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THE GLOBE'S STAND

At the recent Opposition convention in St. John the Globe was mentioned as having known who dictated the Foreshores Bill. The Globe in retort says it had no idea who dictated the bill any more than who prepared "the bogus Rotthessay voters' list." This sets the public thinking the sturdy St. John journal has an opinion if it does not "know." The Globe, once in possession of full public respect, seems nowadays to devote its entire energy to attempts at discomfiting the Liberal party while it poses as their friend. The Globe staff has a sorehead whose greatness did not appear so large to the Liberal leaders as to himself. A senatorship went to one Globe editor, and because a second one was not handed out we have ever since witnessed a childish display of spleen.

A week before the defeat of Reciprocity little groups of Conservatives could be seen discussing the situation with chuckles of satisfaction. That was when they assured of sufficient funds to pay any price for votes, from \$35 for a single one to \$200 for a father and his boys, which was done. Today the same little sidewalk caucuses are being held but the expression on the faces say: "We have got the green-backs but how in time are we going to blow it for votes and not get caught?"

There are a sufficient number of purchasable votes in this county to swing any election. Votes will be bought on one side only. If Smith is elected by the majority his friends claim in advance, the corruption fund to which Elder Flemming "gave the seal of his approval" will be reduced somewhat extensively.

This week's issue of the Woodstock Press is a unique production. The editor seems to be in a maudlin state of hysterics. He quotes a paragraph from Hansard in which F. B. Carvell had the independence to criticize General French, who since—not before—has distinguished himself, and the Press prints it in three places in the paper in as many different sizes of type. Much better had that paper given space to answers to the very pertinent questions appearing twice in The Observer and plainly asked of B. F. Smith, its pet, who held the high position of president of the Canada West India Co., and who outrageously notorious as a passer on the Tobique Indian Reserve.

The early operation of the Valley Railway can be credited to the opposition. Had they not put up a candidate the rails would be snowed under.

Probably there was a by-election on in Queens county the good people of Gagetown would have a railway service too.

SPLENDID MEETING ON TUESDAY NIGHT

Stirring Addresses in Favor of Good Government by Messrs. Simms, Veniot and Carvell.

If there were any who had doubts as to the reception of Robt. L. Simms as the standard-bearer for the good government party in Carleton county they surely were speedily dispelled on Tuesday night, when one of the largest, most attentive and orderly audiences that has assembled in Hartland to be enlightened on the political questions of the day gathered in Lyric hall. Liberals and Conservatives, men and women, sat side by side and drank in the truths as they were expounded by the speakers of the evening. The applause which greeted particularly telling points made by the spokesmen was unstinted and not confined to any one party.

The band was present and played some choice selections in a manner which both pleased and surprised the audience, considering the fact that they are less than a year old. Their playing drew forth much merited praise from Mr. Veniot, who is no mean musician, and who has six boys also playing instruments in a band at his home in Gloucester. The excellent harmony of the band was in thorough keeping with the harmonious tone of the meeting.

S. S. Miller was an able chairman and introduced each speaker with a few well chosen remarks.

Mr. Simms, the opposition candidate, was the first speaker, and his maiden effort was listened to with rapt attention by both friend and foe, and when he made a home thrust against his opponents if they did not applaud they at least bore their punishment stoically. The points covered by the speaker were about the same as those at the convention proceedings at Woodstock, a synopsis of which is given on the last page of today's paper.

Mr. P. J. Veniot of Gloucester, on rising, was given a hearty reception, and what he did not tell the people about the greatest lumber graft in history would be hardly worth recording, and the best of the matter was that he had in his possession and ready for the inspection of the skeptical documents of incontrovertible character.

The eyes of the province were on Carleton county at this time, when for the first time in Canada a by-election was called on account of a premier being buried from power because of graft charges being proven against him.

As a compatriot of L. A. Dugal he had been called to assist as interpreter during the last two sessions of the legislature and, with the exception of Mr. Carvell, he probably knew more of the facts connected with the timber graft than any other persons outside the grafters themselves. He therefore could speak with authority on the most heinous political acts that had ever been laid at the door of any public man.

Although the opposition consisted of "only two little Frenchmen" he claimed that it was the most powerful in the history of the province, as it had done a work in unearthing rascality that would go down in history as a bright spot in New Brunswick politics.

