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## A GREAT CONVENTION

Saturday's Liberal Conservative Rally at Gagetown.

H. A. Hetherington the Choice to Oppose Hon. L. P. Farris, Should He Appeal to the People.

Federal, Provincial and Municipal Politics Discussed— Addresses By Hon. Geo. E. Foster, J. D. Hazen, Dr. Stockton, R. D. Wilmot, Mr. Hetherington, H. W. Woods, and Others.

GAGETOWN, Aug. 4.— This has been a red letter in the history of held here by either of the great polipolitical meeting yet convened within eral men of considerable prominence, gentlemen seemed the most determinshare in ousting from power the present local government. There was the temperance hall was filled to the doors. Thomas H. Gilbert, the presiin Queens, took the chair, and the following gentlemen were invited to take seats on the platform: Hon. Geo. E. Foster, M. P. for York; R. D. Wilmot, ex-M. P. for Sunbury; J. D. Hazen, M. P. P., leader of the local opposition;

Among the delegates present were: Johnston-Coun. David Hamilton, S. M. Starkey, A. C. Worden, John Mur-Elliott, T. E. A. Fearson, David Fowler, Ed. Wiggins, Arthur Worden, Brantford Northrup, John Jones, Geo. Perry, Aaron Perry, Thos. C. Worden, Brunswick-Coun. Joseph Beach, Elijah Kierstead, Hanford Ryder,

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Cambridge-A. F. Camp, Geo. Robinson, C. M. Colwell, Calvin Purdy, Melvin Jones, Thos. Dykeman, Archie Carpenter, Nevin Dewar, David Vail, Wm. Briggs, Elijah Straight, E. P. Dykeman, Abner Sharp, Wm. Sharp, A. F. Camp, jr., Morris Scovil, A. C.

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Petersville - Couns. Lingley and Woods, Wellington Fowler, Thos. L. Graham, Henry Corbett, Herbert Quinn, Wm. J. Woods, Wm. Howe. Waterborough-Coun. J. B. Wiggins, Arthur W. Wiggns, E. Wiggins, Christy Elliott, Frank Clark, Coun. Thos. Gale, Geo. Gale, jr., Wm. Kennedy, E. W. H. Fairweather. Chipman-R. G. Ritchie, St. Clair

Fraser, Geo. Chase. Gagetown-John Hoben, H. B. Hall, Coun. Fred Dingee, Coun, R. F. Davis, C. L. Scott, Thos. H. Gilbert, W. H. Belyea, B. Crothers, E. Crothers, and

MR. GILBERT, the liberal conservative party in this in calling the meeting to order, said he county. It witnessed the largest and was pleased to see such a large gathmost representative convention ever ering of delegates, every parish being well represented. They had been tical parties and the most enthusiastic called together because it was found that one of the representatives of the walls of the old Court House. The Queens county in the local legislature weather was such as farmers usually take for hay making, but this did not throughout the county. Everything prevent the attendance of over one indicated that Mr. Farris, the gentlehundred delegates, men who felt that man referred to, was going to be given it was their duty to take steps to put a portfolio in the government of which up opposition to the Hon. L. P. Farris he was a forecastle member. In case in the event of his accepting the of- he took the office he would have to fice of commissioner of agriculture in come before the people again. It was the local government. A feature of therefore the duty of the electors to the meeting was the presence of sev- pronounce upon the conduct of the government. Mr. Hazen, the leader of who at the general election did all the local opposition, had shown that they could to secure the election of the government had not administered Messrs. Farris and Carpenter. These the affairs of the province as they should have done. (Applause). Aled among the delegates to do their fred Haines was hardly the man who should be the custodian of the funds of a province. (Laughter). The liberal among the delegates one and all a conservatives of Queens county were feeling of confidence in their ability to win the seat. The convention was called for 2 o'clock and at that hour they should be ready this time. That was why this convention had been called. The large attendance showed dent of the liberal conservative party that they were determined to fight on this occasion. (Applause). The date of the convention had been changed in order that the distinguished gentlemen on the platform could be present. It was a great thing for Queens to have such gentlemen here, and he predicted Dr. A. A. Stockton, ex-M. P. P., of for the delegates a rare treat in the St. John; Harry W. Woods of Wels- way of speeches. (Applause). The ford, Horton B. Hetherington of chairman then proceeded to speak of Johnston, S. L. Peters of Hamp- the great things accomplished by the stead, Geo. J. Worden of Wickham, ex-minister of finance, than whom there was no abler man in Canada. (Applause). Mr. Hazen, too, was a son of whom New Brunswick should be proud. (Applause). At Fredericton ray, J. A. Mathews, Fred Colston, Geo. he had shown up the government in a very unfavorable light. What farmer would like to see his property mortgaged for two or three times its price? Yet it was shown that the government had paid two and three prices for bridges. The revelations brought out at the bridge inquiry were sufficient to alarm the people who had to pay the interest on the debt being rolled up by this extravagant government. Mr. Gilbert called upon the delegates to get ready for the fight which seem-

> ed so close at hand. Morris Scovil was then called upon to perform the duties of secretary. The chairman thought it might be well right here to have Mr. Hazen make a short address.

