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MR. WILSON SHOULD RETRACT.

Mr. John E. Wilson, in his speech on nomination day, was guilty of gross and wilful misrepresentation or he displayed an ignorance of the issues he discussed, which shows that he is not fit to represent the electors whose votes he is soliciting.

Take one question for example—that of school books. In his nomination day speech Mr. Wilson attacked the government in reference to its school book

policy, and demanded to know why the school arithmetic was not printed in New Brunswick. He said that while this book contained no expensive maps, as does the geography, it was nevertheless printed outside the province and supplied through a St. John man at a big profit, and that, therefore, the people had to pay two prices for it.

This is untrue. The truth is that Mr. George A. Knodell, of this city, prints the arithmetic, does it cheaply, and turns out an excellent book. This fact was doubtless known to Mr. Wilson last Saturday when he was assailing the government. At all events he should have made himself acquainted with the truth before he undertook to tell the electors how the government had sinned.

There was Mr. Wilson waxing virtuously indignant over the misconduct of the administration when as a matter of fact the government had taken exactly the course which he said was the right one. A man who is as reckless of speech as Mr. Wilson has shown himself to be, who stoops so readily to deception for the purpose of political advantage, is not made of sound representative timber. It is all very well to be a good fellow, but when the electors choose a man to represent them in the legislature they do not want one who is ignorant of the facts of the day or who distorts the facts for his own purposes.

One after another the "sensations" of the opposition candidates are exploded. It becomes more and more apparent, as the campaign approaches its close, that Mr. Hazen and his supporters have not a single issue of gravity upon which to appeal to the people of the province. Mr. Wilson should have investigated the opposition course more closely before he was led to contribute his money and his time to promoting the Tory interests in the campaign against the party of the people. And, having cast his lot with the Tory machine he should touch only those questions on which he is qualified to speak—there are any such—and then tell the truth. It pays best in the end.

A TRICKY CANVASS.

The opposition candidates are trying to deceive the voters. In Carleton, for instance, when they talk to a Conservative they tell him the present contest is a straight party fight and that it will be a great Tory victory if Mr. Hazen and his men are elected. When they approach a Liberal or an independent they insist that there is no party politics in this campaign at all, that it is merely a question of defeating the Tweedie government and that the Liberal party will not suffer by that result.

Voters should not be deceived by these characteristic attempts to dodge the issue. Four Liberals are opposing four Conservatives in St. John, and the battle is simply one to decide whether Liberals or Tories shall rule this great constituency. The defeat of the local government would be a serious blow to Liberal prestige and would be heralded as evidence that the Liberal party was losing its grip upon the province.

Many great interests are at stake, St. John, which is just beginning to feel the benefits of the winter port business, has to thank the Liberal party for much. That party should be strengthened in every possible way by the electors in order that its Liberal representatives may push forward the city's claims and secure for it the aid which is needed in order that the future development of the port may be promoted to the fullest extent possible. The people should consider the city's welfare, and they should not be led away by the Tory plea that the contest is not one of parties. St. John's best friends will be the men who roll up a majority for the Liberal candidates and defeat the attempt to injure the dominant party at a time when its continued success means so much for the city.

A vote for the Liberal candidates is a vote for St. John's prosperity.

BROTHER-IN-LAW ANDERSON.

Mr. Fred Sprout's brother-in-law, Mr. F. M. Anderson, set forth his views on some aspects of politics in the Sun yesterday, or the Sun editor did it for him. Like Mr. O'Connell, Mr. Anderson has been unable to secure the publicity he desires except by going to the Sun, and so he is regarded with some amusement by Liberals when he makes a mistake as Mr. Anderson has made as serious a mistake as a man of his size can make, but the shock to the Liberal party is not negligible. Mr. Anderson is shaken, and he imagines that the province quivers in sympathy. It is not so. The province does not tip when he moves from one side to the other. When he described himself the other day as a fly on a wheel he had no need to add what everyone knew he was thinking—"And see what a dust I am raising." He started wrong when he allowed Mr. Fred Sprout to make his politics for him. It is not strange therefore that he is found making frantic statements about himself in the most violent but not the most widely circulated partisan Tory newspaper in the Dominion.

Mr. Anderson's sense of proportion is no better developed than his sense of humor. If he were not so he would see that he is not and never was a factor of importance in the Liberal organization, and he would know that when the Sun seizes upon him for the moment as a tool of the Conservative machine his position becomes somewhat ridiculous.

In fact Mr. Anderson, whose itch for office has been stronger than his sense of public duty and party allegiance, is today in the position of the village constable who

walked in a procession and whom a country newspaper described, in its account of the proceedings, as a "platoon of police." Thereafter the constable's exaggerated idea of his own importance rendered him useless. The Sun has described Mr. Anderson as a Liberal of some influence and, if one studies the interview prepared for him or by him and granted in the Sun yesterday, the conclusion is inevitable that the candidate's head and inflated it until its proportions are painful.