Scenting danger when the so-called Dugal charges were first mooted, Mr. Fleming had attempted to snare Mr. Dugal after the last election by offering him the patronage of Madawaska county as a bribe and invited him to the government caucus one week before the charges were made. It was a bold attempt to choke off all opposition and to prevent the charges being brought before the house.

He had to congratulate Mr. Simms on his maiden speech as a candidate for the suffrages of the people. In all his 25 years career in political life he had not heard a better or more telling one. It augured well for the future of Carleton county when such a brilliant young man can be produced from among the people.

He was proud of the fact that the people of Carleton had decided to contest the county and redeem the good name of the province. On the 7th of January the votes will herald over the dominion the fact that Mr. Simms opens the road to redeem the province from the smirch cast on it by Fleming.

The now Premier Clarke had promised the lumbermen that the plans of Fleming would be carried out to the letter, so he must help bear the stigma cast upon the government by the infamous acts of his colleagues in the executive.

Mr. Baxter of St. John, as attorney general, had promised an investigation of every department of the government. Small as the opposition is they have unearthed some things that even Baxter can't stand.

He would be glad to meet Mr. Fleming and others on the government side in joint debate during this campaign. "We have the thunder," said Mr. Veniot, "and the goods, and can deliver both." It had been proved that Fleming knew of the money collections and directed its disposition. The only other man who actually knew of them had fled the country and was paid to stay away until the investigation was over. Fleming had refused to sign a telegram calling him back, knowing that to do so would be placing the seal to his own death warrant.

At Moncton on May 18 in room 36 at the Brunswick hotel Mr. Corbett, a Valley Railway contractor, had paid Fleming \$10,000. Corbett had asked Mr. Carvell for God's sake not to call him to the witness stand, and on Mr. Carvell's refusal to comply he went to Pennsylvania.

Mr. Veniot said he had in his possession evidence of the most damnable frauds in connection with the public works. Pay lists had been padded and forged. Some had been endorsed by members sitting on the floors of the legislature. He could prove absolutely all that he stated. There had been gross frauds in the farm settlement board, members violating the independence of parliament act by working off property at big profits. Mr. Hay had falsified reports re the sale of lands supposed to be vacant. They had not unearthed one-tenth of the boodling in the crown land department. He had made these charges before and he wanted an investigation, but he could not trust Baxter to get justice. He could furnish evidence that would astound the country if presented before three impartial judges.

Mr. Carvell had been termed a hard hitter, and he was, but the country needed just such a man when dealing with political desperados like J. K. Fleming and his colleagues in the government. After a selection by the band Mr. Carvell followed, clearing up many matters that the previous speaker had left untouched. His address was temperate though pointed, and he was listened to with the greatest attention as he drove the truths home. While many winced they swallowed the pills uncomplainingly. The gist of Mr. Carvell's remarks will be found on the last page of this paper.

One little incident that had evidently been inspired by a coward

who feared the truth was the shutting off of the gasoline from the engine which furnishes power for the lights. Mr. Carvell was in the act of reading a document at the time, but a friendly flash-light bridged the difficulty.

Another meeting of the opposition will be held at Centreville New Year's night.

Gould-Ricker

The home of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Gould, Forest city, Me., was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Dec. 22 at 7.30 p. m. when their eldest daughter Olive Anna, was united in marriage to Harry C. Ricker of Upper Hainesville.

Rev. Mr. McDonald of Houlton performed the ceremony in the presence of quite a number of relatives and friends.

The bride looked charming in a dress of white chiffon and shadow lace, with a gold necklace set with amethysts and pearls, the present of the groom. The wedding march, "Humoresque", was played by Mrs. Hubert Lydic, sister of the bride.

After the ceremony refreshments were served by Miss Inez Clark, Grace and Lela Gould, Ethel Lamont and Mrs. Lydia.

The popularity of both bride and groom was evidenced by the numerous presents of glass, silver and linen.

Mr. and Mrs. Ricker left the following day on the six o'clock train for Fredericton, spending Xmas at the groom's home. They will afterwards reside at Kingston where Mr. Ricker will continue his duties as principal of the consolidated school.

Mr. and Mrs. Ricker both formally taught school at Bristol.

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