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### THE ELECTION ISSUE.

In the campaign which closes today the electors of New Brunswick face a clear-cut issue. On one side stands the Murray Government with a record of commendable achievement and honest administration. That Government appeals to the people on an aggressive and well considered policy containing pledges which it has the power and the disposition to implement. On the other hand is the opposition led by Walter E. Foster, and composed for the most part of representatives of, or apologists for, the men who held office in this province prior to 1908, and who then shamefully misused and miscondemned its affairs.

The opposition has talked much of scandals against men who are not members of the Government, but they have been unable to substantiate one charge against any of the men who are appealing today as supporters of Premier Murray.

As to the record of the two parties there is no comparison. On the one hand we have had clean, aggressive administration with an honest collection of every dollar due the province and a wise expenditure in the public interest. On the other we have the old gang who, when last in power played ducks and drakes with the finances of the province and administered public affairs in the interest, not of the people, but of themselves and their political friends. Asked to judge between the honest, clean achievement of the Murray Government and the shameful story of the old gang there is but one answer the electors of the province can honestly make today.

### THE BEERSVILLE RAILWAY.

Dr. Von Hagen, who was one of the purchasers of the Beersville coal mines, found it necessary, in order to successfully operate the mines, to have a ten-mile railway constructed to the I. C. R. He found, however, that Frank Robinson, a brother of the Hon. C. W. Robinson, and a few friends had forestalled him and by their pull with the old government had obtained a charter for the railway.

This charter was valuable only because it carried the right to the subsidy of \$150,000 from the public treasury of this province, and Von Hagen was compelled to pay \$10,000 to get control of this charter, although not a dollar had been invested by the holders, nor a foot of construction work done.

Of this \$10,000 Von Hagen swears in his evidence taken at Fredericton, that he paid Hon. C. W. Robinson \$3,500. In other words, Hon. C. W. Robinson sold the subsidy or right of public money of this province and put part of the proceeds in his pocket.

Is this the Robinson whom Leader Foster says he would make a member of his government if the opposition is returned to power today?

### THE GOVERNMENT AND PROHIBITION.

No matter what statements may now be made by opposition candidates or newspapers supporting that party those of the electors of this province who desire to see New Brunswick under the operation of a prohibition law should take no chances, but should

give their support today to the Government party candidates and to them alone.

The Government has already placed a prohibitory law on the statute books and in nine weeks it will be enforced. The opposition by its platform is pledged to nothing more than the passage of an Act and the submission of that Act to a referendum with prohibition within a year after the latter proceeding has been gone through. Under this arrangement New Brunswick cannot get prohibition before July 1918, and if the opposition to-day state that they are prepared to support any other plan, then such a statement means the repudiation of their platform—the only thing by which they now stand pledged. Temperance men who vote against the Government party candidates today are endangering the achievement of that which has long been their goal.

### WATCH FOR THE GAS BOMBS.

Electors should not be misled by any last minute scandals members of the opposition party or the opposition press may try to spring today. If it had been possible to lay charges against any member of the Murray Government, or any man who is offering today as a candidate in support of the Government party, they would have been made long ago: for the opposition workers "know the game" and would not have missed any opportunity to discredit the government or any member of it. The fact that no such charges have been made is direct evidence that it was not possible to make them; so any scandals the opposition may attempt to spring today can have but one purpose—to deceive the electorate at a time when no member of the government can refute the charges before the polling opens. Watch for the last minute gas bombs today and if they appear treat them as they deserve.

### AN INDEPENDENT OPINION.

Dealing editorially, last evening, with the election the St. John Globe, Independent Liberal, said in part: "What the elector has to decide when he enters the polling booth tomorrow is whether he thinks the best interests of the province will be served by giving Hon. Mr. Murray the mandate he has asked, or refusing it, hand the control of the province over to the opposition. That is the real issue, and in consideration of that issue the elector who seeks to discharge his duty faithfully must take account of the records of the opposition party as well as the record of the Government party. Those who give ear to charges of graft and corruption which have been so conspicuous a feature of this campaign must weigh the records of both parties in that connection. They must weigh their administrative records. Above all must their platforms and policies be compared and consideration given the possible effect of those policies. That plank in the opposition platform which proposes to take the crown lands out of the control of the government and pass it to a commission is the most radical proposal before the electors, because it assails the very principle of responsible government. It is impossible to see it in any other light than as the really vital issue of this campaign, the issue which of itself should defeat the opposition and elect the Government."

### THE OUTLOOK.

The Murray Government is certain to be sustained today. Reports received yesterday from Standard correspondents all over the province told a most encouraging story. There is absolutely no danger of the Government being overthrown and the only question is the size of their majority in the next House.

