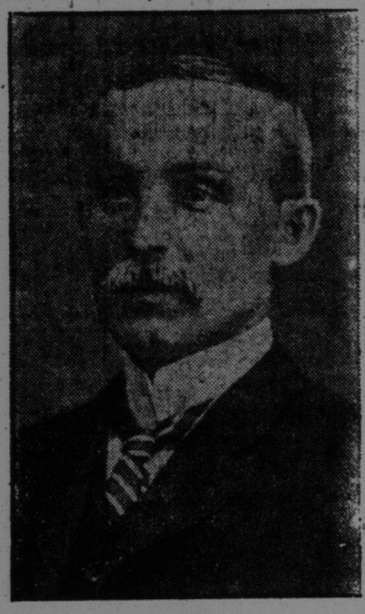


GOVERNMENT CANDIDATES IN CITY BURIED BENEATH STORM OF BALLOTS

Opposition Carried All the Wards in the City Except Three--- McKeown and Lowell Hold St. John County --- Wild Enthusiasm in Opposition Headquarters and Disconsolate Gathering in Government Rooms.

Such a political upheaval in St. John city has not been known in years. Every opposition candidate is elected! They stood three governments to one opposition on Tuesday morning; Tuesday night the position was four opposition, no government.



John E. Wilson, St. John City.

Did they celebrate? Well rather. Oh what a sight that was in Keith's assembly rooms. What ringing cheers and deafening shouts. What unbounded enthusiasm! The candidates were the great men of the day and how their supporters did congratulate them and join with them in celebrating the great victory.

A wave of jubilation swept over the city when it became known that the opposition had carried all four seats by overwhelming majorities. Within an hour of the closing of the polls the word went round that victory was in sight and the returns as they were received not only confirmed the news but indicated that the government ticket had been completely snowed under.

At the opposition headquarters in Keith's assembly rooms it is almost needless to say there was a scene of wild excitement. Cheer after cheer rent the air when the extent of the government's defeat was made known. The City Cornet Band was called into requisition and the streets were paraded by a shouting, cheering throng which made a demonstration that will be remembered for many a long day.

street the space in front of The Telegraph and Times office was filled with people awaiting the returns and as the figures showing victory after victory were thrown on the white screen, cheer after cheer rent the air. It was not until nearly midnight that the city resumed its usual appearance and the people retired to their homes rejoicing in the sweets of victory.

Pandemonium reigned in the Keith assembly rooms, where the followers of the opposition gathered to hear the returns which changed their party from opposition to government. The assembly rooms from 5 o'clock until 11 were filled with a shouting crowd of men, who cheered themselves hoarse over each despatch received, and gave the successful candidates such cheers as had never been beaten in St. John.

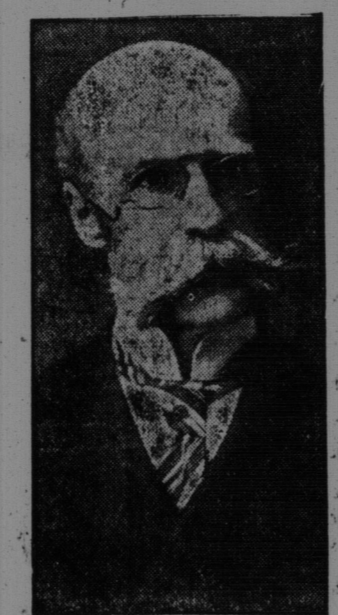
The cheering news from the city was the first received and was a fitting indication of the trend of all the returns. When the results from the different wards, which the government had formerly captured with large majorities were heard and the crowd realized that the city had elected the opposition candidates with an unprecedented majority, the enthusiasm was great and the rapidly increasing crowd did fair to cheer itself hoarse before the candidates appeared.

The wards in the central portion of the city were first reported and the election of the opposition seemed certain from the first. H. C. Green reported the handsome majority in Lorne ward, and P. Granman came to the front to report the overwhelming victory in Dufferin. Ald. Pickeitt brought news of the two to one victory in Victoria and the other city wards were won heard from. Then J. B. M. Baxter appeared with the Carleton returns, and his announcement that the west side had given nearly 200 majority was received with cheers for the candidates, Ald. Baxter and L. P. D. Tilley. When the totals were made up there were more cheers every face was lighted with the joy of victory following a hard-fought battle.

All this time the returns from all over the province were pouring in and Ald. Baxter replaced W. H. Thorne on the platform. When county after county was reported to have gone opposition, the crowd began to wonder if any of the government ticket would be elected. The news of the government majority in Moncton city was expected, but the cheering news from York, Carleton, Charlotte, Kent and Kings set the crowd wild.

The first advice from Restigouche indicated that the opposition ticket would lead, but a nearly complete statement showing that LaBelle and Currie had won. "Too bad," said a voice in the audience. At this point Ald. Baxter read an imaginary telegram from Moncton to the effect that Premier Robinson had sent to Toronto to engage an auditor to examine into the returns in John city, and the rally raised a merry laugh.

