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BAXTER AND CARSON CHOSEN BY ST. JOHN COUNTY VOTERS

SPLendid ADDRESSES BY THE CANDIDATES

Attorney General Says Government is Not Trying to Ride Two Horses as the Opposition is Doing on the Prohibition Question.

Hon. Mr. Baxter and the Old War-Horse, Thomas B. Carson, Unanimous Choice of Enthusiastic Convention—Mr. Baxter's Eloquent Appeal to Electors of County to Support Murray Government.

Government supporters from all sections of St. John county met in open convention at the Semi-Ready building last evening and nominated the Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, Attorney General of New Brunswick, and Thomas B. Carson, M. L. A., as their standard-bearers for the approaching provincial elections. It was a splendid meeting of the forces of the Good Government party, who are prepared to take off their coats and work hard for the men they have chosen to represent them.

The Attorney-General, one of the brightest minds of the province, was a logical candidate, while that old war-horse Thomas B. Carson had a record of service that no man in the province can discount. There was not a dissenting voice heard when the chairman put the names of the county's able representatives to the meeting.

Hon. Mr. Baxter's address was one of the best of his career. The synopsis report of his remarks published in The Standard should be given the careful perusal of every elector of the county and of the province. His utterances were statesmanlike and will impress the public as being sincere in every regard.

Discussing the prohibition issue, Hon. Mr. Baxter said that he wanted to say a few words on a subject which was of the very greatest interest to every thinking man, yes, to every thinking woman in the county. This government had at the last session placed on the statute books of the province a measure providing as completely and permanently as possible the traffic in intoxicating liquors as he thought it was possible to devise. There were certain interests which said that the government had acted without a mandate from the people, that the province did not want prohibition, or that there were others who said that it was the only proper course for the government to follow. As to whether it was wise or unwise it was for the electors of the county and of the province generally to make up their minds. This government must stand or fall by their opinion. This government stands behind the law it had enacted and it proposed to enforce the law without fear, favor or affection. Why did this government enact this law? Because they felt that the people of New Brunswick were ready for it, because they believed that the great war had created a condition of public sentiment throughout the world that turned people with favor towards prohibition. The government realized that there would come a time when the saving of every individual during this war would be a matter of the highest importance to the community, that every individual who saves the money he would spend on strong drinks, and lends that money to the nation by subscribing to the war loan was doing some bit for the cause of civilization, because only by husbanding all the resources of this country and of the Empire could the people win this war in the way it ought to be won to give assurance that the job would not have too soon to be repeated.

People have said that prohibition cannot be enforced. He would tell his hearers that he believed the reason that prohibition is not enforced in many cases was because the men in power were trying to ride both horses at the same time and some politicians desired to keep in with both interests.

"And I tell you this," said Hon. Mr. Baxter, "this government proposes to ride only one horse and the moment there is the shadow of a change from that policy the government will be minus some of its members. It is not we who are insecure. The opposition say they force us into it. I tell you on the solemn responsibility of a public man that they did not force us into it."

Hon. Mr. Baxter pointed out that after this government had passed prohibition the opposition had made a run for the temperance people and sought them to come in and give them some assistance. Then the opposition had adopted a policy which provided that they should pass a law after they were returned to power, and within three months submit it to the people and if approved bring it into operation within a year. He had said something a moment ago about politicians riding two horses. Do you not see the saddle, gentlemen?

H. Colby Smith was the chairman of the meeting and made a few appropriate remarks in which he informed the meeting that the nominations would be made in open convention.

Thomas B. Carson and John B. M. Baxter were the only names placed before the convention and the candidatures of these men were endorsed unanimously by the splendid convention by a standing vote.

Great applause greeted St. John County's popular representative, Thomas B. Carson, when he arose to speak. Mr. Carson in expressing his thanks to the convention for the honor they had paid him, said that he was not surprised to have been again nominated by the meeting as he had fully expected the nomination. He was only too pleased to be a candidate of the good government party, but he would have retired in the proper spirit in the convention had seen fit to choose another. If again elected he proposed to work to the best of his ability to advance the interests of the people of St. John County.