MR. HAZEN

was given a very warm reception. The gathering applauded him and cheered roe, James Baley, Isaac H. Carle, him heartily when he stood up. He said he had accepted with pleasure the invitation to be present and take part in the proceedings of the convention. The calling of the convention showed that the people of Queens took an interest in the affairs of the province and wished to see honest government. He had very intimate associations with Queens county, and in several campaigns had addressed meetings in the various parishes. All the meetings had been marked with an enthusiasm and earnestness which was seldom seen elsewhere. And in Queens it was noteworthy that the ladies showed by their presence at meetings that they felt interested in the affairs of the county. It was a pleasure indeed to look upon

politics. In that event Mr. Farris general election, wished to state that he waived all claim to the nomination. He added that it would be a high honor to be offered the nomination, but things had arisen which would make it impossible for him to accept. He therefore moved that Horton B. Hetherington of Johnston, who was his colleague on the former occasion, be named as the candidate. (Applause). Morris Scovil moved that Mr. Woods

> duly seconded. Mr. Woods repeated the statement that he could not accept. He asked Mr. Scovil to withdraw his motion. Mr. Scovil acceded to the request, which left Mr. Hetherington the only

The chairman put the motion and Mr. Hetherington was chosen the standard bearer of the party by a unanimous vote. The result was greeted with rounds of applause and great cheering.

In accepting the nomination

MR. HETHERINGTON made an able address. He was pleased to have been made the candidate of the party. (Appleuse). He personally, but it showed that the liberal conservatives were true to the principles they represented and would not allow Mr. Farris to have a walk over: (Applause). He would have liked to have seen Mr. Woods the candidate, and wished it understood that he and Mr. Woods stood shoulder to shoulder. (Applause). The delegates had come here to show that they had no sympathy with the cry, let Mr. Farris go in unopposed. (Applause).

they need expect no reply from him. But the people of the province had put on record as favoring the furnishing of all text books by the governed to remind the gathering of some things which had happened since the last convention was held. A year ago when the soldiers were going from the other colonies to South Africa to power to send a contingent out from this country. The first voice that was raised here in favor of sending out party and Mr. Foster spoke in no unto them emergency rations on which ceived communications from various But for Sir Charles Tupper and Mr.

and Tarte. Would it ever be said representative of Sunbury and Queens that the people of Queens, the sons of at Ottawa. (Cheers and applause). Loyalists, stood with Mr. Tarte in his no precedent cry, with Dr. Borden cheers for Mr. Foster, and they were in his emergency rations purchase, and given over and over again. with the dominion government in

such a large gathering at this season at intended to oppose Mr. Farris? If whatever that neant, (Applause.) He of the year when the farmers were so now was the time to act.

HARRY W. WOODS

Whatever that neant, (Applause.) He was not as mu was fighting no religious fight, but against the manipulation of the funds supporters. Mr. Blair had done much for railways in the west, but what had he done for the Central railway? Mr. Blair promised to give us the St. John River valley railway, but that was as near as the people came to getting it. (Applause.) How many of the young men whom Mr. Blair was to appoint to office had got positions? Not more than three or four. If there was anything in public honesty and public honor, the people should vote for the liberal conservative party.
(Applause.) That party had stood by its policy. They had been true to their principles and never changed. The county electors had given Queens a good council and the various offices had been filled with capable men at a smaller cost to the people. (Applause.) Mr. Hetherington thanked the gathering for the nomination. He did not think he was being put up as a victim for the sacrifice. (Applause.) He called upon the electors to turn to and friends of the party in St. John and work hard and elect him. If he won it would be a triumph for the people. The municipal elections showed that the liberal conservatives had a clear majority of 300 in the county. (Applause.) It would not, therefore, be hard to win, but they should work. It would be claimed for Mr. Farris that he would have the patronage of was putting up such a splendid fight the county and be in a position to for good government in this province. and his friends that in Brunswick and Johnston the liberal conservative candidate would come out on top. (Applause.) Money and government patronage would go for naught in those parishes. The good sense of the people would prevail. (Applause.) He was satisfied that the result would be the defeat of Mr. Farris. (Applause.) He was thankful for the nomination and promised the people that it would be

