

MAGNIFICENT TRIBUTE PAID TO HON. DR. PUGSLEY BY HIS COLLEAGUES AND NEW BRUNSWICK LIBERALS

Banquet Hall of Keith's Theatre Scene of Happy Gathering Last Evening---Pugsley Lauded by Hon. Charles Murphy, Hon. McKenzie King and Many Others---A Notable Gathering.

The complimentary dinner given by the Liberals of New Brunswick to the Hon. Dr. Pugsley, Minister of Public Works, at the Keith's Theatre last night was a function which will mark a new epoch in political festivity and enthusiasm in this province. About two hundred and twenty-five guests gathered in the beautifully decorated rooms to do honor to the man who has done so much for the welfare of his province, and who in doing so has won for himself the name of one of the foremost statesmen of the Dominion. It is seldom that such an assemblage of distinguished citizens gather together for any purpose and last night they were there prepared to show to the Dominion that the Liberals of this province are eager to give to Dr. Pugsley their most ardent support, to voice their confidence in him, and to express their admiration for his distinguished achievements.

Elaborately Decorated

The assembly room was elaborately decorated for the occasion and presented a very handsome appearance. The color scheme, which was white and white, was very tastefully carried out. From the centre pillar festoons of white garlands and streamers were draped to the corner pillars and streamers of the same encircled the outer pillars and were also used in the decoration of the walls. At the end of the room behind the head table a large electric sign bearing the name of Dr. Pugsley in letters of light formed an important part of the decorations. Underneath the electric signs were large pictures of the guest of honor and his esteemed leader, Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Premier of Canada, draped with flags. In other prominent positions on the walls were displayed pictures of His Majesty and King and Queen Alexandra.

Extra lights placed around the walls also added to the brilliancy of the scene. The tables, of which there were six, presented a very attractive appearance. They were decorated with large bouquets of cut flowers and silver candelabra at frequent intervals and with cut glass and silver, formed a very pleasing setting for the dinner. The guests of honor were placed at a table along the eastern end of the room. Four long tables stretched the length of the room, with another at the western end.

Music was supplied during the evening by Jones' orchestra, which was partially hidden in a bower of palms and flowers.

The guests took their seats about nine o'clock and prepared to discuss the dinner. The catering was done by Foster, Bond & Co., of the Dufferin Hotel, under the personal supervision of J. H. Bond. The dinner, which was of unusual excellence, was ably served by a competent corps of waiters. The menu, which follows, gives an idea of what the banquet was like.

The menu was as follows:
Oysters on the Half Shell.
Queen Olives, Celery, Sliced Tomatoes.
Mock Turtle, aux Omelette.
Fillet of Halibut, Hollandaise Sauce.
Pommes de Terre.
Creamed Mushrooms on Toast.
Spanish Potatoes, Vanilla Sauce.
Roast Ribs of Beef, Dish Gravy.
Roast Young Turkey, Cranberry Sauce, Dressing.
Green Peas, Potatoes, a la Cream.
String Beans.
Roast Black Duck, Roast Currant Jelly.
English Plum Pudding.
Hard and Cognac Sauce.
Wine Jelly, Whipped Cream.
Frozen Pudding.
Oranges, Peaches, Bananas.
Confectionery.
Imperial Cheese, Cream, Sodas.
Cafe Noir.

After the guests had taken their places the chairman, made great applause, presented to Dr. Pugsley a magnificent bouquet consisting of 500 roses, the gift of W. & K. Pedersen.

THE GUESTS.

The guest of honor, Hon. Wm. Pugsley, was seated on the right of the chairman, Mayor Bullock. To his right were Hon. W. L. McKenzie King, Minister of Labor; Senator Costigan and Senator Domville. On the left of the chairman were Hon. Charles Murphy, Secretary of State; Senator McSweney and Senator Gilmore. The other guests were as follows:
Table No. 2—Thos. Gorman, C. H. Labliss, J. W. Wootter, Dr. Hay, Dr. J. Purdy, A. O. Skinner, Geo. M. Ketchum, Jos. A. Likely, Alex. McMillan, Thos. Malcolm, B. A. Smith, Frank Blair, And. Jack, D. Sormany, M. P. P. A. P. Barnhill, J. P. Byrne, Jos. Finley, W. P. Napier, Dr. Emery, F. M. Anderson, O. H. Varwick, W. B. Wallace, T. H. Desabrooks, J. S. Gibson, J. F. Gregory, Dr. A. D. Smith, Jarvis Wilson, Dr. D. E. Bergman, Henry Gilbert, A. B. Holly, E. S. Cart, Deb. Carrille, E. R. Reid, A. C. Fairweather, A. R. C. Clarke, T. E. Ryder, Geo. Waring, Dr. S. B. Smith, G. A. B. Addy, Walter Gilbert, W. A. Lockhart, W. E. Bowman, F. W. Thomson, Walter Allison, J. Royden Thomson, Frank L. Peters, T. M. Cochrane, Jos. O'Brien, W. J. Mahoney, Geo. R. Craigie.

