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Blair's Speech a Tirade of give st Abuse.

QUEENS AND SUNBURY

Nething About the Government's Policy, but Much About

Himself.

Mr. Wilmot's Dignified Address, and Mr Foster's Scathing Reply to the Exile of York.

The Honors of the Day Were With the Con-

servatives a. Gagetown on Tuesday 18th Inst.

(Daily Sun of August 20th.) The political fight in the united counties of Sunbury and Queens is waxing warmer every day. Never in the history of either of the countles have so many people been called, in from outside to assist the local talent. Meetings are going on every night in various parts of the constituency. Mr. Wilmot seems to be stronger than ever before in Sunbury, and in Queens he is making new friends every day. Tuesday was nomination day, and Gagetown was thronged with people. The steamers Fanchon, Randolph, Bismarck and Hero took 300 people down from Fredericton and various places along the river. The May Queen went up from here with something like a hundred of Mr. Blair's friends, and the David Weston landed a large delegation of liberal conservatives there shortly after the arrival of the May Queen. The gathering was the largest seen there for years, and it was a very orderly crowd too No organized attempt was made to interrupt any of the speakers, al-though at times people on both sides made it rather difficult for the speakers to make themselves heard. It was a great day, and one which will not soon be forgotten.

rassed him. He would be brief, for a hearing. As for the others they had The returning officer, Sheriff T. Wm the senate.' That was an admission withdrawal. He was conversant with had Mr. Foster down here advising been marshalled here by Mr. Blair. he knew the electors would rather Perry, opened his court at the usual that that was part of one man's price all the conversations referred to and the people of this province. We wantand if they were gentlemen they hour, and the nominations filed with hear the Hoa. Mr. Foster, who was could assure them that Mr. King had ed for an advisor a man of more sagfor giving up his seat. And yet Mr. would attempt no interference. Let to follow him. It was true, as stated him were those of Robt. D. Wilmo stated the matter correctly. Mr. Blair acity and better feeling. The electors Blair said he had not directly or inby one of the speakers, that he was them be fair and give him a hearing. and Hon. A. G. Blair, minister of raildirectly approached any constituency. then spoke of the high esteem in which would he trusted tell Mr. Foster as the conservatives had done with not valuable. He was a quiet man, ways and canals. Mr. Wilmot was Mr. Blair-I did not not say that. Mr. King was held by his party and that he might be more profitably en-Mr. Blair. He left it to the electors and took it that he had saved money nominated by Henry B. Mitchell of Lincoln, James P. Bliss of Oromocto, Mr. Foster then you did approach said he had been all along averse to gaged elsewhere. Mr. Foster would to say after the speechmaking was to the country. Every hour the house them? Why did Mr. Blair come to Sunparting with him. The feeling generalover which had displayed the most wreck the conservative party here as James S. White of Oromocto, Joseph Hoben of Upper Gagetown, Peter was in session the cost to the dominbury and Queens. He said he thought ly was that Mr. King should retain he wrecked the government at Ottawa. broad minded statesmanship he or ion was \$400. The men who said the he would go into the senate and had his seat, but that did not meet with It was the conduct of the mutinous Mr. Blair. Did Mr. Blair show himleast in parliament were the true Lingley of Welsford, Henry M. Corgot the loan of a seat from a senator. the views of those who had to do with gang previously referred to .that self a man of good judgment in deeconomists. What sense was there in bett of Petersville, Robert Corbett of Mr. Blair was original. This was the the conduct of affairs at Ottawa. They wrecked the late government. He voting three-quarters of his speech to Petersville, Daniel Fowler of Chip-man, Geo. E. Babbitt of Burton, Wiley W. Simpson of Scotchtown, F. the greater part of the talking done first instance in political history that urged him to accept Mr. King's offer | called upon the people to tell Mr. Fossimple ridicule of him (Foster). The in the house. He did not think the and the result was the present con-ter to take up his grip and hie away test. In taking the course he had pur-to Ottawa, for he was nothing more such a thing had been heard of as a electors would surely have preferred electors had any reason to feel flatterman borrowing a senatorial seat for ed today, as Mr. Blair, instead of to have had the minister address A. Hubbard of Burton, Thos. Gale of three months. Would the Hon. J. D. sued Mr. King had been actuated by or less now than a man without any them instead of talking to a stranger. Waterborough, Gilbert Williams of speaking to them, addressed himself Lewin loan his seat? The speaker a sense of duty which the conserva- visible means of support. In the con-'Mr. King's speech was nothing more to Mr. Foster the greater part of the thought not, nor would the Hon, A. R. Gagetown, Thomas Barton of Petersvention of last week Mr. Foster said tives could not understand. They were nor less than the pronouncing by a time. It was not a very dignified ville, S. M. Starkey of Starkey's, Harry McClelan, that astute man, be likely he (Blair) must be opposed. In 1891 the actually stupefied by the magnanimity man of his own funeral oration over course for the new minister to pursue. H. Ferguson of Gagetown, Chas. W to do it. The idea of going into the of the man. Mr. King's conduct had conservative party petitioned against his own corpse. Mr. King had taken But that was . not all. Not satisfied Woods of Petersville, John Corbett of ministry and setting in the other house the return of the liberal members elevoked hostile criticism and there was with attacking Mr. Foster and himan everlasting farewell of the people Summer Hill, J. H. DeVeber of Gageon a loaned bench.that was large mindan outcry against him on the part of ected in this province. The liberals of the two counties, for well he knew self Mr. Blair had been very abusive. town, Wm. McKeague of Gagetown ed statesmanship, and Mr. Blair had the the conservatives. On the other hand were now giving them a dose of their that the part he had taken in this Personally the speaker did not object Wm. Bates of Mouth Jemseg, Herbert full credit for the idea. He should patthe liberal party endorsed, approved own physic. The tories whined about matter rendered his political life a to being called Robert and Bob, etc., ent it at once. Now Mr. Blair was in Sunbury and Queens. He would like B. Hall of Gagetown, Samuel L. Peters of Queenstown, A. C. Worder and commended the act. Ever since he thing of the past. Mr. Blair's speech it, but let them. Mr. Foster did not but it did not sound well coming from (Blair) accepted the portfolio of rail- hope to beat him nor to add to his own was the precursor of a funeral the ex-attorney general, who was Mr. to make it appear that the people were of Jenkins, Morris Scovil of Mouth Blair came to Queens county a few ways and canals the conservative prestige. The liberals would win de- now a member of the government. Jemseg, Geo. J. Rathburn of Hibernia, anxious for him to come, that they years ago and got into the represent-ation of the county by something had sent for him. It was amusing to hear him call out as he had done to press had manifested intense anxiety as to where he was to locate himself. They would give them as thorough a omitted to utter one word as to the Moses Dykeman of Jemseg, Chas. Babbitt of Gagetown, Je ear him call out. as he had done t The Sun, which was supposed to rep-resent Mr. Foster's views, said he drubbing as they ever got, and they policy of the government on any of which had the effect of the resignation day, in such an agonizing voice: "You of Lower Burton, W. J. Bridges of of one of the sitting members and the would not know what killed them. Mr. the important questions of the day. Sheffield, David H. Ferguson of Gagewill not let me go." Mr. Blair thought Blair then announced that he was placing of Mr. Blair in his stead. A could not get a seat. It said none of It must be because they had no poltown, Wm. Lipsett of Mouth Jemseg, all he had to do was to come to going to let his hearers into a secret. icy. 