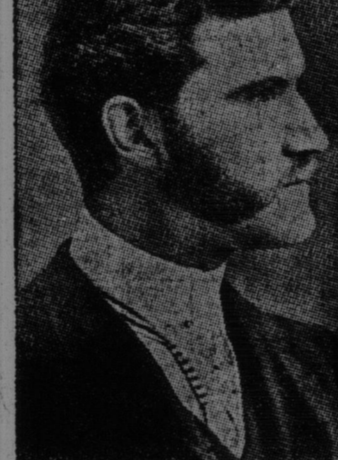
The news that Albert had gone opposition came almost as a surprise to the most ardent supporter. There were cries of "How about Harry in the county?" but no definite returns were received from the county, though it became generally known that Clark and Mosher had been defeated. Rupert W. Wigmore was hosted to the platform to give an incomplete report from Kings county to the effect that the three opposition candidates were returned. The report from Sunbury was the signal for a burst of cheering in honor of Premier Hazen. At 7 o'clock it was announced that the opposition had carried twenty-nine seats, the government fourteen, with Queens in doubt.



W. F. Hatfield, St. John City.

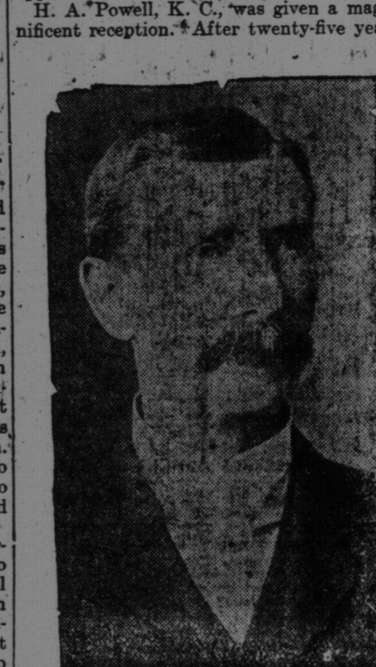
L. P. D. Tilley relieved Ald. Baxter and announced that returns as they were received. When he called for three cheers for the Longshoremen's Association there was an immediate and hearty response, and calls for President Sullivan to come forward. The stocky president, who rendered yeoman service to the opposition, began the speech making. He said, in part: "I am not much of a public speaker when it comes to a crowd like this, but it is all right in the longshoremen's rooms, where I can throw it into them. I do want to say this: I threw it into Mayor Sears, anyway. He wanted us to work for thirty cents an hour and told me it was all we were worth."

"I tell you Mr. Hatfield is the laboring man's candidate. (Cheers) I want to say a word for Mr. Hazen. Let me tell you he is pledged to include the millmen and quarrymen in the workmen's compensation act, which Mr. Pugsley would not do. I am sorry Mr. Pugsley did not go out in the county to help Mr. McKeown."



Dr. J. P. McInerney, St. John City.

so that the government would have been defeated there, too." P. Granman was called upon and said that in Dufferin ward the opposition had not spent a quarter but had won fair and square. Dr. W. A. Christie, for Wellington ward, said the opposition had to combat all the "forces of civilization," but had won in the face of everything. C. B. Lochhart congratulated the voters on the victory which had been won against heavy odds. It had been a hard fight but success crowned the efforts. H. G. Green, chairman of Lorne, was greeted with cheers. He spoke briefly. Dr. J. H. Gray, of Fairville, said the opposition had fought well and had gone down to defeat before certain elements, but they were quite willing to try again and do better next time. Every official of the provincial hospital from constable to steward had stood at the polls and used every means in their power to defeat the opposition. H. A. Powell, K. C., was given a magnificent reception. After twenty-five years



Robert Maxwell, St. John City.

of misrule, he said, the province had awakened to a sense of responsibility and had declared for reform. The fight seemed to be between Pugsley and all the right thinking citizens of the province. Now Mr. Pugsley had been sent back to Ottawa, rebuffed and would be forced to keep away from the treasury, which had been so long rifled and plundered by political adventurers. (Cheers)

It was not a triumph for either Conservative or Liberal but the outspoken opinion of every man who had the best interests of the province at heart. He was pleased to know that at the head of affairs in the province for the next five years at least would be a gentleman of such breadth of view and tolerant spirit who would treat all classes alike and establish good government on those principles which commended themselves to every right thinking British subject. (Cheers)

By this time the calls for the successful candidates became insistent and Mr. Tilley in referring to them said: "If you could only see them now with their happy faces you would see an exact representation of a happy family." (Laughter.) Messrs. Maxwell, Wilson and McInerney were brought to the front and stood on a table high above the crowd. If anyone had thought the huge crowd had reached its

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limit of cheering earlier in the evening then they were mistaken as a deafening shout, eclipsing all the others, greeted St. John's representatives as they faced the men who had worked for their election. Just at this point some unfortunate government supporter, who had strayed into the wrong camp, lost his head and began to strike wildly among the mob. He was soon borne to the ground and carried out. When the excitement had subsided somewhat, Mr. Wilson spoke briefly. He thanked the citizens of St. John from the bottom of his heart for the honor they had done him in electing him at the head of the poll. He could not tell how deeply he felt and his one thought was how he could show his gratitude. Cries of "Blow yourself, Johnnie," and laughter.

"I can do it best by working in the interests of St. John," continued Mr. Wilson, "when I go to Fredericton to sit under the leadership of Premier Hazen." (Cheers) "I will not say a word for my own ward, Wellington. I regard it as a great tribute when the ward in which I have lived nearly all my life gives to the whole ticket a larger majority than was ever polled in a provincial election." Here an enthusiastic North End interrupted to say that Lansdowne had done better than that. "We changed a minority of 200 into a majority of 167," said the North End man. When Mr. Wilson concluded he was vociferously cheered. Dr. McInerney was received with cries of "Who's all right? why, McInerney," and it was some minutes before he could proceed. "You asked a question," he said, "Who's all right? and I will say what's

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