

In Four Years the Present Government Have Spent More Than \$2,000,000 on Permanent and Ordinary Bridges, Wharves and Roads

VICTORY SURE IN GLOUCESTER

Government Party In the Best of Spirits WILL BE REDEEMED

Opposition Followers Bend Every Effort to Stem Tide, but Face Inevitable Defeat--Are Loosing Ground Daily.

Bathurst, June 17.—The closing week of the campaign finds the government party in this county in the spirits and everyting points to a great victory on polling day. An excellent organization is carrying on the fight, and from all parts of the county the reports indicate the popularity of the party in power. The chief canvass here is "stick to the liberal party and help out the opposition in the Dominion," but independent liberals cannot see any reason for turning out the best government the province has had for many years, and taking chances on any combination that Copp and Tweeddale might form. The government candidates have been in the lower end of the county the last three days, and find that the opposition is losing ground. Meetings have been held in Tracadie and Carleton Place, and a careful review of the situation is very encouraging. The government will sweep the north shore, and sweep with a much better than ever for the ticket. The opposition leaders here claim that Gloucester is the pivot on which the fate of the government hangs, as the Fleming majority will be only two on the night of the 20th, and the opposition victory here will sweep their friends into power. Those who know realize that this is a pipe dream and can understand how the opposition chances in this county are.

OPPOSITION ADMITS FIGHT IS HOPELESS ON THE NORTH SHORE

Cocagne, Kent Co., June 17.—Two large and enthusiastic meetings were held in the Parish of Dundas in the interests of the government candidates yesterday. In the afternoon Grand Digue, Fidele Poirier presided over the meeting which was addressed by Dr. Landry, Col. Sheridan, Dr. Bourque, the government candidates, and by F. J. Robitoux, M. P. for Kent county. In the evening at Cocagne, Michael Bilodeau presided and the same gentlemen addressed the electors. As both meetings the greatest enthusiasm greeted the different speakers as they drew the attention of the audience to the magnificent record of the Fleming administration during the four years it has held office and pointed with pardonable pride to the excellent bridges erected in the lower end of this county during the past three years which speak for themselves of the efficient manner in which the revenues of the province have been expended for the public benefit. The parish of Dundas on Thursday will be in line with the rest of the county in showing its appreciation of the generous treatment which has accorded the county of Kent through the indefatigable efforts of Messrs. Landry, Bourque and Sheridan, whose election by a larger majority than they secured in 1908 is now conceded by their opponents here.

MEMBER OF I.O.G.T. CONDEMNS THE ATTACK ON GOVERNMENT

Kingston, Kings County, N. B., June 16, 1912. To the Editor of The Standard: Sir,—I notice in a recent issue of the Telegraph a copy of a letter written by A. C. M. Lawson, G. C. T. of the Independent Order of Good Templars in New Brunswick. In it Mr. Lawson states that he will not vote for the government candidates in the coming election because they have failed to secure prohibition for this province. He claims that his conscience will trouble him if he does support the government. I am sorry that Mr. Lawson does not undertake to explain why he can vote for the return to power of a party which, for eighteen years, did less in the line of temperance legislation than the present government has done in four years. As a member of the Independent Order of Good Templars I feel sure that the majority of my fellow members in this province will regard Mr. Lawson's letter with disfavor, and that they are quite satisfied with the record of the present government, as far as temperance legislation is concerned. What assurance has Mr. Lawson that the opposition, if returned to power, will procure prohibition? Surely their record while in power does not warrant such faith. Faithfully yours, CHARLES T. WETMORE.

ELECTORS OF KINGS COUNTY HEAR ROUSING SPEECHES OF GOVERNMENT CANDIDATES

Ring of Victory Sounds as Record of Local Government is Told to Record Audience

Hon. J. D. Hazen Describes Wise Legislation and Measures for Betterment of Conditions in Province and Contrasts Records of Old and New Governments -- County will Return the Entire Ticket.

