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YESTERDAY'S NOMINATIONS.

Nominations made yesterday added still more to the strength of the Government party. Conventions were held in St. John County, Albert, Madawaska, and Victoria, and in each case a strong ticket was placed in the field. In St. John County, Attorney General Baxter and Thomas B. Carson, the present members, were enthusiastically chosen as the standard bearers on February 24th.

The position held in New Brunswick by Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, Attorney-General, is so well known that to refer to it here is unnecessary. Undoubtedly he is one of the big men of the province and it is a distinct honor to the County of St. John to have him as its senior representative. And the Attorney-General is proud of his constituency. It is no secret that more than once opportunity has been extended to him to come to the City of St. John, and while acceptance for him would undoubtedly mean his triumph at election by a record-breaking majority yet Mr. Baxter's loyalty to the constituency which first sent him to the Legislature is so strong that he will continue to serve it with the marked ability he has always displayed.

The Attorney-General's colleague, Mr. Thos. B. Carson, stands high in the esteem of every man. Through long service in the municipal council and for the past four years in the legislature, as well as by his extensive interests in the constituency he represents, he has gained a wonderful grasp of the requirements of the county and has proven an admirable representative. During his career in the legislature Mr. Carson has been a hard working member and in the work of several important committees has done excellent service. The county is well organized and the electors are enthusiastic in their support of the Murray administration as well as in their personal regard for Messrs. Baxter and Carson.

In Albert County, yesterday, the Government party selected as candidates Messrs. John L. Peck of Hillsboro, and Lewis Smith of Coverdale. Both are strong men, with extensive interests in the county and will be very largely supported. The people of Albert are heartily in favor of the aggressive policies of the Murray Government and are only waiting for the opportunity to endorse them at the polls. In Albert County, particularly, there is reason for this. The voters well know of the deplorable conditions which prevailed in this province prior to 1908. They have also heard the plea of the present day opposition that the men now seeking a lease of power under the Carter banner do not defend the old crowd and having nothing in common with them. Yet, in the County of Albert, the opposition nominees are C. J. Osman and S. S. Ryan who, in season and out of season, endorsed every action of the Pugsley-Tweedie plunderbund.

In Madawaska, which now has the unenviable distinction of being the only county in the province marshaled under the opposition banner, the Government party has selected excellent candidates in Charles L. Cyr, of St. Leonards, and James T. Clair, of Clair. Both men have large interests in the county and

are personally highly popular. The people of Madawaska realize that the Murray Government stands for progress and on February 24th are likely to correct the error made in the 1912 contest.

Victoria County is also in line with a strong ticket. Mr. T. J. Carter, K. C., of Andover, who has been the senior representative of the county for the past five years, will be unable to again contest his constituency and his place has been taken by Mr. A. E. Kupkey, a leading merchant in the county, and a man highly esteemed and popular. Mr. J. Leigh White of Grand Falls, who has been Mr. Carter's colleague in the county representation, is again in the fight and certain of handsome support from the electors. Victoria is another of the counties in the province where the opposition has been obliged to fall back on members of the old crowd for candidates and J. F. Tweeddale and James Burgess stand as the apologists for the looters who held sway in the days prior to 1908.

Altogether the tickets nominated yesterday in support of the Government are the strongest that could be selected in the constituencies concerned. The Government in its appeal to the people has an excellent case and the men named yesterday are well able to present it effectively.

A POPULAR GOVERNMENT.

That the government led by Hon. James A. Murray holds a particularly strong place in the esteem of the people of New Brunswick is evidenced by the enthusiasm shown at the nominating conventions and the complete unanimity and harmony with which the Government party enters into the campaign. The nominating conventions have been largely attended and enthusiastic, the candidates selected men of ability and repute who stand well in their respective constituencies and who can be depended upon, in the future as in the past, to perform excellent public service in the legislature. Where it has been necessary to select new men no difficulty has been experienced in enlisting the services of the best of the constituency afforded, a most encouraging sign of the Government's strength and popularity. Such public meetings as have been held to date have been well attended by thoughtful electors who have received with keen enthusiasm the good account of the Government's stewardship and who will see to it on election day that Premier Murray and his associates shall continue in charge of the administration of the public affairs of New Brunswick.

