

# A DANIEL COME TO JERUSALEM!

Letter of Edward Sears Wherein He Urged All Liberals to Rise Up and Destroy the Present Discredited Local Government--Mr. Sears Then Set Forth His Honest Convictions--He Quoted Scripture and Saw the Handwriting on the Wall--What Has Caused the Change?

On Feb. 27, 1903, the day before election day, the following letter by Edward Sears was printed in the St. John Globe:

"WHAT ARE WE VOTING FOR TOMORROW?"

"To the Editor of the Globe:

"Sir--As many of my old friends and supporters are asking me the question why I am voting for and supporting the opposition ticket, I realize the great impression partisan prejudices and partisan canvasses has produced in the minds of a large number of fair-minded and honorable citizens, and I ask them the question: 'What are YOU voting for? Please think.' Here in the city and county of St. John and in the great railway centre, county of Westmorland, the late government are forcing Dominion politics to the front and are sheltering themselves from attack mainly behind the policy of the great Liberal party. But, thank God, the Liberal party was created for a nobler purpose than a veneer for opportunism. For years it stood to its guns on the outside of conservative exactions and tributes of its fallacies and inconsistencies and when he fought the Conservative chiefs revealed their true nature in a fight for spoils and office the people's eyes were opened and they felt that they must assert their prerogative in the interest of the country and honorable administrative tactics, and they called upon our revered chief, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, to conduct the Liberal party within the citadel, promising him their confidence and support so long as he proved faithful, and re- sults evidence the wisdom of their course:

"I am a Liberal--born and bred--could not be anything else; it is as much a part of my being as my belief in God and as my love for my country, notwithstanding what some may say contrivance.

"I believe in the people--in their having within themselves every power, save what it may best conserve their general interest, should be delegated to central authorities to be wielded for the general good. I have worked for the party since I had a vote-- yes, and before that, too, and never was ashamed of it or went back on its principles. I never asked a favor or received one, so that I can conscientiously say I feel I am disinterested in expressing my views or in reaching conclusions on this subject.

"But this local election has no bearing on the administration of the Dominion affairs. In no sense of the word can the New Brunswick government be called Liberal. It never announced itself to be such. No convention ever determined that it should be changed from a coalition to a Liberal and partizan government, its leaders ever repudiated the necessity or advisability of so doing. So, then, if Mr. James Robinson is a good enough Conservative for a leader of the Liberal party to use his influence to elect to the Dominion House without injury to the Liberal party, why may not Mr. Hazen be a safe Conservative for the Liberals to elect to the local House without injury to the Liberal cause in the Dominion, when, like Mr. Tweedie, he is to lead a coalition party?

"I have weighed the matter well. The people have listened to the platform discussions, and heard the issues set forth. They are the decisive factors, and they should judge fairly and without partisan prejudice. Have we had good provincial government? Has it been economical, with a wise provision of its economies? Has it been unselfish in its official capacities? Has it treated our city or the province in its demands fairly and considerately? Are we content to place the government in charge again of our destinies for the next five years? Or shall we endeavor to secure a more liberal, discriminating and disinterested administration? I am for the latter.

"Our civic debt is rapidly increasing; the civic departments are piling debt upon debt, and our provincial authorities are following suit, and personal ambition and personal emolument seem to sink every other consideration.

"The chieftains have been called together, the supper has been prepared, the music is sounding in the spacious hall, and the dance is on: but, see, the handwriting on the wall appears: 'Mene, mene, tekel upharsin; and may it not mean to our people a forerunner of better things, of advancement and blessing?

"It is hard to vote against old friends, but even if it be thy right hand, if it offend thee, cut it off and cast it from thee. It is better thy right hand should perish than that the whole body politic should be condemned.

"Yours sincerely,  
"EDWARD SEARS."

[N. B.--The opposition ticket to which Mr. Sears gave his support in 1903 was composed of Wilson, Shaw, McInerney and Hatheway.]

## EX-WARDEN FLETT HANDS IT OUT TO GOVERNMENT CANDIDATES

At a Meeting in Nelson He Told Them the Local Government is a Rotten One--An Account of the Proceedings.

Chatham, Feb. 15--As some of the government newspapers are shouting about Ex-Warden Flett the voters of the province will be interested in some remarks Mr. Flett made at a meeting held by the government candidates in Nelson last Tuesday. After the government candidates had spoken Mr. Flett was heard. The North Shore Leader tells what followed:

Ex-Warden Flett, who was present, was then called upon. He spoke in very sarcastic tones of the stand Mr. Winslow had taken in the coming election, as for himself, he said, I am not a government follower and yet I am not an out-and-out opposition supporter, but in this way I am different from Mr. Winslow. I cannot be blown by the four winds.

