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THE OPPOSITION TICKET.

The claims, frequently made by opposition organizers and newspapers, that, in every constituency in the province, the strongest and most popular citizens were but waiting the opportunity to enlist under the banner of Mr. E. S. Carter and the men who held power in Fredericton prior to 1915, have already been largely shattered. Last evening they received another severe jolt when the best of the opposition convention for the City of St. John could do was to select as candidates Dr. W. F. Roberts, W. H. Barnaby, W. E. Scully and John A. Sinclair. Today the gentlemen named will receive the sympathetic condolences of their friends, but it is fair to say that in the case of at least two of the nominees the "honor" was forced upon them after stronger men had gently but firmly declined to parade to the sacrificial altar.

It has been known for some time that Dr. Roberts harbored political ambitions, in fact he was mentioned as an opposition candidate in 1912. Or that occasion, however, he was stood aside in favor of another. As he has always been prominent as a temperance worker we confess it is not quite clear how he can justify his action in opposing a government which has already placed on the statute books of the province the most advanced prohibition legislation in Canada, and taking up the fight for a party which stands pledged to nothing more than an act and a referendum, and who, if given power, will not introduce prohibition before July 15th, 1918. That is one of the little things Dr. Roberts will have to explain to the voters before election day.

Of W. H. Barnaby it need only be said that he was not selected until after more popular citizens had refused to run. He recently retired from the firm of Manchester, Robertson and Allison, and it was then stated that he purposed to spend the sunset of his life in ease and quiet. His experience as a political associate of Mr. E. S. Carter will, to say the least, be a new one for him.

Mr. Scully, of West St. John, replaces Mr. W. J. Mahoney on the opposition ticket. For this Mr. Mahoney should be thankful, although it is understood that as late as yesterday afternoon, the latter gentleman had hoped that he would be given another opportunity. Mr. Mahoney was a member of the Foster ticket in the last election, and while he then lost his deposit he ran second to his leader. Mr. Scully was for a time a member of the City Council.

Mr. John A. Sinclair is a disgruntled Conservative. He was taken on the opposition ticket as a last resort, and is likely to occupy that position when the ballots are counted.

Taken in all the opposition ticket shows very little strength although it is as good as the general run of tickets nominated in the interests of the Carter party in other constituencies in the province.

THE TELEGRAPH AND PROHIBITION.

In a desperate effort to detract from the credit which all temperance men will give to the Murray Government for its passage of the prohibition measure, the Telegraph states that the opposition party is prepared to

enforce the act now passed by the Government, and which will come into effect on May 1st. If that be so, if the opposition is as solicitous regarding prohibition as it professes to be, how does it happen that the party platform does not contain a more definite plank on the question?

The opposition platform by which that party is pledged offers to pass a prohibitory act and then submit it to a referendum of the people. If it passes the referendum test the act will be enforced a year later. Under this arrangement, and no matter what the Telegraph may say, this is the only arrangement to which the opposition is officially pledged. New Brunswick cannot get prohibition before July 15th, 1918. The Government party, on the other hand, showed a real disposition to grapple manfully with the liquor question. The delegation of prohibitionists which visited Fredericton asked for a referendum. The Government gave them a bill and nine weeks after election day it will be in force. The Government has acted definitely and with certainty; the best the opposition has done has been to promise that it will follow the Government's example at a distant date.

And while we are on the question of liquor and prohibition it may not be amiss to recall that the political party the Telegraph represents was assisted in the Carleton county by-election by the liquor interest of Ontario. That interest recognized that the Government of New Brunswick had enacted a prohibition law and that the only hope of having that law amended or rendered less drastic was by returning to power the opposition party. That is a well known fact.

It is also interesting to note that although the opposition in the last legislature was small, yet the titular leader of the party, Mr. L. A. Dugal, CONVENIENTLY ABSENTED HIMSELF FROM THE HOUSE ON THE DAY THE BILL PASSED AND THUS WAS SPARED THE NECESSITY OF TAKING AN OPEN STAND UPON IT. That is another fact the Telegraph will scarcely have the hardihood to deny.

Altogether the Telegraph's contention cannot be supported by the facts. The Murray Government party is the prohibition party and a vote against it is a vote against the cause for which temperance men have worked and prayed for years.

"ST. JOHN'S PRESENTATION."

