

CANDIDATES ON TOUR OF CITY, FIND WARDWORKERS OPTIMISTIC OF VICTORY

Increased Evidence of Greater Support Than Ever of Foster Government; Great Work Being Done by Women Workers

Unlimited enthusiasm and optimistic reports of the progress of the campaign greeted Premier Foster and two of his colleagues on the government ticket during the course of a whirlwind visit paid to all the wards in the city last night. That the organization in every polling district was complete and working smoothly was the assurance given to the candidates by the officers and workers. Everywhere the party was enthusiastically received and many matters pertaining to the voting were discussed. R. T. Hayes and W. E. Scully were with the premier on the trip, as well as P. D. McAvity, chairman of the executive, and all expressed their keen satisfaction with the outlook as reported by the ward officers.

Enthusiasm Everywhere.

The premier and Messrs. Hayes and McAvity left the government headquarters shortly before 8 o'clock and motored to the Odd Fellows' Hall in West St. John, where they received a hearty reception from the workers in Brooks and Guys wards. Here Mr. Scully joined the party and they proceeded to Lorne and Stanley ward headquarters in Main street, and thence in turn to Lansdowne, in the Douglas Hall, Murray street; Dufferin, at the corner of Main and Mill streets; Victoria, in Victoria rink; Prince, in the Moose Hall, Coburg street; Wellington, Dukes, Queens and Kings, in the Furlong building, Charlotte street, and Sydney, in Britain street. At each place, although the pause was only a short one, it was sufficient to ascertain that enthusiasm was running high and the indications were that the government would poll a very large vote in every district.

Women Workers Active.

It was particularly gratifying to the candidates to learn that the women were taking such a keen interest in the election and were giving the men workers a close run for first place in the record of their accomplishments. It was noticeable on all sides that the women deeply realize the significance of the new power which has been placed in their hands through their own attainments and through the medium of the Foster government, and it is practically assured that a record woman vote will be polled, a good healthy majority of which is certain to go towards the mandate for a continuance of the present able administration.

Soldiers' Votes.

The question of soldier votes was brought up at several ward headquarters.

I was brought up on POST TOASTIES so I guess I'm sort of a Post-Graduate

—says Bobby

Bobby

Ward Meetings

Elector's Favorable to the Foster Government

and supporting the following candidates:

Hon. W. E. Foster Hon. W. F. Roberts
R. T. Hayes W. E. Scully

are requested to meet for ward organization, each evening, until further notice, as follows:

Guys and Brooks Wards—Oddfellows Hall, West Side.

Queens, Kings, Wellington and Dukes—Furlong Building, Charlotte street.

Prince Ward—Moose Hall, Coburg street.

Victoria Ward—Victoria Rink, City Road.

Dufferin Ward—Young's Hall, Main street.

Lansdowne Ward—Murray street Hall.

Lorne and Stanley—Scott's Building, Main street, opposite Durham street.

Sydney Ward—Jas. McCormick's residence, 71 Britain street.

P. D. McAVITY,
Chairman.
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the ladies that, when the premier was asked to settle a disputed point as to who was responsible for giving the women the franchise, the premier had replied that the women were responsible themselves. By their services given during the war they had earned the right to vote. Mr. Bentley thought that if the women took more interest in public affairs the political arena would be purer and more wholesome.

Dr. Curran, said Mr. Bentley, was one of the most wonderful men in the county. Everybody knew him and loved him. Mr. Bentley said it was more pleasing to discuss the good things done by the present government than to discuss the bad features of the old one. He did not believe in invectives and vilipendation. He told of the greatly improved road policy of the government. The government had to start on the trunk roads, but it intended to attend to the back roads as well and see that every man and woman who paid taxes received the benefit of the good government road system.

Good roads meant hundreds of thousands of dollars to the farmers, in the way of providing more accessible markets and increasing the value of farm real estate. Good roads also improved rural life. Bad roads made it difficult to keep young folks on the farms as there was no way of getting around the country readily. Now the young man on the farm could take a car in the evening and drive thirty or forty miles before bedtime. Mr. Bentley also spoke of the benefits of the compensation act passed by the Foster government. In the old days, if a man was injured, it was necessary to engage a lawyer and fight the case two or three years in court before any damages were obtained. Now the compensation board attended to all that. The government also was arranging to provide for widows of workmen whose husbands died of a natural death or otherwise.

Vocational training was another indication of the up-to-date methods of the government. The government also had improved the cheese industry, provided flour mills, encouraged livestock and poultry raising, provided cheaper fertilizer and had done much besides to aid agriculture.

The government deserved a great deal of credit for the health act which safeguarded the families of the province. Smallpox had practically disappeared from the province, and thousands of dollars had been saved in smallpox bills. A government which called the attention of the voters and their children was deserving of endorsement.

The opposition had complained that too much money was being spent on the roads of St. John county and that other counties were being robbed. Mr. Bentley showed how little this part of the province got from the old government for roads. Much of what had been spent by the old government had been wasted on the Marsh road.

Mr. Bentley replied fully to the charges that the Foster government had been extravagant, showing how vast sums which the present administration had to provide for, had been incurred by the old government whose "surplus" of \$12,000 was really a deficit of \$1,087,273. That in itself should condemn the opposition party and show that its leaders were not to be trusted, he said.

Mr. Bentley also referred to the graft extracted from the big lumbermen by the men who were backing up the opposition party today. Premier Foster wanted the endorsement of the people in order to continue the good policies begun and to put into effect others now proposed. This included the water power development, lack of which had kept St. John and the rest of the province behind other parts of Canada where industries were attracted by cheaper power.