Here Mr. Winslow rose to a point of order and said he was not influenced by the passing wave in politics.

Mr. Flett--Mr. Winslow five years ago was a much stronger opposition supporter than he is at present manifesting himself to be in regard to the stand he had taken. Mr. Winslow seems to be laboring against his conscience when speaking in support of the government, and could not put the same vim in his speech.

Mr. Flett--If the shoe fits you can wear it. Flett spoke of the wholesale havoc by American concerns cutting lumber as four and five inches at the p, and the law reads the scale, at lowest, must be eighteen feet long six inches at the top. The growth of lumber will be killed in ten years if

## FINE MEETING AT WELLSFORD

Messrs. H. W. Woods and J. B. M. Baxter Make Telling Speeches Before Large and Appreciative Audience.

Wellsford, Feb. 15--(Special)--A large and enthusiastic meeting was held in the public hall here this evening to hear H. W. Woods, one of the opposition candidates for the county, and J. B. M. Baxter, of St. John, deliver addresses on the issues in the present campaign.

Mr. Woods, in the course of his speech, dealt with the cry which had been raised in Chipman against himself and the opposition generally, that progress on the Central railway would be stopped if they came into power. He declared he had never made any such statement and characterized it as a campaign slander. The road was there and the development of the country must proceed. It would be equally necessary for the opposition to carry out that development.

Mr. Woods spoke on the school book question, showing samples of the readers used in Ontario and answering questions put by the audience. Dealing with the financial situation, he referred to the interest account of the province as evidence of the largely increased indebtedness. Mr. Woods also made it clear that the opposition were not before the people as Conservatives and were pledged to leave federal political issues alone. He pointed out the remarks of one of the speakers at the government meeting the previous evening, he ridiculed the idea that unless the local government were sustained the federal government would do nothing for the county of Queens.

Mr. Woods dealt with the highway act, and pointed out that the government did not pass the act without full warning that it would not be acceptable. So strong was that view in the minds of the people that the locality was able to retain the former highway act. If the government had no doubt as to the new law being an improvement, why was St. John exempted from the rest of the province?

Mr. Hazen had been attacked for having no constructive policy. Where was the constructive policy of the government in going to the people with a confessed failure and no definite scheme before the people as to the means of remedying it? Where was the constructive policy in leaving the question of the sale of the Central railway open to the house with members of the government dividing upon it? A government ought to be possessed of a definite policy and not avoid responsibility by public opinion.

Taking up the school book question, Mr. Baxter said while the government speakers were declaring the opposition were wrong in their policy, the government was justifying, yet in almost the same breath they promised that the matter should be investigated to see if the cost could be reduced. If they had made the inquiries they claimed to have made on the subject, and had found that the cost was too high, what good purpose would a commission serve? If, on the other hand, they had ascertained that the prices were excessive, what would be the result? The commission for such a simple business proposition? Where was the constructive policy on the part of the government?

The remarks of the opposition speakers were listened to with the closest attention and the many points made were heartily applauded.

## HOW THE GAME IS PLAYED

(Amherst Telegram.)

The following notice we clip from the St. John Sun:

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the Secretary of the Department of Railways and Canals, Ottawa, and marked "Tender for leasing car work shops," will be received until 12 o'clock on the 27th inst. For particulars see the notice in the Sun of the 25th inst. The tenders are to be opened at the office of the Secretary of the Department of Railways and Canals, Ottawa, and at the office of the General Manager of the Intercolonial Railway, Moncton. The lease to be granted to cover together with the general terms and conditions in such cases, the following:

1. Term 21 years at rental named, with right of renewal for second term, at such rental and upon such conditions as the Government in Council may determine.
2. Occupation and use to be bona fide for an industry which will give employment to a steady traffic for the railway, the character and prospective output of which industry to be designated in tender and the operation of which to be commenced within one year from the date of the award of the lease.
3. That yearly operation shall be of not less than 300 employees.
4. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

By order,  
L. K. JONES,  
Secretary,  
Department of Railways and Canals, Ottawa,  
January 7th, 1903.

If Mr. Walberg or Mr. Heney or other contractors who are in business with the railway authorities at Ottawa, had deliberately concocted a plan to acquire a very valuable government property without doing something for it they could not have prepared a notice better designed to effect their purpose. The railway works are partially in shape to commence car building at once, and the damage by fire bore only a small percentage to the total value. Instead of selling the railway property to lease for a term of 21 years, it is now available. As the firms or companies in Canada who are engaged in car building is very limited, it is evident that the tenders will be limited to a very few persons. The shortness of the notice will also restrict that number. Six months will be little enough time to allow companies to examine the works, obtain capital and form up to go into the business. Instead of allowing abundant time as a private owner consulting his own interest would, the tenders will be practically limited to less than three weeks. The results can be easily prophesied. There will be one tender, with perhaps two or three nominal amounts. That tender will be for a nominal amount. Thus the government will be supplying the capital to carry on a speculative enterprise, without participating in the profits. The government furnishes the outfit, and its favorites do the business and make the money! Having no interest to pay on capital, the company possessing the great property can out-distance Halifax, Amherst, Montreal or any other place in competition.

