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LIBERALS OPEN CAMPAIGN AT TWO MEETINGS

Hon. Dr. Foster, R. T. Hayes and Others Make Speeches

FAIRVILLE AND EAST SAINT JOHN RALLIES

Minister Goes Into Questions of Policy and Speaks of Work Here.

The opening guns in the Liberal campaign for the coming Federal election in the constituency of Saint John-Albert were fired last evening when the two candidates, Hon. Dr. W. E. Foster, Secretary of State, and R. T. Hayes, former M. L. A., addressed a meeting in the Community Hall at East Saint John and another one in Temperance Hall, Fairville. Other speakers were also heard.

Owing to the weather conditions the meetings were only fairly well attended. At East Saint John, J. C. Dalzell acted as chairman and besides the candidates, short addresses were given by W. A. Ross and E. J. Henneberry. In Fairville, A. W. Anderson acted as chairman. Dr. W. P. Broderick also spoke at this meeting. Hon. Dr. Foster spoke first in Fairville while Mr. Hayes was speaking in East Saint John. The two candidates then made rapid trips by automobile to enable them each to address the other meeting.

Hon. Dr. Foster in his opening remarks paid a special tribute to the worth of his colleague, Mr. Hayes. He said that this was the first time he had appealed to the electors of the county. He expressed his pleasure at the interest the ladies were showing in the campaign. Referring to Maritime rights, he said that the papers were full of the question and it was being discussed on every side. He thought that the policies of the Liberal party was putting forward would advance the interest of the Maritime Provinces. This question of rights, he pointed out, arose because of the spirit of dissatisfaction that had grown up because of the confederation pact. The policies of the Government today were to right these grievances.

The conditions today were partly caused by the decline of the lumber industry, he said. When Confederation was talked of, he said, and when later Sir John A. Macdonald brought down the National Policy, it was believed that it would help all Canada. It was soon found that while it helped central Canada the Maritime Provinces were far from benefiting from it. Local industries were swallowed up by larger ones in upper Canada and local factories closed. These disappeared and now the Maritime Provinces relied on its basic industries, namely, lumbering, fishing, mining and farming.

MEIGHEN POLICY. Today Mr. Meighen was determined to raise the tariff still higher and announced his intention of doing so here. The Liberal party, on the other hand, was in favor of reducing the tariff making its use for revenue purposes only and not to protect powerful interests so that the manufacturers could sell their goods just below the cost of goods imported under a high tariff and then place huge profits in their pockets. In 1921, the speaker continued, Hon. Mr. Drayton, Finance Minister in the Meighen Government, gave out that there was an adverse trade balance of \$29,000,000. At that time \$860,000,000 products were exported to the United States and \$860,000,000 imported from

that country. By 1924, under the King Government, he said, the adverse trade balance had been wiped out and a favorable balance created of \$281,000,000. Deposits in the banks had increased and this money was available for further expansion. He felt that prosperity was returning now and the Maritime Provinces would benefit.

The Canadian dollar, he declared, was worth only about 80 cents in the United States in 1921 and now it was back at par under the Liberal rule. The customs tariff on many implements of



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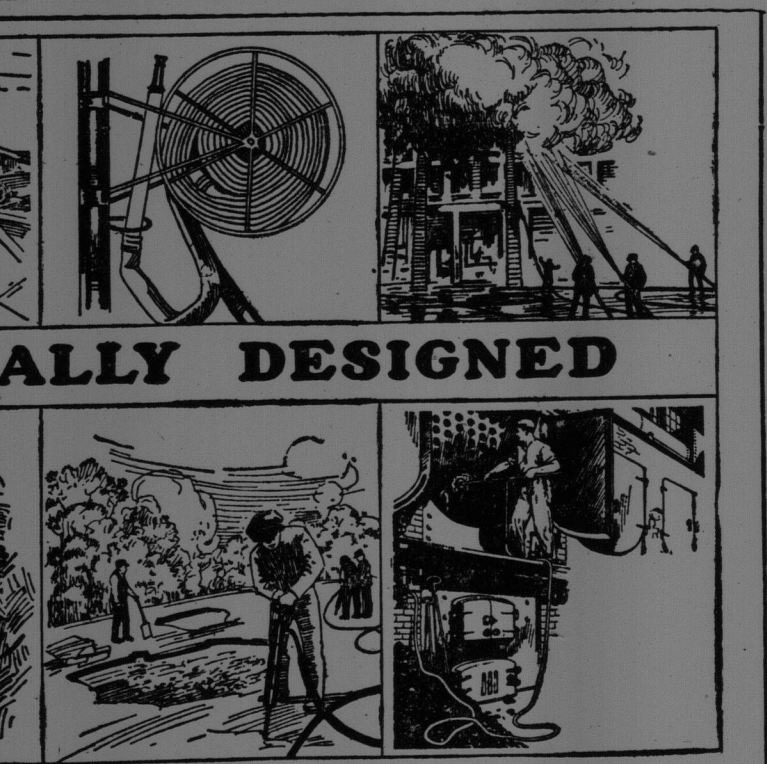
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Industry had been materially reduced and the party intended to still further reduce tariff on necessities and secure the revenue from articles classed as luxuries.

