

RING OF VICTORY AT FAIRVILLE LAST NIGHT

Premier Hazen, in a Speech Interspersed With Cheers and Applause, Compares Honest Administration of His Government With Record of One Dr. Pugsley Abandoned—With Every Pledge Redeemed, Every Promise Kept, the Province Has Saved Thousands of Dollars—Hon. Robert Maxwell and Mr. Mosher Point Out the Great Good Which Has Already Resulted From the Operation of New Highway Act.

Last night saw the greatest opening meeting ever known in a St. John county campaign. Greater in point of attendance, beginning with seats occupied and ending after eleven o'clock with the aisle and other standing room occupied. It was inspiring in its enthusiasm, the crowd applauding every point made, greeting the speakers with a hearty welcome, renewing the cheers at the close, besides assisting with bright and keen comment as the arguments proceeded. Lastly it was a meeting where the speakers rose splendidly to a great occasion.

Clear Presentation of Facts. Hon. Robert Maxwell dealt with the Highway Act so thoroughly and convincingly that the St. John county objectors were utterly up to shame.

Mr. Mosher delighted his friends and the audience generally by his sturdy and determined style, his frankness and aggressiveness. Mr. Fleming, who had never been heard in Fairville before made an exposition of provincial finances that was clear to all and made Mr. Robinson's criticisms seem pitifully false and cheap.

Mr. Hazen paid his respects to some of his critics and especially to the leader of the Opposition and made a ringing and triumphant vindication of his administration. A feature of the meeting was the large attendance of workmen, and the obvious approval of the Government by many who have hitherto been active opponents of Mr. Hazen's party.

ROADS IN THE PROVINCE BEST IN 25 YEARS

Hon. Robert Maxwell delivered his opinion of the Opposition's recantation with a sharpness which left it well defined in the minds of his hearers. He said as he arose amidst cheers:

"The present campaign, of which this is the opening meeting, has been on the part of the Opposition party, one of the most complete slanders, of misrepresentation of every action of the Government, and of ABSOLUTE FALSEHOOD FROM BEGINNING TO END. The Telegraph and Times have resorted daily to the MOST ATROCIOUS MISREPRESENTATION and even the leader of the Opposition has finally descended to a false, malicious slander upon the Premier of this province. It was being shouted loudly that the bridges of the province were rotting down, and it was sadly true that many of them were rotting badly. But was there an intelligent taxpayer who would maintain that he had reached their PRESENT ADVANCED STAGE OF DECAY? There are men who drive from the country to the city every day of the week. I would like to ask some of these whether Main street, Fairville, does not compare favorably with King street, St. John?" (Applause.)

Care Exercised. Immense sums of money had been expended upon the roads and bridges since the present Government came into power, but care had been taken to put these in the best of order.

Roads Best in 25 Years. I want to make the statement on behalf of the Highway Act, that THE ROADS OF THIS COUNTRY ARE NOW IN BETTER CONDITION THAN THEY HAVE BEEN AT ANY TIME IN 25 YEARS PAST. There are men who drive from the country to the city every day of the week. I would like to ask some of these whether Main street, Fairville, does not compare favorably with King street, St. John?" (Applause.)

A Fine Stretch of Road. A better stretch of road than the great Fredericton highway between the city and the Kings county line was not to be found anywhere. (Applause.) Some damage had been done to it by the January freshet, which had not yet been made good, but this was necessarily true of every county in the province. Kings, alone, had suffered to the extent of 70 washed-out bridges.

The pledge which we made that the road work would be done out of

the ordinary revenue of the province has been kept to the letter. The time is history when a government could saddle the province with a big bond issue to get past such an emergency as this. AS THE LATE GOVERNMENT DID IN 1900.

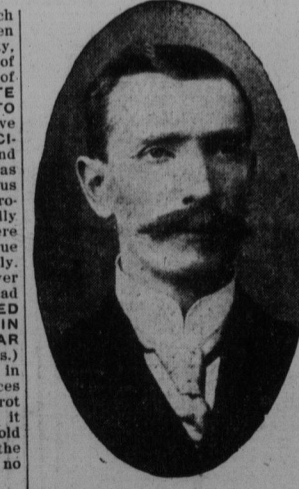
Their Inconsistency. "When the Telegraph and Times found fault with the working of the Highway Act, they were condemning the St. John Road Act, for the one was patterned upon the other. Yet all praise was handed out for the wonderful effectiveness of the Road Act during the past 25 years. Mr. Lowell and the leader of the Opposition will hardly deny that THE HIGHWAY ACT IS THE ST. JOHN ROAD ACT, AND NOTHING ELSE." (Applause.)

