

GOVERNMENT'S FINE RECORD CONTRASTED WITH BLACK RECORD OF PREDECESSORS

Hon. Mr. Foster, in Telling Speech, Reviews Progressive Legislation of His Administration

Presents Strong Arguments for the Election of Mr. Bentley—Largely Attended and Enthusiastic Meetings Held at St. Martins, Salmon River and Greer Settlement—Vigorous Addresses Also Delivered By Hon. P. J. Veniot, Hon. D. W. Mersereau and W. M. Ryan.

The electors of the eastern end of St. John county, who reside at A. F. Bentley, the Liberal candidate in the by-election to be held on Saturday of next week, turned out in force last evening to attend three meetings held in the interest of the government candidate.

The enthusiastic reception accorded Mr. Bentley, Premier Foster, Hon. P. J. Veniot, Hon. D. W. Mersereau and W. M. Ryan, who addressed the meetings, showed unmistakably the popularity of the candidate, the provincial government and its leaders and the cause which they represent.

Premier Foster, addressing a public meeting for the first time since the campaign opened, delivered a telling speech in which he reviewed the splendid record of achievement and progress of the legislation which has marked the career of his government and contrasted it with the black record of the preceding administration.

Electors Show Appreciation

The three meetings were attended by an encouragingly large number and the reception accorded the speakers, particularly Premier Foster and Hon. Mr. Veniot, showed the electors' appreciation of the splendid record of office turned in by the Foster administration.

Hon. Mr. Veniot

Hon. Mr. Veniot's speech was listened to with the keenest interest. He explained the expenditures in his department and compared the debt of the province under the late government and the Foster government. He spoke of the school book question and exposed the falsity of the statements of The Standard concerning Valley Railway charges.

Hon. Mr. Mersereau

Hon. Mr. Mersereau confined himself to agriculture matters, and his account of his stewardship was received with prolonged applause. He referred to the fact that Mr. Richards was deposed and chosen in his place was one, John D. Palmer, who was a member of the party all from the wilderness. Mr. Palmer is known to belong to that wing of the party familiarly known to the public as the "old gang."

The Premier Speaks

At the meeting in St. Martins, Premier Foster said: By reason of three vacancies that have occurred in the Legislature, namely, in the counties of Kings, St. John and Madawaska, the electors of these counties now have an opportunity presented to them of saying as to whether or not they approve of the actions of the government which I have had the honor of leading since 1917.

They have the opportunity of approving of the policies which have been enacted and crystallized into legislation, but in doing so you are also called upon to say as to whether or not you approve of the same things in so far as the opposition party is concerned. I need not go back to the period of time previous to the election of 1917 to remind you of the condition of affairs which existed in our province at that time.

It was a time when the government was in a state of confusion and the people were in a state of distress. The government was unable to carry on its ordinary business and the people were suffering from the effects of the war.

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with the patriotic potato transaction. At that time a convention was called to choose a successor and J. B. M. Baxter was elected to the position and carried off to the States. He retired to contest the Dominion election in December of last year.

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remind him that the books of the province are open at all times and are so placed on the statute books since we came into power. But such was not the case so far as his connection with the public affairs was concerned, for it required a Royal commission, the force of law, and the minute witnesses, to pry open my unwilling witness, the operations of the board of directors of which he was a member.

It is needless for me to say for it is a matter of public record, that the new leader held the position of secretary of the time the notorious deal was put through and \$18,000 was taken from the people of the province. Of that amount \$38,000 had been used to cover up the patriotic potato transaction.

Everybody knew that the tenders which had been received in response to the first call for lowering the lower section of the railway had all been returned except that of the Nova Scotia Construction Company.

It had been shown by a sworn affidavit that there had been collusion between the government of New Brunswick and the St. John and Quebec Railway Company. I would not say Mr. Palmer had personal knowledge of it. It had also been shown that the government had been shown the records of which he was a leading spirit to a government supporter.

However, the fact that he was respected in this county by Dr. Barton, has a new leader and they are welcome to him.

I am willing to leave it to the public after reading the open book containing the record that I consider it to be a book printed open by a royal commission, which is the most palatable. But the seats leader appear to be over to the same extent as the opposition party in their remarks and criticisms in conversation and from the public platform rather than from a sworn affidavit.

Before entering into this matter, I would like to say that the record of the Foster government upon that point, but he cannot get away from the fact, that the record of the Murray-Baxter administration of which he was a leading spirit, must also be taken into account, because what he seeks to do is to place in power and give over to the same extent as the opposition party in their remarks and criticisms in conversation and from the public platform rather than from a sworn affidavit.

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public health and give assistance to hospitals and other institutions of like nature. To maintain provincial rights. Since our return to power in 1920 we have passed and provided for government loans to young men and women who desire to obtain an education.

