SUBSCRIPTION.

ST. JOHN, N. B., SATURDAY, MAY 18, 1912.

MR. COPP'S NEW PLATFORM.

It will be gratifying to the majority of the people

porting for details. Mr. Copy does not early for what your pook leve would lend money to the farmer, tack character of the security the would require, nor, and what is most time promited of all, where he would get the money to bend to the farmer and the nature of the security the Province would put up to secure the loans. Mr. Copps scheme is yet too crude to be worthy of consideration at all.

The second plank of this remarkable platform is even worse than the first. The farmers—it is always the farmers—are to have charge telephone swith the Gold Coverment and were in no mod for try than the New Brunswick Telephone Company, and Johd that the responsibility rests with the Goverment to see that the rural districts are given changer and more extended service." No one will object to this declaration of principle on the part of Mr. Copp is a very unworthy successor for howe got how was in 1967 when the Pablic Telephone Act was pushed through the House by his friend Mr. Puggley. Had be put these Hampton views before the House on that occasion he might have been in a position to make this plank of this plank of

IN KENT COUNTY AND ELSEWHERE.

conventions and public meetings already held in the interest of candidates supporting the present Administration is sufficient proof that the policy of Good Government has made good. Kent County is now in line. At the convention on Wednesday the three members who have so ably supported the Government for the last four years were again endorsed as standard bearers of the party in the coming election. Dr. Landry, the Commissioner of Agriculture, Dr. Bourque and Col. Sheridan have deserved well of the people of Kent and they were not slow to recognize this fact by making them again the unanimous choice of the convention.

Premier Flemming who has been paying a visit to the North Shore was present at Rexton when the convention

North Shore was present at Rexton when the convention was held and gave the electors an account of his stew ardship. No Government in New Brunswick for many

is also existed under the old regime, the careless m ted the policy of his predecessor whom he supported

possess the confidence of the electorate. They have the played at public meetings permits of no contradiction on this point.

THE QUEBEC ELECTIONS.

Of the four Canadian Provinces in which the Libe Government's record and were of the opinion that it ju tified another lease of power. Under the circumstances, as the Quebec Chronicle remarks, there is nothing for the

ties is the same as it was in the last House. There are

possible for the statement at Hampton that ig's ready-made farm scheme does not go far than was indicated by the returns, as they reduced the majorities in most of the constituencies. Still, for all that in Laurier's pet Province they have much leeway to make up.

s and bearing o per three three three three things or knew of them and remained silent. The mr. Copp's proposition to lend money to the farmers "constructive leader" was one of the latter.

Mr. Copp's proposition to lead money to the farmers its as yet only a half-baked scheme which apparently priginated with some crack-brained financier who cared nothing for details. Mr. Copp does not say for what purpose he would lead money to the farmer, the character of the Opposition hopeless and untenable. He could cover ment and as

The farmers of New Brunswick do not catch birds by putting sait on their tails and are not deceived by the hollow interest on the part of those who would deceive them. Mr. Copp is just five years too late with his telephone plank, and it is his own fault. He should have remembered the difficulty of serving two masters in 1907 and then he might not have found himself in his present dilemma.

Mr. Copp has also a policy on roads, but he is not quite sure himself just what that policy is, He fears to trust the Municipal Councils, and he is apparently affaid of the people because they might find some way of getting away with the money without spending it on the roads. Evidently Mr. Copp has painful recollections even yet of some of the road superintendents appointed by the old Government. Mr. Copp's stand on the road question is heartily endorsed by the has amended it by getting something better and more definite.

Mr. Copp does not grow in wisdom as the time for election approaches. He has abandoned his charges of hroken piedges and ill-treatment of Liberal office holders, and brought out a platforn so crude as to be ridiculous, and which no appreciable body of the electorate will consider seriously. It will make even more certain his own defeat and that of his following. As a "constructive statemman" Mr. Copp has proved a greater failure than mass even expected.

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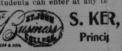
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