

STRESSES NEED FOR DEVELOPMENT

A. DeWitt Foster Makes Able Address at Kentville Smoker.

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KENTVILLE, Jan. 30.—"Canada's greatest need today is thousands of people and millions of capital to develop her wonderful resources along the lines of one of her greatest single potential assets, the Canadian National Railways," said A. DeWitt Foster, former M. P. for King's county, speaking at a smoker given in his honor in the Community Hall here tonight.

Mr. Foster for the last five years has been superintendent of the Colonization and Development department of the C. N. R. with offices in Chicago. During this time he has established five offices at strategic points in the United States and already their production has meant an increase in the yearly earnings of the railway by several million dollars.

Mr. Foster is visiting his native home after an absence of several years and his friends in Kentville, hearing that he was passing through the county, arranged a smoker in his honor. Several hundred were present from various parts of the county. Mr. Foster gave a masterly address on the economic conditions obtaining in the United States and Canada and clearly demonstrated that while Canada has plenty of cheap lands for the settler, there is something else needed before the men and money can be obtained.

The Canadian National Railways is not a problem, he declared, but a great potential asset of Canada and the time is now near when the foresight of those who were responsible for its existence will rank with that of the fathers who provided the Canadian Constitution and built the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Mr. Foster received an enthusiastic greeting and at the conclusion of his address R. T. Caldwell and G. C. Nowlan, candidates of the Liberal-Conservative Party for King's County, responded to insistent demands with able addresses on the present needs of Nova Scotia.

SMOKER FOR A. DeWITT FOSTER.

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Mr. Arthur DeWitt Foster, of Chicago arrived in the valley this week for the purpose of taking his mother with him to Chicago. He passed through here on his way to see his mother at Hampton, Annapolis Co., and promised to return to Kentville for Wednesday evening to see some of his friends.

A few hours notice was sent out to different parts of the county and on Wednesday evening about 300 of his friends gathered in the Community Hall to attend a smoker and meet Mr. Foster and hear him speak. It was a most enthusiastic gathering which filled the building, and standing on the sides and at the door. An orchestra composed of Messrs. Condon, McDonald and Redden gave excellent music and for over half an hour Mr. Foster received the warmest congratulations of every one present. Before 9 o'clock the meeting was called to order and Dr. McNally of Berwick, called to the chair. In a neat way he introduced Mr. Foster to the audience and expressed the great pleasure of again seeing him in Kings County. Through the evening on two occasions three most hearty cheers and a tiger were given for Mr. Foster, whose work as a member for Kings County is not forgotten.

It was a most difficult situation for Mr. Foster. Here were present a great many of his former political supporters who were eager and anxious to hear him touch on politics and set the hether on fire again. But Mr. Foster has been out of politics for years and explained that his call here had no political importance. His theme was Canada, her great resources, her problems and his faith in the Canadian people to solve these problems.

Mr. Foster told of the position which he had occupied at Chicago during the last seven years. At first he was in charge of the one office of the Industrial Research Department of the C. R. R. but since several other offices had been opened. He was proud to be working in that country for the development of his native country. He had done his best to give efficient daily service and it was gratifying to know that the work accomplished had brought sufficient American farmers and settlers to pay this country well. The Canadian National Railways was considered by some to be a great problem but he believed it to be a great national asset with wonderful possibilities. Every man on the railway was doing his best work, in friendly competition with that magnificent and unequalled railway system the C. P. R. What we required was more people, no matter what were our problems the sound sense of our people, under any government would find a solution. He believed that when our Maritime resources and advantages were well known that both capital and men would come to our Province. Confidence is the key which would bring others here and also unlock the keys of our banks who were keeping their money close. What Halifax needs is a freight rate that will start wheat here from the west the same as Vancouver obtained. He predicted that before long St. John and Halifax would be getting their wheat even if a low freight rate meant a deficit. We have been paying on deficits ever since Confederation, to help create and build up our western provinces and keep our canals busy in Ontario and Quebec. We no doubt have a great heritage here in the east but beyond the Great Lakes is a great empire just beginning to unfold. Splendid addresses were also given by Messrs. R. T. Caldwell and George R. Nowlan, the Conservative candidates for the House of Assembly, as well as by the chairman, Dr. McNally.

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