'The eightcen years which they man told him (Foster) the other day the New Brunswick members elect Frederick Babbitt of Lower Burton Queens, put his policy in his pocket that because of that deal the man would make room for him. He was had spent in opposition had been given Mr. Foster thought he (Blair) had T. Sherman Peters of Gagetown, Thos and all would be well. Mr. Blair claimwho gave up his seat pronounced his said to be without character or self- charge of the election petitions and up to looking for a policy. All their Babbitt of Lower Burton, John Mured that the speaker came down and funeral oration. Now Mr. King respect. First he was located in Kent that he would withdraw them on cerefforts seemed to have failed. Mr. own ray of Maquapit Lake, James H misled the people as to Mr. King's actain conditions. The conservatives had and the member for that county was Blair said very little about the river had done the same thing. He could ceptance of the postmastership at Bailey of Maugerville, James W. Bab to retire in order to accept an office. approached him, saying that if he He wished it understood that he had withdrew a portion of the petitions not do better than speak of Mr. Blair valley railway, but left the impres bitt of Lower Burton, Abner M. Bel-Marsh Hill, Ontario. The Independence as King Killer. Mr. King had prosion that he would go in for it. The yea of Gagetown, Wm. F. Brooks of of Parliament Act was never designed never asked Kent's representative to they would let him go in unopposed. nounced the oration and taken his speaker would not say that this was to be made a device to get one man Gagetown, Chas. K. Brooks of Gage acate his seat. Mr. Foster could find His reply was no. He refused to go into farewell. It was hardly worth the a bribe. He was glad Mr. Blair was town, John McKinney of Gagetow out of parliament to make room for speaker's while to deal with such a out that such was the case when he any compact, being for war. If there public spirited enough to say what he M. D. Colwell of Jemseg, Albury Grass another. Such a thing had not taken went to Ottawa and took his place was anything he could do it was fight. dead question. The honest people of did on this important question. He place elsewhere. The governor general of Lincoln. near Mr. McInerney in the cool shades He claimed to be as good a fighter as tco, favored that railway, and would Sunbury and Queens were now face Mr Blair was nominated by R. I could pardon a man after his convicof opposition. Mr. Foster would dis- Mr. Foster, and unless his right hand to face with an election in which a do everything possible to induce the Babbitt, B. S. Palmer, Chas. H. Ebtion, but he had no right to step in member of the government was a that he never communicated lost its cunning they would think him over construction of it. In 1890 or 1891 a bett, Wm. McKee, J. S. Butler, Conrod between a man and a process of law. with the gentleman referred to either a great deal better fighter. candidate. Yet that gentleman did If general subsidy act was passed by The petition against Mr. King had Miller, Jeremiah Gaunce, J. S. Bacom he had consented to withdraw the petparliament. A subsidy of \$3,200 a not touch upon the policy of his party directly or indirectly. There was hard-J. L. Barton, L. P. Farris, Thos been lodged and the \$1,000 deposit put a: all. People always had the right to itions they would not have found him mile was graated for the line from the ly a county to which he was not as-Hetherington and Chas. Burpee up. The matter was to come up in the called such an atrocious provincial ask proper questions. Some one insigned. It was held that he could not C. P. R. to Gagetown. Why did Mr. The sheriff's court closed at 2 p. m courts. If it were proved then Mr. King quired of Mr. Wilmot about the Manipremier. He would tell them what the Blair not get his colleagues to give a get a seat from the conservative party and a poll having been demanded the lost his seat and had to pay the costs. fight was for. It was not that the conand must of necessity turn to the libtoba school question. Why not ask provincial grant for that line? Mr sheriff announced that an election Mr. King was even now subject to a Mr. Blair for his views on this quesservatives hoped to win the united Blair in referring to the convention erals. As a matter of fact he was not would be held on the 25th inst. He penalty. The prosecution having been tion and those of the government too? counties or to give prestige to their which nominated him (Wilmot) spoke n such a dilemma. There was no such described the various polling districts, started the government did what they of Mr. Foster being at its back. If the We had a right to know Mr. Blair's party. None of them would come out staunch feeling of loyalty to the dehad no right to do, stepped in and etc., and then adjourned his cour views on such matters. The conservfunct party as they would try to make of the contest with credit. It was simminister had been present he would took Mr. King out from the penalties till the 27th. ply this, when he was returned they ative party took a stand on that have seen that it was a representaout. The reason he did not get a seat Chas. Burpee, ex-M. P. for Sunbury, in connection with the suit against school question and made their posiwould file a petition against him. Then elsewhere was that he felt there was tive meeting of the liberal conservawas elected chairman of the meeting. him. The object in filing the petition they hoped to get rid of the petitions tive party. All those in attendance tion open. When Mr. Laurier war in such a thing as giving too high a and at the suggestion of Mr. Blair the was to void his election at his own against their men by offering to withopposition he said he was not a gov price. He felt that it behooved the libwere loyal to the party, and they decost. In appointing him to this office crowd inside adjourned to the front draw the one against him. That was ernment nor the leader of a govern termined without a dissenting voice eral party to see that the senate was of the court house, where the speech the government voided it and there ment, and that when he became prethe reason there was a contest. Mr. to put up a man in opposition to Mr not filled up with men whose views could be no further prosecution of the making took place. Wilmot had offered himself up a wilmier he would say what his views did not agree with those of the lib-Blair. Mr. Baird said he was as loya Chairman Burpee asked a fair hearpetition. Mr. Laurier had just the were on the school question. The time erals. The party were against that ling sacrifice. He was sorry for Mr. as ever to his party, but explained same right to void the seats of all the ing for all who should address the had arrived for people to know his that as he was under obligation to too. He wanted to say right here that Wilmot, who he thought would have liberals petitioned against. It was a washed his hands of Mr. Foster long Mr. Blair for personal favors he did views, and when a member of his bad thing and the government alone Geo. G. King was the first speaker he was not willing to give a conservagovernment sought election, as Mr. ago. The speaker was almost certain not feel like taking a prominent part He was given a good reception. Mr. King at once proceeded to explain were responsible. Mr. Blair said he tive member a seat in the senate. He Blair was doing, he should be expect-Mr. Foster had the petition against in the fight. When the speaker saw (Foster) took this course in order to be preferred to have Mr. King resign and ed to tell the electors the views of his his (Blair's) return in his pocket now. the strong feeling in favor of his runin a position to cross petitions with then come back to his friends in how it came about that he gave up But, declared Mr. Blair, never till the leader and himself with regard to Queens. He made friends in Queens ning in opposition , to Mr. Blair he Mr. King. That was not a fact. He the seat in favor of Mr. Blair. He such important matters. Yet Mr. crack of doom would he compromise up his mind to contest the seat. in the past few years. Will you let me never in any way tried to saw off petmade did not go into the last election will-Blair had not uttered a word as to go? They knew whether he had served with the tories. Mr. Foster was afraid. Mr. Blair