

NEWLY CHOSEN LEADER WAS WARMLY RECEIVED

Enthusiastic Meeting at St. Martins on Saturday Evening—Opposition Candidates Explain the Good Government Platform.

The campaign of the opposition party in St. John county was opened on Saturday evening at a rousing meeting in St. Martins. W. K. Foster, who recently accepted the office of leader of the opposition, was born near St. Martins, and the circumstances were auspicious. A. F. Bentley, the other candidate, belongs to St. Martins also, and it was evident that the people of that section will give both their hearty support.

In the course of his address, Mr. Foster said that he hoped to be elected to St. Martins, and it was his intention to return to the place of his childhood, though some day perhaps I should like to return. Mr. Foster also asked why I was not a candidate in the city. I think I have just as much right to ask him the same question. But I will answer him. It is for the purpose of opposing the same Hon. J. B. M. Baxter that I am running in the county. He stated, too, that the county had been represented in the cabinet for many years and he appeared to give warning that if he were defeated, the county would have nobody but ordinary members. But you may rest assured that Mr. Bentley or myself will be in the cabinet to look after the interests of our constituents and the province as a whole in a just and impartial manner.

"This, gentlemen, is not a very nice time to hold an election, but we all appreciate the necessity of an election in war time. There have been other war time elections in Canada. It took a war time election to clean up the mess in Manitoba and it took a war time election to straighten out the political life of British Columbia. (Applause.)

Government of Today on Trial

"The government and the press of that party endeavor to link us up with the government previous to 1908. THIS GOVERNMENT OF TODAY IS ON TRIAL, GENTLEMEN, NOT THAT BEFORE 1908. But they single out for attack men who happened to be in the government of that day; first, Hon. C. W. Robinson, a man highly honored and respected throughout the province, and if it becomes necessary for me to form a government, and I honestly believe I shall be called upon to form a government, I could select if it was fulfilled. Have they not kept control of the expenditure of the money and played the game of politics throughout, oiling the wheels of superintendence with a large amount of road expenditure, money that has been taken from the people by means of increased road taxation?"

"You all know the advantages of good roads. You all appreciate what it would mean to have a good, for instance, from St. John to St. Martins. The farmers should be enabled to bring their produce to the market at a minimum cost. People do not demand macadamized roads like those approaching big cities, but they do want roads that will travel on. And I defy anybody to say these roads are fit to travel on."

"You might ask—What are you going to do? I'll tell you. WE ARE GOING TO TAKE THE ROADS OUT OF POLITICS. We propose to have the districts, school districts, if you will, elect road supervisors themselves. Each road supervisor will have the money to spend to the best advantage of the people of the constituency. IF HE DOESN'T SUCCEED, WHY HE WON'T BE ELECTED AGAIN, THAT'S ALL. It is true a statement is filed with the road superintendent, but I would like to know how many of you are aware to whom the money has been paid. Mr. Baxter in his speech says St. John had \$2,250 in 1912 and \$16,463 in 1916. Mr. Foster should have explained the increased expenditures. We know the money has been spent. We should like to know why we have not received proportionately increased value. No man will challenge the statement that the roads today are not as they were in 1912?"

Mr. Foster quoted the amount that had been forwarded to men in the parish of St. Martins during the year to do road work. Continuing, he said: "Under our policy the supervisor selected by the people would present his account in detail at an annual meeting, showing how the money was spent, and to whom it was paid and vouchers for the amounts. We believe that by the use of this method we will obtain better roads. The aim is not merely to get more votes as at present. If this policy commends itself to you

