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THE SITUATION.

A review of the political situation reveals the fact that the Government have been steadily gaining ground since the campaign opened and from present indications will make a clean sweep of the Province. There is not a single constituency today that is safe for the Opposition.

They counted on a solid North Shore, but have been unable to secure candidates in the County of Northumberland, which breaks the solid North. In the County of Kent, notwithstanding the gross misrepresentation of Mr. Veniot, the Government candidates are stronger than in 1908 and will carry the county by an increased majority. In Restigouche, which has long been a pocket borough for Mr. LaBilious, his influence is greatly weakened and there is every belief that he and his colleague will go down to defeat. The elections in Gloucester will not take place until the Monday following the general election.

In Victoria and Madawaska, where the Opposition entertained the hope of electing four men, their candidates are now preparing for a defeat which seems inevitable. A vigorous fight is being made in Carleton, largely through the instrumentality of Mr. F. B. Carvell, but Mr. Carvell's majority, if he had any majority at all, was so small in the Dominion election that he was unable to secure strong candidates, and notwithstanding the vigorous campaign he has made, Mr. Fleming will carry his whole ticket by a large majority. In Queens and Sunbury the situation is strongly in favor of the Government candidates and the same may be said of Charlotte County which will return four Government supporters.

In Westmorland it is unlikely that Mr. Copp will be able to stay public opinion and secure the election of himself or any member of his ticket. The Government tickets in Kings and Albert will surely be returned, while in York the result has never been in doubt. The desperate tactics pursued by the Opposition in St. John show that they are prepared for defeat, which today seems certain.

Mr. Hazen and Mr. Fleming in 1908 promised to give the people of New Brunswick honest government. They have kept their word, and at the same time have brought into the limelight the corruption and disregard of the people's rights and the deception practiced by the old Administration. Today the electors of New Brunswick realize even better than in 1908 how they were deceived by Mr. Pugsley and Mr. Copp and the other members of the old gang, and the wave of popular indignation that is sweeping over the country from the St. Croix to the R-stigouche, seems likely to deluge every Opposition candidate. If the electors do their duty neither Mr. Copp nor any of his candidates will be returned at the polls.

AN UNWORTHY TRICK.

One of the meanest episodes of the campaign was the trick perpetrated on the Kings County Government candidates by some alleged temperance men. At numerous temperance meetings held throughout that county on Sunday it was publicly stated that the Government candidates had refused to sign the pledge card which the temperance party had sent them for signature. These cards are alleged to have been mailed to all the candidates on both sides in the present campaign, but from the information that is available it appears they were only received by those supporting the Opposition.

In King's County, Hon. Jas. A. Murray and Mr. Geo. B. Jones made affidavits that no such cards had been received by them and each stated further "that at no time have I been approached by or on behalf of the said Temperance Federation or by any person whatsoever, and have not at any time been asked to support or sign any policy or platform relative to temperance legislation." Both Messrs. Murray and Jones are men of sterling reputation whose word any man would be willing to take on a question of this character. But the statements of certain temperance extremists impelled them to strengthen their denial by affidavit.

The course of the Fleming Administration on the liquor question has already been heartily endorsed by a very large majority of the strongest temperance men in the Province, and their policy has still the hearty endorsement of all who desire to persuade their fellow men to abandon the use of intoxicating drinks. The legislation enacted since the present Administration came into power has been along lines asked for by the temperance organizations of the Province, and it may be safely said that no Government in the past quarter of a century have done as much to promote genuine temperance among the people.

The amendments made by the present Government to the Liquor License Act have been such as to greatly restrict the sale of liquor. They have shortened the legal hours for its sale on week days and have closed the bars on holidays. They have also made it possible for the people of a ward or parish to have a vote on the question whether or not liquor should be sold within the boundaries of that district. If a majority of the inhabitants of any ward or parish vote against the issue of licenses no license can be issued.

No expensive machinery is necessary to bring about an election and when the election is held the Government pays the bills. At the very last session of the Legislature the Government at the request of the Temperance Federation, which is now engaged in denouncing the passage of amendments to the License Act which the Temperance men thought were in the interests of their cause. The attempt of the political section of the temperance party to assist the Opposition is rather amusing in the light of past events, inasmuch as the Opposition when in power were charged by the whole temperance party with being friendly to the liquor interests throughout the Province.

So far as King's County is concerned genuine temperance men will be pleased to know that the pledge card to have been mailed several days ago was received by registered letter yesterday and has been signed by the Government candidates. The present Government have no quarrel with the temperance party but are in entire sympathy with every movement that has for its object the moral uplift of their fellow men. This is the attitude they have always pursued towards temperance, but they can hardly be expected to sympathize with those who misrepresentation and other means equally contemptible, seek to place them in a false position. Some persons in authority should certainly explain why the Government candidates in Kings did not receive the cards several days after they had been signed by the Opposition candidates.

