

# OPPOSITION TICKET CARRIES CITY BY MAJORITY OF 800

## McKeown and Lowell Hold St. John County With a Substantial Number to the Good

### Wild Enthusiasm in Opposition Headquarters as Returns Show Sweep of the City and Overthrow of the Government--A Disconsolate Gathering in Berryman's Hall--Opposition Carried All the Wards in the City Except Three, Wilson Leading the Poll.

Such a political upheaval in St. John city has not been known in years. Every opposition candidate is elected! They stood three government to one opposition on Tuesday morning; Tuesday night the position was reversed; Wednesday night the position was reversed again; and there will be found hundreds of votes in the opposition column over the number given the government ticket.

Did they celebrate? Well rather. Oh what a sight that was in Keith's assembly rooms. What ringing cheers and deafening shouts. What unbounded enthusiasm. The candidates were the great men of the day and how their supporters did congratulate them and join with them in celebrating the great victory.

A wave of jubilation swept over the city when it became known that the opposition had carried all four seats by overwhelming majorities. Within an hour of the closing of the polls the word went round that victory was in sight and the returns as they were received not only confirmed the news but indicated that the government ticket had been completely snowed under. The official returns as handed in to the sheriff's office were as follows: Wilson, 4,483; Maxwell, 4,338; McKeown, 4,293; Hatheway, 4,289; Sears, 3,837; Lantulum, 3,782; Skinner, 3,654; and Purdy, 3,648.

At the opposition headquarters in Keith's assembly rooms it is almost needless to say there was a scene of wild excitement. Cheer after cheer rent the air when the extent of the government's defeat was made known. The City Cornet Band was called into requisition and the streets were paraded by a shouting, cheering throng which made a demonstration that will be remembered for many a long day.

The weather was favorable to a heavy vote. Teams were in great demand by both parties and the streets presented an animated appearance during polling hours. The opposition ward workers toiled early and late and entered into the contest with a determination to win. They were naturally jubilant at the result.

In the various places of amusement where the returns were announced the cheering was deafening. In Canterbury street the space in front of the Telegraph and Times office was filled with people awaiting the returns and as the figures showing victory after victory were thrown on the white screen, cheers and shouts rent the air. It was not until nearly midnight that the city resumed its usual appearance and the people retired to their homes rejoicing in the sweets of victory.

## VICTORS GATHER AND HEAR OF VICTORY

### Wild Scene of Enthusiasm in Keith's Assembly Rooms--Candidates' Tremendous Reception.

Pandemonium reigned in the Keith assembly rooms, where the followers of the opposition gathered to hear the returns which changed their party from opposition to government. The assembly rooms from 8 o'clock until 11 were filled with a shouting crowd of men, who cheered themselves hoarse with each despatch received, and gave the successful candidates such cheers as had never been heard in St. John.

W. H. Thorne, whose prediction that the opposition would carry thirty seats, was ridiculed by the government press, but whose prophecy was proven true as he read out the returns in his chair and W. H. Harrison was in his post as secretary.

The cheering news from the city was the first received and was a fitting indication of the trend of all the returns. When the results from the different wards, which the government had formerly captured with large majorities were heard and the crowd realized that the city had elected the opposition candidates with an unprecedented majority, the enthusiasm was great and the rapidly increasing crowd bid fair to cheer itself hoarse before the candidates appeared.

The wards in the central portion of the city were first reported and the election of the opposition seemed certain from the first. H. C. Green reported the handsome majority in Lorne ward, and P. Graman came to the front to report the overwhelming victory in Dufferin. Ald. Pickett brought news of the two to one victory in Victoria and the other city wards were soon heard from. Then J. B. M. Baxter appeared with the Carleton returns, and his announcement that the west side had given nearly 200 majority was received with cheers for the candidates. Ald. Baxter and L. P. D. Tilley. When the totals were made up there were more cheers and every face was lighted with the joy of victory following a hard-fought battle.

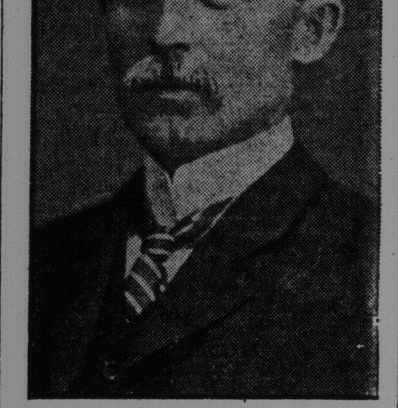
### Counties Heard From.