Table No. 3—E. S. Ritchie, Dr. E. W. McIntyre, Geo. H. Morrison, John O'Regan, John P. Morrison, Dr. J. M. Smith, Jas. Huey, W. G. Pugsley, Will Hasting, W. H. Elliott, Morley McLaughlin, W. J. Magee, J. P. Quinn, Hugh Campbell, W. H. McQuade, Wm. Doherty, Ald. Scully, M. J. Nugent, R. Guy Murdoch, E. H. McAlbain, J. S. Gregory, F. Neil Drogie, J. H. Schmeck, J. A. Pugsley, Guy Merritt, M. D. Coll, Harvey Rine, Frederick Tapley, J. W. Cameron, H. S. Keith, W. L. Williams.

Table No. 4—F. B. Carvell, M. P. R. Hendry, W. E. Foster, Dr. G. E. Hetherington, Hon. W. P. Jones, Dr. Jas. Christie, E. J. Upham, C. N. Skinner, J. D. P. Lewis, Geo. A. Knodel, J. A. Barry, D. H. Nae, G. B. Hegan, R. W. J. McCaskill, R. T. Hayes, B. R. Macaulay, J. V. Russell, Geo. Fleming, F. Campbell, John Ross.

sell, Hy. Dunbrack, A. M. Rowan, P. J. Mooney, N. C. Scott, J. H. Doody, E. C. Eikin, Dr. Lunney, Thos. Gibson, Dr. E. L. Kenney, H. N. Costa, W. J. White, Alex. Watson, Judge McIntyre, D. H. McAllister, M. P. Table No. 5—O. Tourgon, (M. P.), A. B. Warburton (M. P.), C. J. Osmann, Wm. Farrell, Alex. Rogers, Ed. Lantana, Wm. H. Barnaby, A. F. Bentley (M. P.), Dr. McAvenny, R. B. Humphrey, John Keefe, W. B. Snow, Dr. J. E. Hetherington, Frank Hawkins, W. G. Scovell, Mayor Miller, Frank Smith, James Robinson, J. D. Philney, Dr. L. M. Curry, Alex. Gibson, Dr. C. F. Gorham, R. W. McLellan, Martin McGuire, John Palmer, Louis McDonald, R. S. Lowe, F. A. Green, W. L. Fenton, D. J. Armstrong, W. S. Hunter, Geo. M. Byron, John Sims, G. D. Grimmer, W. F. Todd (M. P.).

Table No. 6—James Reed (M. P.), H. J. Logan (ex-M. P.), Hon. C. W. Robinson, Edw. Bates, John McMillip, Jas. Barnes, R. P. Hanson, L. P. Parry, H. A. Ryan, A. B. Copp (M. P.), C. L. Dodge, Dr. Smith (Shediac), H. Longley, Mr. McQueen, C. O. Poes, Dr. C. Purdy, Reid McLean, H. W. Cole, Jos. A. McQueen, Frank McCafferty, Arch. Foster, F. R. Dearborn, Mr. Aylen, Mr. Aylen, F. Johnston, D. R. Moore, John Long, John McAvity, J. M. Donovan, F. C. West, H. A. Ryan, A. W. Adams, C. H. Donald, J. E. Moore, Col. McLean, G. H. Flood.

Owing to the fact that a large number of guests came in at the last moment without having signified their intention of being present it is impossible to give a complete list of those present, and in addition to those given above between twenty-five and fifty other guests were present.

