

On the Last Lap.

Wednesday Night's Setback to Squires Shows Real Sentiment of City.

The result of the Squires meeting in the Majestic Theatre on Wednesday night was a knock out for the Government supporters. They are sick, sore, and sorry men every since. It was amusing yesterday to go about town and see their crestfallen aspect and to listen to their pitiful explanations of how it all happened. But one has only to reflect for a moment to understand clearly how and why it happened. It happened simply and solely because the people of St. John's realize that they have been hoaxed and hoodwinked by the Squires-Coaker crew and that they do not intend to be fooled again by these political desperadoes. The people look in vain for the prosperity that was promised them, for all the reforms and benefits that they were assured would follow from the election of the Squires-Coaker Party, and now they find that while Squires and Campbell and the rest of the outfit have enriched themselves, the masses of the people are worse off than ever they were before. Consequently the people freeze out Squires and Campbell and the rest of the gang on Wednesday night and will do it even more emphatically next Thursday when they get a chance at the last lap of the race and the Opposition candidates lead clearly in the estimation of the public. All the failures of the Squires-Coaker crew have been responsible in part for the enormous feeling of sympathy towards the Bennett Party and against the Coaker control and the Squiresite acceptance of the same. All the bun-kum that Squires and Campbell and the pawns they have behind them have been talking the past month, has been exploded and the people are going to vote for the men on their merits and not according to the dictates of Coaker or the windy promises of Squires.

The "Advocate" is perhaps the most

judicious paper that has ever struck our shores, for its big headlines and bluff articles and fake messages are the laughing stock of all intelligent men. The "Daily Mail" on the other hand is disregarded by everybody because of its long winded outpourings that nobody wants to read. These papers take themselves too seriously when they think the people can be led away again by the bluff and bluster which they practised three years ago and which they are trying to practise again now.

They are even talking about the money that is being offered through our columns in the way of bets and are suggesting that it comes from sources which they specify, but then forget that three and a half years ago they had a "barrel" themselves and that the front pages of their papers were filled with boasts of the money they had put up in support of their claims. There is nothing perhaps more significant in the present contest than the collapse of all betting from the Squires-Coaker crowd and the fact that money is now talking on behalf of the Opposition. In the same way they talk about the vicious campaign the Opposition Party is putting up, but surely there was never such abuse heard from a leading public man on any platform as that in which R. A. Squires indulged on Wednesday night. The vilest kind of literature is being distributed widecast by the Government heeleders. These are more busy trying to capture votes by any means in their power for Squires and his crowd. At the last election they managed to do this in part by the out-cry they made over accidents on the railway and the marooning of passengers at Holyrood because the track had been washed away at Kelligrews, and the theatrical run by Squires, and some heeleders to the scene to bring the passengers into town. Now, though, the trains can be days and weeks in arrears or not run at all and there is not a word of criticism or complaint by the Government shouters. The leaders of these have had their mouths closed very effectively, and very shortly after the election is over the taxpayers will have reason to know how this has been accomplished. When the facts are exposed by the Bennett Government of the shameful attempt by Squires and Coaker to buy out from the Reids the Railroad by paying them millions of dollars, then the taxpayers will know why Squires and Coaker and their crew tried so desperately to bring off this election and to carry the country in order that they might put through this deal which they knew they could never accomplish if they brought the measure into the Legislature before an election took place.

Our appeal to the electors to-day with only a week before the polling, is for them to be on their guard. Squires and Coaker are sick and sorry but their fanatical supporters are busy after your votes. If you value your prosperity and your independence, vote for progressive Liberalism. You know now that some of the Government heeleders will do everything humanly possible to elect Squires in the West End. You know that Squires has been tested and tried and found wanting. Don't be fooled by any catch cries or arguments put up on behalf of Squires, but remember that Coaker is the man who rules and controls it, and that if they should win Coaker will crack the whip after Polling Day and Squires will dance to his tune. Remember the issue of the hour. Remember your children's future and that of your country. Vote as your conscience and reason dictate. VOTE FOR BENNETT AND BETTER TIMES.