All this time the returns from all over the province were pouring in and Ald. Baxter repeated W. H. Thorne on the platform. When county after county was reported to have gone opposition, the crowd began to wonder if any of the government ticket would be elected. The news of the government majority in Moncton city was expected, but the cheering news from York, Carleton, Charlotte, Kent and Kings set the crowd wild.

The first advice from Restigouche indicated that the opposition ticket would lead, but a nearly complete statement

showed that LaBilios and Currie had won. "Too bad," said a voice in the audience. At this point Ald. Baxter read an imaginary telegram from Moncton to the effect that Premier Robinson had sent to Toronto to engage an auditor to examine into the returns in St. John city, and the rally raised a merry laugh.

The news that Albert had gone opposition came almost as a surprise to the most ardent supporter. There were cries of "How about Harry in the county?" but no definite returns were received from

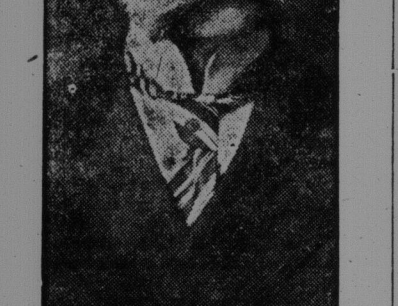


John E. Wilson, St. John City.

the county, though it became generally known that Clark and Mosher had been defeated.

Rupert W. Wigmore was hoisted to the platform to give an incomplete report from Kings county to the effect that the three opposition candidates were returned. The report from Sunbury was the signal for a burst of cheering in honor of Premier Hazen. At 7 o'clock it was announced that the opposition had carried twenty-nine seats, the government fourteen, with Queens in doubt.

By this time the assembly rooms were jammed full by a cheering mass of human beings.



W. F. Hatheway, St. John City.

ity, who had forgotten twenty-five years of opposition in the supreme moment of victory.

### Longshoremen's President Talks

L. P. D. Tilley relieved Ald. Baxter and announced the returns as they were received. When he called for cheers for the Longshoremen's Association there was an immediate and hearty response, and calls for President Sullivan to come forward. The stocky president, who was wearing a white shirt and a dark tie, stepped forward and said: "I am not much of a public speaker when it comes to making a speech, but I am all right in the longshoremen's rooms, where I can throw it into them. I do want to say this: I threw it into Mayor Sears, anyway. He wanted us to work for thirty cents an hour and told me it was all we were worth."

"I tell you Mr. Hazen was the laboring man's candidate. (Cheers.) I want to say a word for Mr. Hazen. Let me tell you he is pledged to include the millmen and quarrymen in the workmen's compensation act, which Mr. Pugsley would not do. I am sorry Mr. Pugsley did not go out in the county to help Mr. McKeown, but that the government would have been defeated there, too."

P. Graman was called upon and said that in Dufferin ward the opposition had not spent a quarter but had won fair and square.

Dr. W. A. Christie, for Wellington ward, said the opposition had to combat all the "forces of civilization," but had won in the face of everything.

C. B. Lockhart congratulated the voters on the victory which had been won against heavy odds. It had been a hard fight but success crowned the efforts.

H. A. Green, chairman of Lorne, was greeted with cheers. He spoke briefly. Dr. J. H. Gray, of Fairville, said the opposition had fought well and had gone down to defeat before certain elements, but they were quite willing to try again and do better next time. Every official of the provincial hospital from constable to steward had stood at the polls and used every means in their power to defeat the opposition.