> fought in the county. Mr. Hetherington was enthusiastic-

as hard an election as was ever

ally applauded and cheered as he resumed his seat. DR. A. A. STOCKTON, ex-M. P. P., was then called upon to address the convention. He said he ask himself what would become was glad to be present to witness such a demonstration. He referred to the general election, and thanked the people for the good work done for good and honest government. He was glad Mr. Hetherington had been chosen as the candidate. (Applause). In the legislature, the speaker said, he voted against the making of the office of minister of agriculture, as it was only calculated to divert money into the further shall you go till there is a calculated to divert money into the change in the keeping of accounts. rockets of office holders. That money would serve a better purpose if applied to the advancement of the interests of the farmers. (Applause). The office was created to give jobs to friends of the government. The government pretended to be great friends of the farmers. He (Stockton) in the house said when the office was made that if it was necessary to have a minister of agriculture the minister should be a which Mr. Farris is a member, and of which he was a supporter at the time, voted this down and gave the position to a man who did not know a beet from a carrot. (Applause). Now Mr. Labillois wanted a larger salary, and the government were bound to give it to him. This meant that Mr. Farris would get Mr. Labillois's place. The speaker was satisfied that when the opportunity came the people of Queens would return Mr. Hetherington. (Applause). Mr. Hetherington would go to Fredericton to uphold the vigorous and manly fight being made by Mr. Hazen. Mr. Hazen deserved great credit for showing up the scandalous state of affairs which existed at Fredericton. What had Mr. Farris done during the years he had been a member of the government? He had done nothing for the farmers of Queens. (Applause). He gave R. T. Babbitt \$25 for inspecting the painting of the Dingee bridge, and the work itself cost about \$6. (Laughter). That was the sort of patronage Mr. Farris brought to Queens. (Applause). Was it not better to have two bridges at \$1,000 each than pay \$2,000 for a bridge which could be built for \$1,000? Mr. Hetherington had brought up an important matter in connection with the school books. The government were making it more important by going deeper into the people's pockets. (Applause). It was unfair to be continually changing the text books at the men to represent Canada was that of expense of the people. Let Mr. Farris Hon. Geo. E. Foster right here in tell the people why he was voting to Gagetown. (Applause.) It was at a put this expense upon the people. meeting held in the interest of the (Applause). The gentlemen were present at great inconvenience, and it certain way as to Canada's duty. showed that they were after the gov-(Applause.) The government after a ernment. The present administration time decided to send troops out. But were conducting the affairs of the when they got there they sent out province by a system of deals, and the man who introduced that system was they would have starved. (Applause.) A. G. Blair. What benefits had Queens county received from having Mr. Blair parts of the province stating that the Foster, Canadian heroism would as their representative? Would it not never have had the chance to display be better to have a man who would itself on the veldts of South Africa, side look carefully after the requirements by side with the tried soldiers of the of the county? The liberal conservamother land and the volunteers from tives of Queens about a year ago tenthe other colonies. (Great applause.) dered to Hon. Geo. E. Foster the fed-If Mr. Farris was elected it would be eral nomination. (Applause). Whether claimed that Queens had vindicated that gentleman intended to accept it the federal and local governments, and or not he did not know, but if he did approved of the conduct of Laurier accept, Mr. Foster would be the next

Dr. Stockton declared that Queens their anti-British policy. Mr. Hether- had got nothing out of the provincial ington referred to the speech he was treasury. The new council, controlled charged with having made some time as it was by the conservative party, since. He never gave utterance to had carried out all the promises made. any such remarks and proved it by The dominion and provincial governaffidavits. An officer of the local gov- ments had not done that, however. ernment who refused to sign an affi- (Applause). Dr. Stockton pointed out charges. (Applause.) He was satisfied the convention would do what ington) did nake the speech, had province had been rolled up from \$46,was best in the interests of the prov- since lost his job. (Applause.) At the 000 in 1883 to \$140,000 in 1899. This took ince. (Applause.)

The chairman remarked that the were used against him. It was said meeting was a business meeting. Was at one place that he was a C. P. R. a state now as five or ten years ago.

Dr. Stockton here called for three

was fighting no religious fight, but against the manipulation of the funds of the province in the manner they were being used. (Applause.) The local politics. In closing he congratuped the great things by Mr. Blair and his chosen as the candidate and Mr. Hazen on the fact that such an excellent man had been selected. (Great applause).