Special to The Standard. Sussex, N. B., June 17.—The closing of the campaign in Kings county by a mass meeting in the Opera House this evening bodes little success for the allies of G. Copp. The meeting which was representative of the sentiment not only of the town of Sussex but of points outside the town, foretold a complete triumph for the government candidates Hon. J. D. Hazen, Geo. B. Jones and H. V. Dickson. Not even the futile imagination of the Telegraph correspondent could make the meeting other than a magnificent expression of the confidence of the people of Kings county in the present administration and the endorsement of the government's progressive policy. The whole meeting was marked by enthusiasm. Hon. J. D. Hazen was given an ovation and the government candidates were received with spontaneous bursts of applause. During their addresses the speakers were frequently interrupted by the cheers of the audience. The first speaker, Geo. B. Jones, when opening his address received a great welcome. Mr. Jones was a strong parallel between the old government's record of misdeeds and the honest record established by the present administration. He dealt in a thorough manner with the unwarranted increase in the public debt under the old government, the reckless expenditure and the loose system which characterized their administration. Dr. Taylor then took up the pre-election pledges of the present administration, conclusively proving that they had been faithfully carried out by referring to the audit act, the school book act, and the school act, the improvement of the roads, the marked improvement in their condition. He also spoke of the bridges throughout the county which he showed were staunch and safer than they had been during the old regime. Dr. Taylor then took up the misrepresentations with which the opposition candidates sought to befoul the electors, and showed that they had deliberately used false statements in their canvass. Dr. Taylor then brought his forceful address to a close by predicting a return of the government ticket in Charlotte county on June 20th. This statement was greeted with cheers that made the rafters ring and ring again. Hon. Robert Maxwell was the next speaker, and in an enthusiastic and eloquent speech which was received with cheers, reviewed the record of the old government, comparing it with the many wise acts of legislation which has marked the Fleming administration. Hon. Mr. Maxwell then presented convincing arguments why the present government should receive the hearty support of all electors, who desire honest and progressive administration for the province. W. B. Tennant was then called on, and in a short and practical address gave convincing reasons why the government will be returned to power on June 20th. The most enthusiastic and largest attended meeting of the campaign was then brought to a close with three cheers for the King, the candidates and the singing of the National Anthem. This meeting proved to be one of the greatest in the history of Charlotte county and gives strong evidence that the government candidates will roll up a big majority on election day.

WHY THE PLEDGES WERE NOT SIGNED

Government Candidates in Kings County Reply to Charge Made at Temperance Meetings - Affidavits Show that Cards were not Received nor was any Request Made for Support-- Mr. Dickson, in City, Gives Emphatic Answer.

Special to The Standard. Sussex, June 17.—The Government candidates in the County of Kings have replied in no uncertain terms to the statements made at various temperance meetings held in this county on Sunday evening, to the effect that they had refused to sign the pledge cards which the Temperance party has sent to the different candidates throughout the province. Hon. James A. Murray and George B. Jones have made affidavits as printed herewith, to the effect that they did not receive any such pledge cards. M. V. Dickson, the third Government candidate in Kings county, went to St. John yesterday and could not be reached by your correspondent, but it is understood that he emphatically endorses the statements made in the affidavits.

The affidavits, which furnish the reply of the government candidates to the statements made, are as follows: I, George B. Jones, of the Parish of Sussex, in the County of Kings and Province of New Brunswick, a candidate for election in the County of Kings in support of the present Administration at Fredericton, do solemnly declare:—That it has been brought to my notice that speakers at certain public meetings held in said County have stated that all the candidates in the Province have been asked to sign certain promises that in the event of election they would support the platform of the Temperance Federation in New Brunswick. Second—That at no time have I been approached by or on behalf of the said Temperance Federation or by any person whatsoever, and have not at any time been asked to support, or sign any policy or platform relative to temperance legislation. Third—That I know that no such request has been made of my colleague Mr. Hedley V. Dickson up to midnight of Saturday, the 15th instant, when I saw him, and I verily believe that he has not since been asked to support or sign any policy or platform as aforesaid. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the Canada Evidence Act. (Signed) GEORGE B. JONES.

Declared before me at the Town of Sussex, in the County of Kings, this Seventeenth of June A. D. 1912. W. D. TURNER, A Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Kings. HON. JAS. A. MURRAY'S AFFIDAVIT. I, James A. Murray, of the Parish of Sussex, in the County of Kings and Province of New Brunswick, a candidate for election in the County of Kings in support of the present Administration at Fredericton, do solemnly declare:—That it has been brought to my notice that speakers at certain public meetings held in said County have stated that all the candidates in the Province have been asked to sign certain promises that in the event of election they would support the platform of the Temperance Federation in New Brunswick. Second—That at no time have I been approached by or on behalf of the said Temperance Federation or by any person whatsoever, and have not at any time been asked to support, or sign any policy or platform relative to temperance legislation. Third—That I know that no such request has been made of my colleague Mr. Hedley V. Dickson up to midnight of Saturday, the 15th instant, when I saw him, and I verily believe that he has not since been asked to support or sign any policy or platform as aforesaid. And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the Canada Evidence Act. (Signed) JAMES A. MURRAY.