said he did not approach itions. Nor was this election prosecutingly, but his party made him their any of the great questions of the day. the conservative members from the any member of parliament, but the candidate, and he was proud to be them faithfully or not. He did not fear ed with a view of crossing petitions province would be unseated and the lib-Mr. Laurier would never pin himself facts did not bear him out in the the result. They were asked to pay a with Mr. Blair. He did not fear Mr. able to say that he won. He would down to any statement. That policy erals would capture the seats. Mr. Fosbig price to approve of a great sacristatement. It was three weeks after Blair as much as that. Mr. Blair left satisfied on June 23rd had inoculated itself into the liberals ter had good reason to be afraid. He his appointment to a seat in the cabi York hurriedly. It might be said that whther he had won or not, for his fice, yet he thought they would rein Queens and the adojining county. would find that the liberals were not net before he got a seat. One would party carried the day. But he was ceive him as Mr. King's successor with Mr. Laurier had hoodwinked the peohe (Foster) went there hurriedly. He rot think he should have experienced going to fool with things. Mr. Foster the same heartiness. The vacancy was there still. Mr. Blair was not. If glad that he won. He then laid out ple all along. The liberal conservaso much trouble in getting an openwas the leader of the conservatives in must be filled and it was for the eleche (Foster) were unseated, he would to take a seat in the house of comtives had a policy. On it they fell. New Brunswick, and if the speaker's ing. One would imagine that all the tors to make up their minds who should represent them, Mr. Wilmot or invite Mr. Blair to bring his portfolio mons. He was here now to tell why Let Mr. Blair tell the people what his liberal members from the province would have tendered him their seats. health was spared they would fight with him to York and fight the battle he had taken the course he had. He government's policy was. Mr. Bialr these elections out. The speaker never out there. Let him come. Speaking of himself. Did they think Mr. Wilmot would not apologize to the people, bespent three-quarters of an hour in No one made the offer, however, and allowed his political actions to be incould represent them any better than the petitions, Mr. Blair said he (Foscause he did not consider an apology demonstrating that he was not afraid fluenced by personal malice. Mr. Fos-Mr. Blair had to look about for a he could, or more adequately fill the necessary. He had an interview with ter) whined about it. Such was not to fight. Who said he was afraid? ter would now find that he had him chance. It was well known that the case. When an army trained position of representative? They had Hon. L. H. Davies, who said that Mr. He must base his statement on the to fight and he would chase the exhad some experience of both of them. strong inducements were held out to guns on a fort did not the men in the Laurier told him that he (King) had fact that someone had called him a finance minister all over the country. men to retire in Mr. Blair's favor. Mr. fort place themselves in position to By whom would their interests be good claims for a cabinet position. coward, or that his conscience King said some time ago that Mr better served? He wished now to call He would pay his respects to that genspeaker told Mr. Davies to assure return the firing when it began. It was told him he was a coward. A char-Blair was going into the senate for leman at Ottawa and would never attention to the action of Mr. Foster the same in this mater of petitions. Mr. Laurier that he did not desire any acteristic of a good fighting man was the present. Mr. King even went furforget that there was such a constitin coming down to the two counties to say nothing about it. A fighting man would go into the battle when the The liberals protested seats held by such position. Then Mr. Davies askther and expressed his strong dised him what advice he had to offer as and appearing, as he had done during uency as Sunbury and Queens. the conservatives. Then the latter petwas urged that he (Blair) was not appr.val of men retiring to make room for others. Still Mr. King the past few days, urging the peop itioned against 'he return of the libto the choice of New Brunswick's reodds were against him. Did Mr. Blair to put up a man in opposition to him. presentative in the capinet. favorable to the railway from Gibson eral members. The conservatives do that? No, while the fight was go-The to Chipman and from the C. P. R. up wound up by stating that if his friends would return the fire of their opponspeaker at once inquired if Mr. Lau-On what grounds did he urge it? He ing on Mr. Blair kept clear of it and desired it he would offer Mr. Blair his along the river. He realized the imrier purposed going outside of the lib-erals elected to parliament, and Mr. would not say anything of the oppos ents and never give up. They did not continued to draw his salary as preseat. Mr. King now claimed that he dropped out on account of the petiition convention where Mr. Wilmot portance of these railways and promfear the protests filed by the liberals. mier of New Brunswick. When the ised to do for the people what he could in this regard. He would do at was nominated, or of the absence of He welcomed Mr. Blair to the contest Davies said he thought he did. Then contest was against him Mr. Blair was not anxious to take Mr. King's offer. filed against him and the desired (King) said that if Shr Oliver men which showed their disapproval and assured him that this wordy war-Ottawa as he endeavored and of Mr. Laurier to have Mr. Blair ge Mowat and Mr. Fielding were to be sucof the action there taken. Mr. Foster fare would be the easiest part of his He wanted to know what the result eded in doing for them in the local a seat in the house of commons. Mr taken in Mr. Blair was the proper man tried to pour ridicule upon Mr. King work. When Mr. Blair entered the was going to be. He waited till the gislature. He favored the line from Blair had had quite an experience in represent New Brunsw He for accepting a \$10 post office, and said house of commons he would find that to battle was over and then he was Gibson to Chipman. Nor would he aldeals. "As a matter of fact the new would have favored giving J. V. Ellis this was the height of Mr. King's am a speech such as he had just delivered willing to fight all creation. Mr. Blair minister had not been a very strong the other portfolio if this province had bition. Why did Mr. Foster not say ow St. John to be forgotten, as Mr. would not count for much. He would liberal. In the speaker's opinion Mr. Blair had really been an opponent of seemed to think the speaker was been given two. But that was not to Foster had done in the consideration that this was the only way Mr. King have to get out of the strain of perafraid of him. Oh this mighty giant of the winter port matter. This elece Northwest, Manitoba and Columbia had to be considercould get out to make room for him? He wondered at a man who had held sonal abuse and criticism and give his Manitoba and be. The who fought after the battle was over tion, he said, was assuming a differthe liberal party. When wanted he was conveniently absent. He never views to the people. Mr. Blair said he ed. As it was the maritime provinces had the four most important port-folios. It was charged that Mr. Blair had been going about ever since his British who wanted to fight after others had ont phase from that of June 28rd. Mr. Wilmot was then an ardent support-er of the remedial bill The conservasuch a high position as Mr. Foste would not take his (Foster's) record. attempted to fight the battles of the fought and died to win the victory. for descending from his dignified place Mr. Blair would not know what to Mr. Blair knew a great deal. He told party. But now he rode into office over the heads of tried liberals and took precedence over all of them. The to do such things. Mr. Foster also found fault with him for offering the the electors that he (Foster) was the do with a clean record. Mr. Blair tives were now very sensitive on the matter of the Bathurst school question. moving spirit in the opposition to claimed not to be selfish, but charged intment as minister of railways people his services as their rep