After justice had been done to the dinner and the King had been royally toasted the secretary of the committee, H. S. Keith, read communications of congratulation expressing their regret that they were unable to be present from Hon. W. S. Fielding, Hon. L. P. Berdour, Hon. Geo. P. Graham, Hon. Sydney Fisher, Hon. Wm. A. Worth, Hon. Mr. Oliver, Sir Frederick Jordan, Hon. Wm. Patterson, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, James Lowell, M. P., C. H. Hickman, Michael McDade and Mr. Armstrong, St. Andrews.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's letter was as follows:

OTTAWA, 25th Sept. 1909.
My Dear Sir—I regret exceedingly that my personal engagement will not permit me to avail myself of your kind invitation to be present at the dinner which will be given in your honor by the Liberal friends in the province of New Brunswick to the Hon. Dr. Pugsley.

It would have afforded me the greatest pleasure to join with you in the celebration of the birthday of the province, and to give my personal testimony to the high esteem in which I hold him, and to enter the arena of federal politics. His great abilities and varied labors have taken him even beyond the limits of his native province, and much as was expected of him, it is only the simple truth that he has far exceeded the expectations of his most enthusiastic admirers, and in a very short time he has won the entire confidence of his political associates as well as the respect of his opponents.

Be so kind as to be the interpreter of my respect to the friends of Dr. Pugsley that I cannot be with them, and convey them my warmest wishes for success in the demonstration in his honor.

Yours respectfully,
WILFRID LAURIER.
Heber S. Keith, St. John, N. B.

The chairman, Mayor Bullock, next proposed the health of the Governor General, which he referred to Earl Grey as one of the foremost of those who have occupied that exalted position. His motto, said the speaker, had been Canada and the Empire.

MR. MURPHY REPLIES.

When the Hon. Charles Murphy rose to respond to the toast he was given an ovation such as greets few speakers in this city.

He said in part:
Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen—Let me thank you for the kindness and hospitality shown me since I arrived in your midst. On leaving for St. John I was handed a telegram stating that I was to respond to the toast of the Governor General. Noting that it was not dated from Halifax or from the railway reports are drawn up I knew that it was not a typographical error. (Renewed laughter). After consideration I decided that I must have been given this honor because of the fact that Sir Wilfrid is one of my constituents. I may say that he is a model constituent. I do not know of him voting, and I do not know that he has never asked me for a job (More laughter).

Continuing, the speaker said that he came to St. John to do honor to our distinguished fellow-citizen and he added, "I would travel twice as far for such a purpose."

I am free to say that my interest in this province has been stimulated by the friendship of the men you have named to represent you at Ottawa, among whom are Hon. A. G. Blair, Hon. H. R. Emmerson, P. B. Carvell, Col. McLean, Mr. Todd, Dr. McAllister—you senator, Mr. Reid, Mr. Michaud and the others whose claims on your affections make it unnecessary to dwell further on them. Last, but not least, is the Minister of Public Works—he is essentially a big man. He has the grasp of affairs that enables him to see the need of great public works of which men of lesser vision cannot see the entire need. He administers the Department of Public Works not for one province, but for the whole Dominion.

TRIP TO THE WEST.

Mr. Pugsley in the address which he will give will probably refer to his trip to the West. I may be permitted to say, however, that on that trip he made friends of both parties and if he wished to change his seat he could have the pick of twenty constituencies in the West. I venture these things to say, however, that he would not mention them. There has been an idea that there was an antipathy between the East and the West. I know that this is not the case. The West and the East need each other and both will help to build up a great country. The West is not a backward-looking province, but a province of the future. It is a province of the future, and it is only a feeling of the admiration which we all have for the West, and the farther West we have for the future, the more we will have for the future.

The speaker then said that the West was not to be developed at the expense of the East, but that both would benefit equally by the period of expansion. He referred to the vast ranches which spread over the middle country, the mines of wonderful richness, the fruit farms and the immense lumbering industry. The impression all this leaves on you is one of bigness.

A HALFWAY HOUSE.

"The growth of the West," he continued, "is the result of the immigration policy of the present government. Under the former government the immigration policy was one of restriction, which the immigrants were averted to the United States. The immigration policy of the present government is one of encouragement, and it is only a feeling of the admiration which we all have for the West, and the farther West we have for the future, the more we will have for the future."