Declared before me at the Town of Sussex, in the County of Kings, this Seventeenth of June A. D. 1912. W. D. TURNER, A Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Kings. MR. DICKSON'S STATEMENT. H. V. Dickson, the third Government candidate in Kings County, was in the city yesterday. Speaking of the statement appearing in yesterday's Telegraph credited to Rev. W. R. Robinson, in which Mr. Robinson is reported to have said at New Brunswick on Sunday evening, that the three opposition candidates in Kings county had signed the pledge of the Temperance Federation, undertaking to support prohibition legislation if elected, whereas the government candidates had failed to do so, Mr. Dickson said: "I wish to state most emphatically that I have never been approached nor asked, either directly or indirectly, to agree to any such document, nor do I know of it having been presented to any other of the candidates."

CHARLOTTE CO. SAFE AS A BANK

Candidates Look for Clean Sweep—Make Final Round.

Work Progressing in All Wards and Workers are Confident of Success -- What They Say.

Special to The Standard. St. Stephen, June 17.—The closing days of the campaign in Charlotte finds the only question left to be determined—the size of the majority for the government ticket. If the opposition at one time had hopes of electing one man that has been abandoned and the return of Grimmer, Clarke, Taylor and Gupill is assured. The opposition campaign has been based throughout on misrepresentations and deceit, and that is bound to wear itself out when an intelligent electorate has a chance to think it over. Their card against a string of very indefinite charges of broken promises, with never an item named in support of any one assertion, and Mr. Copp only added to their confusion by his windy harangue at Milltown that only served to disgust the solid liberals in the county. The platform on that occasion was most noticeable for the marked absence of the prominent liberals of other days. They were not absent because they had not been asked to grace the stage, but simply because they had their confidence in the party selected as the opposition ticket, and even less in the leader of the party, and with many liberals in other parts of the county are satisfied with the good government now enjoyed by the province, the honest collection of and strict accounting for the revenues of the province, and save to express themselves at the polls on Thursday. The tide of popular approval is irresistibly in the direction of the government in Charlotte county, and the full ticket will be returned with an increased majority over that of 1908.

THROUGH WITH LABILLOIS

Dalhousie Had Enough of Loose Methods of Old Government and Restigouche Will be in Line.

Special to The Standard. Dalhousie, June 17.—Rousing cheers and prolonged applause greeted the government speakers at their two meetings last night at Dalhousie Junction and Belmor and there is now not the slightest doubt as to the election of both Messrs. Culligan and Stewart on Thursday next. At Dalhousie Junction the speakers were Dr. A. Stewart, one of the candidates, William Murray, John McNaughton and Samuel Laclan. The record of the previous government with which Mr. LaBilloy had been identified was laid bare with all its scandal and corruption. Mr. LaBilloy was severely and justly criticized in scathing terms because of his maladministration during his term of office, his enormous travelling expenses, his inefficient and careless methods and his gross mismanagement of his department as former commissioner of public works. The meeting closed with cheers. At Belmor, Messrs. Montgomery, Champeaux and O'Leary addressed a crowded and enthusiastic gathering which cheered to the echo when the checked and unsuccessful career of Mr. LaBilloy was searchingly analyzed. The opposition have no change in Belmor and an overwhelming majority is expected for the two government candidates. Last night Thursday, it will be but a spontaneous vote of confidence in four good citizens who will go to Fredericton to continue the honest and capable administration which the province has enjoyed since March, 1908. The wildest appeals of the opposition to the spirit of partisanship have no effect on such a tide of public opinion as will be poured out at the polls on Thursday.

Mr. Lockhart said, "I have campaigned this city before but the enthusiasm with which we have been received this time has a revelation to me. My own side of the harbor, which I know the best, will do nobly by us, and expect the return of the whole ticket by a very large majority."

Mr. Grannan said, "I have seen the campaign has been handled and said, 'Although I am a new man as a candidate, I have had considerable experience in campaigning for others, and I must say the record of the Fleming government for it has always stood for honest collection of the public revenues and intelligent improvement of the great public services. New Brunswick has had four years of prosperity in provincial affairs, and no reasonable man will return to the days of the suspense accounts and neglect of the roads and bridges which characterized the Robitoux government. I have had encouraging promises of support from Liberals and Conservatives alike, and while it is my first experience as a political candidate I cannot but believe that we will be successful, and will receive the hearty endorsement of the people at large.'"

The expressions of the candidates reflect the spirit of the campaign and will explain the great victory of Thursday.