This is a matter that calls for the attention of Mr. Logan, M. P. He can not get busy too quickly over this nefarious attempt to do up the public.

The shops in question are splendidly adapted for the purpose and no doubt the City of Moncton will soon rejoice in a second system of car shops but let it be done on square business principles, not on a farcical tender basis with the government as a sleeping partner furnishing the capital.

## NEWSPAPER POSTAGE UP IN PARLIAMENT

Lemieux Won't Reduce the Rates on Weeklies Because of English Publications

Will Have Half Cent Rate on Drop Letters in Cities--Ministers Scooped for Using Government Yachts on Political Tours.

Ottawa, Feb. 14--Mr. Verville introduced in the house today a bill for an eight hour labor day on public works. In reply to Mr. Martin (P. E. I.) Mr. Oliver said that the purchasing agent of seed grain was now in communication with parties in Prince Edward Island with a view of buying what could be obtained there.

Mr. Lemieux said that he intended shortly to bring in a bill providing for drop letters in cities at one-half cent postage.

Mr. Lemieux explained the recent postal changes between Canada and the United States. He said up to last May the rate on newspapers was one-half cent a pound. A new convention was then entered into increasing this to four cents. This was done to protect the Canadian press and increase the national spirit in the country. Since May this has worked well. It was, however, found that there was no trouble with the daily newspapers between the two countries. In other words no exception could be taken to the daily newspapers of the United States. It was only the best class of dailies that came to Canada. The yellow newspaper and the cheap trash had been purged from the country and Canada now had the best class of dailies that it could shut out any paper, magazine or periodical in addition to the higher rate.

Mr. Armstrong, Lambton, wanted the rate on newspapers to be increased to two cents from one cent. Mr. Lemieux said that this would not be playing fair with the home government. Canada decreased the rate to Britain from eight cents to two cents and this had so stimulated subscriptions to British newspapers as to increase the sales in Canada since May last by about 125 per cent.

Mr. Henderson (Halt), wanted a 12 cent drop letter in rural districts. Dr. Worthington suggested that the present time was opportune to make an arrangement for the easier importation of technical newspapers for the working classes.

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The house spent the evening in committee of supply on the marine estimates, making fairly good progress. During the discussion Mr. Bennett objected to ministers using yachts for political purposes. He said Hon. Mr. Hyman had done so.

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## ELEVEN MEN LOST WITH SHIP EMILY REED

Portland, Ore., Feb. 15--It developed today that eleven men, instead of ten, were lost in the wreck of the ship Emily Reed, which went ashore near the mouth of the Nehalem river, yesterday. Capt. Keisale went to the wreck today to ascertain whether any of the cargo can be saved.

## BIG OPPOSITION MEETING AT HARTLAND

Former Prominent Liberal Worker Was in the Chair

Mr. Hayward, While Stating His Reasons for Deserting the Government, Aroused the Ire of a Machine Man--Splendid Speeches of Messrs. Flemming, Smith and Munro.

Hartland, Feb. 15--The opposition rally here this evening was the most enthusiastic meeting held in Hartland in many years. In spite of the fact that the roads were in a terrible state from the heavy rain, many drove six or seven miles to attend and nearly 300 people, including many Liberals, were present. The speakers were the three opposition candidates--Messrs. Flemming, Smith and Munro--and each delivered a stirring address.

M. L. Hayward, LL. B., was in the chair. In his opening remarks, Mr. Hayward said he was a Liberal and always had been a Liberal, but the despicable tactics of the government machine had driven him from the ranks. From firm conviction he wished to most heartily endorse the progressive policy of the opposition.

Referring to his action in joining the opposition, Mr. Hayward spoke of a recent visit to the village of R. H. Carvell, M. P., and J. S. Leighton who, he said, had summoned a few of the faithful but had not called on a great many active Liberals, including himself. He had not attended the caucus because he had not been invited. He had heard since that Mr. Leighton had said that if he was going to stay away that when he got another case in Carleton county he could whistle for it.

At this point Frank Hagerman, a government supporter and part owner of the hall, rose and interrupted the speaker with the remark that his statement was not true.

The chairman reiterated that it was true. Mr. Hagerman (shouting)--"You're a liar!"

The chairman--"All right, Mr. Hagerman."