Such loans to be repayable upon most favorable terms. We have introduced and brought into effect a system of co-operative marketing of farm products, which has produced most excellent results. We have introduced and brought into effect a new teachers pension act.

I only ask you to look over the record of our achievements in the past and those policies which we are now carrying out and compare it with that which is offered by our friends in the opposition party. Look over the conventions they have held if you wish, and see if the record has been made, so far as I could observe, of any forward or up-to-date policy or program that has been placed before you for your acceptance.

The whole argument advanced for the election of their candidate is based upon the extravagance of the Government, and the petty criticism of the administration of the different departments.

Mr. Brooks and Mr. Dutler. I notice Mr. Brooks, who is the candidate of the opposition party in the County of Kings, attacks the administration of our Education Department. He says that the school in the province are in bad condition.

Mr. Brooks up to the present time, has been in the employ of the government, acting in the capacity of school inspector, and if the schools of our province are in the condition he says they are, and I presume he is speaking on behalf of that part of the province best known to him, then he has been remiss in his duties in not reporting this condition of affairs to the Department of Education. I have had an opportunity of looking up the report which Mr. Brooks has made, and he talks in a very different tone at the present time because he is a candidate opposing the government.

No government that has been in power in New Brunswick for years has done more for education than we have done for improving the educational facilities of our young people, as the administration of which I have the honor of presiding. Notwithstanding the financial condition which existed at the start of the past two years, we are happy to say, increased our appropriation for education during the last two years over \$100,000. A considerable portion of this amount has been used to supplement the salaries of our teachers.

We also passed a new teachers' pension act, which provided that any female teacher of the age of fifty-five years, and any male teacher of the age of sixty years, who had taught not less than thirty-five years in the public schools of the province and who had received from active service as a public school teacher, shall, upon making application to the board of education, receive a pension equal to one-half the average salary of such teacher for the last five years before retiring.

Under the act passed by the present administration the school teachers were given a very low pension, and the greatest amount paid to any one person was \$400 per year, while under our new act the minimum pension is \$800 and the maximum not less than \$250.

In this act we have also provided for a sick leave clause, that is to say, teachers who give not less than twenty years of service and who are incapacitated by illness under certain conditions, shall be paid, upon a certificate by a physician, total disability to teach or to perform the work of education, be paid a retiring allowance.

Now, it is not my desire to take the credit for the full amount that will be paid out under this act, for the teachers themselves have agreed to pay into the Teachers' Pension Fund five per cent. of the amount of their salaries.

A cause for increased expenditure on education is also on account of the increase which we have made in providing better remuneration for our school inspectors, in which Mr. Brooks, the candidate in Kings county, has had his finger. Previous to this government the salary of school inspectors was now \$2,500 per annum. The increase in educational expenditure is also due to normal school teachers.

It has always been the desire of the government, and indeed we have succeeded in keeping educational matters free and apart altogether from politics, in a matter of much surprise that a school inspector and an official of this department would one day be a school inspector and the next day a politician.

Mr. Brooks' Letter. As a politician he says our schools are in a bad condition, but listen to what he says as an inspector drawing a good salary from the government.

He will read an extract from the report of Inspector A. J. Brooks, report of Inspector A. J. Brooks, report of Inspector A. J. Brooks, report of Inspector A. J. Brooks.

While overseas I had an opportunity of observing educational conditions in other countries and particularly noting the interest taken by the general public in their most important work. I am certain our system compares very favorably with any I have seen, but I do not think it is to make it as cheap as possible and in many cases neglecting to employ teachers who are absolutely forced to do so.

This condition does not prevail only in a few, but I am sorry to say, in a number of districts. Anything is good enough for the school as long as our taxes are kept down.

The public needs to be educated up to the fact that money spent for educating the children of our country is by far the best investment that can be made.

We are to be congratulated upon the fact that for the term ending June 31 there was a record enrollment of pupils (Continued on page 8, first column.)