In conclusion, Mr. Bentley referred to the scandals in which most of the leaders of the present opposition had figured and pointed out that that party in its efforts at regeneration had given the old offenders certificates of good character and placed them again at the fore-front.

At the conclusion of Mr. Bentley's admirable and convincing address he was given a great round of applause.

W. M. Ryan.

After Mr. Ross, of Glen Falls, had spoken of the necessity of doing something to prevent the flooded conditions of last winter and spring recurring, Mr. Ryan addressed the audience. In a powerful address he outlined convincingly the records of the two parties. The big issue, he said, was not the roads or was to have an honest and progressive government or go back to the dark days prior to 1917.

Dr. Curran.

Dr. Curran was warmly received by the audience. He compared the records of Messrs. Murray, Baxter, Jones and B. F. Smith with that of Messrs. Foster, Veniot, Roberts and Tweeddale. He said that Mr. Veniot was the most industrious man holding a portfolio and had gone all over the province many times to see that the roads were put in good condition. Mr. Smith had had beautiful visions of what he intended to do, but Mr. Veniot had done things and drove thirty or forty miles before bedtime. Mr. Bentley also spoke of the benefits of the compensation act passed by the Foster government. In the old days, if a man was injured, it was necessary to engage a lawyer and fight the case two or three years in court before any damages were obtained. Now the compensation board attended to all that. The government also was arranging to provide for widows of workmen whose husbands died of a natural death or otherwise.

At Sussex and Westfield.

At a largely attended meeting in Sussex last evening Mrs. E. Atherton Smith of this city gave a stirring address to an audience consisting of about 200 women besides many men. Her remarks were addressed to the women and she spoke on the issues of the election on Saturday. Colonel O. W. Wetmore, government candidate for Kings county, and Hon. Dr. Roberts, minister of health, also spoke. A vote of thanks was moved by J. D. McKenna, seconded by Charles Clarke and tendered by the chairman, J. H. McFadden.

A meeting in the interests of the Foster government was held at Westfield last evening at which the principal speaker was S. K. Smith of St. John. E. H. McAlpine closed the meeting with a stirring address. Howard Lingley presided.

St. Andrews Meeting.

The government campaign meeting at St. Andrews last evening was largely attended and the principal speakers were Harry W. Mann, one of the candidates; P. E. McLaughlin of St. Stephen, and P. J. Hughes of Fredericton. They all dealt with the issues of Saturday's election.

DR. GRENFELL IN

NEED OF FUNDS FOR LABRADOR WORK

London, Ont., Oct. 6.—That Labrador is a portion of Canada that is going to prove of immense value to the dominion was a declaration in the Masonic Temple here last night by Dr. Wilfred T. Grenfell, famous Labrador missionary, in a stirring address to a large audience in support of his humanitarian work. He said more hospitals are needed for the sick and money is needed to equip them.

Dr. H. L. Paddon, assistant to Dr. Grenfell, said that one of the greatest scandals in Labrador was that pulp lands

were held up. "This would not be the case if we had representation in parliament," he declared.

To welcome their new pastor and his wife, Rev. Harry Clarke and Mrs. Clarke, a congregational social was held at the Portland street Methodist church last evening. Reports of the year's work were read, showing that affairs of the congregation are in a good state. A musical programme was given in which the following took part: Miss Price, Miss Bromfield, Mrs. Carr, Miss Turner and Mr. Lavron. The ladies aid served refreshments.

FURNESS, WITHY'S NEW STEAMER LINE

Word has been received here of the purchase by Furness, Withy & Co. of the Trinidad Shipping & Trading Co's steamers Maraul, Matura and Mayara, together with the other assets of the company. The Furness people will hereafter operate these steamers on the route between New York, Grenada, Trinidad, Demerara, etc. The Trinidad line will be closely affiliated with the Quebec Steamship Company. It is expected that an important tourist trade with the West Indies will be developed.

Oil-Driven Locomotive.

London, Sept. 1.—(A. P. Correspondence)—The first oil-driven express on British railway ran from London to Birmingham today. To the layman, the converted locomotive showed but little departure from old coal-consuming engine. The latter used 70 pounds of coal a mile, but since its conversion it burns only about 20 pounds of oil a mile, and does not emit smoke or cinders.

Hear These Candidates Speak

The Most Important Meeting of the Present Campaign

Will Be Held At

IMPERIAL THEATRE THIS EVENING

At 8.30 O'clock

Men and Women Electors Invited to Hear Discussion of Political Issues by the Good Government Candidates:

HON. W. E. FOSTER
HON. W. F. ROBERTS
ROBERT T. HAYES
WILLIAM E. SCULLY

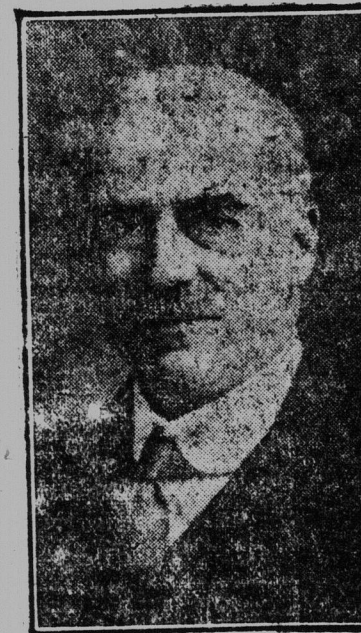
HON. W. E. FOSTER



R. T. HAYES



HON. W. F. ROBERTS



W. E. SCULLY

Meetings on Thursday Evening at Palace Theatre, Main Street, and at Oddfellows' Hall, West Side