booking for a seat. That was not true. Mr. Blair had assured him all along that he wanted him (King) to sit in the house as a supporter of the new government. Later on he met some of the members of the cabinet, who Mr. Blair had assured him all along that he wanted him (King) to sit in government. Later on he met some of the members of the cabinet, who ter and offered a senatorship for the declared that they did not want Mr. seat there. If he had done so they Blair to take a seat in the senate, as that gentleman talked of doing, till he would have cried out, look at the confuct of this man, look at the methods could capture one of the seats now held by the tories and which would be vacated by means of the petitions he used. There was a precedent for the course pursued in this instance. filed against the conservative mem-bers. A gentleman suggested to him What was done in Antigonish, where bers. A gentleman suggested to him (King) that he should retire in favor of Mr. Blair, and as something had to that he should retire in favor who had just come off the bench, ran be done to make a place for him he did it. Mr. Blarr hesitated about accept-ing the offer. Mr. King charged the for the county? Mr. Foster was de-termined that he should be opposed. Did they think Mr. Foster hoped conservatives with violating the agree-ment made the last general election defeat him? He did not give Mr. Fosto run the same on a pure basis. He claimed for him, but he was an able found fault because a petition had been filed against him. Mr. Foster was, he said, responsible for that part of it. He (King) did not seek to avoid If Mr. Foster did not know better he service of the summons in the pitied case, yet a scoundrel was sent up from St. John to serve it at the dead hour of the night. The speaker had fought No, in a few weeks the ex-minister of the battles of the party in Queens for eighteen years. Finding a petition against him and realizing that an-cther election must be held, he deter-Foster was in the late government mined to give the conservatives this present opportunity for a contest. He was not the candidate now. It was Mr. Blair, who was well known throughout the counties. If the elec-tors did not return Mr. Blair, they tawa no one would have known he sat in the council. What had Mr. Foster ever done that a man with much less brains could not have done? He seemed only alive to his own existence and that of his immediate relatives would miss the opportunity of their lives. It was said that he had retired The speaker next said he purposed in order to accept a postmastership in Ontario worth \$10 a year. He could remember when Hon. Geo. E. Foster

