

IS LEADER FOSTER AN INNOCENT ABROAD IN HIS REFERENCE TO PROVINCIAL FINANCES?

He is Either in the Kindergarten Class of Financiers or is Deliberately Attempting to Deceive the Electors of the Province with Respect to New Brunswick Debt—Some Figures That Should Be of Interest to All Others.

Leader Foster continues to show a mastery of innocence of the facts when attempting to deal with the financial condition of the province. At Loch Lomond, the Telegraph tells the public, "he spent some time in discussing the financial condition of the province, which was really alarming, the bonded debt, including guaranteed railway bonds, now totalling \$16,000,000 roughly, as compared with \$5,600,000 when the present administration took office."

The figures given by Mr. Foster as to the amount of bonded debt when the old government was hurled from power are what the present opposition would like the public to believe them to be; but what are the facts? To complete the work undertaken by the old government, and to clean up their fag ends, the present government, early in 1909, had to sell New Brunswick stock on the London market, amounting to \$2,190,000, adding that much to the public debt, and increasing the interest account. Here is the story in detail of that addition to the public debt, and interest, for which the old government was responsible before going out of office in 1908, as taken from the Auditor General's reports beginning in 1909 and published in the report annually since that year:

N. B. Registered Stock.

Amount of stock, \$450,000, sold in London ..	\$2,190,000.00
Payments Charged to Stock.	
Redemption 6 p.c. debentures—	
4 Ed. VII. Cap. 25	\$ 374,500.00
Permanent Bridges—	
3 Ed. VII. Cap. 13	200,000.00
5 Ed. VII. Cap. 12	200,000.00
7 Ed. VII. Cap. 18	344,626.02
N. B. Coal & Railway—	
6 Ed. VII. Cap. 16	250,000.00
7 Ed. VII. Cap. 18	110,431.73
9 Ed. VII. Cap. 3	26,582.07
Public Works Over-ex-	
penditure, 1906—	
7 Ed. VII. Cap. 13	197,055.97
Provincial Hospital Over-	
expenditure, 1906—	
7 Ed. VII. Cap. 18	22,502.31
International Ry. Subsidy—	
54 Vic. Cap. 14	120,000.00
Wharves and Grain Ele-	
vator, St. John	6,000.00
Funded Debt, 1908—	
8 Ed. VII. Cap. 23	215,781.40
Late Deputy Surveyor	
General's deficit	10,450.24
Balance unexpended 31st	
Oct., 1909	13,059.23
	\$2,190,000.00

These figures, added to those given by Mr. Foster as the real condition of the bonded debt when the old government went out of power, would make a total of \$7,790,000.

Assets increased faster than Debt.

As stated by the Provincial Secretary, Hon. Dr. Landry, at Richibucto, on nomination day, the increase in the bonded debt of the province up to the close of the fiscal year 1915 was about \$1,200,000, and as against that the assets of the province had increased in the shape of permanent bridges to the extent of over \$2,900,000.

Financier Foster continues to get the bonded debt mixed up with the contingent liabilities of the province. If he were familiar with the debates of 1908 he would see that the Provincial Secretary of that day made a statement showing that the total amount of actual and contingent liabilities of the province as left by the old government was \$10,253,192.22, and if he knew what he was talking about he would know, when he charges the present government with adding to the public debt of the country, that the following items had been incurred by the old government prior to 1908:

New Brunswick Coal & Rail-	
way	\$212,000
International Railway	175,000
Wharves and grain elevator,	
St. John	15,000

He would know also that as against the item of Farm Settlement Board, \$150,000, the government holds mortgages and lands unsold to the value of \$159,510; and he would know further that under the methods of the present government the sinking funds amount to more than \$550,000, as against the old government's sinking funds of \$185,277 in 1908.

A Mischievous Note.

As Attorney General Baxter pointed out some time ago, "the note of alarm struck by Mr. Foster is mischievous and wholly unwarranted. His additions to the statement of the provincial secretary treasurer last session respecting the bonded debt are very misleading. For instance, he should have known that his item of \$836,000 on account of the International Railway was no longer even an indirect liability against the province. The same is true with respect to his item of \$425,000 on account of Fredericton and Grand Lake Coal Company, and New Brunswick Cold Storage Company \$30,000, the obligation in both these cases having been assumed by the C.P.R. He

also charges over \$4,000,000 in connection with the Valley Railway, but he fails to note that the railway will be a most valuable asset to the province; that it is likely to become part of one of the great railway systems of Canada, and the day may not be far distant when the Murray Government will be able to get back to the provincial treasury every dollar that the government has guaranteed in that connection."

