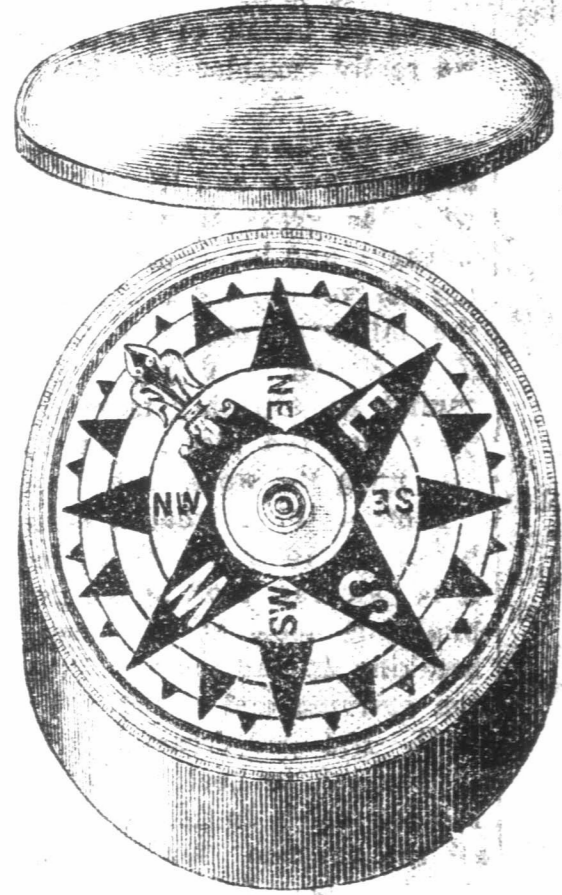


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Musgrave Hr. Falls in Line

Great Meeting Held There—Dr. Levi Curtis in Forceable Speech Outlines the Benefits to be Derived From a "Dry Country"

A public meeting was held in the Wesley Hall on October 4th for the purpose of electing a temperance organization for Prohibition. The meeting was well attended by men and women, J. B. Wheeler, J.P. acting as chairman.

A Citizens' Committee was appointed, viz.—John R. Whiteway, John Whitway, Jr., Mr. Jeans, S.S. teacher; Noah Whitway; T. W. Abbott, William Guy, Hugh Moulton, Kenneth Hicks, Samuel Woodland, Samson Abbott, Adam Bradley, Ensign Woodfrey, Rev. R. H. Mercer and John B. Wheeler, J.P., chairman.

The second meeting of the Temperance Committee was held on Wednesday night at 7.30 p.m.

The S.S. Fogata arrived about 6 p.m., bringing our honoured School Inspector, Dr. Curtis. News of his arrival soon spread and that he would lecture on Prohibition. The hall was filled with men and women.

The meeting opened by singing "Thou out the Life-Line." The pastor's wife, Mrs. Mercer presided at the organ. After singing, Ensign Woodfrey led the congregation in a most earnest prayer for the abolition of this great evil of the Intemperance, and a blessing on the Temperance workers the wide-world over, especially in our Colony in the present great struggle before us, and for a God-given vision to all our electors of every denomination to sign "Yes" on the 4th of November.

After a brief address by the Chairman, Rev. R. H. Mercer introduced the Rev. Dr. Curtis to give the audience a speech on Prohibition.

The Doctor was received with applause. For nearly an hour and a half he held the hearers spellbound as he pointed out the great evils of Alcohol on the human system. He explained the havoc that alcohol made on the brain of professors, making the brain incapable of advancement in the colleges of science. Also, the very disastrous effects on our men of responsibility in the ships, railways and seats of commerce. He proved that false idea of loss of revenue should not hinder any elector from voting "Yes," quoting the words of the late great British statesman Gladstone: "Give me a sober people and I will provide a revenue." He showed that the states of America that were "dry" were far in advance of other states where public houses and shebeens were allowed to exist.

He fully explained how Russia's revenue had not decreased by the abolition of vodka, but had risen beyond the expectation of its statesmen. Not only had she gained in her revenue, but had saved thousands of brave men, so necessary in this awful war. He appealed to the mother's and fathers to stand in the gap and save their boys and girls, their bodies from the curse of Intemperance and their souls from a drunkards grave.

In the most pathetic manner he quoted some of the most heartrending instances where doctors, both male and female, had ruined patients in the administration of alcohol as a medicine. He said, in the name of that Being before whom every elector, father and mother, must give an account, now their hour of freedom was approaching, to save the honour of their homes, their boys and girls, suffering widows and orphans from this demon of Intemperance and sign their ballot, "Yes." He exhorted to the highest the brave lads who gave their lives for their King and Empire many, he said, may never return to their Island Home, but their names would be inscribed upon our hearts and live in the annals of our Colony.

He believed we are fighting for a good cause, the liberties of our nation were endangered, our honour as a Christian nation was at stake, our religion, our language, the sanctity of our homes, our wives and daughters, for if the enemies were victorious we would be at their mercy, and like suffering Belgium, Poland and France, we should be left with only eyes to weep.

Truly, the subject had warmed the Doctor's large heart and he was equal to the occasion. Amidst an applause and clapping of hands, the learned doctor, ended his discourse. Truly, we were filled to the brim. The Doctor then tested the meeting for all in favour of Prohibition to show it by standing. The audience arose and had the ballot-room been opened, every elector would have marked his ballot "Yes."

A vote of thanks for the Doctor was then proposed by the pastor, Rev. R. H. Mercer, and seconded by the Chairman.

The Chairman asked for a vote of

Morris Government Indicted Before Bar Of Public Opinion

Hr. Main Resident Deals With the Record of Sir E. P. Morris and His Mismanagement of Public Affairs Since Assuming the Leadership of the Government of Britain's Oldest Colony.