If elected he would endeavor to serve parts of Canada and he therefore the members of the government to used to go about lecturing on prohibito his leader. Mr. Foster was the chief the two counties and the province in tion at \$10 per night. But Mr. Foster threw himself upon the favor and conget to Ottawa and in readiness for of that mutinous gang which rebelled against the man under whom they had sideration of the people of Sunbury a way which would conduce to their the session. Why was Mr. Blair at gave that up for a cabinet position the tail of the procession? It was be-cause he had hoped to find a seat elseadvantage. (Cheers). worth \$5,000 a year. Mr. Wilmot and Queens. He was willing to place nledged themselves lovally to serve. There were then calls for Mr. Foswould not be as good a representative This was an incident which brought at their service whatever ability and the blush of shame to our cheeks. Mr. fitness to represent them he had. Beas Mr. Blair, who was a member of the cabinet. Mr. Blair should be where. Did it take him three weeks ter, but the chairman paid no atten-Foster hoped to destroy his leader and fore taking his seat Mr. Blair said tion thereto, although an arrangement to find out that Mr, Laurier would not elected. There was not a mile of railhad been made between the candiagree to his going into the senate? break up a certain wing of the party. there was a canvass in circulation to Then he hoped to come out of it lead- the effect that there was an underway along the river. He was not au-Why Mr. Blair admitted as much dates for the ex-finance minister to er of the party. The mutinous gang standing that Mr. Baird should have thorized to promise anything, but Mr. follow Mr. Wilmot. Did he not say in effect: "I did not Blair might be able to do something remained out of the government ten the patronage of the county. That was say that some of these constituencies The Hon, Mr. Foster in response to for the two countles in that respect. days. Sir Mackenzie Bowell then tele- not true. Mr. Baird had never asked it might not have been found but the the calls and cheers got up. He said price was too high." How could Mr. He then thanked the electors one and graphed to Chas. N. Skinner of St. nor could he expect to get it. (Applause he would address the gathering de-John asking him to enter his cabinet. and cheers.) Blair know the price without testing all, and said he would probably never spite the fact that he was not called again ask them for their votes. (Ap-Hearing of this Mr. Foster and his the market? Would it not be well for Mr. Wilmot was accorded a very upon to do so by the chairman. The Mr. Blair to tell the gathering just party went back and threw themselves plause). people before him were chiefly elecarm reception. The crowd cheered what the price was. Mr. Blair said, Hon. A. G. Blair came next and at upon the bosom of the premier and tors of Sunbury and Queens, and they him again and again. The hearty retoo, that the government were averse the outset said he wished to confirm hugged him and loved him as they ception given him, he said, embarwere always ready to accord all men the statement of Mr. King as to his had never done before. And now we to putting a liberal conservative into

