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In deciding whether you should support the liberal candidates or the conservative candidates ratepayers should study the stand taken by the two parties and we feel sure that they will decide that it will be a step towards progress and development to allow Premier Veniot an opportunity to complete this great work.

The following paragraphs are taken from a recent issue of the St John Globe, which is reputed to be one of the most reliable daily papers in eastern Canada. Read these paragraphs carefully.

That Saint John manufacturing concerns want from six to eight thousand horse power of electric energy which the Masquash is unable to supply and that 3,000 horse power is wanted by another concern near St. John are statements made by Premier Veniot in the course of his address at the York County nominations on Saturday. The interest and importance of these remarks cannot be overstated in considering the Grand Falls project. They are an assurance that this city stands to benefit directly from the larger development that the province has in hand. They are an assurance of a local market for practically one-fifth of the energy to be developed, and that means from that development will come direct Saint John advantage. To the extent of between 8,000 and 10,000 horse power they answer the opposition argument that it will be difficult to find a power market.

That argument is answered in full by the further statement of the Premier that 20,000 horse power is required for the northern transmission line alone. That is the line running to the North Shore of the province. An additional 16,000 horse power is

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Restigouche County Well Organized By Liberals.

Public Meetings Will be Held at Dalhousie, Charlo, Jacquet River, Atholville and Other Places.

H. J. CURRIE

JOHN B. LEGERE

The provincial election fight is on, and both parties are holding meetings throughout the county.

While the date for the election is not yet announced, the leaders of both parties feel that it is wise to proceed with organization work.

So far as the Liberals are concerned the whole county is well organized. In every parish committees are hard at work and reports are most satisfactory.

In Campbellton the local committee has been organized and the office recently vacated by P. M. Shannon in the McLean block has been taken as the Liberal Headquarters. All Liberals or supporters of the Veniot government are invited to visit these rooms and help with the work.

An extensive program of public meetings, which will be addressed by the candidates and others is being mapped out, and dates will be announced later. The first meetings will be held Friday evening. Meetings will be held shortly at Charlo, Jacquet River, Dalhousie and Atholville, with other meetings to be announced as plans progress.

Throughout the county there is a buoyant feeling which is sure to carry the party to success. Liberals who at the last election were half-hearted are to-day working as never before. At the organization meetings at which Messrs Currie and Legere have appeared they have been enthusiastically received. Both candidates have done much personal work, and are being assured of support from most unexpected quarters.

Read these two articles from a newspaper published in Westmoreland county:

"The Liberal Government came into power at a time when the Province had become a byeword because of the graft and corruption of the Conservative Administration. Under the Veniot Government the Province has regained its good name and been free from scandal. This is the good work which has begun. Would it not be wise to let this government finish its job?

The Hydro Policy of the Liberal Government appeals to every one for it brings power, which was lying dormant, to the door of every citizen. It is planned to have one circle of power which will embrace the Northern part of the Province. Another circle the Southern and Eastern and yet another the Western part. So that the most remote parts of the Province will share in the benefits. Private interests have fought the Government in every move it has made in this matter and is fighting it today. Would it not be the course of wisdom to let the Government which has begun a good work, finish its job?

Up until the passing of the Health Act by the present Government, the province was practically without a system to deal with this all important matter. Today under its Minister of Health the Province is "everywhere held up as a model in this respect. The work has been well begun. Let the Government finish the job.

The members of the Executive Government are men who in their business and professions have been most successful and are giving their services at a sacrifice. As earnest men they are conducting the affairs of the province in a business-like way. Why not let them finish the job?"—Sackville Tribune.

"New Brunswick has everything to gain by endorsing the progressive policies of the Veniot government. Its roads are in first class condition; in 1917 when the old government was thrown out, they were in a deplorable condition. Moreover, the county stands to benefit tremendously from the water power development which Hon. Mr. Veniot and his colleagues are carrying on. It is unthinkable that the people of Westmoreland could be persuaded to reject the benefits which will come speedily if the work at Grand Falls is rushed to completion as the Veniot government has planned.

The Premier has spoken of these things and incidentally recalled the black days of the old Government when graft and corruption flourished in a degree never before dreamed of in New Brunswick. He asks the people to remember these scandals and not forget that it is one of these leaders who is in charge of the opposition party. That is something that must be kept uppermost in the minds of all during the coming weeks. Do we want to return to the old conditions, to that kind of Government? Do we want to go backward instead of forward? Do we approve of the exploitation of our resources, and the misuse of our public funds; Surely not! Then let the thoughtful citizens of the province—Liberals and Conservatives alike—unite in a determined effort to return to power a Government against which there is no charge of dishonesty or graft, about which there is no whisper of scandal, and in which we have every reason to place our confidence.