Under the head quoted the Fredericton Gleaner has this to say concerning the ticket chosen by the Government party in the City of St. John:

"The Government ticket for St. John City, nominated in convention last night, is strong in personnel. Messrs. Tilley and Grannan are men of parliamentary experience. They acquired positions in the Assembly as able and useful legislators, and, in their constituency, as prudent and influential representatives. They are good men and true, and as such have the confidence of the people. Mr. Potts is a gentleman of much experience in civic and municipal affairs, and will be a valuable representative of St. John City in the next Legislative Assembly. Dr. J. Roy Campbell, K. C., one of St. John's eminent barristers, has ever taken an interest in public affairs, being prominently identified with several advance movements in the process of the development of St. John. He is a splendid type of man, with an admirable reputation for sincerity and honorable dealing.

"We congratulate the Government party of St. John on the ability and high standing of the candidates they have nominated for party honors. Success in the approaching election is, of course, fully assured; but it is pleasing and very satisfactory to know that Premier Murray is to have as his supporters in the next House—for other constituencies, it will be observed, have also nominated strong men—the best of the able men available in the province.

"St. John has done well; the province is doing well. The return of Premier Murray, now assured, will be the beginning of another period in the rapid and substantial development of the great resources of one of the most richly endowed provinces in Canada."

THE OLD BRIGADE.

"Where are the boys of the old brigade?" The lads who ruled the province prior to 1908 and who reduced the provincial treasury almost to bankruptcy, permitted suspense accounts and overdrafts and under whose regime graft flourished? Where are they? Well, here are a few of them:

S. S. Ryan, opposition candidate in Albert county.
C. W. Robinson, opposition candidate in Moncton City.
C. M. Leger and Francis J. Sweeney, opposition candidates in Westmorland county.

J. F. Tweeddale and James Burgess, opposition candidates in Victoria county.

The others are to be found closely behind the men in the opposition ranks, all working "steadily, shoulder to shoulder," for a return of the days of graft and plunder which came to an abrupt finish with the advent of the Hazen Government on March 3rd, 1908.

No, it is not at all difficult to find the "boys of the old brigade."

Mr. Frank B. Carvell arrived in the city last evening on the Boston train and today will probably meet Mr. Leader Foster and Mr. Organizer Carter to discuss ways and means of conducting the opposition campaign on purely honest lines. Yes, indeed, after the fashion of the Carleton county by-election.

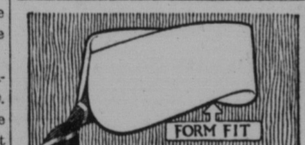
It is singularly appropriate that the opposition ticket in the City of St. John should be headed by a coroner. He will be right on hand to hold the "post-mortem" on his own party after election day.

The Times devotes first page space to some observations from the Maritime Baptist but the Times does not print what the editor of the Maritime Baptist thinks about the editor of the Times.

ST. JOHN MAN WINS COVETED HONOR

Capt. W. A. Cameron Awarded Military Cross for Gallant Conduct on Christmas Day.

Capt. W. A. Cameron, son of R. K. Cameron of this city, who has been mentioned more than once for his good work on the field, has been awarded the Military Cross. This good news was received in a letter which arrived in the city yesterday and the many friends of the young officer will be pleased to hear of the honor which has come to him. The letter did not contain any particulars, merely stated that it had been conferred for his work in a little affair on Christmas day. At present Capt. Cameron is wearing the ribbon and he will be decorated by the King when his time comes for leave to England.



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By LEE PAPE.

Mary Watkins was standing outside of her house with her new sled, and me and Sid Hunt and Skinny Martin and Sids quiet little cousin Joe was standing there looking at her, on account of her being the beautiful looking girl in the neighborhood and maybe in the city, and we started to tell the things we would get for her if we was rich, everybody telling her except Sids quiet little cousin Joe and he just stood there and kept looking.

If I had a millyin dollars I'd buy you a gold sled with diamonds on it, and if it didn't snow so you could use it I would bring you snow all the way from Siberia, or enyware you wanted, sed Sid Hunt.

If I had a millyin dollars I'd get you a sled made out of radium with works inside of it so it would go by itself, I sed.

Do you know wat I'd get you if I had a millyin dollars? Sed Skinny Martin.

No, wat? sed Mary Watkins.

I'd get you a sled made out of gold and diamonds and radium with works in it, sed Skinny.

I sed gold and diamonds first, sed Sid Hunt. G, Skinny, its a wonder you woodent make up sumthing of your own.

And I was the one sed radium with works in it, G, Skinny, youre only saying wat me and Sid sed, I sed.

And me and Sid and Skinny started to argue about it and wat did Sids quiet little cousin Joe do but pull 3 cents out of his pants pocket and show them to Mary Watkins, and she left him pull her erround to Mommy Simminses candy store and me and Sid and Skinny jest stood there.

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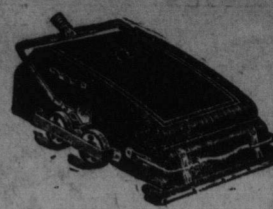
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