would a rattlesnake. They were, they said, against the Catholics. He wanted to know from Mr. Foster if the conservatives had deserted the remedial bill. The opposition complained now of French domination. Who was it that appealed to Quebec in June? Was the sitting member was appointed to it not the conservatives? The electors the bench and Sir John Thompson, could yield to the entreaties of these could yield to the entreaties of these men and elect Mr. Wilmot, but let them take care they did not put themselves down. They urged that his record was not a good one. The time would come when the people of this ter credit for all the ability his friends province would say the period covered by the Blair government was the man and surely had better judgment best and most economical period in than to think he could come down to the history of the province. He was these counties and defeat him (Blair). now stepping from the local to the dominion platform with a record of which him from the bottom of his he had no reason to be ashamed. He heart. What was Mr. Foster here for? was not afraid to look back on it and Was it in the interest of his party? was prepared to go over it step by step with Mr. Foster at any time. He was finance would say that it was done in willing for the people to say which a moment of weakness. We had many had the better record he or Mr. Foster. illustrations of such moments. Mr. He would pay \$50 to possess Mr. Foster's voice, for his own was now New Brunswick's leading representa- almost gone, but he would not take tive. If he had not been seen at Ot- the other gentleman's record as a gift the other gentleman's record as a gift. As for his record it was briefly this: Twenty years ago he had a handful of supporters in the legislature. Now he had almost the unanimous support of that body. Could Mr. Foster do that or anything like it. He was reluctant about leaving the provincial platform, calling the attention of the electors to but his friends said come, the party a time when Mr. Foster turned traitor said come; that was the party from all