Hon. J. B. M. Baxter.

Hon. Mr. Baxter was most enthusiastically greeted by the convention. He opened by saying that he would like to address the electors as brother electors of the County of St. John, but unfortunately, he could not do that as he was one of those who had not a vote in the county. He was a resident of the city at the present time and he did not know what the future might bring forth. But because he was a resident of the city of St. John the unanimous tender of this nomination made it, as it ought to make it, all the more gratifying to him. Some years ago, in December, 1911, the convention of the electors of the county had been good enough to take him to its arms and with the aid of his stalwart friends throughout the county he had been chosen as a representative to the House of Assembly at Fredericton.

Mr. Foster Reluctant to Return to City.

In fact at that time there was no opposition to himself, and when the general elections came around in June, 1912, despite the suggestion that he would seek a constituency elsewhere, his good friends of the county had told him that they were satisfied with his conduct during his first session at Fredericton and that they were willing to give him another trial, which he had been glad to take. That election had resulted in the triumphant return of his friend, Mr. Carson, and himself, and during the four years they had been at Fredericton they had endeavored to serve this constituency as faithfully as possible and to the limit of the ability with which they were endowed, whatever that might be. This constituency was considered so attractive that when in December, 1914, his friend and former leader of the government, the Hon. George J. Clarke, saw fit to ask him to join his cabinet and take the important position of Attorney-General, which involved his coming back to the electors, his friend Mr. W. E. Foster, who he believed, aspired to the leadership of the opposition party, thought he would like to have a shy at St. John county. He had himself and Mr. Bentley nominated as candidates for the county, but not for the election of

December, 1914, but for the general elections. The opposition had let him go in by acclamation, which had been a fair and wise course to pursue as events which subsequently transpired proved that opposition would not have been successful and that the electors had no objection to St. John county obtaining an important seat in the government of the province. It was not unusual for this county to be represented in the government. Almost since its creation in 1892 the constituency of St. John county had been represented by the government, and he was glad that his friends felt that he had made a success of his work, and he was satisfied that when the votes were counted on February 24th the electors would be quite willing to keep the portfolio in the county and would send his good friend, Thomas B. Carson, and himself to Fredericton to continue to look after their important interests.

He had said that Mr. Foster had undertaken to come to St. John county to oppose Mr. Carson and himself. Mr. Foster had come from the city of St. John, a constituency where had run a singularly unsuccessful election, and a constituency which he seemed very reluctant to go back to. He could not understand why Mr. Foster seemed to be so much afraid of the city of St. John. He (Baxter) would not be afraid of the city if he were in his (Foster's) shoes. There must be something back of Mr. Foster's fear. He did not pretend to know what it was. Perhaps Mr. Foster might attempt to answer it.

Tribute To Mr. Carson.

In politics there was something more than combat. He proposed to try to keep on decent terms with the other side, and if treated decently he desired to act in a friendly spirit. He fully realized that there were gentlemen on the other side of politics and one could treat them as such. But, unfortunately, there were others who were not gentlemen, and he wanted to have no association with that class of people whose ambitions politically were to vituperate and vilify every public man and to make vehement attacks on their opponents. Because of their association with men of that character the opposition party in New Brunswick was absolutely doomed. When the ballots were cast on election day the leaders of the opposition would realize the great tactical mistake that they had made in letting men who had nothing but slander, scandal and abuse to offer to conduct the affairs of the party. But there were other things in politics. There were friends, and one of the best things that his term at Fredericton had brought him had been the close personal association he had with one of the dearest and best men that God ever made—Thomas B. Carson. Between his colleague and himself there had never been the shadow or shade or thought of difference, and he was happy to be able to say that in all the stress of political life they

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FIFTY HURT IN QUEBEC R. R. WRECK

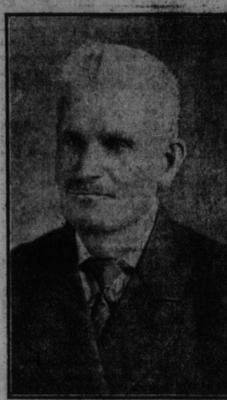
Special to The Standard.

