

GREAT OVATION FOR HON. MR. SMITH AND MR. SUTTON

**Speakers at Meeting in Interests of Gov't Candidates
Tell Story of Government's Fine Record of Achievement Compared With Years of Inactivity of Old
Gang Whose Chief Purpose Was Lining
Their Own Purses With Monies
of the Province.**

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Mr. Veniot in criticizing my remarks with reference to the revenue of the province said that in the last year, 1915, we collected extra revenue from stumpage because we increased the stumpage. He said that in the year 1915 and cast it aside, and make the comparison based on the same rate of stumpage. Take the last six years of our administration and the six years prior to 1908 and it will be found that at the same rate of stumpage we collected an average of \$235,000 a year each and every year more than they did. What does Mr. Veniot say as to the increase of revenue? He says the old government laid the foundation. If the old crowd laid the foundation it was all they did do. They laid the foundation, but why in the name of heaven in the 25 years they were in power didn't they erect the superstructure on that foundation? They did not do it because they were too busy with other things. This same, this joyful crowd were dancing to the tune of \$134,000 stolen from the Central Railway. "W. P." \$5,000 which mysteriously disappeared \$504,000 in the years 1902 to 1906 added to the permanent public debt of this province for ordinary expenditure in the public works department, \$237,580 of territorial revenue, belonging to the people of the province which they failed to collect. They were dancing to the tune of the Grand Falls power sale, the most important water power in the province sold under their legislation, the most iniquitous legislation ever proposed, for the paltry sum of \$60,000, while they also danced to the tune of the school book bing. They danced and the people paid the piper. These are some of the things, Mr. Chairman, that these gentlemen were engaged in actively prior to 1908, so actively engaged in that they had not the time to erect a superstructure. We have erected that superstructure, and have given this province an honest administration, and with that increased revenue have, as my friend, Mr. Squires, has stated, assisted education, agriculture, our roads and bridges.

Mr. Veniot in comparing the bridge expenditure compared 1909 with 1915—two years in which we were in power. Why did not Mr. Veniot go back to the year 1907? He would have found that instead of spending \$431,000 in three years on bridges in this province they spent in the last three years \$270,000 and in spending that they added to the permanent debt of this province \$169,870 and on that amount,

Mr. Elector, you are paying interest today, and you and your children will continue to pay interest until those 40-year bonds expire. In the eight years we have been in power we have not added one cent to the permanent debt of this province for ordinary expenditure.

Carter's Malicious Statements Concerning Potato Gift.

I want to refer briefly to one matter which vitally affects the county of Carleton and my friend the Minister of Public Works. I refer to the campaign of abuse and vilification which is being and has been carried on in connection with the potatoes which the people of this province, through their government, gave to the people of Great Britain and to Belgium, a most scandalous campaign and one which I want to say is absolutely false in every particular. I have from every platform in this county, as I propose to continue to do, explained that transaction in detail and I defy that gang to stand up and say that I or any official in my department profited to the extent of one dollar from the transaction. Mr. E. S. Carter, at Centreville, the other night, is alleged to have made a statement—and I want to say that Mr. Carter on that occasion prostituted his privilege as a citizen, degraded the liberties of free speech and indulged in misrepresentation such as was never known in public life in this province previously. The Telegraph reproduced pictures of suffering Belgians taken from the Montreal Star, originally printed to arouse an interest in these unfortunate people. Mr. Carter misrepresents the potato transaction as maliciously as a public man could possibly do. He made two statements which I have the documentary proof are false; the first is that Mr. Daggett interfered with the inspection made by Mr. Slipp. I have a letter here in which Mr. Slipp positively and absolutely denies Mr. Carter's statements, says it is false in every particular and that Mr. Daggett upheld him on every occasion. Another statement of Mr. Carter was that Mr. Smith did not refund the \$2,400, a refund which was made under an arrangement such as you or I would make with any responsible commercial house, a refund which is an indication of Mr. Smith's honesty and uprightness, and I have a letter from the Auditor General of whom I made the inquiry as to why that item did not appear in the public accounts. It is as follows:

Fredericton, N. B., Sept. 13th, 1916.
Hon. James A. Murray, Minister of Agriculture, Fredericton, N. B.
Sir,—In reply to your inquiry as to why the amount of \$2,400 remitted by B. F. Smith, Esq., as a rebate on potato account, was not shown as a separate item in the public accounts of 1915, I may say that this item along with many others was included in the amount of \$32,861.39 remitted by Messrs. A. C. Smith & Co., as shown on page 202 of public accounts, 1915, which was deducted from the total potato expenditure in order that the net expenditure might be shown. All the itemized account of the purchase of potatoes, as well as the brokers' account sales, were submitted by the writer to the legislative committee on public accounts.