ATTACKING MR. FLEMING.

A particularly vicious attack was made on Mr. Fleming by the Telegraph's Woodstock correspondent on Saturday, which would appear to have emanated directly from Mr. F. B. Carvell, who is the forefront of the Opposition campaign in Carleton County. This interesting gentleman, it is stated, waved aloft a letter which he declared contained a proposition showing the connection of the C. P. R. Mr. Gould and others in regard to the Valley Railway that would startle the Province. He was endeavoring to get the consent of the writer of the letter to read it, and he hoped to be in a position to do so when he would show the most brazen attempt at bribery ever made in this country.

Those who remember the famous letter of Mr. Malcolm, addressed to the Government, and marked "private," containing an offer to construct the Valley Railway, have not forgotten that this document was made public through the instrumentality of Mr. Carvell. With this knowledge they will hesitate to believe that if Mr. Carvell thought the letter contained anything that would help him in his former hope of carrying Carleton for the Opposition he would not hesitate to use even a private letter without the consent of the writer.

Mr. Carvell has succeeded in making the Carleton County campaign exceedingly bitter, but he has not succeeded in influencing the electors to support the utterly useless ticket nominated in the so-called Liberal interests. The electors of Carleton recognize that to Mr. Fleming, more than any other individual, is due the fact that the Valley Railway is now under construction and will be completed from St. John to Grand Falls within the time specified in the contract. They recognize also that Mr. Fleming has done more to promote the interests of agriculture during the time he has been in office than any other representative of the county. He has been at the head of every forward movement in that county since he has been its representative, whether in opposition or as a member of the Government.

Notwithstanding the efforts of Mr. Carvell to misrepresent his attitude on every public question, Mr. Fleming and his ticket will be returned tomorrow by the largest majority known in Carleton County in recent years.

MR. COPP'S EULOGY OF THE OLD GOVERNMENT.

Mr. Copp and his newspaper organs have evinced the greatest desire to escape responsibility for the record of the old Government. They have repeatedly stated that the old Government was not on trial, that it paid the penalty of its crimes on March, 1908, and, therefore, its misdeeds should be forgotten. If Mr. Copp had just evinced this attitude his argument might apply, but unfortunately for the present Leader of the Opposition he was one of the old Government's most energetic apologists for seven years before being driven from power. Nearly every year Mr. Copp spoke in defence of the Government during the Budget debate, but in 1903, immediately after a general election, he went further than usual in his laudations of the Government and its policy.

In the official report of his speech the following appears:

"I also desire to congratulate the Premier on his Budget speech. I feel as every member must feel, a degree of pride in the able manner in which he dealt with the affairs of the Province. He gives us plain unvarnished facts and figures and it is for us to grapple with the questions which he suggests. I for one am prepared to support the Administration of Mr. Tweedie so long as it continues in the present course. I congratulate the Premier because he has never sought to deceive his followers or to conceal the truth but has always courted the fullest investigation. I also congratulate him on the policy he has announced with regard to three important public questions. He has told us that the stamperage is to be increased. That is the proper policy for the Government to pursue, not by an increase that will injure the operators, but which will enable the Province to share in their prosperity. I do not believe that the stamperage should always be fixed at one figure and labor and if this is done, there can be no ground for complaint. I also hail with delight the proposed new road law. It is a step in the right direction. We have now too many commissioners and supervisors and the money for the roads passes through too many hands. Let one man in each district be responsible for the expenditure on the roads and we will have a better result. I also approve of the policy of requiring companies that seek franchises in this Province to show their ability to carry out the work they undertake."

When Nemesis overtook this Government which Mr. Copp supported and it was hurled from power in 1908, the investigation showed a very different state of affairs to that described in his fulsome eulogies. The whole disreputable record is now well known. The people are well able to judge from that record how much faith can be placed today in the professions of good and honest government which are put forward by Mr. Copp.

THE NEW GOVERNMENT MEMBER.

Mr. John E. Wilson, who has been sworn in a member of the Executive, is one of the most popular representatives St. John has ever had. He was first elected to the Common Council where he did excellent service as the representative of Wellington Ward, where he had personal acquaintance with almost every resident of that district. He was defeated when he first ran for the Legislature in 1903, but made such a vigorous fight that he was able to force the old Government to consent to the enactment of a law to provide for a secret ballot on his threat to oppose Mr. McKewen in a bye-election, brought on through the appointment of that gentleman to the office of Solicitor General.

In the next general election, that of the year 1908, Mr. Wilson was again a candidate and was elected at the head of his ticket to represent the city of St. John. During his term in the Legislature he has given his best services to the constituency which he represents and on every occasion has proved himself worthy of the trust reposed in him by the electors.