It was Mr. Anderson's custom some months ago to speak frequently of Hon. H. R. Emerson. He has had nothing to say about Mr. Emerson of late, because the former Premier has taken the position that the duty of every Liberal at the present time is to support the successful local government whose overthrow is sought by the Conservatives. This cuts the ground from beneath the feet of Mr. Anderson.

Likely enough Mr. Anderson, at the time he allowed himself to be led away by his Tory friends and accepted a Tory nomination at St. Martin's, believed he was leading what would grow into a considerable deflection. He has learned how mistaken he was. There was nothing left for him but to make the running in the evil political company whose bait he had taken and whose tool he had become, but at least he should not put himself forward as a Liberal guide or permit the Sun newspaper to do so.

Mr. Anderson represents a mistake. But it is not a mistake which can seriously affect any one but himself, as will be more apparent hereafter. The Sun describes this gentleman as a "platoon of police" for campaign purposes only. It will speak of him as a simple constable after the election.

Whatever Mr. Fred Sprout is politically, Mr. Fred Anderson is also. Any man whose politics is made for him by Mr. Sprout is a small man whose vagaries are of slight consequence.

A TORY FALSEHOOD AND THE ACTUAL FACTS.

The Tories who are opposing the Tweedie government, and seeking to overthrow it in order to aid the shattered Conservative cause in St. John and elsewhere, began the campaign last autumn by placing before the electors a great many slanders. The opposition has stuck to these slanders. It is characteristic of them. They have repeated falsehood after falsehood after it has been repeatedly disproved. They fear the facts, and they feared, above all things, that the facts would become known to the electors before polling day.

Possibly the favorite falsehood of the opposition orators has been the statement that in one year Attorney-General Pugsley received \$9,000 from the provincial treasury without giving service therefor. But the fact is that the Attorney-General received no such amount, and that what he did receive was a reasonable amount which lawyers would say was moderate in view of the work done and the fact that Dr. Pugsley is in the front of the legal profession in Canada.

Dr. Pugsley actually did receive exactly \$2,730. He has explained, on many occasions, just what the figure was but the Tory newspapers and the opposition speakers have religiously ignored the facts, preferring to repeat what they knew to be false instead of telling the plain truth.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley in his speech at Petitcodiac, made a plain statement about the matter which is a complete answer to the Tory charges. We quote from the report of our correspondent:

Year before last, after the successful closing up of the Eastern Extension claim, the government had settled with him for his counsel fees and expenses during the four years that he had been prosecuting the claim, and had paid him what every body, with knowledge of the facts of the charges counsel make in important cases, would say was only a fair and reasonable sum. Dr. Pugsley was a member of the government for a little over two years, and at the fiscal year which closed on the 31st of last October, he had received only \$2,730, which amount included his salary, his seasonal indemnity, traveling expenses, and the sum of \$130, being charges in connection with the collection of nearly \$17,000 of succession duties.

This opposition speaker must be aware of the fact, and yet they seek to create an impression that he was being paid three times the amount which he actually received. Referring to the collection of succession duties, the Attorney-General stated that since September of 1899, when he became attorney-general, he had collected \$51,933.36 of succession duties, in connection with which a great amount of work had to be performed, and the whole amount of his charges in connection with the collection of this large amount was \$793.31.

These are the facts, yet so lost are the opposition speakers and press to all sense of fairness, and so eager are they to create false impressions, that even yesterday in city and county and province, they were repeating the same old falsehoods. The truth is good enough.

THE CLOSING RALLY.

At a time when the Conservatives are boasting about the strength of their candidates in St. John, a rally like that of the Liberal party in the York Theatre last evening goes far to show that the Tory boasts are merely campaign talk without facts behind them. All unprejudiced men who were present know and will say Wednesday's meeting was a splendid one and that the spirit displayed by the great audience was in a marked degree favorable to the government cause and indicative of a great Liberal success in this constituency.

In many respects the meeting was a remarkable one. Held, as it was, at a time when the public was likely to re-

gard the issues of the campaign as pretty thoroughly threshed out, the house was crowded and the gathering was enthusiastic until the end when Hon. D. C. Fraser's eloquent peroration elicited a standing cheer. Mr. Fraser, a man of great gifts, made new friends last night, and so added to a list already long for him, and deservedly so, a great reward here. He exposed many opposition slanders and presented most effectively the reasons why St. John should be steadfast in its adherence to the Liberal party at this time, when so many great interests are involved, when an attempt is being made to knife the party to which the city owes so much and from which it has so much to expect.

