

Government Organization Being Rapidly Perfected Throughout The Province

CANDIDATES IN FIVE COUNTIES SELECTED YESTERDAY

Foster Government's Record Receives Hearty Approval; Much Heartiness in Preliminary Conventions; Women Turn Out in Large Numbers

The strong campaign in favor of the Foster government has opened with a swing, and from all over the province most encouraging reports are received regarding the very strong support which the friends of good government may expect at the polls.

Stirring conventions were held by government supporters yesterday in Kings county, Albert county, Sunbury county, Madawaska county and in Westmorland county, and in each of the constituencies named strong candidates were chosen. The conventions were largely attended, many women being present, and the speakers warmly praised the government for what it has done to give the province an honest and efficient administration.

The men nominated yesterday are: Kings county—Sterling L. Keith of Havelock, Colonel O. W. Wetmore of Clifton, and Erelly Harmer of Norton. Madawaska county—J. E. Michaud and D. L. Daigle. Albert county—Jacob W. Steeves and Arthur A. Stevens. Sunbury county—Robert B. Smith and David W. Mesereau.

Kings County

Hampton, Sept. 23.—Enthusiastic and anxious to try conclusions with the remnants of the provincial Conservative organization in the county of Kings, representatives of the progressive administration at Fredericton met in the court house at Hampton this afternoon and placed in nomination a strong and popular ticket composed of Sterling L. Keith of Havelock, formerly warden of the municipal

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erment had thought it only due that a better ferry system should be established. The line producing plant was only one of the many improvements that had been made to aid agriculture, the province's basic industry. The premier in his manifesto had paid much attention to the farmers' work. The government, he understood, had other plans not disclosed, and if they were carried out he was sure the farmers would have greater cause to rejoice. The good roads in Kings county and elsewhere had been a great aid to the farmers.

Mr. Carter congratulated the convention on the choice of Mr. Keith. He believed Mr. Harmer would be a great credit to the legislature of the province. As for Mr. Wetmore, gentlemanly and well known as pioneer in agricultural society work, and had been one of the first farmers to take up the distribution of fertilizer.

Westmorland Co.

Moncton, Sept. 23.—The convention of government supporters held for the purpose of nominating candidates for the approaching provincial election in Westmorland county and the city of Moncton met this afternoon in city hall with James McQueen, Shelia, in the chair. The following candidates were nominated for the county: Fred L. Estabrooks and Reid MacIsaac.

The nominating committee, representing the various parishes, was as follows: Botsford—T. M. Gould, Bedford Hayward, James MacIsaac, Patrick Landry, A. W. McQueen. Moncton—C. B. Keith, Ferdinand Bourgeois, Chas. McNeilan, J. Dochester—Dr. J. Alfred Gaudet, Emery LeBlanc, A. J. LeBlanc. Salisbury—J. Sullivan, Noble Morton, Captain Carter. Sackville—W. C. Rayworth, G. P. Covert, C. Avari.

The convention was called to order by J. H. McFadden of Sussex, temporary chairman of the county organization of the party, and A. E. Pearson of Sussex, acting as temporary secretary. After Mr. Pearson had read the minutes of the preliminary campaign meeting held at Sussex on September 19, when the convention was issued, and after their adoption, Mr. McFadden was elected permanent chairman by unanimous vote. In thanking the delegates he said that the convention had been called to select candidates for the election on October 9. He knew that it was a busy time for most of the delegates, and that as they were undoubtedly anxious to get down to work he would not make a long speech.

Mr. Keith was a strong upright man and well spoken of by everybody. Mr. Wetmore. Mr. Harmer is a likeable man and had done favors for the people frequently. He hoped the candidates would do the best they could to help in carrying on the public business after the election. Hon. W. E. Foster was a man of sterling character and was trying to carry on the government on business principles. Colonel Wetmore urged the delegates to do all they could for the election of the ticket. He had been a farmer all his life and he was heart and soul in favor of the farmers and their aspirations. There were two farmers on the ticket and the other man was very closely connected with farmers. He thanked the delegates, including the ladies, for nominating him. He promised the health policy of Hon. Dr. W. F. Roberts, mentioning the fact that the province was free from epidemics and that serious epidemics had been stamped out. No matter which way a person turned he would find that the government had always endeavored to do its best. The government deserved well the electors of Kings county as it had given the best service of any government during the last twenty-five or thirty years.

Mr. Adair told the convention he wanted to heartily thank the delegates and those who had spoken. He said he thought it would be a mistake to divide the tickets and other party lines. If the people split, he said, the privileged class would win. It would be a great mistake to divide the forces of democracy. Mr. Adair said he would aid the party in the campaign by speaking and working enthusiastically for the ticket.