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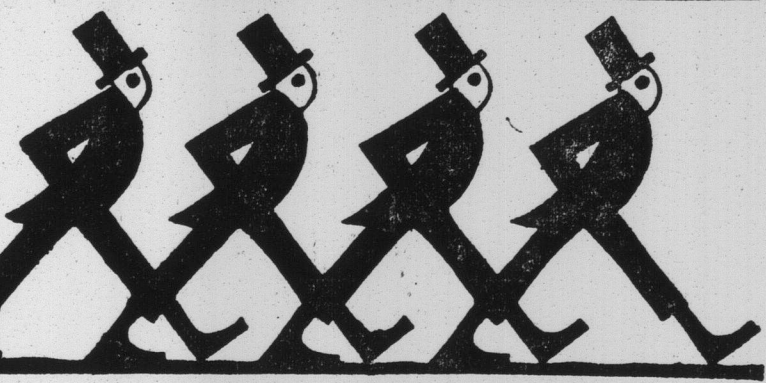
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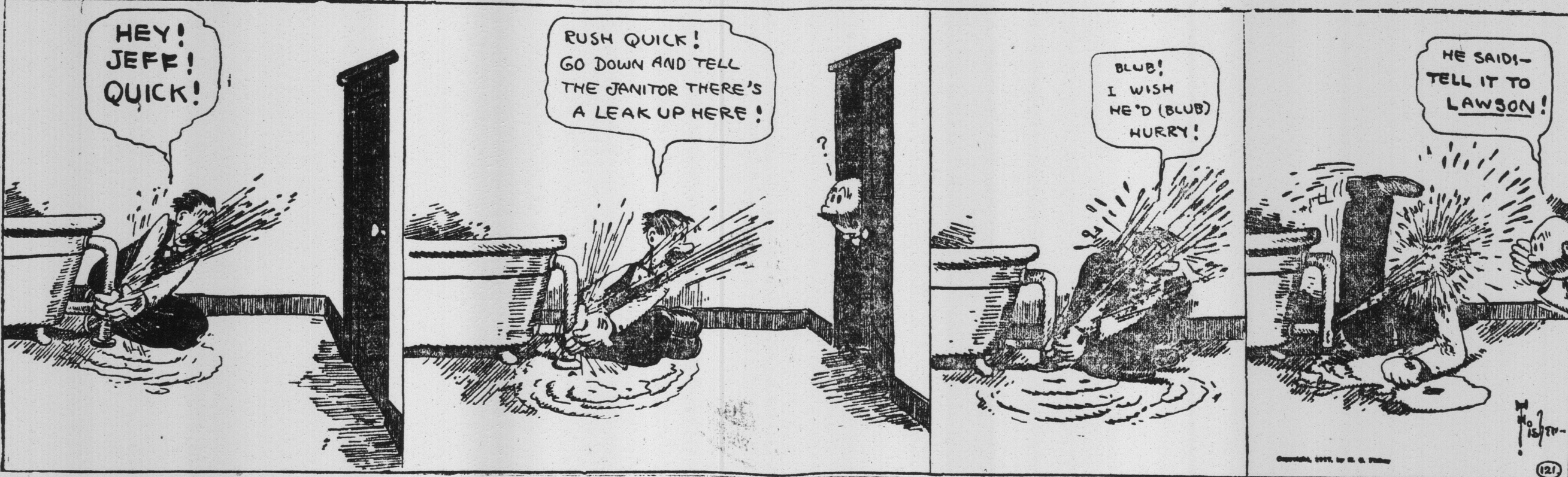
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By "Bud" Fisher

lowered soon by passing a prohibitory act without a referendum as the temperance wad had in the meantime expanded. "But, gentlemen, we do not propose to defer the enforcement of prohibition. The temperance question is not an issue in politics. When the attorney-general brought it up in the house he had to drag it through politics, he gave it its first baptism and I do not propose to do so again. It is too big, too broad a question for that. Temperance today affects every man in some way. Gentlemen, there is a prohibitory law now on the statute books. IF WE ARE PLACED IN CHARGE OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF AFFAIRS IT WILL BE OUR BOUNDEN DUTY TO ENFORCE AND TO FULFIL THE TERMS OF THE ACT. And if it is necessary we will amend it to close up loopholes which may have been left." (Applause.)

In conclusion, Mr. Foster said he hoped that the electors would look into the issues and give support to the party opposing the present methods of handling affairs. He paid a tribute to his fellow candidate, A. F. Bentley, and hoped that he would have the honor of going to Fredericton with that gentleman to represent St. John county.

Mr. Foster was followed by W. M. Ryan and H. S. Keith of St. John, who dealt with the issues of the campaign.

A. F. Bentley.
When A. F. Bentley started to speak he was greeted with prolonged cheers. He referred in a general way to the issues of the day. He thanked the electors for their previous support. "I accepted the nomination," he said, "with some sacrifice, but I will make a strong canvass. This is not a party contest, but a fight between right and wrong. Will the people stand for the things of the present administration? It is for you to say to them: 'You are discredited.'" (Applause.)

"They may say to you: 'Now we are clean; we have got rid of Fleming.' But Fleming is no more politically dead today than is Hon. Mr. Murray.

Councillor S. J. Shanklin, Shanklin Settlement; James McFarland, Fairfield.

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No one dared reply. Tears welled from Mr. Little's eyes and rolled unceasingly down his cheeks. The bustling activity stopped and heads were bowed.

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