His Third Marathon.
BOSTON, Mass., April 19.—The American Marathon road race was won to-day by Clarence H. Demar, of Melrose, the first three-time victor in the 27 years history of the event. The first eleven finishers were:
Clarence H. Demar, Melrose, Mass., 2:23.47 3-5.
Frank Zuna, New York, 2:25.32.
Wallis Carlson, Chicago, 2:27.10 4-5.
Albert P. Michelson, Stamford, Conn., 2:28.27 2-5.
Gunner Nilson, New York, 2:28.40.
Nestor Erickson, New York, 2:28.46 1-5.
Carl Linder, Boston, 2:30.29.
Wm. J. Kennedy, Port Chester, N. Y., 2:33.47.
Joseph Conte, New York, 2:35.20.
Arthur L. Flanders, Boston, 2:40.41.
Edouard Fabre, Montreal, 2:41.09.
Demar, a man of 35 years who, as a soldier back from the war, surprised sport followers last year by winning the race in record time eleven years after his first success in the event, plodded along in fourth place for eight miles, chasing Michelson, the peacemaker, until he overtook him at the half way mark in Wellesley. But Michelson overhauled him with a sprint shortly afterwards and Demar coasted along in his dust for a few miles until they had passed the reservoir checking station at Newton. It was there he started his successful sprint last year, and it was there he sprinted to win again to-day. In a mile or two Michelson was left behind, and Demar was alone in front. The winner ran the last five miles of his race on his left heel and right toes. As he reached the Lake Street

Reservoir an automobile crowded his accompanying bicycle in towards him and it caught his right heel, tearing it from his shoe. Then a blister developed on his left foot, and when the veteran reached the finish line his gait was rather odd and he was apparently very tired.
Five of the first eleven men were previous winners. Zuna won in 1921; Linder in 1919; Kennedy in 1917, and Fabre in 1915.
Fabre refused to stop running when he broke the tape. He maintained his closing sprint right into the club house, up two flights of stairs, through the gymnasium to a lunch counter at the further end and only ended when he grasped a large bowl of pea soup and raised it with both hands to his lips.
Fabre was the only Canadian to finish. The other Canadian starter, Victor McAuley, of Windsor, was forced to surrender to a sprained ankle after eight miles of going. He was brought to the Boston Athletic Club by automobile. George W. Spragg, the St. John, N.B., entrant, did not start.
Weather conditions were almost ideal. The roads were firm, and a cool breeze blew quartering to the course from the West. There were 72 starters.

Squires Meet a Frost at Bay Roberts.
HIS LAST HOPE GONE.
Although notified last night that Squires would pass through Bay Roberts this morning, only 2 heeleders were at the station to meet him. A large gathering of Bennett's supporters were at the station and called for Squires to come out, but he failed to put in an appearance and was sent off with ringing cheers for Bennett, Hickman and Archibald. Knowing that he will be badly beaten in St. John's West Squires foolishly hoped that by going to Harbor Grace he might be able to squeeze Piccott in so after the election he could get Piccott to resign to give him another chance. But even this frail hope has now been shattered by the frost he is receiving on all sides in Harbor Grace District.
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St. John's East is proud to be sending forth such men to help down the country's common-enemy.
The rest of the Island from North, South, East and West, is grateful to the loyal Liberal District for sending them.
The Fighting Trio, honoured by the constituency in 1919, with renewed confidence in 1923, will strive their utmost for the country's prosperity.
Coakerism will never again be permitted to ruin the fishermen, or the farmer, or throw out of employment the cooper, the mechanic, the clerk, the labourer or the tradesman.
The menace of Coakerism will be chased from our shores, and our people once again will be given a fair opportunity of securing the prosperity and happiness that is so justly theirs.
The electors of St. John's East in common with the whole island demand it and with 100 per cent. votes every section of the district is standing firm to the Standard of Bennett and Better Times.
St. John's, the Battery, Quidi Vidl, Newtown, Bell Island, Wabana (East and West), Lance Cove, Freshwater, Portugal Cove, Torbay, Outer Cove, Flatrock all whole-heartedly support the Fighting Trio.

The other sections of the district have heard the call to arms and when the Fighting Trio visit them will rally unanimously to the Standard that the country has raised for Prosperity and Better Times.
The men comprising Bennett's Party are pledged to support the same cause that the Fighting Trio represent, and with them will pull Newfoundland into the sunshine of Prosperity again.

St. John's East will be foremost in the battle, fighting a great fight, hitting straight by voting straight to bring the district's Straight Ticket Team on top with the greatest majority of all in favour of
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