Warden Gilliland. Warden Gilliland, who spoke next, said it had been with great hesitation he allowed his name to be put forward by a petition from Rothery. He had always been with the party and he thought that the farmers should be well looked after. He praised the government for giving the farmers cheaper lime for fertilizing, and said he would support the ticket. The Government's Fine Record. The closing speaker was Mr. Carter, who said he hoped to be a speaker during the campaign and would then take up the record of the government during the last four years. He had been able by having the support of the minister of public works and the government to make such improvements in the Kings county roads as to make Kings the banner county for good roads in the province. The old government had played fast and loose with the people of the Kings peninsula, and the Valley Railroad had gone to Westfield and the gov-

Mr. Harmer. After the cheering had subsided Mr. Harmer spoke briefly. He was accorded a hearty greeting and when he could be heard he remarked that he did not expect the convention was "going to do this." He was at a loss, he said, to find words to express his appreciation of the great honor conferred upon him. He felt that the farmers and the Liberals should work together. He approved of everything the convention had done and if the voters should send him to Fredericton he would stand for what was right regardless of friend or foe. He thanked the delegates for nominating him, and he was glad to see the ladies present.

Colonel Wetmore. Colonel Wetmore was introduced by Chairman McFadden as "an old warrior." He was given a warm greeting. He said he felt that perhaps a stronger man could have been chosen, but if the party thought it could do fairly well with him he would do his best to carry his end of the ticket. The government in power, said Colonel Wetmore, had done wonderful work, and he thought Kings county had been well attended to. Considerable expenditures on roads and other public works had been necessary and the government had done excellently, and the roads had been greatly improved and they had been a great boon to the farmers. If the lower end of the county did not do something to help elect the ticket the people there could not appreciate what the government had done for them. There had been nothing under the present government in the shape of scandal, and the outlook was excellent.

Sunbury Co.

Fredericton, N. B., Sept. 23.—Robert B. Smith, of Oromocto, and David W. Mesereau, of Fredericton Junction, who have represented the county of Sunbury in the legislative assembly of New Brunswick since the general elections of 1917, were again nominated today as supporters of the policies of the Foster government. The nomination was made unanimously by a convention gathered at Burton court house and representative of every parish of New Brunswick's oldest county. The excellent repute of the county has been maintained during the last four legislative sessions, and the marked improvement in the highways of all sections of the county is recognized by all, and there is no doubt that Sunbury will return the men who have been its members since February, 1917.

Mr. Mesereau was present and personally accepted nomination. Business had called Mr. Smith to Fredericton but his acceptance was held by the convention. If possible he was to attend the convention before its close but found it impossible to do so. The presence of a number of the prominent members of the United Farmers organization in Sunbury and their endorsement of both government candidates. On motion William Patterson of Lincoln was elected chairman.

David W. Mesereau was called upon to explain the object for which the convention had been called. It then was decided that the nomination of candidates take place in open convention on the motion of Jeremiah Phillips of Tracey, seconded by Gabriel Smith of Blisville. Nomination Unanimous. Robert B. Smith and David W. Mesereau were then placed in nomination on the motion of Robert McSheffrey of Lincoln. The motion called for their nomination as supporters of the policies of the Foster government.

The nomination was made unanimously and Mr. Mesereau was called upon to address the convention. He spoke in his usual forceful manner, dealing particularly with the highway policy which had been adopted. He mentioned also the which Sunbury county had received from it in the matter of improved roads which were in a condition never before even approached. He mentioned also the United Farmer movement and the desire expressed by some connected with the organization to show on the provincial political field. He had been approached by several members of the organization, but he felt that being a farmer himself he could not represent the farming interests as well as could any Liberal candidate. Mr. Mesereau said that he and his colleague were of the county faithfully and deserved to be continued as its representatives. He paid high tribute to Hon. Walter Foster, premier of the province. No one could deny that he was a business man with a straight and honorable record who had given to New Brunswick a business government. He spoke upon the election of the straight government ticket, but if any elector thought he should split his ballot, he said he would not object to it upon his colleague, Mr. Smith.

The opposition in Sunbury still is grouping in the dark. Party organizations are mentioned as possible candidates. Harvey Welton, a well known coal mine operator at Moncton and the White of Oromocto, have been approached and have refused to consider the candidature, it was said today.

Albert County

Riverside, N.B., Sept. 23.—At an enthusiastic convention of the Liberal party held in Riverside Hall this afternoon, Jacob W. Steeves of Edgton, and Arthur A. Steeves of Hillsboro, were nominated as candidates at the coming provincial elections in support of the Foster government. Both men accepted the nomination in brief speeches. Councillor Fred M. Thompson of Hillsboro, would have been the unanimous choice of the convention but he was compelled to decline the nomination for business reasons which pressed so heavily that it would be impossible for him to accept. Hon. Mr. Osman, whose presence was greatly appreciated, especially as he had been quite unwell of late, expressed the belief that the Foster government would be sustained at the polls, and he assured those present that he would lend his best efforts towards the electing of two good Liberals in support of the government for the county of Albert. It was decided, on motion, to select a committee to make a nomination of two candidates, this committee being chosen as follows: Edgton, Frank W. Bishop, Manning Burchard; Hillsboro, George Hopper, Lane Colpitts; Hillsboro, Hon. C. J. Osman, John P. Beatty; Hopewell, James Russell, E. C. Cope; Harvey, Philip McCarron; Alma, William Bultand. The report of the nominating committee was received with applause and was unanimously adopted by the meeting. After the candidates had accepted the nominations, Hon. C. J. Osman delivered a stirring address congratulating the young men on their selection and urging that the Liberal party should work earnestly for victory. The candidates are new men in the political field but are

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Madawaska Co.

