

ST JOHN STAR, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1904.

WOODSTOCK GIVES ROUSING WELCOME TO R. L. BORDEN.

Blair's Sole Object is to Beat the G. T. P.--Emmerson and Borden at Woodstock--Bright Prospects Everywhere--Liberals are Throwing Up the Sponge.

Reports from all parts of Canada are satisfactory to the conservatives. Mr. Borden has closed his tour in Quebec and leaves that province with the tide running fast in his direction. The opposition leader addressed a great meeting in Woodstock last evening, when he had a hearty reception. He speaks this evening in Fredericton, following the two ministers who have been called to the capital to encourage their unhappy followers. Mr. McInerney has accepted the nomination of the Kent conservatives and today enters upon his campaign, with every sign of encouragement.

It is reported that an opponent to Mr. Costigan has been virtually selected, and that Mr. Landry, who was obliged to give up his campaign on account of the state of his health, will be succeeded by another candidate to be named today or tomorrow. Victoria and Gloucester are the only constituencies in which the contest is not now going on with vigor.

The course and position of Mr. Blair is still the chief political topic not only in this province, but all over Canada. The event seems to have given a new impetus to a stampede from the government party which was in progress before his announcement was made.

WOODSTOCK, N. B., Oct. 20.—If Mr. Borden meets with such audiences generally as greeted him in the Opera House here this evening he has indeed reason to be pleased with the outlook. At seven the seats began to fill, and long before the meeting opened standing room was at a premium. The hall had been most tastefully decorated for the occasion.

Beautiful plants in pots banked the front of the platform. The desk at the front was draped with the Union Jack. Two heavy "old flags" were festooned on either side of a gallery, while banners were festooned all about the hall. The platform, which is capacious, held prominent conservatives from this county and Victoria. Among them were noted ex-Warden Cronkile, G. A. Britton, F. A. Skinner, Winslow Dyer, W. W. Boyer, John H. Jamieson, Allen Wesley, John Boyd, Rev. J. E. Flewelling, John Rogers, Alex. Lindsay, E. W. Gilmour, John R. Donald, Chas. Wilson, Geo. Smith, Connelly, Wm. F. Tompkins, Geo. Kirke, Chas. Gibson, Richard Wheeler, Alex. Dunbar, P. Waite, John Flemming, Dr. Peppers, H. T. Scholze, Judson Munser, Fred Laforest.

These gentlemen represented all sections of the county about, while leading conservatives of the town also had places on the platform. There was a generous representation of the ladies in the gallery and in the body of the house. Before the meeting began the 6th band played appropriate selections outside.

Promptly at 8 P. M. Borden came on the platform escorted by Dr. Rankine, who presided, R. F. Smith, M. P. P., and Mr. H. M. P.

liberals had not dared to touch the conservative policy or they would long ago have been out of power. Now, for the first time, they had a railway policy, which the people would vote down on the 3rd of November.

Mr. Borden, who was heartily greeted on rising, spoke of the discarded liberal platform of 1893, which was probably meant for use again, when they got in opposition. It should be in a high state of preservation, because not a single plank had been used. (Laughter.) True, the party which had promised free trade as it is in England, and prohibition as it is in Maine, had given free trade as it is in Maine and prohibition as it is in England.

After dealing with the Jackson episode and the attitude of the government towards political opponents, he took up the question of the Grand Trunk Pacific entering into a most lucid explanation of the policies of the government and opposition on this question. He quoted Mr. Blair, who in parliament said that the direct and indirect liabilities of the people of this country would be \$150,000,000. The people of Canada and the G. T. P. Company practically became partners. The partner would provide in cash a credit of \$150,000,000, while the Grand Trunk would give credit to the amount of \$14,800,000.

Mr. Blair made this bargain behind the back of Mr. Blair. He was contracting with the sharpest business man in the world, and the result was the partner providing nine-tenths of the capital gets very little of the profits. He did not blame the G. T. P. Company. They are trustees for the shareholders, but the government are the trustees of the people of Canada. What of the responsibility? (Applause.)

Mr. Blair had said that Mr. Blair was the greatest authority on railway matters in Canada, and it was from Mr. Blair that the people learned how the railway was to be run in this scheme. The G. T. P. will take its freight to Portland, Me., just as the T. and N. will take its freight to St. John. He had a large map of the G. T. P., by which he made his illustration very plain. He quoted the minister of justice, who had said in parliament that for six months we are dependent on the United States for ports to ship our Canadian produce from.

Did not the minister of justice know that the best harbors in the world are in the maritime provinces. (Laughter.)

Dealing with the policy of a government owned railway he said that they had been found workable in Australia, where the head of it was a Canadian. He was not as capable as the Australians? It must be remembered that the opposition proclaimed this as the people's policy. He said that the railway should provide the other tenth and own the railway. It was said, and he was told it was said in this county, that the bargain with the G. T. P. was made, and could not be cancelled. This was a most insolent statement. He could hardly fancy the insolence of any man who would stand up on a platform and make such a scandalous statement. It was not true (applause). The railway corporation have the right of expropriation over private individuals. Have not the people of Canada the same right over the corporations? Are not the people of Canada greater than any corporation? If the conservative party comes in power, by the will of the people, the people will own and control this great national highway (great applause). The opposition gave notice to the government and to the railway company. There is no question of repudiation. The people would treat the company as any railway company treats a private individual.