it. An intimate friend of Mr. Blair's assured the speaker some months ago that Mr. Blair had stated to him that the course taken by the late government with regard to the Manitoba school question was the proper course The liberals, Mr. Blair told the gentleman referred to, were making a mistake in opposing the government's policy in the matter. At that time there was a vacancy on the supreme court bench. When that position was filled Mr. Blair came out against the late government and their policy as regards all things. It was hardly necessary to speak of Mr. Blair's extravagance and the danger of having such a man at Ottawa. The speaker was the candidate of the liberal conservative party, the unanimous choice the strongest support ever given a man by the party. He felt sure that he would win. Why did Mr. Blair not tell the electors what the policy of the government was if they had any?

aker was assured that he (Wilmot) This was too great a comp d be elected. The lingtout the two counties ment. At Fredericton Junction Mr. Blair said the nominating convention liberals were luke-warm as regards Mr. Blair. Mr. did not include any man if promin ence in the party. Mr. Blair denied having made any King stood high among them, and if he were running the election as a such statement. minister of the crown he (Wilmot) would not go in for opposing him. He Mr. Foster produced a copy of the told Mr. King that the petition against Telegraph and read from the report of the speech in question, showing that Mr. Blair's statement was practically him was not a personal thing. It was a party matter. It was done because of the filing of petitions by the lib what the speaker had said. erals. Mr. King said Mr. Blair hesi-Mr. Foster said the convention was tated about accepting his offer of the indeed a representative one, the men seat. One would think that the min present being sterling farmers, merister would have jumped at it. If he chants, etc., men who owned their hesitated in this instance he did not own political views. They without a about accepting the seat in the cabi net, for Mr. King said he at once took

dissenting voice declared that the seat should be contested. The speaker, as a member of the late government and one interested in the liberal conservative party, had a right to be in the ccunty. He did not inspire the opposition to Mr. Blair, the spirit was among the people. Mr. Blair remind ed him of a young bashful lover, too modest to make any proposition. Mr. King, the young lass, was calling out to him to come. At last they met, but if it had not ben for the kindly ministrations of Hon. L. H. Davies the match would never have been made. Whatever characteristic he would have applied to Mr. Blair, it was not that he was over modest. Mr. Blair was a fighter, and fighters always made ardent wooers. They met and the match was made. But all was not yet explained. There was of that party. He had assurances of the strongest support ever given a in about the middle of July, a little later than any of the other members The time for the opening of parliament was approaching. The very smallest portion of time remained for

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