

# EX-PREMIER ROBINSON --- TEN YEARS AGO AND NOW

Mr. Robinson, Leader of the Opposition in Westmorland, in Preaching Blue Ruin, Answers Himself Ten Years Ago.

If There was no Reason for Pessimism at the Time of the Overthrow of the Old Government, Surely there is Every Reason for Optimism Under the Murray Government.

Before Leader Foster and other blue ruin prophets of the opposition party attempt to deal with the financial condition of the province they should read the report of a speech delivered in the legislature by ex-Premier Robinson in 1908, at the session immediately following the overwhelming defeat of his government and his party.

What C. W. R. Said.

Referring to the new provincial secretary's financial statement, Mr. Robinson said: "It was his (the provincial secretary's) duty to make the best showing of the provincial finances possible. It would soon be necessary for him to go into the money markets of the world to endeavor to make an issue of bonds to carry out his proposals to pay the outstanding debts of the province (the debts left by the old government), and for that reason he ought to make the best showing he could. He could not go to the people to borrow money, saying the province was bankrupt, or he would have very little success in his efforts. In order that his honorable friend should not have too great a task in his endeavor to show up the assets of the province to the best advantage, he (Mr. Robinson) would endeavor to give him some assistance." The ex-premier in that speech proceeded to read a lengthy statement of the assets of the province, including permanent bridges, sinking funds, securities as well as 7,000,000 acres of crown lands, which he valued at that time at \$3.00 per acre. Mr. Robinson included in his list of assets the St.

John Valley Railway guarantee, and his estimate of the total assets of the province was \$32,985,202.27. With the new permanent bridges built by this government, with their more than \$350,000 added to the sinking funds of the province, and with their management of the crown lands yielding more than twice as much money as under the old regime, the assets of the province are easily worth more than fifty millions at the present time, if Mr. Robinson's estimate of 1908 was anything like a correct one.

His Earlier Speech.

In an earlier speech Mr. Robinson said: "A great deal is said by the opposition in regard to the debt of the province, but after all is our debt such a burden? It amounted to \$10.21 per head of the population, as compared with \$40.37 for British Columbia, \$91.02 for Newfoundland, \$209.10 for Victoria, and \$386.24 for Queensland. The debt of the city of Moncton, where I reside, is about \$80 a head, and we were told the other day that the debt of the city of St. John is about \$116 a head. In view of these figures I say that in New Brunswick we are not going beyond our means. In fact, some might think we are going too slow. If we consider what our assets are, there is certainly no portion of Canada that is in a better financial condition." In the light of these words of Mr. Robinson of ten years ago, when the stampage collections were not half what they have been under the present government, Mr. Robinson and his associates in the opposition, in crying blue ruin now, are setting up a bugaboo with the hope of deceiving the electorate of the province.

## The By-Way Philosopher

The Philosopher saw before him a large multitude of men, in earnest consultation, and drawing nearer, he did ask the reason for their great agitation; whereupon one of their number did make reply, saying: "Behold there is to be an election in our land and there has come to the aid of the land of New Brunswick, in the county of Kings, a man named Carter, who with many words and much ado, asks us to dismiss the present Government, with which we have no quarrel, and return the old one which in our wrath we hurled from power some eight years past. He makes promises of many and great things, and so we are sore perplexed."

Then the Philosopher did say: "Carter! I have heard of him, the discredited scribe, publisher of a sheet so vile that it became consumed in the fire of its own villainy. Who has sent to you such a man as this?"

And they did reply: "One Carvell, of Carleton, we are told." Then did the Philosopher's great chest heave in emotion; his muscles did stand forth like whiplords, and he did speak with great vehemence, saying: "I am neither a prophet or the son of a prophet, but I am old in years, and I know whereof I speak. Is not your country at war with the enemy? Would not that enemy now be abusing your wives and daughters and enervating you and me, if it were not for WHO?"