The Murray Government has ruled with wisdom and foresight. The great public services of the province are in better condition today than ever before and the Government's plans for the future are such as to ensure a continuance of that happy condition. Never in the history of the province has a government faced an election with better prospects and unless all signs fall the result on February 24th will be a complete victory for the best administration this province ever possessed and a striking repudiation of the campaign of slander and misrepresentation with which the opposition has sought to cloak its failure to successfully assail either the Government's record or its policy.

MR. BLAIR IN CHARGE.

Advices from York county are to the effect that Harry M. Blair has been placed in complete control of the opposition campaign in that county. Mr. Blair was formerly secretary of the provincial department of public works. He is the gentleman whose sworn testimony Mr. Commissioner Teed said was not worthy of acceptance. Mr. Blair's appointment as manager extraordinary of the opposition campaign in York indicates more strongly than words the amount of stock the opposition places in the honest administration plank in its platform.

PROHIBITIONISTS, ATTENTION.

Despite the frantic protests of the opposition press that party does not stand definitely committed to prohibition. The best they propose in their platform is to introduce a prohibitory

measure and then submit it to a referendum of the people with actual enforcement a year after the referendum. In other words the opposition will not give New Brunswick prohibition before July 15th, 1918. The Government party has already placed a prohibitory act on the statute books and it will be enforced nine weeks after election day. As Premier Murray plainly stated "a vote against the Government is a vote against prohibition." Mr. Temperance Man it is up to you.

OPPOSITION PARTY AND PROHIBITION

The Use of Liquor and Money in Last Campaign in Carleton County—Carterites Pledged to Referendum Only.

Woodstock, Feb. 6, 1917.
To the Editor of The Standard:
Sir,—We are in the midst of what promises to be a pretty warm political campaign. The indications are that it will be conducted by the opposition along the same lines as the campaigns were recently carried on in Westmorland and Carleton—a campaign of falsehood and misrepresentation. Especially was this true in the campaign of September last in Carleton. The candidates, Messrs. McCain and Upham, professed to be running a clean campaign, free from the use of money and rum. During the campaign they howled this from every platform but the facts were entirely to the contrary.

I wish to say, to the honor of the electors of Carleton county, that the money and rum which these gentlemen endeavored to use had practically no effect. If they had had a million dollars they could not have bought the county, and a carload of whiskey would not have done the trick. The people of Carleton have gotten beyond and above this sort of thing.

During the present campaign, the commission running the present leadership opposition are posing as prohibitionists, but it is a well-known fact that the campaign to which we have referred in Carleton was financed by the liquor interests of Toronto. A few weeks previous to the opening of the county, Carvell made a trip to Toronto. While there he was in conference with Dewar and Turfitt. Immediately after that visit, it became a matter of common report in Toronto, within liquor circles, that a campaign fund was being raised to carry the county, but they refused to put up



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Little Benny's Note Book

By LEE PAPE.

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Go ahead and say it, I sed.

What about all that riting on the fests? sed Reddy Merfory.

I cant help it if sumbdy rites all over the fests that I can lick the stuffings out of you, can I? I sed.

Can you wat sed Reddy.

Help it, I sed, I cant prevent people from riting that I can lick the stuffings out of you, if people want to rite that I can lick the stuffings out of you how can I stop them?

Hay, your to darn fresh, you are, sed Reddy.

Wy am I? I sed, as it my fawit if sumbdy goes and rites all over the fests that I can lick the stuffings out of you, if people want to go around riting that I can lick the stuffings out of you its a free country, I didnt let anybody to rite I can lick the stuffings out of you.

Hay, if you say that agen Ill give you sutch a licking you wont recknize yourself for a year, wat the hecks the mattir with you, keeping on saying that? sed Reddy Merfory.

Nothing, I sed. And I didnt say it agen, and sum more of the fellows came up and we got up a game of lay sheepy lay.

going to do about it? It cannot be possible that they will be unfaithful to their professions of many years and desert the party which has so faithfully carried out their wishes. The very best the opposition would offer at this recent convention was a referendum. We all know that a referendum is a fine dodging-place for a serious issue. They give every evidence of being as insincere in dealing with this question as they were when in power. There is no question as to the alliance existing between the liquor dealers in this province and the big buyers of Ontario. A vote against the present government is a vote against temperance and prohibitory legislation.

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