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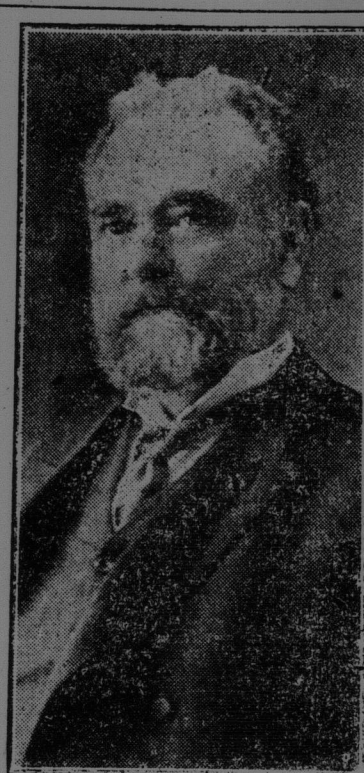
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"The struggle for representative powers which started in Canada 15 years ago, has spread to all parts of this Empire and now we have the great federation in Australia, another in Africa and we will some day have another in India.

"One of the most remarkable episodes in the history of the Empire was the meeting a few years ago of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Premier Botha of South Africa, representatives of conquered races. The conditions which made such a meeting possible formed the foundation on which is built our Empire.

Before leaving Ottawa the speaker had received a letter from Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Minister of Public Works, and I believe that in doing so it will lend its earnest support to Hon. Wm. Pugsley, to whom I wish long life and the greatest success.

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There was a fair expectation that at the next general election the Liberal party would carry all the thirteen seats in the province of New Brunswick.

During his recent visit to the Dominion, said the speaker, he had found evidence of great prosperity. Port Arthur and Fort William were thriving. Twelve years ago they had been villages. Winnipeg was a metropolis. The prairies were thickly settled. Edmonton, Regina and Calgary had grown from hamlets to cities. Vancouver displayed signs of being not only one of the greatest centres of Canada but also of America, having the prospect of taking part of the great trade of China, a country the possibilities of which the Minister of Labor had lately had an opportunity to judge.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley then made reference to the fact that the area which had been characterized as barren and arid. He had found that the so-called extension of the North American desert was producing wheat in abundance and was supporting a prosperous population.

He was sure that the Canadian West had before it a great era of development, but he was not going to advise people to go West. He had come back from the prairie and from the Pacific coast to his own native province with the feeling that he would not exchange his valleys and sunny slopes for all the wheat fields. (Applause).

He had come back with the realization that the ports of the Maritime Provinces were to be the outlets for the wheat of the Northwest. That was a portion of Alberta whose wheat would go West through Vancouver and Prince Rupert. Still but a small portion of Canada's wheat crop passed through Canadian ports. The railways had not been sufficiently well equipped to handle the grain and had, particularly the Canadian Pacific, had allowed it to be taken to Buffalo and exported through New York. That would be changed, however. The improvements to canals and railways would bring the wheat east to Canadian ports. All that St. John wanted was a fair chance and a fair share of the trade. She did not ask for favors. (Cheers).

Scheme of Transportation.

"You, sir," said the speaker, "referred to my efforts to benefit Saint John. The great work has been done here is not wholly for St. John, but because we are trying to work out the great scheme of National Transportation and to bring about the day when every article of Canadian freight will be exported through a Canadian port." (Cheers).

While the government's attention had been directed to this great scheme of transportation, the lesser means of transportation were not neglected. Wharves, canals and harbors were attended to. Transportation was the greatest problem before Canada and it was the duty of the government to see that transportation the Liberal party was irrevocably committed.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley next dealt with

FRIEND OF THE WORKING MEN.

Another interview the speaker had

HON. W. L. MCKENZIE KING.

Hon. W. L. McKenzie King, who next took the floor, was greeted with tremendous enthusiasm expressed in repeated cheers, and the singing of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

Mr. King said that he understood that he was to reply to the toast "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

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with Dr. Pugsley was for the purpose of seeking to ensure that all public works the workmen should receive a proper share of the expenditure.

He then when in Dr. Pugsley's absence this matter was overlooked in granting a certain contract, the speaker said that when he drew this to the attention of the Minister he had his immediate assurance that he would gladly see that the interests of the workmen were fully protected.

Taking up the subject of industrial peace, Mr. King congratulated the fact that even though the business of the port of St. John on its freedom from industrial disputes. He urged that this should be continued and made a real asset of the port in its efforts to attract trade. The ideals of national and industrial peace would help Canada to attain a foremost place among the nations of the world.

In working out the destiny of this country I believe, said Mr. King, that this province will do its share and that in doing so it will lend its earnest support to Hon. Wm. Pugsley, to whom I wish long life and the greatest success.

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