, Sask., Aug. 10.—With but four days left to complete the campaign, it is possible to make a fairly intelligent estimate of the position, outlook and probable result of the polling on Friday.

Both sides appear pretty confident. The government, however, bases strong hopes of success upon carrying the outlying constituencies, where the foreign vote predominates.

Haultain appears to have retained his grip upon the old and more intelligent settlers and in almost every one of the old group reports indicate that his candidates are steadily gaining ground.

For instance, it seems pretty well recognised that Haultain will carry Regina city and the county, and the city and county of Moose Jaw; Milestone, where Calder is likely to go to defeat; South Qu'Appelle and North Qu'Appelle, where Motherwell's defeat is practically admitted; Pipestone, where Gillis will have a walkover; Moose Mountain, Moosomin, Souris and Cannington.

I cannot speak with any authority of the Northern counties, although Haultain declares that the same wave of opposition that is sweeping the older portions of the province exists in the north. Wherever the story of graft and alienation of the public resources, under the Ottawa administration, can be told, indignation is general and bitter, and the cry is now for honest men, and honest administration, and death to grafters.

In my judgment too much has been made by the opposition of local issues, such as the book contract, the parliament buildings site, the supplementary revenue tax. In doing this the overshadowing issue of having the lands, the timbers and the minerals and control of schools restored to the province is lost sight of. These are the real issues of the campaign.

Scott has shown himself very weak and ineffective. When on the public platform he is abusive and deals constantly with small, pigmy disputes and points that carry little weight with the people.

The people are intelligent, and wherever real issues are presented, they readily embrace the Provincial Rights idea.

Mr. R. L. Richardson's itinery has been changed at the last moment, so he can meet Premier Scott at important points.

WILWAY TO WIN.

Grayson, Aug. 8.—The Liberal meeting here this afternoon was a success for Mr. Wilway, the Provincial Rights candidate; the magnectic name of Mr. Motherwell drew together an audience of seventeen. Mr. Lindsay, the Scott candidate said he was proud to be where he was, and if elected would do all in his power for the farmers and Mr. Scott. Mr. McLeod, Grenfell, appeared on behalf of Mr. Wilway, and after exposing the misdeeds of the Scott government, their reckless extravagance and their bolstering of the depleted treasury by borrowing money, he dwelt at some length on the evils of the supplementary revenue tax. With a flourish of trumpets, the minister of agriculture introduced himself and poured out thunder in the abusive style that has become characteristic of the man. His abuse is not argument and has done more to win votes for the opposition than anything else. He seemed highly delighted with himself as he poured out invectives upon Mr. McLeod. As he proceeded the large audience of seventeen had dwindled down to nineteen. It must have been far from flattering to the minister of agriculture to find that the magnetism of his great name could draw only six or seven of the farming community. The farmers have no time to listen to government apologies when the wheat is ready to cut.

BRADSHAW SURE.

Prince Albert, Aug. 9.—J. E. Bradshaw will defeat Attorney General Turgeon. That the seat is doubtful was admitted by the minister when he decided to run in Duck Lake as well. Both sides are working might and main, but it is not difficult to see on which side the advantage lies. The University question is playing hob with the government.

DONALDSON SAFE

In the district, Sam Donaldson has an easy thing with Knox. Donaldson is personally very popular and has the additional advantage of strong sympathy because of the scandalous deal of which he was the victim in 1905. There is no danger of it being repeated. The riding is strongly Provincial Rights from the very nature of its boundaries. This the government admits; while no more popular candidate could be secured than Donaldson.

ARM RIVER SAFE.

Bethune, Aug. 9.—Bott should be returned for Arm River by a comfortable majority. His superiority as a speaker has given him a decided advantage over Scott, the Liberal candidate. He is also supported by a large number of splendid workers. In 1905 Sheppard only broke even in this district.

THREE IN VONDA

Vonda, Aug. 9—Three candidates are in the field in Vonda. Dr. McKay is the Provincial Rights candidate and should win, for Tatzke and Wright will split the Liberal vote.