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Brooks, No. 1	64	65	61	64	65	64	62	61	60	59	58	57
Brooks, No. 2	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92
Dufferin, No. 1	91	92	89	94	122	127	121	123	124	125	126	127
Dufferin, No. 2	72	73	69	76	85	80	81	83	84	85	86	87
Dufferin, No. 3	89	89	92	94	125	125	120	128	129	130	131	132
Dufferin, No. 4	81	89	86	98	108	107	109	108	107	106	105	104
Dukes, No. 1	84	96	91	97	94	90	91	88	87	86	85	84
Dukes, No. 2	80	76	82	80	116	111	105	111	112	113	114	115
Dukes, No. 3	68	65	71	74	139	128	117	125	126	127	128	129
Dukes, No. 4	81	89	86	98	108	107	109	108	107	106	105	104
Guy's, No. 1	52	48	51	53	111	111	102	109	110	111	112	113
Guy's, No. 2	56	53	56	58	118	119	107	114	115	116	117	118
Guy's, No. 3	83	118	90	106	60	65	63	68	69	70	71	72
Kings, No. 1	83	107	88	93	61	56	58	63	64	65	66	67
Kings, No. 2	80	87	82	79	57	52	50	57	58	59	60	61
Kings, No. 3	80	99	81	92	122	120	137	120	121	122	123	124
Lansdowne, No. 1	79	76	72	79	104	98	104	104	105	106	107	108
Lansdowne, No. 2	89	87	87	92	111	108	110	110	111	112	113	114
Lansdowne, No. 3	73	70	72	70	103	101	100	104	105	106	107	108
Lansdowne, No. 4	69	76	73	80	123	123	123	125	126	127	128	129
Lorne, No. 1	80	72	72	76	110	110	103	105	106	107	108	109
Lorne, No. 2	114	106	108	119	110	109	114	115	116	117	118	119
Lorne, No. 3	86	83	81	84	103	103	90	90	91	92	93	94
Lorne, No. 4	143	145	144	147	131	123	123	123	123	123	123	123
Prince, No. 1	136	142	136	140	133	131	127	128	129	130	131	132
Prince, No. 2	135	142	136	140	133	131	127	128	129	130	131	132
Prince, No. 3	108	112	112	114	159	158	153	153	154	155	156	157
Prince, No. 4	103	98	104	109	107	105	95	92	93	94	95	96
Queens, No. 1	92	94	93	101	123	119	115	122	123	124	125	126
Queens, No. 2	79	79	79	79	79	79	79	79	79	79	79	79
Queens, No. 3	82	82	82	82	82	82	82	82	82	82	82	82
Queens, No. 4	104	97	97	102	105	104	99	101	102	103	104	105
Stanley	114	117	115	116	90	87	89	88	89	90	91	92
Sydney, No. 1	101	94	98	98	121	122	116	113	114	115	116	117
Sydney, No. 2	88	88	89	90	134	131	129	128	129	130	131	132
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Sydney, No. 4	123	123	123	123	123	123	123	123	123	123	123	123
Wellington, No. 1	92	104	96	100	122	118	119	116	117	118	119	120
Wellington, No. 2	73	94	78	83	93	85	88	86	87	88	89	90
Wellington, No. 3	68	70	70	71	118	111	107	112	113	114	115	116
Wellington, No. 4	12	12	11	12	13	15	18	12	13	14	15	16
Non-residents	48	3782	3654	3837	4433	4338	4293	4289	3837	3782	3654	3648

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Lancaster, No. 1	55	55	55
Lancaster, No. 2	44	44	44
Macquash, No. 1	66	66	66
Macquash, No. 2	37	37	37
Simonds, No. 1	88	88	88
Simonds, No. 2	86	86	86
Simonds, No. 3	42	42	42
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right thinking citizens of the province. Now Mr. Pugsley had been sent back to Ottawa, rebuffed and would be forced to keep away from the treasury, which had been so long rifled and plundered by political adventurers. (Cheers.)

It was not a triumph for either Conservative or Liberal but the outspoken opinion of every man who had the best interests of the province at heart. He was pleased to know that at the head of affairs in the province for the next five years at least would be a gentleman of such breadth of view and tolerant spirit who would treat all classes alike and establish good government on those principles which commended themselves to every right thinking British subject. (Cheers.)

## The Victorious Candidates.

By this time the calls for the successful candidates became insistent and Mr. Tilley in referring to them said: "If you could only see them now with their laggy face you would see an exact representation of a happy family." (Laughter.) Messrs. Maxwell, Wilson and McKeown were brought to the front and stood on a table high above the crowd. If anyone had thought the huge crowd had reached its limit of cheering earlier in the evening then they were mistaken as a deafening shout, eclipsing all the others, greeted St. John's representatives as they faced the men who had worked for their election.