R. D. WILMOT, EX-M. P.

for Sunbury, was warmly received. He said he was glad Mr. Hetherington had been chosen. He impressed upon the people the necessity of working hard to secure Mr. Hetherington's election. They would have two governments against them, so that hard work was essential. This election was a sort of feeler. Since the parish elections Mr. Blair had become afraid to offer in Sunbury and Queens again. If Mr. Farris were elected it would give him hope, but if Mr. Farris were defeated Mr. Blair would give up the united counties as a bad job. (Applause).

HON. MR. FOSTER

rose he was cheered again and again. He began with the statement that the Kings rather deprecated the calling of this convention at this busy season, but he was pleased to find such an immense gathering. It was a splendid advertisement to have men ready to come out at this time when they had nothing to gain by it personally. It must be cheering to Mr. Hazen, who spend money here lavishly. Let him (Applause). It must be cheering to Dr. try it. He could assure Mr. Farris Stockton, who fought the same fight for years. It was cheering to himself to see this uprising against bad government. (Applause). Let the enemy put in their ledger influence, but it could never serve to overwhelm or drown out the spirit of the people. (Applause). We had been carried to a place where two roads parted, and must consider which to take. One road if taken would lead to a condition from which we could not retrieve ourselves. The other led to a public life which was cleaner and better than we had now. People were being impelled in the direction of the last named road. (Applause). Our duty as citizens was paramount, and we felt like following the better influences of our hearts. Let any business man of his business if he had no better system of keeping his accounts than the local government had, as developed at the bridge inquiry? Bills were paid without account or audit. What business would go on without keeping accounts and having them audited? What municipal council would think of going on in that way? We should say to the government, no The people should tell Mr. Farris to money was expended. (Applause.) That was the question for settlement, and if public sentiment did not stand out for a change he was mistaken with regard to it. (Applause.) That was what had brought so many of the electors here on this occasion. Why was it that a man kept no accounts? There could be no reason except that he did not want to keep Why did he not want to keep them? Because he did not want people to see them and did not want people to know how things were going on. (Applause.) Mr. Emmerson swore that he ordered so much money paid to settle for bridges. When asked where the accounts were, Mr. Emmerson said he could not produce them. Nor could the officers of the government do so. Mr. Emmerson said things must be correct, because there were his letters authorizing the payment of the money. The duty of the people was to stand up and say, no further shall you go. (Applause.) It was bad enough at Ottawa at the present time, but the man who would attempt that sort of thing there would be laughed out of the house of commons. Was it not better to have four bridges at one price each than one at four prices? The people of Queens were not alone in the fight. The people of nearly every province had been struggling in the same direction, but the system which prevailed here was the most ridiculous of the lot. Think of the government spending \$100,000 to \$120,000 for bridges without having the accounts audited by the auditor general. It was a fact, though hard to believe. The government at Ottawa had adopted the provincial electoral lists. The liberal party at Ottawa had allied itself closely with the liberal party in this province. That was why the liberal conservatives should work together in dominion and provincial elections. Who was it that introduced political issues into municipal affairs? It was the liberals in order to get charge of the voters' lists. (Applause.) They said we will fight it out on party lines, and they got the worst of it in Queens and Westmorland. (Applause.) They were shown what their power was. (Applause.) They were taught a lesson, and in these counties the liberal conservatives had the power in their own hands. (Applause.) In Queens the council had authority to put good men into office and they did it. (Applause.) With the local government extravagance had become economy. It was for the liberal conservatives to turn them out. (Ap-When the dominion elecplause.) tions would be brought on no man The only course to pursue, knew. therefore, was to prepare at once. Then the party would be ready no matter when they came on. His own opinion was we would be apt to see the elections some time in October if the liberals could get their courage screwed up to the sticking point. They were to have been held last fall and again in January, but both times they were deferred. He had never known a time when more attention

was paid to political affairs.

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busy. It must have been at great inconvenience that they had come. They had assembled to nominate a candidate to oppose Mr. Farris in case he came back for re-election. It was, he was assured, the largest and most representative convention ever held in the county. This augured well for the success of the candidate who should be named. The liberal conservatives of Queens were setting the party elsewhere an example that they would do well to follow. It was the first trumpet sound in the campaign, and the people of Queens seemed to be up and ready for the fight. (Applause). The feeling was fast gaining ground that the premier was about to sever connection with the province to go on the bench or enter the arena of dominion politics. In that event Mr. Farris general election, wished to state that was taken and the general election, wished to state that the general election, wished to state that would be promoted from the forecastle to the office of minister of agriculture.