Edmundston, N.B., Sept. 23.—The government party of Madawaska held their convention at the court house here this afternoon and chose Messrs. J. E. Michaud, M.P.P., and D. L. Daigle as candidates. Hon. L. A. Dugal's name was proposed but at his request was withdrawn. Mr. Dugal said that pressure of business made it necessary for him to withdraw from politics. He, however, guaranteed his whole-hearted support to the candidates and to the Foster government party.

Carlton County Postponed.

Woodstock, Sept. 23.—The government convention has been postponed until September 30, in order that sufficient notice be given that all parishes be represented. The leaders are enthusiastic over the prospect and the convention will nominate three strong candidates to carry the government banner.

Government Primaries Largely Attended and Warmly Enthusiastic

Representative Gatherings in Each Ward to Select Delegates to Nominating Convention—Many New Supporters Mingle With Veteran Workers—Ladies Turn Out, Too.

The large attendance, the representative nature of the gatherings and the enthusiasm shown at the city primaries of the provincial government party, which were held last evening, augur well for the success of the government ticket in this constituency in the coming elections. It is seldom that primaries have attracted such large numbers, so representative of every element in the community and so imbued with earnestness and confidence. The entire party was well represented, with the faithful workers who have helped with other fights strongly in evidence. There were also many who had not in the past been allied with the party and whose presence indicated additional support from new quarters. A new and interesting feature was presence in several of the wards of ladies, who were ready to take their place in the ranks of the party workers.

The electors of Queens, Dukes, Kings and Sydney wards met in the Collins building, Charlotte street; those of Wellington, Prince and Victoria in Moose Hall, Coburg street; Lorne, Lansdowne and Stanley met in Temple hall, Main street; Dufferin in Young's hall, Main street, and Guys and Brooks wards met in the Oddfellows' hall, West End. In each ward organization was effected with the election of officers, and delegates were selected, those chosen being as follows: Queens Ward. Chairman, J. E. LeLacheur; vice-chairman, F. F. Burpee; secretary, Harold A. Lynam. Delegates: George D. Ellis, Heber E. Vroom, Dr. L. M. Curran, C. H. Knodell, Walter Gifford, E. J. Fleetwood, Dr. J. H. Allingham, Dr. W. P. Broderick, A. R. Melrose, Dr. L. A. McAlpine, A. S. Patterson. Alternates: William E. Knodell, W. E. Fitzgerald, J. S. Frost. Dukes Ward. Chairman, P. D. McAvity; vice-chairman, Alexander McMillan; secretary, Harold B. Smith. Delegates: George Cunningham, P. D. McAvity, Joseph Kennedy, Alexander McMillan, L. A. Conlon, Dr. S. B. Smith, A. G. Potter, C. B. Allan, S. A. Skinner. Alternates: J. B. Magee, R. J. Cotter, J. F. Henneberry. Kings Ward. Chairman, K. J. MacRae; vice-chairman, Dr. C. P. Gorham; secretary, H. H. Scovil. Delegates: Dr. C. P. Gorham, W. H. Campbell, W. J. Mahoney, Timothy O'Brien, H. H. Scovil, K. J. MacRae, Dr. W. B. Wallace. Alternates: G. E. Barbour, D. J. Barrett, H. S. Keith. Sydney Ward. Chairman, William Lang; vice-chairman, A. E. Trentowsky; secretary, B. H. Hawkins. Delegates: F. J. Alexander, William Lane, A. E. Trentowsky, William McGibbon, Percy B. Moore, O. W. Chesley. Alternates: J. T. McGivern, H. Elliott. Wellington Ward. Chairman, Louis J. McDonald; vice-chairman, Horace A. Porter; secretary, C. H. Leonard. Delegates: E. J. Henneberry, Louis J. McDonald, William M. Ryan, Fred McDonald, William J. Crawford, Horace A. Porter, Arthur McCloskey, E. X. Jennings, Dr. E. J. Ryan, A. P. Jennings, T. M. Burns, William P. McDonnell. Alternates: H. Vincent McGilivray, A. O. Skinner, W. J. Thomas, Alexander Crawford. Prince Ward. Chairman, William Johnston; vice-chairman, Edward A. Moran; secretary, James L. McNulty. Delegates: William Johnston, Hugh Beck, J. L. McNulty, Dr. John R. Nugent, Edward A. Moran, Michael Campbell, Fred E. Driscoll, H. N. Coates, James McSherry, Raymond Tobias, Joseph W. Nichol, Robert Burke. Alternates: Roland Skinner, William McAndrews, Edward W. Henry. Victoria Ward. Chairman, Edward A. Farren; vice-

Dever, Percy J. Steel, Thomas McCarthy and Dumphy Downey.

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