LOCAL NEWS

RIVERSIDE GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB. President vs. Vice-President match will be played Saturday, June 3, starting at 10.30. 29018-6-5

Stop tonight at Oak Hall's new Bargain Basement Department. 6-3

KING'S BIRTHDAY. Enjoy a two hours ball on the Kennelwood June 3. Steamer Dream leaves 1.30 p.m. 28004-6-5

Regular dance tonight. G. W. V. A. r. 6-3

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Dancing lessons, Tom Brundage, phone 2886-11. 29051-6-5

CANADIAN PUBLIC HEALTH CONGRESS. A healthy body and a sound mind are two of the greatest necessities of life. One depends upon the other. Attend the public meetings of the Canadian Public Health Congress on Tuesday and Thursday evenings next and learn how human bodies may become healthy. Distinguished physicians at both meetings. 29092-6-5

SEMI-FINISHED LAUNDRY SERVICE. Your clothes will be returned to you clean and white—flat pieces all ironed; wearing apparel and necessary articles starched. This is a truly economical service. The charge is 10 cents per lb. Handkerchiefs 2 cents extra each. Minimum weight 10 lbs. Ungar's Laundry, Ltd., 28 to 40 Waterloo street. 28886-7-2

On and after Saturday, June 3, Steamer Hampton leaves Indiantown 2 p.m. (daylight time) for Bellisle, Glenwood and way stops. 29050-6-5

CHEAPER SMOKING. Cigarettes are up. Why not smoke a pipe? Big pipe sale on. Regular 50 cent. Value 35 cent. See window display. Leda Green's, 218 Charlotte street. Save the coupons. 29001-6-5

EXCURSION JUNE 8. Steamer Majestic will leave her wharf at 9 o'clock (daylight time) for Cobscook Bay. The party will be held over, leaving Hanstead 3 p.m. (daylight time), arriving in Cobscook Bay at 10.30 a.m. 29059-6-5

Stop tonight at Oak Hall's new Bargain Basement Department. 6-3

RENFORTH HOLIDAY SPECIAL. Club House Saturday night, June. Dance starts 8.30 p.m. Come and bring your friends. 29088-6-5

Dr. Frank Boyaner has moved his office from 74 German to 22 German, (between King and Union). 28750-6-5

THREE BRIDES WILL BE LUCKY. To the first twenty-five brides of June 2, we are presenting a twelve piece set of Solid Aluminum Cooking Utensils, including Tea Kettle, Covered Saucepan, Kettle and two Saucepans, with their purchase of Entertainment Ranges at Emerson & Fisher's. 6-3

Piano lessons, reasonable—48 Lonsdale street, right hand bell. 29-11.

MCKENNA THROWS HOT SHOT INTO PALMER RANKS

Sussex, June 1.—J. D. McKenna, Liberal candidate in the by-election for the constituency of Kings, has taken the place on June 1, put the opposition forces on the horns of a dilemma this evening when he spoke at two meetings at Cornhill and the other at New-town. In dealing with the charges of extravagance which were being brought against the Foster administration in this campaign he called attention to the fact that not once in the house had the opposition attempted to bring in a resolution charging the government with extravagance. Therefore McKenna, after the charges were without solid foundation or if there was any foundation for them, then the opposition members were derelict in their duty in not bringing the alleged extravagance to the formal attention of the people of the province. McKenna's presentation of his case won rounds of applause for him at both meetings. He dealt also with the other issues in the campaign in an able and effective manner.

Besides the candidate, Dr. D. H. McAllister, A. E. Pearson and C. P. Clarke, all of Sussex, spoke at both meetings. The speakers dealt in a convincing manner with the administration of the health act, the roads policy of the Foster government and the several departments of the provincial administration. Enthusiasm and hopefulness for the

success of the Foster candidate in the by-election were abundant at both meetings. A large number of women attended the meeting in each place. The campaign in Kings is going forward with the swing of anticipated victory.

"She was dressed like a maid and looked like one," Mr. Snyder said. "She was doubtless paid to leave the baby here. That often happens in hotels, but it is our first experience. It is known that we are going out of business and making up on June 1, and the parents probably thought that some wealthy woman here would adopt the child. As a matter of fact, ten or a dozen of the women here were scurrying around last night trying to get us to give one of them the baby."

The police were notified and sent "Morgan Carter, Jr." to Bellevue Hospital. The child eventually will be turned over to the department of public welfare.

The baby has blue eyes. He had on a white muslin dress, a silk cap, woolen underclothing and white stockings. The woman who bought him to the hotel was about twenty-four years old, of slight build. She had dark hair and a complexion.

The name of Morgan Carter does not appear in the Boston telephone book.

SWALLOWS MIGRATION. Summer Spent in Alaska, Winter in Martinique.

Paris, June 2.—Long voyagers by migrating birds are well known, yet it is not always easy to obtain tangible evidence of their journeys. Bird lovers will therefore be interested in a story from Alsace telling of a swallow winter-traveller and sojourner.

Last fall an inhabitant of Osthelm captured a swallow nesting under the eaves of his roof. He released it with the following message attached to its breast: "During the summer of 1921 I lived with— at Osthelm. He would be glad to learn where I have passed the winter when I return."

The bird now returns to its Alsatian home bearing the following inscription: "I have been staying with a shoemaker, Joseph Baly, on the Island of Martinique, who salutes my present host."

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