Yours faithfully,
W. A. LOUDON,
Auditor General.

Now let me say in conclusion with regard to that transaction, these accounts were submitted to the public accounts committee of the legislature, and that committee had an opportunity of going into them and seeing where every cent went, where every expenditure was made, where every return came from. Mr. Dugal, a member of the legislature, I will admit under the sway of the Liberal organizer, as a member of that committee. As such he was afforded an opportunity of seeing these accounts but failed to appear. The next day, the chairman, at my request, said: "Mr. Dugal, you were not here to see those accounts with regard to potatoes," and he said: "I don't want to see them." I believe that Mr. Dugal was told by Mr. Carter, his master, not to look into those accounts. They don't want to know the details. The details are there open to every member of the legislature. Let me say this, we had \$150,000 to spend on that transaction, we spent of that amount \$120,000. We paid \$1.00 a barrel for the potatoes and 10 cents commission to buyers. We landed them in the port of St. John, railway freight, ocean freight, insurance all paid; we paid demurrage, paid for barrels and for bags, for racking and re-racking, sorting and re-sorting, and landed them on the other side of the Atlantic, potatoes produced from New Brunswick fields—and the greater part from Carleton and Victoria—at a cost of \$2.18 a barrel, and we found everything and paid all the freight and expenses. And this is the transaction they criticize as filled with graft and corruption, and yet we had a royal commissioner who kept open court for

six months and we invited charges against the government, something that no government in this province ever dared do before, and not one of them made a charge against the government or any official of the department.

"This is a record which I believe the electors will sustain on the 21st of this month in this county by a very large majority for my friend the Honorable B. Frank Smith, minister of public works, and my good friend, your chief magistrate, Mayor W. S. Sutton. Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, one cannot on an occasion of this sort go into detail with reference to the many matters one would like to discuss, but I will say this administration is not ashamed of its record. We have administered the affairs of this province accurately and prudently, and I believe the people will say they prefer us to the old crowd who, prior to 1908 squandered our revenue and dissipated our assets. We prefer keeping in power the men who have not tried to conceal their transactions but I told you what they have done and failed to do, and in doing that you will endorse the candidates in this county on the 21st, as the people of the province believe you will do, two of the brightest men who will be in the legislature, Smith and Sutton."

Ovation for Mayor Sutton.

Mayor Sutton was loudly applauded when he arose to speak. He said: "Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, I am sure it is a great pleasure to me today to stand before you here in my own home town. On the 31st day of August, at the convention of government supporters held in this town, I was chosen as a candidate to represent the county of Carleton in the legislature. I was also asked to run with the Honorable B. Frank Smith, and no matter how the battle goes, I am proud to be associated with the Honorable Mr. Smith, Honorable Mr. Murray, who has just addressed you, Honorable Dr. Landry, and Honorable Mr. Baxter. Those men's records have been before you; they have dictated the affairs of this province since 1908, and I believe they have given the province good government. I am not a public speaker, I am more of a worker. I have worked here in this town all my life. My desire is to help the province. I believe that on the 21st September Honorable B. Frank Smith and myself will be elected. I will ask you to vote for Mr. Smith and for me on the 21st. I intend when I am elected, as I expect to be, to do what is fair and honorable and I ask you today for your support for the Honorable Mr. Smith and myself."

Hon. Mr. Smith.

Honorable Mr. Smith was tendered a grand ovation, the cheering lasting several minutes. He said: "As I look out over this vast audience this afternoon so fully representative of this noble county, I am sure if there were a possibility of my having in the past any fear with reference to the result of the 21st, that fear has been entirely dispelled, as I note the enthusiasm that prevails throughout the ranks. I regret very much, gentlemen, that we have not been permitted on this as on former occasions to have a joint discussion, so that the candidates representing the opposition in this county as well as the candidates who represent the government might have a chance to discuss the issues which are engaging the attention of the people of this county at the present time, so that you might be able to form a more intelligent opinion of the canvass they are advancing from the various platforms of this county. We made them an offer a few days ago, and at my personal request the chairman of our committee interviewed Mr. Carter, who is the gentleman who takes charge of the opposition campaign in this county. We offered to meet him in a joint debate and to select Honorable W. P. Jones, whom you all know as a Liberal, as chairman, and yet after all that they skulked away as they are skulking today and surreptitiously circulate arguments to injure the government candidates. The very best evidence that they do not dare to come is the fact that they are not here. They do not want to stand before me and my colleague; they don't want to stand before us on a public platform and discuss the issues from a fair standpoint so that you will be able to judge for yourselves; they fear to bring their guilt before us; they would rather skulk off and hold their meeting privately where nobody can hear the charges which they are preferring from the platform of the Opera House. And I regret that there is a class of people in this county who so far forgets the real issue, whose political ideals are no higher than to accept the statements which they are making from time to time and abide by them. Why are they not facing me in this contest?"