If fault there is, it must rest with the Highway Boards, for they have been placed in a position where they can carry out the same methods they have been used to for years past. We only appoint one man of the three upon the Highway Boards. They have always known that it took until July or August to get the taxes in, and the custom has been to make a loan, to be paid back when the taxes came in.

This method has been followed in Lancaster Parish this year to the same extent as formerly. Why? Because the Highway Boards desire to refrain from spending money, so as to bring the Act into disrepute. At the meeting of the Municipality this year, only \$800 was asked. Last year's loan was \$1200, and the same amount could have been secured this year.

Deliberate Attempt at Blocking. Further than this, DELIBERATE ATTEMPT TO PREVENT THE BENEFIT ACCRUING FROM THE HIGHWAY ACT, the boards had tried their best to cut down the men's pay, and to make it appear that the Hazen Government has reduced the wages rate to 12 1/2 cents per hour.

Their Desperate Attempts. Dr. Curren had attempted to pose the speaker with a question as to whether it was not true that the boards had no power to pay higher rates than those. Councillor Barnhill had attempted to hold up the laborers' pay through the Highway Board. Each of these men had read the act, and knew it better than they had tried to make the public believe. VERY WELL: THEY WERE AWARE THAT THE 12 1/2 CENT PROVISION APPLIED TO STATUTE LABOR ALONE, and the only men who could possibly be paid

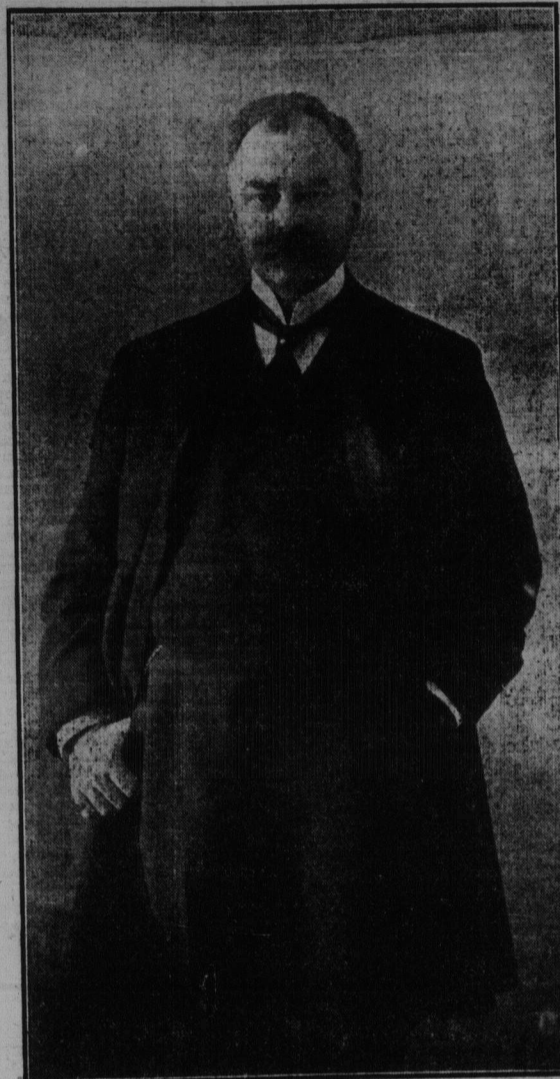


HON. ROBT. MAXWELL

at that rate were those who preferred to pay their taxes by labor on the roads rather than by cash. (Applause)

But not even in the case of this class of labor was the rate of payment absolutely fixed at 12 1/2 cents per hour. It was provided by the Highway Act that these same county councillors, if they thought the wage insufficient, should have it in their power to make it 20 cents per hour, or even 30 cents if they wished. Reading from section 9 of the Act, and explaining that the county councillors were the same as the Highway Board, Hon. Mr. Maxwell proved that in order to make this raise in wages effective all the members of the board had to do was to get up and move the change at the session of the municipal council.

Fortunately this deliberate attempt to deceive the people as to the nature of the act had been cut short by the action of men of more common sense who had returned the laborers' pay to the former rate. In certain sections the rabid opposition of the boards had taken the form of stopping work upon the highways with the plea of exhausted funds. This was that absolutely



HON. J. D. HAZEN, PREMIER OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

nothing existed to stop the work if the lists were out. Because of the expenses entailed by the January freshet, no fixed sum had been set by the Government in the way of appropriations. No Highway Board had yet asked the Government for anything of the kind, however.