DEFEAT FOR LANGLEY

Radisson, Aug. 9.—Redberry will very likely send a supporter to Mr. Haultain in the next legislature. G. Langley, though possessing a certain amount of popularity is not acceptable to all his own party. His opponent, C. P. Evens is only 25 years of age, but his youth is made up in ability. Had the boundary of the constituency not been changed, Langley would probably have won handily but as it is the Conservative element is strong in the new riding.

IN NORTH BATTLEFORD

North Battleford, Aug. 9.—Craig should defeat Findlayson the government candidate. He is a capable man, something which can be said of both men. The fight, however, will be close.

LLOYDMINSTER RIGHT

Lloydminster, Aug. 9—The Provincial Rights candidate Mills should, from present indications, be returned by a good majority. He has a decided advantage over Leslie, his opponent, who is not popular. Mills is an Oxford graduate and a substantial farmer, which has made him a favorite in the constituency.

MOTHERWELL GONE

Fort Qu'Appelle, Aug. 9.—The defeat of Hon. W. R. Motherwell is looked for by the Provincial Righters. J. A. McDonald is a strong candidate.

RIDDELL FOR SOURIS

Oxbow, Aug. 9.—Riddell is a sure winner in this constituency. The Liberals admit no more than a fighting chance. Riddell is just as popular as J. T. Brown was.

CLOSE AT WEYBURN

Weyburn, Aug. 9.—Beischell and Mitchell are running neck and neck. In the city Beischell will run up a good majority. A dead set is being made upon the American settlements which should go slightly in favor of Beischell, who was an American.

AT FILLMORE

Fillmore, Aug. 8.—An enthusiastic meeting in the interests of the Provincial Rights candidate, Dr. Mahan, was held in the school house at Osage last evening. The building was crowded to its utmost capacity and the speakers were given a very fine reception. The meeting was opened by G. H. McLeod, who vigorously arraigned the administration. Dr. Mahan, who is one of the most convincing speakers of the province gave an hour's address, and dealt fully with the issues, carrying the meeting by storm. After the general meeting C. B. Smith gave a short lecture on organisation work.

Should Have Lands.

Fort Qu'Appelle, July 30.—Hon. W J. Hanna, provincial secretary, of Ontario, was here today on private business, and declined to discuss the political situation in this province, further than to say that if Saskatchewan does not get the lands, timber and minerals the province will always be in financial trouble. These are the backbone of Ontario's strong position today.

DIRECT TAXATION.

The Scott party now cannot deny that part of their policy is Direct Taxation. It has been started in the Supplementary Revenue Act, and is to be increased in the Municipalities Bill. Money will have to be raised by Direct Taxation to pay the interest on the money borrowed for capital expenditure.

Are the Electors going to stand for this? They can avoid it by voting for Haultain and the Provincial Rights candidates.

THE CANDIDATES

Constituency	Government	Opposition
Arm River	George Scott	Rev. B. J. Bott
Battleford, North	D. A. Finlayson	A. E. Craig
Battleford	S. S. Simpson	H. Dewer
Canora	J. B. Robertson	W. Johnson
Cannington	*J. D. Stwart	P. McLellan
Duck Lake	*Hon. A. Turgeon	
Estevan	George Bell	H. Yardley
Francis	J. J. Stevenson	Dr. Mahan
Hanley	Dr. James McNeil	Pl. M. Henricks
Humboldt	*Dr. Neeley	L. E. Kramer (Ind.)
Kinistino	*T. Sanderson	G. H. Johnson
Last Mountain	Sam J. Latta	T. A. Anderson
Lloydminster	H. C. Lisle	W. H. Miles
Milestone	*Hon. J. A. Calder	A. E. Whitmore
Maple Creek	W. R. Abbott	*D. J. Wylie
Moose Jaw C'n'ty	*J. Sheppard	H. Dorell
Moose Jaw City	J. R. Green	*J. H. Wellington
Moosomin	A. Smith	O. B. Fysh (Ind.)
Moose M'tn	Chris Rosborough	*Dr. Ellis
Pelly	J. K. Johnson	*Dr. Elliott
Pipestone	— Robinson	R. S. Dundas
P. Albert County	Andrew Knox	*A. B. Gillis
P. Albert City	*Hon. A. Turgeon	*S. A. Donaldson
Pheasant Hills	H. W. Lindsay	J. E. Bradshaw
Qu'Appelle, North	*W. R. Motherwell	H. Willway
Qu'Appelle, South	Eli Williamson	J. A. MacDonald
Regina County	Robert Sinton	*Hon. F.W.G. Hault'n
Regina City	*J. F. Bole	Fis. C. Pate
Rosthern	*G. Enns	H. Wielland
Redberry	*Geo. Langley	Dr. A. Steward
Swift Current	*Hon. Walter Scott	C. P. Evens
Saskatoon City	A. E. McNabb	W. O. Smyth
Saskatoon County	*W. C. Sutherland	Mayor Wilson
Souris	John Young	P. L. Somerfield
Saltcoats	*T. MacNutt	Archibald Riddell
Touchwood	G. M. Atkinson	A. A. Thompson
Vonda	A. F. Totzke	J. Hollis
Weyburn	Dr. Mitchell	Dr. McKay
Wadena	H. C. Pierce	Geo. Beischell
Yorkton	*T. Garry	R. H. Nicholson
		W. Dunlop