Neither does Mr. Foster take into consideration the more than half a million dollars on hand at the close of the fiscal year, independent altogether of a larger amount invested in sinking funds. Of course he says nothing of our great natural assets, the Crown lands of the province, which the present government, by its wise and honest management, has made worth three or four times as much as they were worth under the old regime. As has been frequently stated during the present campaign, our Crown lands are now worth from forty to fifty million dollars, as against the ten or twelve million dollars they were valued at by the old government fifteen years ago.

In Charlottetown, Lewis Smith, a Government candidate in Albert, and Robert Smith, one of the two opposition candidates in Sunbury.

Thus it will be seen that the Government has a strong proportional majority in the family representation.

Unique Position.

Gloucester county holds a unique position as regards family names. Two of the Government candidates there are A. P. Robichaud and M. J. Robichaud, while not to be unrepresented on the ballot the family has J. G. Robichaud on the opposition ticket. Here again the Government is in the majority.

C. R. Leger is an opposition candidate in Gloucester, and C. M. Leger an opposition aspirant in Westmorland. A. J. Leger is a Government candidate in Westmorland.

In Victoria, J. L. White is a Government nominee, and G. L. White is a Government standard bearer in Carleton. Arthur LeBlanc is an oppositionist in Restigouche.

In Kings county, George B. Jones is a Government candidate, and for the contrary there is Hon. W. P. Jones, of Carleton.

Hon. James A. Murray, the premier, has a family namesake in Northumberland, Robert Murray, oppositionist.

The clan of Stewart is represented by Commodore J. L. Stewart, of Northumberland, and D. A. Stewart, of Restigouche, both Government men.

WHAT MR. ROBINSON DIDN'T KNOW.

What number of the present opposition has attempted to defend the revelations regarding the suspense accounts carried on by leading members of the old government?

Who has attempted to defend Mr. Pugsley's large overdrafts for his own personal use during the years that he was a member of the provincial government and his leaving the provincial for the Dominion field of politics with an indebtedness of between four and five thousand dollars hidden away in a suspense account of his own making?

Mr. C. W. Robinson was premier of the province for nearly a year after Mr. Pugsley entered the Liberal government at Ottawa, and yet he confessed on the floor of the legislature, after the defeat of the old gang, that he had not known of the Pugsley or Tweedie suspense accounts which they had carried on at the expense of the province for their own accommodation during the several years that they jointly misruled the province of New Brunswick.

FIVE SMITHS RUNNING FOR LEGISLATURE

Three Robichaud's, Three White's, Two Legere's, Two Each of Jones', Murray and Stewart Name Also Candidates.

The delegates who attended the county conventions of the Government and opposition parties have been particularly generous to a number of families, especially those of Smith, Legere (or Leger), Robichaud and White. There are no less than five representatives of the Clan of Smith appealing for the suffrages of the voters. These members of the famous family are Hon. B. Frank Smith, minister of public works (Carleton); Dr. Ernest A. Smith, one of the opposition; H. W. Smith, a Government candidate

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PLUNDERBUNDERS ARE WELL REPRESENTED IN WESTMORLAND

Hon. Clifford W. Robinson, Hon. Frank J. Sweeney, C. M. Leger and Dr. Ernest A. Smith Have Records Which Will Not Stand Light of Day—Magee Also Weak Man.

Special to The Standard.

Shediac, Feb. 21.—The party of graft is well represented on the opposition ticket in Westmorland. In this county there are on the ticket Hon. Clifford W. Robinson (Moncton), the former premier, who admitted that his friends at Fredericton were in bad shape financially and politically when he was called upon to rejuvenate the losing cause; Hon. Frank J. Sweeney, former cabinet minister in the plunderbund regime, C. M. Leger, an ardent supporter of the old order of things at the celestial city and Dr. Ernest A. Smith, who was elected by Carvell, Carter & Co. by questionable methods last Spring, but never had the honor of leading the two oppositionists on the legislative back benches. Fred Magee, the fifth member of the former quintette, never succeeded in getting the confidence of the Westmorland electorate, although he has faced the voters before.

In the Same Class.

The Shediac representative on the ticket is in the same class with Robinson, Sweeney, C. M. Leger, et al, for he fed freely at the public crib when he occupied the chief position in the parish of Shediac as chief beneficiary and chief dispenser of patronage under the fat years of the Laurier government. It is true he kicked over the traces insofar as the railway department was concerned at one time when Hon. A. G. Blair directed at affairs.

The greatest achievement in Dr. Smith's career was his wonderful ability to supply enormous quantities of stone for the Point du Chene breakwater, which when he held sway was constantly in need of repairs. Many thousands of dollars worth of stone were supplied by Dr. Smith's quarry and his political followers took their own time in working at the breakwater. When they did not feel like exerting themselves on this important public work they adjourned to a convenient shanty for a series of card games, the losers to supply the wet goods. It is safe to say that had the Laurier government continued in power the breakwater would not have been finished yet.

WHEN THE OLD GANG CAMPED ON THE LID

Why There Were No Royal Commissioners Prior to 1908—"The Gang" Would Not Have It.