(Editor, Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—Our Mother Country—Great Britain—is indeed truly great to-day in her monetary resources, her strength, and her power, and we constitute her eldest offspring in colonial possessions. Yes, we are no baby colony now, but one of more than four hundred years standing.

To harmonize then with this prestige and record of time in the colonial territorial class, and bear witness to the patriotic and unselfish motives of our rulers past and present, surely our country should at this date possess some little morsel of financial strength too; but, alas! we fear she needs a walking-cane to support her feebleness now more so than at any other time.

Many very ponderous questions are filling the minds of our people as the weeks go by,—the greatest world war, our own local prohibition issue, and, not the least in importance to us, our almost dislocated colonial independence in the hour of our pride by the wiles of a bluffing and profligate son, Edward Patrick Morris.

Newfoundland to-day, Mr. Editor, illustrates most forcibly the truth of the poet Thompson's expression when he wrote "to put the power of sovereign rule into the good man's hands brings peace and happiness to the multitude." Unfortunately for the people of this country six years ago they put the power of sovereign rule into the wrong man's hands in the person of Sir E. P. Morris and the result is apparent to all in the present unenviable condition of our people who are subject to excessive prices for all their household commodities owing to abnormal taxation, and the insolvent and tottering state of the country.

And this is the sequence to the role of bluff and deception practised in the 1908 and 1909 campaigns by which Morris and his followers usurped the Government of the country from Sir Robert Bond and enabled John Murphy with the help of his money to depose Captain John Lewis in Hr. Main, who is now signalled for the extraction of about Thirty Thousand Dollars' worth of wealth from the recesses of the stormy Atlantic during the past summer, while Hon. Murphy does nought but contribute his efforts to Morris's "to create the bankrupt shoals. The people's loss through Sir E. P. Morris cannot now be estimated.

Sir Robert Bond was Premier seven years ago, and who can deny that the same and judicious policy of which he was the spouse, coupled with his frugality that a woeful extravagance usurped would if unmolested to this time have given our country vastly more than the financial strength she so much craves at present.

Even the concrete portions of his husbandry—that "nest egg" of Half a Million Dollars, and a generous "Free List"—that were rich legacies of his to the present Morris Government and the people have all been devoured by the unprecedented extravagance of Morris.

They succeeded in abolishing this great factor of good for the country, and if they now could destroy a greater one still in the medium of Mr. Coaker and the F.P.U. their efforts would be supreme and the independence of the country finished.

But we are watching their of-fensives and while our mighty Central vanguard palisado can easily withstand their onslaughts there is no necessity to emerge from the rear.

Patriotism is much vaunted now, adays by certain wily writers and politicians and no doubt it is a lovely virtue in its true garb; but who that contemplates the wholesale destruction of what was to us thanks to be given our worthy lecturer by the audience standing. The whole audience arose, showing how they were delighted with the meeting, which will be ever remembered. The meeting ended by singing "God Save the King."

J. B. W. Musgrave Hr., Oct. 22, 1915.

a prosperous and secure Colony when Sir E. P. Morris took the bridge after the great manifestation of sincerity made by him and his following when trying to wrest the country from capable hands, will deny that the people have ample reason for placing very little confidence in the mouthpieces of "the powers that be" that should have made for the people's welfare and happiness instead of their misgovernment and destitution.

Do the people forget the squandering in the railway arbitrations? Do they forget the favours to the Reid Octopus notably that favour of paying for railway construction in gold instead of bonds that must have netted Reid a present of Half a Million Dollars? Do they forget the payment to Crosbie of \$2800 for his second-hand spars?

And can we, in Hr. Main District soon forget that, after the greatest boasted sincerity and good intentions on their part in the 1908 and 1909 campaigns, as soon as they were seated in office they began immediately the purchase and equipment of a jail and palace of justice at Hr. Main costing in the vicinity of \$5000, and the creation of new jail minions from shoddy material entailing an annual extra burden on the district of about \$1000.

This, Mr. Editor, would be right in its turn and if necessity required, it, I mean a necessity begotten of the urgency and demands of the district and in strict adherence to a true government's policy—to guard and improve its people's welfare.

I know necessity required it in a settlement of the heblers' account after the 1908 and 1909 campaigns, but surely that is not directing a government's efforts towards the promotion of its people's advancement.

Where the insult is contained in the provision of this costly palace of justice and new law minions lies in the fact that for three years after planting these two concomitant bouquets they never raised a hand in any other direction for us. It looks suspicious that they should have done this only for the first three years of course an awakening in the fourth year does not count for anything; everybody soon sums up its meaning then.

Had they any knowledge from court-records that we were less law-abiding than other people, or were they expecting more work from increased infringements of the law in Hr. Main and thus need ed better men to cope with the ominous situation?

Anyway certain it is they lost no time in providing us with prison bars and a new dispensing agent for the thing called Justice when we would act "contrary to the statutes therein made and provided." The quality of justice is not strained" says the poet, but then he did not live at Hr.

Now by the way from Mesdames Truth and Rumour during the past six years, and after all this unnecessary outlay, which is but a "lead bite" of what the country is enduring it would be interesting to know whether the people themselves or any of the minions they appointed in Hr. Main have transgressed the law the more frequently.

In this premises, Mr. Editor, 'tis Shakespeare's times,—

"We could a tale unfold
That would make the hair stand on
on end
Like quills upon the fretful porcupine."

What does this synopsis serve to illustrate? Does it not point out the exponents of incapability and selfish motives that have been exploiting our country and that alone have made us "poor indeed" at the present time?

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