A Voice—"They're afraid of you, Mr. Smith."

"They are afraid, not of me, but of you who are behind me. They know very well that since the important portfolio of public works has been sent to the County of Carleton, which is a great tribute to this county, that I, because of my past record, because of the interest that I have displayed in this constituency in the years I have represented it, because of that, they know that the interests of this county will be so well looked after that in the years to come no Liberal need apply to the electors of this county."

"While it is true, Mr. Chairman, that this province is large, and that it is desirable that I should be willing to lend a hand towards helping the executive of this province to make it take its place with the other great provinces, yet I will not have to establish any new precedent to see that the interests of Carleton county are well looked after. You have my

record as a private member, as a private citizen, and I see the faces of many before me this afternoon with whom I have had the pleasure of doing business for years. I have no hesitancy, gentlemen, in placing that record before you, either as a private citizen or as a representative from a local standpoint, and I am sure that with the additional strength that has been given to me by placing in my hands the most important spending department of the government, you may rest assured that Carleton county will be well looked after in the future. When I say that, let me also add that the interests of this entire province so far as public works are concerned and the public services will be carefully guarded, and so well guarded that the resources of this county which are placed at the disposal for the upkeep of these public services will be carefully and judiciously expended in a way that I believe will bring the best results in the years which are to come.

Valley Railway Will Be Built To Andover.

"Mr. Chairman, and gentlemen, there is a point that has not been touched upon this afternoon, that is the building of the St. John Valley Railway. You all know that this is a question that has been the football of politicians for years. I want to ask you here this afternoon, you gentlemen who are standing before me, you who have seen the other government in power—the same government that is appealing to you today—for 25 years, I want to ask you what earnest and honest step ever was taken by them to give the people of the St. John valley transportation facilities which have been afforded them by this government. Throughout the up-and-down of this county they are telling the electors that the St. John Valley Railway will not be built beyond

Centreville, that it is not to be built any further. Let me tell you before this large audience that that statement is not correct. I am here to tell you this afternoon that next year the contract will be let and it is the intention of the government to proceed with the building of that road beyond Centreville to Andover next season. It is in the agreement. I saw the agreement and was careful to see before the legislation passed the House of Assembly this spring, that terms were placed in that agreement which provided for the building of that railway next season from Centreville to Andover.

"They tell you that that road will never be built any further, you have heard that statement. Which are you going to believe? Let me tell you this

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THE WEST SIDE FAIR.

The Soldiers' Christmas Stocking Fair, which is being held nightly in the West St. John curling rink, has been such a success that it is planned to continue it until Saturday night. The attendance last night was larger than for the two previous evenings. The City Cornet band was there and rendered a fine programme.

The winners of the various prizes are as follows:
The door prize, a solid oak table, was won by Mr. Theall.
In the air gun competition Miss Lister won the lady's prize, a pair of shoes, and Mr. Reid the gent's prize, a cut glass fruit dish.

Bean bag contest—Ladies' prize, a sofa pillow, won by Mrs. J. P. McCormick; gent's prize, a tea kettle, won by Mr. Roy Campbell.
Ring toss—prize, aeroplane, won and presented by Mr. Wilson, won by Miss Blanche Blissett.
Tonight the door prize is a ton of coal, and tomorrow night, a half bar-

rel of flour. Supper will be served every night of the fair.

WILL JUDGE N. B. DOG SHOW.

Dog fanciers can be sure that the show committee of the New Brunswick Kennel Club made a master stroke when they secured as judge for the coming show, October 10-11-12, George Steadman Thomas, of Hamilton, Mass.

Mr. Thomas is known in dogdom from east to west, both in the United States and Canada, as an experienced judge, conditioner, exhibitor and all-around dog man. He has few peers in America or England, where he is as well known as in Canada. To have Mr. Thomas' critical opinion on a dog is worth something. He is a man with an eye for a dog and his many years of experience in judging at the leading shows places him among the best men in the ring or kennel.

The fact that so many good dogs of all varieties, from the big bound to the toy specimens have been in and out of his kennels and made high reputations for themselves and owners, adds merit to his ability and competency. With such a man as Mr. Thomas judging, this year's show should be supported by every dog fancier in the Maritime Provinces. Already the show committee is assured of many valuable prizes for competition and everything is moving toward the best show ever held under Canadian Kennel Club rules in this city.

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK.

London, Sept. 14.—The Harston liner Counselor has been sunk. Her crew was saved.
The British steamer Counselor measured 4,958 tons gross, and was last reported as having sailed from Colon, August 27, bound from Vancouver for Liverpool.

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