Opposition workers claim they will get fifteen seats out of the forty-eight in the province, but admit they have no hope of winning. Government workers are not prepared to concede one, and the report is that even in Madawaska county, which last election returned the only two members of the opposition there is a good fighting chance.

The polls will close at four o'clock this afternoon and the result of the voting should be known at a reasonably early hour. In Gloucester county polling takes place on Monday.

The Times last evening said:

"Whatever the verdict tomorrow, the Times has conducted a campaign free from personalities of the basest sort. Win or lose, that is the fair way. It is perfectly legitimate to deal with the public record of public men, to the limit of plain speech; but there are depths of personal abuse to which the press and the platform advocates of any political party ought not to descend. It is a sort of campaign which carries no weight and ultimately brings discredit and defeat to those who stoop so low."

Well the Times should know. On a matter of that sort our Canterbury street contemporary is in a position to speak with absolute authority.

A vote for the Government today means that New Brunswick will continue to enjoy sound, honest administration. A vote for the opposition means that the provincial treasury will be turned over to the old gang which misruled prior to 1908. The best interests of New Brunswick demand that electors shall vote for the Government candidates.

The candidates in the city of St. John closed a strenuous campaign last evening when they addressed a fine meeting in the Imperial Theatre. The candidates and the Government workers report that they have been well received all over the city and that all indications point to their election.

Victory for the Murray Government today is certain, but if the voters do their duty it will be a sweep. As it stands there is not one constituency in the province that the Carter party can regard as safe for their cause.

Don't split your ticket. If you believe that the Murray Government is worthy of your confidence then vote for its candidates and vote for all of them.

### HARTLAND

Hartland, Feb. 21—Last week in the town hall, W. D. Keith addressed the boys of the Y. M. C. A., giving them some good advice, as to the qualities which enter into the making of successful men, who are useful to themselves and the community where they live. An informal talk on the subject of the evening and the singing.

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By LEE PAPE.

Weather. Cold in spots, especially the nose and feet.  
 Sisley's Notes. A very enjoyable surprise party was given to Miss Maud Jonson last Saturday night. Was Miss Jonson came in and Mr. Puda (Charles) Simkins turned the lights up, she acted just as if she was surprised and all the guests acted just as if they thought she was. Ice cream and cake was served, the ice cream being in blocks in 3 flavors, being all right but it was of no better if there had of been more chockit in it. Miss Lily Levy sang Poor Little Dolly Deer without music, and everybody clapped so hard she pritty near did it over again.  
 Intriguing Facts About Intriguing People. Wanda Sam Cross had a pair of white pants that he was supposed to wear on Sundays, and he laid down in front of his father while his father was carrying a inkwell full of ink, and his father tripped over him and dropped the inkwell and the ink went all over the white pants and Sam didn't half to wear them.

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Country, has arrived home and will remain with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Kennedy, for some time.

Last Thursday morning fire nearly destroyed the residence of Mr. B. N. Shaw at the Highland Stock Farm, Victoria, and the inmates had a narrow squeak for their lives. About 3 a. m. Scott A., the oldest son, awoke nearly suffocated with smoke and discovered fire smoking in a partition. After considerable hard work by the family and neighbors the household effects were rescued and the fire extinguished, but not before it had done a large amount of damage.

At the home of her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Baker, Millinocket, Me., on Feb. 5th, the death took place of Mrs. George Faulkner, in the 63rd year of her age. The remains were brought to Carleton for interment. Rev. P. J. Quigg preaching the funeral sermon.

Rev. James Calhoun and family of Glassville, have sailed for Ireland, the former home of the former.

Mr. John Loupin, a well-known and aged teamster, is down with pneumonia. A young son of Guy McMillin is laid low with a serious illness, and also has the disease. W. P. McMillin many others are suffering various forms of illness.

Mrs. Bert Day, accompanied by her husband, has gone to Montreal for surgical treatment.

The Price and Nevins mill has begun another season's operation and will employ a good staff of men.

Mr. Frank Kelly last week went to Lowell, Mass., to attend the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Arthur Lang.

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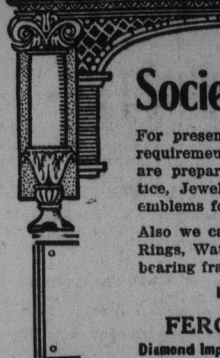
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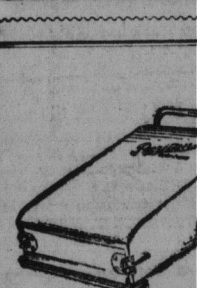
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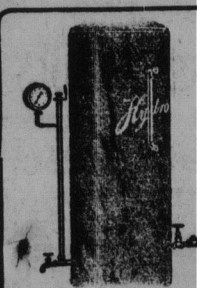
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