In spite of this fact, attention having been called by Mr. Mosher to the necessity of slight repairs on certain long stretches of road each of the four parishes had been apportioned \$500, and nothing was standing in the way of the Highway Boards to prevent them from going ahead EXCEPT THEIR DELIBERATE DETERMINATION TO DISCREDIT THE GOVERNMENT.

Councillor Donovan. Councillor Donovan had broken out again in the Parish of Simonds, and was "hitting out from the shoulder," but like the Telegraph itself, was striking BY FALSEHOOD AND MISREPRESENTATION. "Not a dollar to work with and no chance to borrow," was his cry, and he had been boasting that he would drive a span of horses through the act, and would make the Hazen Government look as sick as anything could. Donovan had made these statements openly and he was responsible for them.

An Interesting Meeting. In view of these mis-statements and indications of animosity, a communication, dated July 8th, which the speaker had received from Mr. John McDonald, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer of the Parish of Simonds, was of great interest. Mr. McDonald stated that \$500 HAD BEEN GIVEN BY THE GOVERNMENT FROM THE LICENSE MONEY, and that at the present time the parish had to its credit \$200, after accounting for all the work necessary. With regard to the claim of money not being available, Mr. McDonald stated that the assessment in the Parish of Simonds this year had amounted to \$2,185. Thousands of dollars of public money had gone, declared the speaker, not to the improvement of the roads, but into the pockets of the friends of the members of the Highway Boards.

The Telegraph's Absurdity. In the balance of his speech, which proved a battling argument, his audience was not slow to appreciate. Mr. Maxwell treated of the absurdity of the Telegraph's charges as to the neglect of the Government in not stopping the forest fire with greater speed. Hardly the fringe of the public domain had been touched, and the legislation on the subject showed that the Government was under no obligation to fight fires for the benefit of private parties.

THE PEOPLE APPRECIATE GOVT. EFFORTS

As Mr. Mosher rose to his feet, following Hon. Mr. Maxwell, he was tendered a rousing ovation, which held him silent for a full half minute. There was a heartiness in the tone

of the cheers which betokened that he is to receive the strongest kind of support in the western end of the county.

The address of the candidate WAS A SPLENDID FIGHTING EFFORT, and one which could not but give a lasting impression of his fearlessness and honesty.

At the convention held some days ago in St. John city, said Mr. Mosher, it had been unanimously voted that he should fill the position of representative from the county, which had been rendered vacant by the elevation of Hon. H. A. McKeown to the bench. The latter had been placed for life in a position which the speaker was glad to see him filling. The change had been a fortunate one for Mr. McKeown, but for the opposition party, it would not be so characterized. When Mr. McKeown had been re-



HON. J. K. FLEMING, Provincial Secretary of N. B.

moved from the ranks of the opposition, the brains of the party had gone with him.

A year ago last March, the speaker, with his friend, Mr. Clarke, had asked the support of the electors of the county. It had been a good fight on their part, adverse though the result had been, and he now wished to take his first opportunity to thank those who had helped to make his showing as good as it was. (Applause.) After the present government had come into power he had filled the position of defeated candidate. The government had given him the patronage of the county. No sooner did it become known that he was in this position than letters began to flock from every section of the county. Bridges were ready to collapse, such a road was impassable, he heard every day, and he was beseeched to drop a line, receive a delegation, or to telephone, by every letter. He had begun to think he was cornered in a hot spot. (Applause.)

Própped Up With Poles. On starting to tour the county, he had found NUMBERS OF BRIDGES PROPPED UP WITH POLES, and

"Why should St. John refuse to support the administration? The Government itself could get along without this seat. It would have the same majority as before if Mr. Mosher were not elected—and the majority is large. But the Government naturally desires the approval of the people, and the county will surely be better represented by a member who will assist the Government in doing its best for the people, than one like Mr. Lowell, who seems disposed to make the work here as difficult as possible.

"The cry to the Liberals is raised for a selfish purpose by two owners of the Telegraph who have got more money out of the treasury than anyone else in this part of the country ever obtained."

"These," he added, "are like the three tailors of Tooley Street who called themselves 'we the people of England.'"

"The assailants of the Government were the element driven out of power a year ago, but still cherishing the idea that they had some divine right to rule."

"We promised a compensation act. The old law was useless. We believe we should surround the men with protection to life and limb. We gave it in the fact that the most determined opposition I have ever seen. Sometimes it is said that public men give their lives to the service of others, and grow sick and dead because no credit is given and no gratitude shown. But I shall always look with satisfaction to this act, which has protected valuable lives, and has caused the workmen to give this expression of their recognition."