Just at this point some unfortunate government supporter, who had strayed into the wrong camp, lost his head and began to strike wildly among the mob. He was soon borne to the ground and carried out.

When the excitement had subsided somewhat Mr. Wilson spoke briefly. He thanked the citizens of St. John from the bottom of his heart for the honor they had done him in electing him at the head of the poll. He could not tell how deeply he felt and his one thought was how he could show his gratitude.

Cries of "Blow yourself, Johnnie," and laughter.

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There were very few split ballots, the official papers being used in nearly every instance. A number of instances of two ballots in one envelope were reported, but this was generally thought to be due to the paper used and the fact that two ballots stuck together.

Only in three wards--Kings, Prince and Sydney--did the government party arrive at a majority. The highest number of votes polled was 555 votes for Lantulum in Prince ward, and the lowest ninety-seven for the government in Stanley ward.

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From this time there were no formal speeches, though the candidates were carried into a smaller room and again addressed the crowd. The City Cornet Band was in attendance and played several selections.

## GOVERNMENT PARTY HEAR OF DEFEAT

Berryman's Hall Crowd Did Not Remain Very Long to Hear the News.

It was a disconsolate little band that gathered in the government headquarters in Berryman's Hall. Little groups of the faithful stood here and there and looked at each other. The one question asked was: How did it happen? "Too we're all in, in the city," timidly remarked one man, in the midst of a circle. There was no answer, the tired workers merely stared at him. The returns from only part of the province had been announced by the "ticker" installed on the platform, but they were sufficient to tell the tale of the complete rout of the government forces. The more optimistic, however, endeavored to cheer up the down hearted

with hopes that matters might not be so bad as the night wore on.

"Come on home," said one prominent supporter of the government to another, "we're down and out." "Well, I thought Sears would be all right," was another comment. The announcement from the platform that probably all of the government ticket were elected in Westmorland resulted in a feeble cheer but the reading of the returns from the other parts of the province threw the little band again in the dumps. Then the announcer in a loud voice told that Restigouche had retained the services of LaBilios and Currie and followed this with the returns from Victoria showing that Tweeddale and Burgess were unable to hold their seats; but it seemed that this small comfort was short lived for the result in Albert was a great victory for Dickson and Prescott over Hon. C. O. Osman, the late speaker, and S. S. Ryan.

Then followed Kings for Sproul, Jones and Murray and it was evidently thought best to call off further announcements and those who remained were about to go when Mayor Sears stepped to the front. He was warmly received. He thanked the workers for the efforts of the day, also those who had voted for himself and the government ticket. It must be acknowledged, he said, that one of the causes for defeat was the superior organizations of the Conservatives, as he termed the opposition. "They had better organization than we had," said his worship. "However, everybody worked with a will and I want to thank those who stood loyally by us."

He said that they should not be discouraged, however, but stand ready for the fight as soon as future time. The opposition did not win and had the opportunity to show what they could do. The victory in the city was largely due to misrepresentations on the part of the local opposition's newspapers.

Mayor Sears also spoke of the absence of the use of money for corrupt purposes by both parties and the freedom from personal considerations in the campaign. He was given three cheers as he stepped down.

Mr. Lantulum followed and was given a warm reception. He was in the position he occupied, he said, even though defeated as he had tried to conduct the campaign fairly. He would bow to the will of the people. He heartily thanked those who had worked and voted for him. A. O. Skinner, who was heartily applauded, like Mayor Sears, gave poor organization as one cause of defeat. Two weeks was not long enough to get things in readiness. He and the candidates had made a good canvass, but the time was all too short. Mr. Skinner hoped that they would not lose heart. If they did not feel any worse than he did they certainly would not. All should get their shoulders to the wheel and get ready for the next contest and he promised them if they decided to have others for their standards he would be found working loyally for those chosen. He said that Mr. Pugsley was not able to be present.

The gathering then broke up with cheers for the candidates. Some of the comments about the hall at the close of the heart rending nature. "Order! Order! What did he say? Twenty-one opposition to fourteen government? say, let's go home!"

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Straight Party Vote in Most Cases--Secret Ballot a Success.

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