Montreal, Feb. 9.—Fifty or more persons were injured when a Montreal St. Agathe train on the Canadian Pacific railway was derailed seven miles beyond Shawbridge. The first and second class coaches were overturned. Of the injured Mrs. Joseph Lavronson, of St. Jerome, was fatally hurt. The accident was caused by a broken rail.

The Winning Team in the County



HON. J. B. M. BAXTER.



THOMAS B. CARSON.

MANY VICTORIA LIBERALS SUPPORTING GOVERNMENT

J. L. White of Grand Falls and F. A. Kupyk of Andover Nominated at Great Convention—Hon. B. F. Smith Addresses Rousing Meeting at Andover.

Special to The Standard.

Andover, Feb. 9.—At the largest and most enthusiastic convention ever held by the party of good government in the county of Victoria, two strong men, J. L. White of Grand Falls, and F. A. Kupyk of Andover were placed in nomination this afternoon by unanimous vote.

The outcome of the proceedings was received with enthusiasm by all friends of the government and by many Liberals as well, for a large number who are Liberals in Dominion politics were at the convention and actively supporting the government party in the county.

E. C. Elliott presided in able manner. On motion of Titus J. Carter, who retires from the legislature for business reasons, Messrs. White and Kupyk were placed in nomination that they would heartily support them.

Hon. B. Frank Smith.

The convention was addressed by Hon. B. Frank Smith, the popular Minister of Public Works, the candi-

dates and by a number of county councillors.

Hon. Mr. Smith was accorded a splendid reception at a meeting held tonight and he was cheered frequently as he told of the achievements and policies of the government in contrast to the dismal dark record of the Tweedie-Pugsley-Robinson maladministration. Hon. Mr. Smith's permanent good roads policy was explained in detail. The audience was thoroughly delighted with the explanation, for most of those present depend upon the roads to get to the market towns. He spoke for an hour and three-quarters. Some of the delegates after the meeting expressed the opinion that Hon. Mr. Smith's road policy was sufficient in itself to elect the Murray government.

The candidates spoke strongly in condemnation of the leaderless opposition and expressed the opinion that Victoria would give a large majority in favor of the government. H. Wade presided.

Hon. Mr. Smith will speak at the Woodstock convention of the party tomorrow.

WESTMORLAND CAMPAIGN WILL OPEN NEXT WEEK

Hon. Mr. Mahoney, Col. Black, Albert E. Trites and A. J. Legere will Start Things in Motion Tuesday—Popular Ticket.

Special to The Standard.

Sackville, N. B., Feb. 9.—Hon. P. G. Mahoney of Meirose, Col. Frank Black of Sackville, Albert E. Trites of Salisbury, and A. J. Legere of Moncton, the government candidates in Westmorland County, will open the campaign early next week and from then on there will be something doing in the second largest constituency in the province. The candidates are well known and popular throughout the county and form one of the strongest tickets ever nominated.

The party regrets the retirement of Hon. O. M. Melanson, the popular former speaker of the legislature, who leaves public life after a faithful service of many years because of ill health and his large business in Shediac and in Kent County, and of William F. Humphrey, whose important business interests compelled him to leave politics for a time.

All four of the candidates were here today and consulted with Secretary Trites of the county association regarding the campaign.

The four candidates will speak at Fox Creek Tuesday, Feb. 13. At Petitcodiac, Wednesday night, February 14th, Mrs. Trites, Dr. O. B. Price and A. J. Legere of Moncton will speak.

Col. Black Hon. Mr. Mahoney and Leonard Gay will talk at Salisbury on the same night.