—Hon. J. D. Hazen at Fairville last night.

pieces of plank, and all ready to collapse at any time. It had been held out by the Opposition as a grave offence that \$90,000 had been expended this year upon the roads of the Province, but if the other counties were in the straits to which he had found St. John subject, the expenditure had been small indeed. It was estimated that the life of a spruce bridge, properly painted, was twenty years in length. If this were true, IT WAS HARDLY POSSIBLE THAT ALL THIS DAMAGE HAD BEEN DONE UNDER THE HAZEN ADMINISTRATION. (Applause.)

New Bridges Built. Already twelve new bridges had been built, one of them at Great Salmon River, requiring four piers and two abutments. At this very bridge was to be found a sample of the late Government's bridge building. THEY HAD BUILT A NEW TOP AND ABUTMENTS THERE ONLY A FEW YEARS AGO.

No man in St. John county travelled its roads more extensively than the speaker. For the past ten or fifteen years, he had found the roads growing WORSE AND WORSE, year by year, and the work done upon them HAD DWINDLED STEADILY WITH THE PASSAGE OF TIME. (Hear, hear.)

It had been often remarked in his hearing of late that more work had been done so far this year in St. Martin's, on the appropriation of \$700, THAN HAD BEEN ACCOMPLISHED IN PREVIOUS YEARS WITH AN EXPENDITURE OF \$1,650 PER ANNUM. (Applause.)

Honest Expenditure. Throughout the county the common sense had been honestly expending the money in hand, and were giving value for it, dollar for dollar. THE DAY WAS PAST WHEN THREE OR FOUR HORSES COULD BE TIED TO TREES WHILE A COUPLE OF MEN WORKED NEARBY SO AS TO PLACE BOTH THE HORSES AND MEN ON THE EXPENSE ACCOUNT. (Great applause.)

On the coach road to St. Martins, there was a stretch of seven miles which HAD BEEN THE COMPLAINT OF THE COUNTRY ROUND FOR 10 YEARS. The speaker had hired a man to repair this, and it was common talk in that section THAT THIS MAN HAD DONE MORE WORK FOR \$40 THAN THE LATE GOVERNMENT HAD DONE IN A DECADE WITH EXPENDITURES OF FROM \$100 TO \$125 YEARLY. (Applause.)

The speaker would face his opponent or any member of the Opposition party with the statements he had made, and would prove his every word. To them he would leave it to decide and if they were honest men they must agree with him, whether or not there had been anything approaching the present roads for worth during the past 20 years. (Applause.)

A Campaign Cry. It was a campaign cry that Hazen might have done many good things but that the Highway Act had spoiled them all. One year ago last March, at the county court house, during the nomination day proceedings, Mr. Lowell had attacked the speaker for referring to the dissatisfaction then prevailing as to the condition of the roads. Mr. Lowell had ex, pressed surprise that Mr. Mosher coupled the

No Suspense Accounts Now; No Overdrafts; Reckless Expenditure of Public Money, Said Hon. J. K. Fleming in One of the Strongest Speeches He Has Ever Delivered—Under the New System There is No Possible Chance of Dishonesty in Public Accounting—The Difference Between the Old and New Systems—Real Surplus—The Great Saving in Cost School Books.

St. John Road Act, when he had sat with Mr. Lowell in the county council and HAD HELPED TO FRAME THE ACT. This Act which Mr. Lowell then so warmly defended was the same which he was now attacking in company with the rest of the Opposition. (Loud applause.)

Councillor Donovan Dealt With. Councillor Donovan at this point received a modicum of attention from the speaker which got the audience where their laughs were located. Some days ago Mr. Mosher had met Mr. Donovan on Charlotte street and had been attacked by him in that public place. This Donovan was the same man who had, in the headlines, been "striking out straight from the shoulder." He belonged to a class which could be allowed to do a lot of striking without fear of harm. (Great applause.)

A Ridiculous Plea. Coun. Donovan had told a tale of having no money to work with, whereupon the speaker had OFFERED TO GO WITH HIM AND PROVE THAT THERE WAS \$200 WAITING READY FOR THE ROAD WORK IN SIMONDS. Coun. Donovan had thereupon ENDEAVORED TO EXPLAIN THE HIGHWAY ACT, and had BE-

In closing, Mr. Mosher remarked that he had not been born for a politician's career. Only the interests of the county of St. John had drawn him into the contest. He felt THE NEED OF THE COUNTY FOR HONEST REPRESENTATION. FREDERICTON, and would assume the position on July 20th, THE EXTENT OF HIS EFFORTS ON THEIR HALF WOULD BE THE LIMIT HIS POWER (Great applause.)