Hon. Mr. McKewen's defence of the administration was an admirable one. Forcibly and concisely he answered the charges made by the opposition and showed that the fiscal policy of the government had been one which carefully promoted the interests of the city and the province. Mr. Carleton's telling arrangement of the so-called labor candidates and his masterly handling of the labor question made it more than ever clear how weak is the position of Messrs. Hatheway and McInerney and how shallow are the excuses they offer for appealing to the electors at this time. Mr. Carleton, who has rendered admirable service to his party in this campaign, has seldom if ever made an address more finished than that for which he was so liberally applauded last night.

Mr. George Robertson received a most hearty reception. His services for St. John in connection with the winter port, and his unfailing and studious regard for the interests of his constituents are fully appreciated. All in all it was a fine meeting and it may fairly be regarded as forecasting a signal success on Saturday next.

OPPOSITION.

St. John elected one opposition member in 1899. What has he done? Stupidly opposed useful legislation and stood in the way of the progressive policy of the government in respect to many measures, notably in regard to the agricultural policy.

Where do the present opposition stand in regard to the great public questions before the electors today? They follow a man who says New Brunswick should not receive its share of the Fishery award and apply that money, New Brunswick's money, to the great and growing needs of the province. They follow a man who says the readjustment of the Dominion subsidies, by which our income would be increased enormously, is unnecessary, whereas it is known that the additional income is demanded by the public service and could be applied with immense benefit to the needs of the country. They follow a man who is content to stand idly by while it is proposed to reduce New Brunswick's representation at Ottawa and ultimately lessen to a most serious extent our influence in the federal council.

The present government, on the other hand, has been most aggressively asserting the rights of the province.

Can St. John hope for any good by voting for Mr. Hazen's candidates? It appears not. The opposition candidates do not stand for progress. They simply are against the government.

And more, they are Conservatives, put forward to make head against the Liberal organization, whose success has meant so much for the city and whose continued and augmented power must mean so much more for St. John in the future.

IN FIGHTING TRIM.

The Liberal party in St. John is a fighting party. It grows stronger in a struggle. It is in fighting trim now. Its spirit has been aroused by recent events and there will be no turning back or hesitating henceforth. An attempt has been made by the Conservatives in this constituency to confuse the issue. This attempt has failed. Then they tried to prevent the Liberal speakers from obtaining a fair hearing at the York Theatre. That attempt also failed, but it made clear the fact that dirty tricks have been arranged and that hired shouters were working in the Tory opposition interest as they worked in Mr. Foster's interest in 1900.

The Liberals are confronted now by the same men whom they bore down to defeat and routed so utterly in that great contest. Day by day evidence accumulates to prove beyond doubt that Mr. Hazen is a stalking-horse put forward to mask the attempt of the remnant of the Foster party to rehabilitate itself in St. John. The clearer this becomes the smaller is the opposition's chance here. The Liberals cannot be beaten in St. John when they are fighting in earnest, and now that there is a clear issue before the people the Conservative party to increase their power at Ottawa by striving to beat the Tweedie government and so strike at the Minister of Railways, is doomed to failure.

FOR ST. JOHN.

The attention of every man who intends to cast a vote tomorrow is directed to an interview with Mr. John H. Thomson, of Messrs. Wm. Thomson & Co., which appears on page 8 of The Telegraph this morning. In that article it is made clear that men who wish to promote the interests of the port of St. John will use every effort in their power to elect the full Liberal tickets in this city and

county. The leading men of the lumbering and shipping interests are solid in their support of the local government, believing the return of that government best for commerce, for the great employers of labor as well as for labor. Messrs. Wm. Thomson & Co. are identified most prominently with St. John's prosperity. In this campaign, seeking what is best for the city, they stand with Messrs. W. Malcolm McKay, Alexander Gibson, Geo. McKean, John E. Moore and many other foremost men, in giving to the local government—and to the Liberal party—their fullest support at this time, believing that by doing so they are ensuring the continued prosperity of the winter port. These men represent immense interests. They are sound judges as to what is wise at this juncture. They deem it of the utmost importance that the hands of Hon. A. G. Blair should be strengthened now, and see in that course great benefit to the cause of laboring men, merchants, manufacturers and shippers.

The dry dock is a matter of great moment. With the continuation of the local government in power and a solid delegation from St. John in support of it, there will come a subsidy for the dock and additional assistance from the Dominion government. Indeed Mr. John H. Thomson says he is inclined to guarantee that if St. John city and county do their duty, work on the dock will be commenced inside of six months. This, he points out, will mean the expenditure of \$100,000, and the employment of hundreds of men for a period of two years, and it seems strange that any laboring man should permit political feeling to influence him against his own interests when they are so clear. A dry dock is absolutely necessary here. It would bring additional commerce, advertise the port, give laboring men steady employment in painting and repairing vessels which otherwise would never come here, and make generally for the growth of St. John as a shipping centre.

Mr. Thomson puts St. John's case strongly. The plain duty of voters who wish to advance the interests of the port is to support the government.

