

HON. SIR GEORGE FOSTER SPEAKS IN CONSTITUENCY THAT FIRST SENT HIM TO PARLIAMENT

Declares That Opposition Is Not Criticizing One Act of Government from 1911 to 1914—At Beginning of War Better Thinking Liberals Acted With Government in Carrying on the Tasks Imposed by World Conflict—Cleavage Came With Conscription in 1917—Liberals Who Voted That Necessary to Carry on War Now Ranker Critics of Debt That War Caused—Conditions Not to be Helped by Putting Liberals in Power.

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Sir Geo. B. Foster, who was called upon by the chairman to address the meeting. The former Minister of Trade and Commerce, who is now a member of the Opposition, stated: "In walking up to this old Court House tonight I could not help but think of the former occasions on which I walked up to it. It was never, however, hailed to this building in a matter of Justice, but possibly I did not get my deserts. It was over thirty-seven years ago when the Hon. Mr. King County met in this Court House, and I was nominated as a candidate for Parliament. King County gave me its support, and that was the beginning of my public life. A whole generation and more have passed since that time. Men who were with me then and did yeoman service in the political campaigns are gone, and in their places are their sons, many of whom are present here this evening. I am very glad, however, to see that some of the old friends remain. Many have departed, still elections go on, people vote and so it will be to the end of the chapter of human life. Sometimes I wonder whether the sons of those men who campaigned with me in those old struggles are as good as their fathers were. I hope they are as good for a splendid example was shown to them by their fathers."

Facts Are Wanted

I take it that what was true in 1882 is true today, and we can trust the people to make a right decision if they get them fully informed of the facts in a truthful way, on which they may base their judgment. That is the reason of meetings and why candidates come before electors to give facts and nothing but facts. Of course candidates, however, do not give facts in the proper light, if they may serve as an argument against their interests; but it should be the aim of any candidate to give all the facts, and not attempt to prejudice or lose and idle talk to arouse suspicions, assumptions of general corruption, malfeasance or misbehavior, unless he is in a position to make a definite assertion and to prove it. Keep your eyes open, therefore, and do not be satisfied with any assertions unless the proof lies underneath.

The Reciprocity Pact

I do not know whether it is because of the inclemency of the weather, and we are so comfortable with in this hall, or for the reason that I am talking to old friends and the sons of old friends, but tonight I would ask that you dismiss all prejudices from your minds, and let us talk over the matter of reciprocity in a straightforward way. The time is not sufficient to discuss all things, but we will pick out the most useful subjects.

Appalling Cost of War

Now no one could assume that the war could be carried on without money. There never was a more costly war as the last one. In a month and all the materials of war the cost was appalling. The processes of war waged were absolutely new. There were 60,000 men to be trained and equipped. A large portion of whom had to be nourished from overseas, thousands of miles away from the scene of the struggle. The equipment had to be shipped \$500 million in other words Canada was concerned. Yet, there are men who have stated "you were elected to prosecute the war" and today sides that the Government be voted out for the money it spent in prosecuting the war. Is that man sincere? Is he honest? Was he either a traitor, when he commenced, or he is trying to mislead you now. For every dollar spent the people of Canada are responsible, and from 1914 to 1917 not a voice was raised by the opposition in Parliament against any of these war expenditures.

Liberals Supported Expenditures

Laurier was there. The English members of his party supported the Government in the war expenditures with vim and spirit; and the French Liberals did likewise, but with less spirit. The Liberals met in parliament and voted, as one man for every dollar which had been spent in prosecuting the war from 1914 to 1917. They stood all the time in theory and most of them in practice unitedly in supporting the war until 1917. How then, call the Liberals justly any name that the Government put on because we have a big war debt, after they had obligated themselves to such expenditures by the approval of them in Parliament.

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Government's Record

Now Mr. Fielding and others claim that the Government was responsible for everything since 1911. They further state that Hon. Mr. Meighen has declared that the tariff is the only issue, and that we are afraid to discuss other matters. This is not correct. The Government has challenged the opposition to prove any change against its administration.

Conscription Necessary

In the early days of the war the volunteer system was sufficient for effect, and men volunteered and were pressed overseas. But as the war progressed and difficulties grew, the volunteer system failed in the United States and Great Britain. Both countries had to come to conscription, and both determined that it was necessary. There it was the conscription of the country. Do not let that "lie" in your minds as these people would like you to do.

Our Ships Busy

You may be told that our ships are lying idle in port for which we pay an enormous sum, and that they are now useless. I would make one remark regarding this: Our ships are going to every port in the world. As soon as we take over the Grand Trunk Railway Canada will have 22,000 miles of railway. We require to have our traffic taken up at the end of steel and extend our transportation system to other countries, which otherwise we could not carry on. The Government passed a bill in Parliament and the scheme was before the House on several occasions. When the matter was first brought up, Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux complimented the Government, and the Minister of Marine and Fisheries warmly, following.