Some one in the audience interrupted at this stage by saying "Emmerson will talk tomorrow night about Mr. Blair." Like a flash Mr. Borden replied, "I think the meeting part will be when Mr. Blair comes to talk about Mr. Emmerson" (loud laughter).

Concluding he wished the conservatives in the county to stand firmly by Mr. Hale in this contest (loud applause). Mr. Hale is a valuable member on committees, and when he speaks in the house, he is listened to with respect and attention by men in the house. He is a business man of excellence. Above all see to it that all precautions be taken that ballots be counted as recorded. Everything pointed to victory for the party. He had met with no kinder and warmer reception anywhere in Ontario than he met with in the cities of Montreal and Quebec. The great province of Quebec is coming back to the conservative party, as well as the other parts of Canada.

In New Brunswick the liberal left had left the party because he could not be a party to the G. T. P. railway scheme. It was said that Mr. Blair by accepting the chairmanship of the railway commission had changed his mind. Well, all the liberals couldn't say that now. "What about Dunderdonald?" called out one of the audience. Mr. Borden bestowed the highest encomium on Lord Dunderdonald. Canada had never, he said, a more faithful friend or trust general than the same Earl Dunderdonald (loud applause). The people of Canada had lost Dunderdonald and they kept Sydney Fisher. He did not gain by it. A great service had been done by Dunderdonald, for which this country could not be too grateful, (renewed applause).

He hoped to receive a message from this county on the 3rd of next month that Mr. Hale was re-elected by a rousing majority. Three cheers were given for Mr. Borden by the immense audience.

LARGE BUT CHILLY. FREDERICTON, N. B., Oct. 20.—This afternoon Hon. Mr. Emmerson addressed a good audience at the Court House, Burton, for nearly an hour and came up on the river steamer, arriving here about 5 o'clock and drove immediately to the Queen hotel. Shortly before 8 o'clock the Fredericton contingent had marched from the Queen Hotel up Queen street, followed by a barouche containing Mayor Palmer.

ly differed as regarded the building of the road from Quebec to the maritime provinces. This was his only reference to Mr. Blair, which was disappointing. The minister said that a man who voted against the government in the coming election was not worthy to be called a citizen. Haggart and his Elks as he called them, were opposed to the I. C. R., and if they dared would promote selling it to a private company. The conservatives called the road a shambles and on that they were appealing throughout Ontario against the Intercolonial. He further claimed if the conservatives came into power they



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would decrease the wages of the I. C. R. employees, increase the freight rates and lessen the number of trains and drew an awful disastrous picture of what would happen if Mr. Borden became premier. He said he wanted to go back to parliament with a good following and predicted a liberal victory. In the West the people were being told that New Brunswick liberals were split up, but Mr. Emmerson prophesied victory in Madawaska, Victoria, Kent and Gloucester, but did not touch any of the other constituencies. In taking his seat Mr. Emmerson received very little applause.

Sir Frederick Borden followed and spoke for about an hour. He, like the minister of railways, received a very cool reception, and outside of the students shouting "He's all right" the applause was very slight. Shortly after Sir Frederick began to speak the hall began to thin out. He referred in his remarks to the immigration policy of the government, the trade of Canada, and also touched lightly on the railway policy. After the meeting Mr. Borden and Sir Frederick took their seats in the barouche, and the college boys, taking out the horses, hailed the barouche, which had been led by the band. Outside of the large gathering at the hall the meeting could not be called very successful in the absence of enthusiasm being marked.

EMMERSON TRYING TO BUY CLARENCE SPOONER. MONCTON, Oct. 20.—Hon. H. R. Emmerson has become desperate over the state of affairs in this province and fears that what is left of the party is in the same state of mind.

Blair's resignation has stricken terror into the ranks and Emmerson is fearful of his own safety. He is aware that if Blair speaks here, Emmerson will be beaten in St. John, and in fact throughout the province. The loss of the Telegraph is severely felt. In this connection Emmerson told a telegraphed Clarence Spooner, editor and proprietor of the Railway Record, who is in Halifax on business, that he had here tonight the Record has been in existence only a few weeks. The paper claims to be published in the interest of railway men and to be independent of party politics. There are those who think Emmerson is endeavoring to get the paper to support the government's late course. Others of the privates are negotiating for the purchase of the Record's plant for the purpose of issuing a morning paper in St. John.

The conservative party in this province is meeting here today to arrange for the reception of R. L. Borden, who will speak in the curling rink on Monday evening.