B. Hunter, three of the candidates nominated at the government convention here on Thursday, and Mr. R. B. Hanson, were the speakers at the Stanley meeting, while James K. Pinder, the fourth candidate, and J. D. Palmer addressed the electors at Nasborough.

The Liberal-Conservative party in York never entered a campaign more united. The stalwarts of the party are into the thick of the fight and one of the greatest victories in the history of political campaigns in this country is predicted.

CAMPAIGN IN YORK OPENS

Fredericton, Feb. 9.—The Government campaign in York opened this evening with meetings at Stanley and Nasborough, Messrs. John A. Young and Dr. W. C. Crockett, Ex-Warden B.

UNITED STATES STILL ON THE RAGGED EDGE

If Germany Compels Use of Force by Some Overt Act President Wilson Will Take Measures to Safeguard American Life and Property.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The course to be taken by the United States, if Germany compels the use of force to safeguard American lives and rights, has been determined. It was learned authoritatively, after today's cabinet meeting, that in the event President Wilson goes before congress again, it will not be to ask for a declaration of war, but to follow literally the words of the address in which he announced the break of diplomatic relations, and request authority to use means deemed necessary to protect American seamen and people.

The president, it was stated, is as anxious as ever to avoid war with Germany, but also is as determined as ever that American citizens and ships will be free to travel the high seas unmolested. His next step, if taken, will be to enforce that right, and even then an issue of war or peace will be with Germany. Any hostile action will have to come in the form of an interference with an American right.

May Arm Ships.

Details of the government's plans are not discussed. It is known, however, that conveying and arming of merchant ships are being considered. No new development came today to indicate that the overt act by Germany regarded as inevitable was nearer at hand. Fewer reports of ships sunk came in, and none told of officially the loss of an American life. Further information received about George Washington, the negro fireman lost on the Turino, indicated that he probably was a British subject.

After the cabinet meeting it was authorizedly stated that nothing had yet happened to change the course pursued by the government since the break in relations with Germany.

Former President William H. Taft expresses the opinion that the country is on the brink of war. The British government has requested the United States government to suppress news of the movements of shipping.

FIVE NEUTRALS AND ONE BRITISH VESSEL SUNK

Little Fighting Anywhere During Day—French Successful East of Rheims—British in France Take a Rest.

Five neutral vessels and one British steamer have been added to the list of victims of the German submarine campaign, according to the latest despatches from London.

Four of the neutrals were of Norwegian registry, and the other was the Spanish steamer Nuera Montana. The total tonnage lost, according to Friday's reports was 10,424.

The Norwegian vessels lost were the Hanskinck, Storskog, Ida and Odin. Sailors of both the Ida and Odin were killed by shell fire. All but two seamen on the Storskog were lost when the submarine, to which they had been taken, submerged suddenly on the approach of a steamer, and left them to seek safety in the water. The one British steamer sunk was the Hanna Larsen, of 1,310 tons. Her captain and chief engineer were taken prisoner on board the submarine.

ALBERT COUNTY CARTERIANS IS FOR GOOD GOVERNMENT

John L. Peck and Lewis Smith will Defeat the Lieutenants of Old Plunderbund Ring at Fredericton.

Special to The Standard.

Moncton, Feb. 9.—A meeting held here tonight in the City Hall by the Carterians was a decided frost. The seating capacity of the hall is about 560. It was about two-thirds full. Little enthusiasm was displayed by the small audience.

Speeches were made by the candidates for the county and Hon. C. W. Robinson for the city.

A. B. Copp, the federal member, has lost his hold on the electors of Westmorland County, as he received little attention.

TWENTY-FIVE MEN PERISH

London, Feb. 9.—Twenty-five of the crew of the torpedoed British steamer Vedamore perished with the sinking of that vessel, according to the Press Association. The survivors have been landed.

The selection of Messrs. Peck and Smith is regarded as a happy choice by a united party and as an act which will spell defeat with a capital "D" for Hon. Charles J. Osman of Hills-