And with one accord they did reply "Our Soldiers." "Yes, indeed, 'our soldiers' who are covering themselves with glory, and filling heroes' graves to protect you and me and our loved ones from the sword of the Hun. Yet as they fight and as they die and the world looks on in admiration, who is the one man in all the land doth stand forth as

their traducer. Who, I say, did utter the slander, as vile as it was false, against these men, on whom the whole Christian world doth look with pride, as they pour forth their life-blood for right. 'Twas he of whom you speak, Carvell of Carleton, who for personal gain did traduce the men who are protecting his home and family."

Who did slander and belittle General French, the supreme commander of the finest army that ever went to battle, and who the mightiest empire that has been, saw fit to honor? Again I say Carvell. Turn to the public records of the land and thou shalt see his words—words that shall make thee blush for shame."

Then did the multitude become moved with great excitement and did talk, one with the other, and did make threats of vengeance on the vile traducer of their army. The great Philosopher was also moved and did say unto them: "Yet another word, my brethren: Did not this same Carvell scheme with the agents of the enemy in an endeavor to heap trouble on the already over-burdened shoulders of our military head, at a time when our country required his undivided attention. . . . Did he not pay these agents of the enemy with the coin of our country, for their service to him and against us? Was this not the act of a traitor? Therefore, brethren, I would charge thee, pay no heed to the vassals and puppets of such a man as this."

And to the multitude were sore amazed, and did become possessed with great wrath, for they knew that he did speak the truth; and by twos and threes they did disperse murmuring among themselves vengeance against Carter, the vassal of Carvell, the traducer of their soldiers and the associate of the agents of their enemy.

## TELEGRAPH FALSIFIES ONCE MORE

Organ of Plunderbunists If Owners of Canterbury St. Doubt it, they Can Ask Mr. Bentley.

Special to the Standard. St. Martins, Feb. 22.—The statement in today's Telegraph's alleged report of the good government meeting last night here regarding the attendance was absolutely untrue. The Telegraph said that only forty were present. As a matter of fact there were seventy-five in attendance, all voters, and a number of ladies as well.

There were also a number of opposition voters in the lobby, including Mr. Bentley himself, John C. Boyer and Reuben McLeod.

The only person Attorney-General Baxter made reference to was J. P. Mesher.

Old party men who attended the meeting said today that they never saw a more enthusiastic or successful rally.

Such misstatements as the Telegraph publishes do more harm than good to its own candidates in the county, who never had a ghost of a show from the time they were nominated and they know it.

## ACID STOMACHS ARE DANGEROUS

Nine-tenths of All Stomach Trouble Said to Be Due to Acidity.

A Physician's Advice on Cause and Cure.

A famous physician whose successful researches into the cause and cure of stomach and intestinal diseases have earned for him an international reputation, said in the course of a recent lecture that nearly all intestinal troubles, as well as many diseases of the vital organs, were directly traceable to a deranged condition of the stomach which in turn was due nine times out of ten to excessive acidity, commonly termed sour stomach or heartburn, which not only irritated and inflamed the delicate lining of the stomach, but also set up gastritis and stomach ulcers. It is interesting to note that he condemns the use of patent medicines as well as of medical treatment for the stomach, stating that he and his colleagues have secured remarkable results by the use of ordinary bi-alkaline magnesia, which, by neutralizing the acidity of the food, removes the source of the trouble. He contends that it is foolish to treat the stomach itself as it would be for a man who stepped on a tack to rub liniment on the foot without first removing the tack. Remove the tack and the foot will heal itself—neutralize the acid and the stomach trouble will disappear. Irritating medicines and medical treatments are useless, so long as the contents of the stomach remain acid; remove the acidity, and there will be no need for medicine—the inflamed lining of the stomach will then heal itself. Sufferers from acidity, sour stomach or heartburn should get a small bottle of bi-alkaline magnesia from their druggist, and take a teaspoonful in a quarter of a glass of hot or cold water after meals, repeating in fifteen minutes, if necessary, this being the dose which the doctor has found most efficacious in all cases.