People Fulfilled the Money

We did not obtain our money from the United States, with the exception of one or two small loans of a temporary nature which we have paid off. The money used came from you by way of Victory Bonds, which amid enthusiasm you purchased. Your money was not taken from you, but you gave it. Could we deprive them of it? Could we deprive them of their clothing? Could we deprive them of their food? No, and each successive call from the Government met with more generous response.

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How Money is Raised

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Tariff Not Settled

But one matter is not settled, and that is the tariff. There are three parties. The Crear group, which represents the grain growers of the West, formed their platform in consideration of their interests only. Our mixed farmers in the East raise largely what the grain farmer raises, but also raise what the farmer raises. They sell to people who do not farm, but who like to have three square meals per day and use your butter and eggs. They are fresh, when they are not kept too long. This home market is made up of people who do not farm, but are engaged in professional and industrial life.

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Russian Hospitals Devoid of Medicine

A staff correspondent of the Associated Press writing from Tzaritsa, Russia, on October 11 says: "The lack of medicine in Russian hospitals has become acute. It is even worse than further down the Volga. Tzaritsa has five hospitals, some of which have a single grain of medicine or any of the other simpler medicines nor have they money with which to purchase nourishing food for their patients."

"At the second Soviet hospital for typhus patients established here in a converted private residence there are fifty patients with a lone woman doctor in charge, and with a few nurses without other oil, camphor, alcohol, bed clothing or fresh garments. In the first Soviet hospital, at the outskirts of the city, there are 150 patients, but no medicines, no eye ointment, no carbolic acid for washing the germ-infested floors."

"The Soviet Government formerly supplied all medicines free to hospital patients and the general public but it ceased doing so some months ago. Doctors and hospital attendants are thin and hungry, despite the fact that Tzaritsa now is the best and cheapest food centre in the entire Volga district. Here the public market is fully stocked. But, as in other Volga cities, the prices are beyond the purse of most of its inhabitants."

"The market lies between the river and the railway station, at each of which may be seen from 5,000 to 10,000 refugees in various conditions of underfeeding. They are living in cold mud. Many refugees are arriving from points as far east as Orenburg, where the crops are thin. They are striving to reach Tzaritsa and the Don district, but the trains are irregular, due to bad railways and to the 'green army' bands, or non-Bolshevik peasants, who sometimes cut tracks and otherwise disrupt traffic."

"Other than the small trading in foodstuffs, there is no business in the Tzaritsa district, nor is there any prospect of any. Its arms factory is idle."

"Numbers of the soldiers of the Red army themselves are hungry. Their pay and rations have ceased since the Russian civil war in the south has ended."

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Chipman Baptists Dedicated Their New Church House

Interesting Service Out Yesterday—Prominent Speakers Present.

Special to The Standard. Chipman, Nov. 20.—The new Baptist church, recently completed, formally dedicated to the worship of God today. Three services were morning, afternoon and evening. Large audiences were present in services. Rev. S. S. Pools, B. A., pastor of the Germain Street Baptist Church, St. John, preached the dedication sermon. Mrs. Blake Ferris, John, and D. B. Ross, of Fredericton, assisted in the musical program and their services were much appreciated. The dedication sermon preached at eleven o'clock in the morning. In the afternoon a grand day school rally was held, addressed by Rev. S. S. Pools, Rev. David and Rev. L. H. Crandall. In the evening the sermon was preached by Mr. Pools and addresses were given by Rev. A. Sutherland, pastor of Presbyterian Church, here, and David Price, Rev. Mr. Price is minister pastor of the church.

The church, of which Rev. L. Crandall is the present pastor, dedicated last year to start the new building and the foundation was laid last May of this year and recently completed. The building is a modern structure, with an auditorium capable of seating about 300 on the main and vestry and Sunday school rooms in the basement. The windows are of stained glass, one of these was donated by the Trail Rangers and another by the C. G. I. T. girls of the church.

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Three Men Charged With Seditious Publication Given Freed

Allowed Out on Suspended Sentence After Promised to be Good.

Toronto, Nov. 20.—Walter Arthur William Conn and Christino N. Riddell were given their freedom on suspended sentences by Mr. Justice Riddell in the Assize Court at the City Hall today. These three men charged with seditious publication May last, when they distributed a sheet printed in red, at a meeting in Queen's Park. The sheet set out the beauties of the Soviet government and Gordon Waldron, K. C., Crown at the trial, argued that it was a seditious publication. The sheet was a government in Canada by its means. Each of the men promised his Lordship yesterday that they would not be guilty again of a seditious publication, and gave their bond of \$5 each that they would appear for sentence should it be demanded.

Negotiations Over Egypt Protectorate Have Collapsed

Born

BROWN—At 210 Winslow street, West St. John, on Nov. 20, 1921, Mr. and Mrs. Percy P. Brown, son.

HOWE—At the Maternity Home, November 20, to Mr. and Mrs. Heber Howe—a daughter, M. Ann.

Died

WALKER—At his residence, MacKenzie street, on November 18th, 1921, John Walker, in his 71st year, leaving his wife and four sons to mourn.

Notice of funeral later.

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