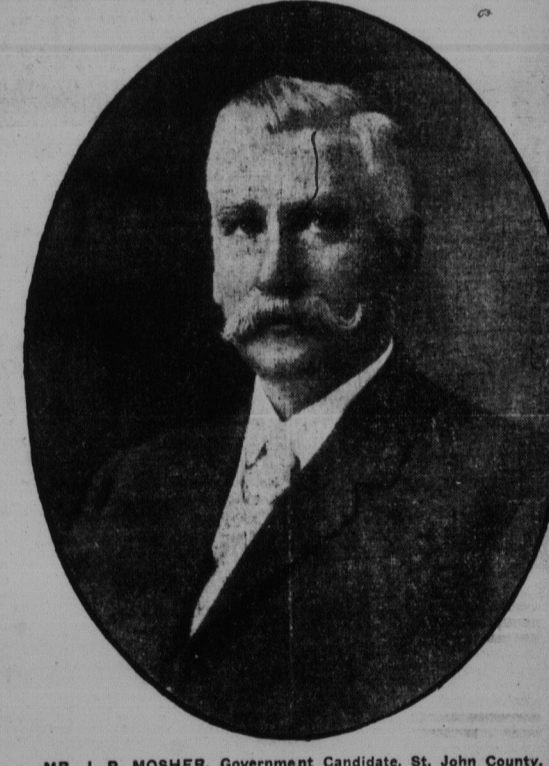
His Candidature Sincere. "I won't consider it a hardship travel about the county on your half; am used to it. And when we are considering my election, do think for a moment that I am working in the interests of St. Mart alone."

After promising his best efforts at the building of a new bridge at Falls, Mr. Mosher closed with the remark:

"I HAVE NEVER STOOD FOR ANYTHING DISHONEST IN LIFE, NOR WON'T AS LONG AS I LIVE."

No person who heard the man speak or watched him on the platform COULD HELP BELIEVING HIM.

TRAYED THE FACT THAT HE KNEW NO MORE ABOUT IT THAN ANY FOUR-YEAR-OLD CHILD. Can't Be Bluffed. "I can be beaten down," said the Government candidate, "but I cannot be bluffed down. (Cheers.) I never knew that way. I WASN'T BROUGHT UP IN THE WOODS TO BE AFRAID OF OWLS! This may have been striking from the shoulder, but it was a very weak blow. (Cheers.) The speaker's opponents had used it as a canvass against him that the road act was not giving satisfaction. The only fault connected with it was THAT CAUSED BY HIS OPPONENTS IN THE HIGHWAY BOARDS, WHO WERE USING THE POWER GIVEN THEM BY THE ACT TO BLOCK ITS EXECUTION." Coun. Donovan, when asked why statute labor was not being employed, as it was being done in York, had GIVEN YORK THEY DID NOT HAVE THE ELECTION UNTIL THE FALL. How could any person condemn anything which he had never used? This was the position of the Highway Boards. It was being told about the country that the Government was not bettering things. IT WAS STRANGE IT SHOULD BE OVERLOOKED THAT \$100,000 MORE HAD BEEN COLLECTED THIS YEAR FOR STUMPAGE THAN HAD BEEN RAISED IN 1907 (Cheers). It might be well asked what were the former conditions when this was done with the lumber cut smaller than in the preceding year (Applause.) This \$100,000 had gone in former years into the pockets of the lumbermen to the north of us. Now, however, the province was IN THE HANDS OF MEN WHO WILL COLLECT THE MONEY DUE THE PROVINCE WITH EXACTITUDE, AND DEVOTE IT TO THE SUPPORT OF THE ROADS AND BRIDGES (Great applause.)



MR. J. P. MOSHER, Government Candidate, St. John County.

NO SUSPENSE ACCOUNTS; NO OVERDRAFTS

Hon. Mr. Fleming on rising speak was given a splendid receipt. "On this," he said, "my first appearance at a public meeting in the county of St. John, I must remark upon the interest which the electors of this portion of it take in their own affairs under which head the administration of the affairs of this province comes. This interest is evidenced tonight's splendid attendance, our methods of administration at we have ascended to power, I purpose this evening to give a brief acquaintance of your candidate, Mosher, who will, I trust, become representative at Fredericton on the 20th of the month. I have been struck by his straight-forward utterance and he seems undoubtedly capable of safe-guarding your interests in a manner which will make you proud of your choice. In electing one so completely in sympathy with the present administration you are choosing a surest way to administrative relief (Applause). I am glad, too, to be a to refer this evening to some of matters which are so completely gaging the attention of our opponent."

Mr. Robinson's Criticism. "When the leader of the Opposition came down to address the delegates who nominated Mr. Bentley as Opposition candidate, he took occasion severely to criticize the de-