Mr. Farris had represented the county for some years, during which he gas a thick and thin support to the government. Strength was given to this from the fact that Mr. Farris was going about the county for the purpose of ascertaining what his chances were. This convention had been called to put be made the candidate. This was up a candidate to oppose him, and the result would be that Mr. Farris would be left at home. (Applause). Of late there had been a great upheaval in provincial politics. In Ontario the government had been fought to a standstill. How they had managed to hold was now known to the public, and | nemination. the facts were such as to bring the blush of shame to the cheeks of the people. A fearful state of affairs had been revealed in that province. In Prince Edward Island the government had secured a majority of one and had kept themselves in power by the purchase of a man who was elected to oppose them. Then take Manitoba, where Hugh John Macdonald, the son of the late illustrious leader of the liberal conservative party, had won such a brilliant victory. (Applause). A most deplorable state of affairs had been shown to exist there. As for that, it, was just as bad in New Brunswick, if not worse. Martin's government had been swept out of existence in British Columbia, and that province had a new administration. These things illustrated that the people were taking a deep interest in provincial politics, and as they turned their attention that direction the old and corrupt governments were going out. As a forecastle member of the govern-(Applause.) The last local election in New Brunswick would have gone otherwise than it did go but for the avalanche of money sent into the province by the dominion government. (Applause.) All sorts of unfair canvasses were used against the liberal conservatives and all the patronage of both governments were used to influence electors in favor of the Emmerson government. As a matter of face. (Applause.) The last local election in ment Mr. Farris had shown that he ence electors in favor of the parties. Mr. White was going out at a conservative polled over the interal conservatives polled over the interal conservatives polled over the percent of the popular vote. This a man. Then Mr. Labillois had was a good showing. If there had to be given a bigger salary. And then been a secret ballot we would now Mr. Farris came in and the salary of have a liberal conservative govern- the minister of agriculture was to be ment in power here. (Applause.) As increased. Mr. Farris would pose as it was only five opposition candidates a farmer, but he was not secured their election. A few months qualified to hold down the since Mr. Smith, one of the members portfolio. (Applause). The first act master of Woodstock. To make way the pauper lunatics a charge upon the practical farmer. The government of for Carleton county, was made post- Mr. Farris did was to vote to make for him, Col. Vince, an honorable man counties. Last year he did a great and a painstaking officer, was dis- thing for the farmers of Queens. He missed. The local government thought voted to increase the allowance to the opposition would be afraid to op- two of them (Messrs, Farris and pose the candidate they put up to Carpenter) by \$100 each. As soon as contest the county, but the opposition it got out that he (Hetherington) had nominated a man, Mr. Flemming, and been nominated, the liberals would he came out of the contest a victor. begin to abuse him personally, but (Applause.) In the coming contest in Queens, liberal conservatives would They were not worth answering. He be asked what is the use of opposing was here to fight for the platform laid Mr. Farris. That gentleman would be down by Mr. Hazen on the floors of urged to give the county lots of the house. (Applause.) The text books two-priced bridges. It would be said used in the schools were changed that the election of Mr. Farris would every little while. The changes made be calculated to stimulate the crops. in the Canadian history and the arith-But the liberal conservatives would metic books had cost thousands of have their candidate. (Applause.) At dollars. But money had to be obtainthe general election their ticket lost ed to make up a fund to elect the libby only 128 votes. The party was not eral candidates. To do this more organized then as it was now. (Ap- new text books must be introduced. Since then the municipal elections had taken place. They had to pay for them. He wished to be been run on political lines, with the result that the liberals had been wiped out. (Applause.) For the first time ment free of charge. (Applause.) in its history, Queens county was con- Here Mr. Hetherington said he wishtrolled by a liberal conservative council. (Applause.) New officers had been put in and the county was never as well off as now. (Applause.) Taking up the bridge charges, Mr. Hazen said the record of the government had fight for the Empire, the government been shown up as it never had been of Canada said they did not have revealed before. He made the charges against the government and said he could prove them. He had kept his word. (Great applause.) Mr. Emmerson's estimates as to the cost of the bridges had been shown to be untrue. (Applause.) A state of affairs had been disclosed in connection with the public works department of the province that was a scandal and a disgrace. (Applause.) No business man would think of keeping his books as the government did. Since these charges had been proven he had refate of the government was sealed, that the time had come when they must step out and make room for better men. (Applause.) Mr. Emmerson had the support of the liberals because he catered to them. Now, when the change came, would the liberals accept Mr. Tweedie, who had veered with every breeze of public opinion. A leading liberal newspaper man in St. John the other day told him that the liberals could not swallow Mr. Tweedie. In this campaign the liberal conservatives would have to appeal to the intelligence of the people to stand by them. The government was in the

hands of men who were there for their own personal ends and not for the advancement of the interests of the province. Mr. Hazen declared that

man on any platform the bridge

he was prepared to discuss with any

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