*Members of the late legislature.

PREFERS LANDS

Manitoba Would Prefer Lands Instead of Money If There Were Any Lands Left--Mr. Roblin's Position.

Balcarres, July 30.—In response to a communication from Mr. J. A. Balfour, of Balcarres, on the question of whether he would sooner accept a money grant in lieu of lands, Premier Roblin of Manitoba, has written as follows:

Dear Sir,—Your letter of July 1, received. The statement made as reported by you, is in a measure correct. The province of Manitoba demands a consideration for the loss of lands, timber and fisheries that have been taken from her by the Dominion and to be indemnified reasonably for such appropriation of public domain as the other provinces, excepting Alberta and Saskatchewan, have been allowed to retain.

We would prefer of course, to have our own lands, our timber and our mines, and to be indemnified for those taken, but the trouble with us is that nearly all our public lands have been used, and we cannot therefore, hope to get them back and must insist on being paid for them.

I do not know that there is anything further that I need say, other than that we hope some day to have a government that will recognise the justice of our claims.

Yours truly,

R. P. ROBLIN,

Province of Manitoba, Premier's Office, Winnipeg, July 6, 1908.

GENERAL NEWS

FIRE AT GAINSBORO

Gainsboro, Sask., Aug. 6.—A bad fire broke out in town last night, the flames were first seen at 1.45 a. m. coming from the back of Leslie's general store. Fortunately the night was calm and the fire was confined to the block. The flames raged fiercely until Rusk's livery barn, J. S. & J. Leslie's general store, A. Gleiser's general store and R. Carr's blacksmith shop and dwelling were a total loss.

The loss aggregates $30,000 which is partly covered by insurance, the Union and Phoenix being interested.

The cause of the fire is unknown. The fire brigade did splendid work in protecting buildings, that were in immenent danger of igniting.

A man named W. B. Snow, an alleged crop expert, and who is interested in a Chicago grain company has been doing his little best of late to knock the Saskatchewan crop. While Pessimist Snow is doing the "knocking act" in Chicago, the crops in Saskatchewan are giving his reports the lie by simply "jumping" to maturity and the average yield will thus surpass all previous records. On his next visit to our fair province we would advise that Mr. Snow cut out the moose. Canadian whiskey is a trifle heavy for Chicago tenderfeet and if taken in quantities is liable to make them "see things."—Wapella Post.

The gentleman who came to town to beat Peter McLellan, who claims to be connected with the Free Press, was delivered out of temptation on Wednesday morning by being driven out of town by one of the Liberal party wheelers. He came to speak against McLellan, but his power of speech failed him for two or three days.—Manor Advocate.

Orders are coming in freely for butter at Qu'Appelle creamery and it is evident that not only the supply in storage, but the make for the balance of the season will readily be taken at an advanced price. Patrons may therefore rest assured that the advance already made is only a portion of their remuneration. Farmers will find it decidedly advantageous to continue their supply of cream as long as possible as the price of butter is bound to raise as high as last last year and probably higher. Added to this is the fact that the patronage and make is far in excess of last year and consequently patrons stand to get a much better return for their season's cream.—Progress.

According to the Yorkton Enterprise, Mr. Angus Brown, a farmer living ten miles east of Yorkton, commenced cutting wheat last Thursday.

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