Turning to harbor improvements, the speaker said that he had been criticized because he had not spent the money on the west side instead of at Courtney Bay. He said that further facilities were needed to enable the western shipper to be certain that regular steamers would be available on all occasions to handle shipments without delay.

He outlined the work to be done under the order-in-council at Courtney Bay, mentioning the four wharves in the first unit of development with an elevator, sheds, new potato warehouse. He asserted that the \$300,000 voted was to be followed by large additional sums as the money was needed to carry on the work.

The Government, he felt, was not unkind of the west side of the harbor and the C. P. R. He said that the cattle sheds were to be further extended and \$40,000 had been appropriated for the purpose. Further developments would be needed, and he considered that, as a member of the cabinet, he would be in a better position to urge the claims of the port.

WEST INDIES TRADE. The West Indies trade agreement will mean additional boats operating between these ports and the West Indies, and it is estimated that \$25,000,000 worth of business will result for this section alone. The steamers will take Maritime products to the West Indies and return with tropical fruits, etc., he said.

In concluding the speaker urged the electors to consider whether he as a member of the cabinet assisted by his colleague Mr. Hayes, or members sitting in opposition could do the most for the port at Ottawa, as he was confident that Premier King would be returned to power. He thought that there would be no doubt regarding their answer on Oct. 29.

Dr. W. P. Broderick referred to Fairville as "the Mecca of Liberals," and expressed his pleasure at again addressing the electors there as it was in Fairville he made his initial political speech in 1917.

He said that the Conservative party was endeavoring to advocate protection as the cure for the ills of the country, but he asserted that the "golden era" of Canada's history was under the regime of Sir Wilfrid Laurier from 1896 to 1911. The great Liberal leader, he said, went down on the reciprocity issue, an issue which would have meant wonderful benefit for the Maritime Provinces, which in former years had immense markets in the United States.

The increase in tariff meant, he said, that the taxes were going up just

the amount that the tariff went up. He said that he was against high tariff although he was not a free trader.

In concluding Dr. Broderick said he would give them the following slogan: "If you desire to 'foster' Maritime rights vote Foster and Hayes."

TELLS OF CAMPAIGN.

R. T. Hayes told of his recent trip through parts of central Canada. In Quebec, he said, Hon. Mr. Meighen was not mentioned in Conservative circles, as he was not very popular, and Mr. Patenaude was running the party. He said that the latter had not come out as a supporter of Mr. Meighen when challenged to state his position, but there was no doubt, the speaker declared, but that he would stand shoulder to shoulder with Mr. Meighen after election. In Ontario protection was the big cry heard from the Conservative speakers on every hand.

While high tariff might furnish further employment in a few manu-

facturing centres in central Canada, it would be absolutely no benefit to this section, Mr. Hayes pointed out. It only meant increased cost of living here. While he knew certain industries had to have some protection he was against giving them high protection.

In the shoe business, he said, only 3 per cent. of the goods were imported and these largely from Great Britain under the preferential tariff, so he thought there must be plenty of protection without putting up additional barriers as advocated by Mr. Meighen.

In conclusion Mr. Hayes said that in looking for developments here it was nice to have a friend at court and he urged that support be given the party on election day. He said that he was confident that the Liberal Government, if returned, would be able to make living conditions in Canada much better.

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