Mr. Hayward then resumed his address. In introducing Mr. Munro, the chairman said while he was more or less a stranger to many in the audience, he wished to tell them that on July 15 last, when fire threatened the total destruction of the village, it was Mr. Munro who stood for hours by the Woodstock fire engine assisting to save what was left of the town. Mr. Munro at the time was mayor of Woodstock, and when asked what the bill was, he said: "It is nothing." "Gentlemen," concluded the chairman, "if you have a hearty cheer for anyone here to-night, let it be for Donald Munro." Much hearty cheering followed.

Mr. Smith was the first speaker, after congratulating Mr. Hayward on the stand he had taken, he referred to the agricultural policy as no longer an issue with the government, and spoke of the non-effect of the government potato meeting last year, when nothing but talk was indulged in and no effort was made to save the crop. He noted Mr. Carvell's presence in the field as an instance of the extremity to which the party was reduced, and before closing dealt with the road law and the solicitor-general's hauls out of the treasury.

Mr. Munro, in opening, spoke of the friendly reception he was meeting throughout the county. He then took up and explained the opposition platform and passed on to refer to the road law. He compared the government's expenditure of \$1,500 in entertaining Prince Louis of Battenberg

## OPPOSITION CANDIDATES ADDRESS A CROWDED MEETING AT NORTON

Norton, Feb. 14--The local opposition candidates addressed a crowded meeting here tonight in the I. O. G. T. hall. They made ringing speeches which were cheered to the echo and in which they played the government for its reckless expenditure and broken pledges. From all appearances this part of the county of Kings is solid for Mr. Hazen and good government.

E. L. Perkins was elected chairman of the meeting. George B. Jones was the first speaker. He pointed out that this election is not being run on party lines but that men of all shades of political opinion were arraying themselves shoulder to shoulder with the opposition.

Mr. Jones also spoke on the school book question and pointed out how the government has been taking \$90,000 a year out of the pockets of the taxpayers to give to their friends. The speaker also dealt with the highway act. Premier Robinson and all his followers had endorsed this measure till they saw how unpopular it was and then they made up their minds to repeal it. Mr. Jones said they would never have the opportunity to do this. The opposition would repeal the act when returned on March 3rd.

James A. Murray next addressed the gathering. The government, he said, were now making many promises of reform, but the people would not be deceived by them. This was a death bed repentance and if with the \$150 sent to a certain district in the county where on two successive years hail had destroyed the crops and left the people in want. The grant, he said, amounted to fifty-five cents a head, and had been indignantly refused by those to whom it was offered. In closing, Mr. Munro spoke of the firm stand he took on the temperance question.

Mr. Flemming, who was greeted with much cheering, spoke strongly in favor of an honest campaign and one free from personalities, which he characterized as "peanut politics." He delivered a notably strong address, which was listened to with the closest attention, and the national anthem brought the meeting to a close.

## CONFIDENT THAT CHARLOTTE IS SOLID FOR OPPOSITION

G. W. Ganong, M. P., Returns to Ottawa Today Firmly Convinced That Government Will be Defeated.

St. Stephen, N. B., Feb. 16--G. W. Ganong, M. P., who came from Ottawa to attend the meeting of the joint committee to secure purity in elections, will return tomorrow well satisfied with the work of the committee and especially of the firm stand taken by the opposition to attain that end. He feels confident that the government will be defeated in this county.

With a secret ballot even the premises of Senator Gilmour and Hon. William Pugsley will not prevail against the honest convictions of the electors.

## THREE CASES OF SMALLPOX AT MONCTON

Moncton, N. B., Feb. 14--Three more cases of smallpox have developed here, all in the family of M. L. Bourgeois, who with his wife and little son has been stricken with the disease. Mrs. Bourgeois last night, while suffering from smallpox gave birth to child which is now dead and the woman is in a precarious condition. The son had been attending school up to yesterday and today the school was closed and will be fumigated. It was thought the disease had been stamped out in Moncton. These three cases are the only ones here now, but three houses are under quarantine at Fox Creek, near here.

## NORTH SHORE MAN KILLED BY TRAIN

Campbellton, N. B., Feb. 14--Conductor Doyle's eastbound special ran over and killed John J. Boudreau, aged 23, who was lying on the track. It is said Boudreau had been drinking and left Newcastle this afternoon on his way to his camp near Bartibogue, where he was cutting pulpwood. The accident occurred two miles west of Bartibogue station. Boudreau was married and leaves a widow to mourn his loss.

Thirteen deaths took place in the city last week from the following causes: Apoplexy, pneumonia, infantile, consumption, erysipelas, senile decay, heart disease, heart failure, gastro enteritis, asphyxia, neonatorum, tuberculosis, pericarditis, emphysema and pleurisy and puerperal infection, one each.

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