The present government is the best New Brunswick has ever had. We should strengthen its hands."—Sackville Tribune.

MUST PAY OWN BILL

A bill from Sheriff J. B. HAMilton for expenses of his visit to Montreal to engage the services of Arthur Ellingman, to the execution of William was turned down by the council on unanimous vote, Councillor Greenlaw moving and Councillor Lester seconding the motion. The bill was for $82-30. The expenses of the second visit which was necessitated by a fake message to the effect that Ellis could not act, were met by the Sheriff himself. The council declined to pay the bill on the ground that hangman's duties are part of a Sheriff's duties and should be attended to by the sheriff without expense to the municipality.

MR. MICHAUD SPEAKS ON HYDRO POWER

Matter of Development of Grand Falls Up in House of Commons

Mr. Pius Michaud is reported by Hansard as follows:

Mr. PIUS MICHAUD (Restigouche and Madawaska): I have listened attentively to the discussion of this important subject for many hours, and I must say, Mr. Speaker, that I do not understand the attitude of some friends to your left. I do know [illegible] as well as [illegible] times [illegible] would the [illegible] quantity of water that was produced. The same thing applies to the electric power development of this country. The Minister of Railways (Mr. Graham) has spoken very ably and clearly on the subject, and I have listened to him with great attention. He has alluded to the province of New Brunswick as did the hon. member fof York-Sunbury (Mr. Hanson,) and I wish to speak in reference to the latter province. In that province we have one of the largest water-powers of the Maritime provinces. Its development is required in order that our province should go ahead. Recently application for the development of the Grand falls was made to the province of New Brunswick, and a meeting was held in Montreal last Friday and Saturday in connection with this matter. I hold in my hand the Gazette, published in Montreal, in which appears a report of the decision at the meeting of the International Joint Commission. The report reads as follows:

The chairman, C. A. Magrath, [illegible] to Sir William Hearst, [illegible] task of issuing a statement.

Here is the statement:

The commission [illegible] of approval of [illegible] Falls, N. [illegible] [illegible] has been in any way taken or [illegible] representing [illegible] the idea of their sovereign rights, and in order to show that they had no rights at all the Canadian attorney established and proved to the representative of the United States that as soon as the shore rights on the American side were purchased by the New

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Is the Gang Really Here?

It is made very uncomfortable for the Opposition when the words of the song, "Hail, Hail, the gang's all here," are applied to its leaders who are scrambling to get back into office. With a Leader like Baxter and with a candidate like Smith in Carleton and with Fleming and other members of the discredited group striving to regain a hold on the Province, the case is so clear that no denial can be made. No denial has been attempted, but vain endeavor has been made to becloud the issue with counter charges. A certain investigation for a minor offence by an ex-member of the Legislature has been referred to. But that individual promptly went out of office and has received no recognition since. That is the way a Liberal Government acts. How, by contrast, a Liberal Policy and a Conservative Policy are shown forth to the discredit of the latter. A Royal Commission condemns Conservative leaders; shows that they are caught barehanded with the goods on them. Their own fellow members in the House condemn them. The public cast them into oblivion. But here they all are again! What an outrage of public opinion!

So the Opposition Press is driven to such straits to find any wrong-doing against the present Administration that they go away back and review certain charges against a prominent public man of another day, who is now dead, and whom a Commission failed to condemn. Surely it is to the credit of the Veniot Government that its opponents must take a pick and shovel and dig in a graveyard in order to find charges to lay against it. If it is only by raising the dead any grounds for complaint can be found against the present Government, then its record must be quite commendable. Not so the "old gang." If they were all dead, the Province would rest in security; but the peril is that they are all alive and compassing heaven and earth to get their hands into the treasury once more. Let the public awake to the danger which threatens.

Leader Baxter is making great promises of how he will amend his ways, but one test is surely sufficient to allay the fooling of the [illegible] while J. B. M. Baxter was Attorney-General, and besides the definite guilt fastened upon him, he was cognizant of all the depredations. Upon his own evidence he held "a dim recollection" of them, and yet he betrayed his trust and let the Province be robbed. Is this a leader to be trusted? Is this a man to whom to commit a great responsibility like Hydro Development, when private interests are ready to pay a big price to get a grip upon it?

There is not a solitary individual who was involved in the scandals which shook this Province from centre to circumference, some years ago, and which overthrew the Conservative Government, but is now recognized by the Opposition and seeking to regain office. Will an aroused public stand for that? There is no doubt about it, "The Gang's All Here!"

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