Mr. Wilson has had a successful commercial career, as the result of his own efforts, and is the recipient of the heartiest congratulations on his new honors. Mr. Wilson can be depended on to guard the interests of this important constituency and to support every movement that will add to the material prosperity of St. John and the Province at large. He is a strong believer in the future of New Brunswick and in the results that will follow the development of its great natural resources, and is in every way worthy of the honor now conferred on him.

The Telegraph claims that the Fleming Government have been wasteful and extravagant, yet the Fleming Government have collected \$800,000 of revenue which the old Administration allowed to remain in the pockets of its political friends.

Mr. Hazen spoke at Chipman last night to the largest audience that has assembled in that section of the county since the campaign opened. Mr. Hazen has made the election of Senator King's ticket impossible.

The Government is already sure of four supporters in the House. Mr. Copp has no candidates in Northumberland County.

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Granby.....	54 1/2	55
Isle Royale.....	32 1/2	33
Nevada.....	32 1/2	33
Shannon.....	18 1/2	19
Tamarack.....	44	45
Ureco.....	124	124 1/2
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Too Much For Her.

Mrs. Eke—"So the umpire's wife does not attend the ball game any more."
Mrs. Wye—"No, it was so aggravating to her to see him get the last word."

COMMENTS ON THE CAMPAIGN

THE GOVERNMENT'S RECORD.

(Campbellton Tribune.)

With an honest collection of the stamperage from the Crown Lands, the revenue from this source alone has been nearly doubled under the prudent administration of the present government, and this greatly increased revenue has gone directly to the benefit of the people in largely increased grants to education, to the encouragement and widening of agricultural activities, and to those other services which tend to bring about more advantageous conditions and go to alleviate the hardships under which many communities in the province rested. Measures have been taken whereby the long hidden mineral resources of the province should be brought to light, which will in the near future lead to large increases in the provincial revenues and at the same time give employment to large numbers of our people.

MR. COPP'S CONUNDRUM.

(North Shore Leader.)

The old government kept itself in power for a long period by its policy of deceit, and by keeping the true financial condition of the province hidden from public view. It was not until the old crowd had been driven from office by the will of the people that the full extent of their depredations became public. Every department of government reeked with iniquity, and the revelations were so startling that even the most partisan supporters of the old party were surprised and ashamed at the miserable story laid bare in all its nakedness. The echo of these revelations has hardly died away and Mr. Copp's greatest conundrum is how he can best proceed to draw the veil of forgetfulness over the episodes of the past. He is the successor and heir of the old party of plunder, the leader of the opposition is now seeking to attain his object by false pretenses and gross misrepresentation of the present administration.

IN CHARLOTTE COUNTY.

(St. Croix Courier.)

However much one might like to vote on personal grounds for some one member of the opposition ticket, the electors cannot get away from the fact that such a vote is an endorsement of the evil conditions that prevailed previous to the election of 1908. Hon. Wm. Pugsley, who had been the leader of the old government almost until the day of its defeat, and who left local politics owing the province \$433,164 which was not repaid until the old government was defeated, is actively campaigning for the present opposition wherever a constituency will stand for his presence, and Mr. Copp, the present leader of the opposition, sat behind the government of that day and endorsed all their manipulations of public funds for private gain. The opposition platform of today is based on nothing but deceit and misrepresentation, and contains nothing that can appeal to the intelligence of the electorate. The Hazen-Fleming government has given an honest administration of public affairs and no breath of scandal has attached to any department. The administration of affairs has resulted in the betterment of conditions in every way and in a large financial gain to the province and to the people. The representatives of the opposition have played a conspicuous part in procuring for the people this desirable condition of affairs, and they are entitled to and will receive a hearty endorsement from their constituents. Let no appeal on personal grounds lead any voter to cast a ballot against his own best interests and the best interests of Charlotte county and the province. Vote for Grimmer, Clarke, Taylor and Gupitil.

THE LAURIER CRY.

(Moncton Times.)

The opposition party in this province, not satisfied with importing Quebec politicians of doubtful calibre who are touring the French parishes in Kent and Gloucester counties talking Laurier and raising dangerous issues of race and religion, are now seeking to deluge these counties with copies of La Solle, a publication reeking with these same seditious statements and the best interests of the public should be warned against this nefarious business, and all honest voters should be prepared to condemn and destroy them at sight. Whether Borden or Laurier shall rule at Ottawa is not a question in this contest, and it is a little pathetic to ask the French electors to vote against the latter's defeat last September. Better at least leave such a cry for the next Dominion election.

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Dogn. Textile.....	67 1/2	67 1/2
Ill. Trac. Pfd.....	82 1/2	82 1/2
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Rio Janeiro.....	142 1/2	142
Shawinigan.....	120	119 1/2
Tor. Railway.....	140 1/2	140 1/2
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