Leader Foster no doubt had in mind the methods of the old government when he said there would be no royal commissions if the present opposition came into power. The records of the province show that the old government either refused investigations altogether when serious charges were made against them, or so narrowed the charges that justice was defeated. This can be proved by the public records in connection with the several charges laid against the old government from 1890 to 1907, the year before they were driven from power. That was the attitude of the old government regarding the Leary charges, which showed that an American contractor had contributed a large sum of money for election purposes, for an important contract from the then government; the Quinn charges, where it was charged that the old government received \$200 for election purposes from Mr. W. H. Quinn, of Fredericton, upon the distinct understanding with one of the then government candidates that his son, Mr. W. A. Quinn, was to have a government position; the wholesale charges against the government, showing immense election contributions from the Central Railway, the International Railway and several other large corporations, as well as from private individuals; the charges made by Mr. McQuirey regarding the Crown Lands, and by Mr. Hazen respecting the two private bridges and the Central Railway.

Political Bait Freezer.

About the same time Dr. Smith and his friends here had the Laurier government build a political bait freezer. The bait freezer was a failure, as Dr. Smith admitted in a communication to the present government at Ottawa. But in the old days the company controlling the freezer continued to draw subsidies. Later Dr. Smith took over the property and used it for a storehouse, even before the business of subsidizing drawing stopped.

Yes, the paragons of purity and righteousness are well represented on the opposition aggregation in this county.

And with all of the well greased opposition machinery in this parish, and despite Shediac town is the general extent's own home, he carried the parish in the by-election by less than twenty votes in a total of 1,200. This time Dr. Smith will be in a decided minority.

CARTER, OPPOSITION BOSS.

That Hon. William Pugsley and his chief agent in this province, Liberal organizer Edward S. Carter, are the backbone of the present opposition party is evidenced by the importance that Mr. Pugsley's newspaper, the Daily Telegraph, attaches to the utterances of Mr. Carter. The speeches of that worthy apostle of purity have been given at least five times as much prominence by the Telegraph as the addresses of all the other opposition candidates put together. Indeed, most of the other opposition candidates are merely the echo of the former owner and editor of the "Progress" newspaper. It is not too bad that Bruce MacDougall, of "Free Speech" fame is not alive to share the honors with Carter and Veniot in leading the opposition forces in this province?

Flattering to the Original

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There are many imitations of this great treatment for coughs, colds, croup, bronchitis and whooping cough. They usually have some sale on the merits of the original, but it should be remembered that they are like it in name only.

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THE POLICE COURT.

In the police court yesterday May Loy, charged with making threats, was bound over to keep the peace. John Turien, for drunkenness and begging was remanded.

Michael Berdnev, a Russian, was fined \$8 or two months in jail for resisting the police, and also for creating a disturbance in Mill street. Tony Walck, a fellow countryman, was

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THE OLD GANG LINKED UP WITH THE PRESENT OPPOSITION PARTY

Carvell and Copp Operating Openly While Pugsley is Represented by His Agent, E.S. Carter.

It is not difficult to connect the leading lights of the old gang in provincial politics with the present opposition party. Carvell is fighting for his political life in the federal field, which accounts for his present activity both in Victoria and Carleton counties. Copp, of Westmorland, who as a member of the provincial legislature declared it was none of his duty as a supporter of the old government to examine closely into government legislation, is making a desperate attempt to retain the federal seat that he holds in Westmorland, a seat which he only obtained because of the war arrangement of permitting vacancies to be filled by candidates of the same political faith as former members.

Independent Liberals know that Mr. Copp did not deserve the seat in Parliament vacated by the death of Mr. Emmerson, and that if a Liberal was to be Mr. Emmerson's successor the place properly belonged to Mr. Hawke, of the Moncton Transcript. What Messrs. Copp and Carvell are doing openly in this campaign Mr. Pugsley is doing through his bosom friend, E. S. Carter. This trio of narrow-gauge Liberal leaders, in addition to trying to save their political scalps in the federal field, are seeking still to control provincial politics. What have they done to help the cause of empire since the beginning of the war? Have they not hammered both the government at Ottawa and the provincial government, and shown in both fields that political advantage seems of greater importance to them than the winning of the war? Members of the Dominion Government have been hampered in their efforts on behalf of the empire by such men as Carvell, Copp and Pugsley, and the same is true of the malicious activities of their political scavenger and chief organizer, Edward S. Carter.

WHAT MR. SWEENEY DID.

Electors of New Brunswick will not forget what happened under Mr. Frank J. Sweeney's management of the Crown Land Department. They will not forget that Mr. Sweeney had given his deputy power to overdraw his account at the bank to the tune of \$25,000, and to keep his private account with the account of the province, and that such a system was in all human probability responsible for the tragedy enacted in that department after the change of government.

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