ROBINSON HUSTLING IN HIS CONSTITUENCY. CHATHAM, N. B., Oct. 20.—James Robertson has returned from a trip to the head of it was a Canadian. The City Hall soon became filled, and on the platform were seated about fifty of Mr. Emmerson's party. During the day the liberals were busily engaged in inviting people to take seats on the platform. It is said all the office holders received a most urgent invitation to be present. The college students occupied the front seats in the gallery, and it is a good thing they were present, otherwise the meeting would have been an utter failure. Mayor Palmer presided and introduced Mr. Emmerson. When the minister of railways stepped forward the applause was complete surprise, a very few of the audience clapped and this did not last ten seconds. It was without doubt, considering the size of the audience, the coldest reception ever tendered a minister during a political campaign in Fredericton. Mr. Emmerson spoke for about an hour and a quarter, taking up most of the time in trying to explain the government's railway policy. Many of the minister's statements were, to say the least, not only rather astonishing, but most interesting. He said that no progress had ever been made against the present government, and he held the administration up as one of the greatest in the history of the party in this county as compared with the conservatives. He referred to the prosperity of Canada and said that the conservatives had said before 1896 that when the liberals gained power, the country would be ruined. He claimed that the liberal party was doing something, a remark which produced some laughter. Speaking of the new transcontinental railway he produced nothing new. He seemed much more at home in speaking on generalities and drawing a fine picture of the prosperity that would flow from having the line built. He said that Mr. Blair agreed entirely with the government policy regarding the building of the line from the Pacific coast to Winnipeg and from Winnipeg to Quebec, and con-

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Morrissey would be. Mr. Morrissey's friends naturally objected to his political statement and will resent it on the 3rd of November. It is reported that he has required untiring efforts on the part of the promoters to keep Mr. Loggie up to "concert pitch," and that he would have thrown up the candidate before this were it not for the interested efforts of two or three who are able to pull the wool over Mr. Loggie's eyes.

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times the necessary number of delegates were present and great interest was taken in the business of the evening. Dr. Gilchrist was chairman of the Lansdowne ward committee and H. C. Green of the Lorne. In February these wards gave Dr. Daniel a majority of 78 and 110 respectively. On November 3rd the figures will be raised to 125 and 200 in each ward.

BLAIR IS OUT TO BEAT THE G. T. P. MONTEAL, Oct. 20.—The political excitement due to Hon. Mr. Blair's resignation from the Railway Commission and his determination to take the public platform in strong opposition to the Grand Trunk Pacific deal, is greater than ever here, and from all quarters despatches come pouring in showing how the news has shaken the political "bosky" from seaboard to seaboard.

Wild rumors about Mr. Blair's intentions continue, and represent an attempt to offset the tremendous effect of his course. These rumors can be met by a very simple announcement. It is this: Mr. Blair wants nothing from any party or any corporation. He is out to beat the Grand Trunk Pacific deal. That is his sole object. He was its original and most formidable opponent, and he steps from office to head the great movement against the G. T. P., which is our gagging attention throughout Canada.

From every source, except partisan Liberal newspapers, there is free and full acknowledgement that his action on the eve of a general election, and considering the widespread distaste which the Grand Trunk Pacific has aroused, is shaking the government's hold upon the country as nothing else could do. The opponents of the railway scheme in every part of Canada, are now confident that the deal will be beaten, and that Canada will be saved from the indefensible transportation policy of the government.

THE NATIONAL PARTY. Sir John A. Macdonald gave you a great policy in 1878. He gave you a policy under which Canada has during the last eight years taken her full share of that prosperity which has prevailed throughout the world; a prosperity which is claimed by our opponents as due to them (laughter), although they cannot point to one administrative or legislative act to which it is due. Sir John A. Macdonald gave it to you in 1878, and we stand before you today with that policy, or with the development of that policy, but we stand with something more. He gave you in 1878 a national policy in fiscal matters. We give you 1894 not only a continuation and development of that great policy of his in the fiscal affairs of this country, but we give you also a national policy of transportation, a policy which is as essential and vital to the people of this country as was that of Sir John A. Macdonald's 25 years ago. These two policies are before the people of Canada today for their mandate.—Mr. Borden in Montreal.

ODDS ON THE CONSERVATIVES. MONTEAL, Oct. 20.—On the Corn Exchange today Robert McIghen, president of the Lake of the Woods Milling Company, bet \$1,000 to \$500 that the Conservatives would have a majority in the next parliament. The small end of the bet was taken by James Carruthers, a brass exporter. The bet, whoever wins, will go to charity.

DOWN ON THE FARM. Mrs. Ontarce—These here pictures are pesky tressome moving about from wall to wall. Mr. Ontarce—Never mind, Mandy. Next time I go to town I'll buy a morning picture made. I've heard so much about them.

SAD STORY. The Lady—Why are you weeping, my poor man? Dusty Dennis—I am weeping, mum, because my father was so poor he couldn't afford me a valet.

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that Geo. V. McInerney had accepted the conservative nomination for Kent, was received with great pleasure by his friends. Word was at once sent to the various points of the county. Mr. McInerney will arrive tomorrow. The liberals have been greatly disturbed since the result of the conservative convention was made known and they have been hoping that Mr. McInerney would not accept the nomination.

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