AFRAID OF POWELL.

The Sun did not report the speech delivered by Mr. H. A. Powell, the rejected of Westmorland, in the North End. Why?

Doubtless the Sun editor knew that the introduction of this man into the campaign in St. John was a mistake. Other speakers were reported, but not Powell. The Montreal Times gave some space to Mr. Powell's St. John speech, but not the St. John Sun.

What was feared here by the Sun was that Mr. Powell might be asked how it happened that he characterized all I. C. R. employees as "the scum of the earth," and how it happened, if this were not a straight fight between Liberals on the one side and Conservatives on the other, he, a notorious Tory partisan, was in St. John speaking in behalf of Mr. George V. McInerney, of Kent.

The Sun decided it was wise to suppress Mr. Powell. In that the Sun probably served the Conservative interests somewhat, and the editor probably hoped that his stifling of the Westmorland man's remarks would be overlooked. Mr. Powell proved an irritating member of the personally conducted Tory vaudeville company which Mr. Borden led through the West. Is there no place outside Montreal where the man can break into print with safety? It looks that way.

DR. STOCKTON'S UNFORTUNATE MEMORY.

At an opposition meeting on Tuesday night, Doctor Stockton sought to claim credit for the Mechanics' Lien Act. The learned doctor should look up the record, instead of trusting to an evidently faulty memory, before repeating his statement.

A reference to the journals of the legislative assembly shows that the present admirable Mechanics' Lien Act was introduced by Hon. Mr. Blair, the then premier, on the third day of April, 1894.

It was drafted by the present Attorney-General, who was then the law clerk of the legislature, and was introduced and put through the house as a government measure.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

Gloucester will elect three Liberals. That is sure.

Hon. A. T. Dunn and Doctor Ruddick stand to win easily in the county.

Liberal or Tory—which are you? Vote for your party.

Mr. Agar will be glad he didn't get in to the fight so early as Mr. Anderson. He will not have wasted so much time.

Mr. Frank Todd has taken off his coat for the government ticket in Charlotte. That means much.

Reports from Kings county are to the effect that Mr. John E. Moore or Mr. J. D. O'Connell will be at the foot of the poll.

Mr. James Bourke has declared himself in favor of Hon. A. T. Dunn and Dr. Ruddick. The government ticket in the county is sure of election.

What the Conservatives fear most is the united strength of the Liberal party in

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Many Hazen men have been nominated. Can you put your finger on one of them who is sure of election?

It's a cowardly party with a bad cause which tries to prevent the people from hearing the truth.

The Sun says this is not a party fight. Mr. W. H. Thorne says it is. The editor of the Sun and the owner thereof should get together.

The Liberal party in St. John is not to be beaten by booting. Men hired to make a noise cannot elect a Tory in this constituency.

The first duty before the Liberals of St. John is to elect Messrs. McKewen, Purdy, Robertson and Lantallum. Give all four a big majority.

Mr. W. P. Jones exploded the Carter charges at Woodstock in his nomination speech. The lunatic canvass is worthy of the man who concocted it.

What does Mr. W. Frank Hatheway represent, anyway? Is it the flour trust, or just Frank? He certainly doesn't represent the labor union.

The opposition canvasses in this campaign is made up of little tattling and the meanest kind of falsehoods, not only in this, but other constituencies—Fredericton Herald.

The Tweedie government is certain to win and to have an overwhelming majority. St. John city and county need six supporters. Make the delegation solid.

Mr. J. D. Hazen signs a circular making charges against the Attorney General which have been repeatedly shown to be false. How does Mr. Hazen justify his conduct?

Don't split your halbit. St. John needs four men at Fredericton and they are Messrs. McKewen, Purdy, Robertson and Lantallum—a solid Liberal delegation.

Vote for the Liberal ticket and the prosperity of the winter port for which Hon. A. G. Blair and the Liberal administration have done so much and can do so much more.

Mr. Hatheway was willing to accept what a board of arbitration said was fair, about the Sun. He couldn't help it. His game had been exposed and his scheme failed to go through.

The opposition has been campaigning since last fall. As yet no sound reason has been advanced why the people should not continue to support the successful and progressive local government.

Mr. Hazen in one breath condemns the government for its expenditure on public works, and in the next says more bridges should have been built in Sunbury. A man cannot run with both the hare and the hounds.

Our reports from the various counties show that the government's victory will be a sweeping one. St. John should keep in touch and send a solid and influential Liberal delegation to Fredericton. Vote for your party.

Let nothing be done to weaken the hold of the Liberal party upon the constituency which gave the Minister of Railways a majority of 1,000 over Mr. Foster. If this were not a straight party fight why would Mr. R. L. Borden say it was?

No good citizen of St. John should make the mistake of voting against the Liberal party at a time when the city's growing prosperity and bright prospects

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