## VOTE FOR THESE MEN

Counties. Restigouche . . . . . Hon. Arthur Culligan. D. A. Stewart.

Gloucester . . . . . J. B. Hachey. F. C. B. Young. A. P. Robichaud. M. J. Robichaud.

Northumberland . . . . . J. L. Stewart. F. D. Swim. L. Doyle. J. A. Gallant.

Kent . . . . . Hon. Dr. D. V. Landry. G. A. Hutchinson. F. O. Richard.

Westmorland . . . . . Hon. P. G. Mahoney. Col. F. B. Black. A. J. Legere. A. E. Trites.

Moncton (City) . . . . . Dr. O. B. Price.

Albert . . . . . John L. Peck. Lewis Smith.

Kings . . . . . Hon. J. A. Murray. G. B. Jones. H. V. Dickson.

St. John County . . . . . Hon. J. B. M. Baxter. T. B. Carson.

St. John (City) . . . . . L. P. D. Tilley. P. Grannan. F. L. Potts. J. Roy Campbell.

Charlotte . . . . . Hon. Dr. H. I. Taylor. C. W. Grimmer. S. D. Guptill. H. W. Smith.

Queens . . . . . Hon. A. R. Slipp. Alfred West.

Sunbury . . . . . P. Glasier. G. Perley.

York . . . . . J. K. Pinder. J. A. Young. Dr. W. C. Crockett. S. B. Hunter.

Carleton . . . . . Hon. B. Frank Smith. G. L. White. W. S. Sutton.

Victoria . . . . . J. L. White. A. E. Kuppey.

Madawaska . . . . . C. L. Cyr. J. T. Clair.

FUNERALS.

The funeral of Mrs. William J. Shaw took place yesterday afternoon from her late residence, 41 Esmouth street. Services were conducted by Rev. H. A. Cody, and interment was made in Fernhill.

## ANNUAL EXHIBITION OF Y. M. C. A. GYM.

The annual exhibition of the work of the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium classes was held last evening in the gymnasium before a large audience. The various numbers were performed in creditable style, showing hard work on the part of the participants under the efficient direction of the physical director, Mr. H. O. Bonk.

The evening's programme was as follows:

Overture—Orchestra. Grand March—By all. Tumbling—Messrs. H. Evans, P. Thorne and G. T. Dow.

Double Sword Dance—Messrs. R. Willet and H. O. Bonk.

Fancy Marching—Junior "B" Class. High Band and Horse Work—Leaders' Corps.

Flag Drill—Junior "A" Class. Group Games—By all.

Torch Swirling—Alex. Gibbs. Poie and Free Hand Pyramids—Business Boys.

Indian Club Drill—High School Class.

Flying Rings and Parallel Bars—Leaders' Corps.

Schottische—Seniors. Japanese Pyramids—High School Class.

Ghost March—Clowns.

"God Save the King." Some of the fun makers who supplied the nonsense between the numbers were R. Edwards, F. Thorne, W. Evans, W. Bamby, J. White and D. Allan.

The Leaders' Corps taking part were R. Edwards, H. Evans, P. Long, W. Bamby and A. McAndrews.

The accompanists were Miss E. Leonard and R. S. Coupe.

## OBITUARY

H. A. Allison of Messrs. Gandy & Allison, North Wharf, received word yesterday of the sudden death of Mrs. Margaret A. Allan at Vancouver, B. C., on Wednesday.

She is survived by four sisters, Miss Charlotte W. McLean, St. John; Mrs. M. J. Nisbet, London, Eng.; Mrs. Wm. Barnes, Vancouver, and Mrs. H. V. Bennett, California. The deceased was the daughter of the late Captain Allan McLean, a prominent citizen, who was for a number of years shipping master at the port of St. John, and whether interment will be made at Vancouver or the body brought to this city for burial, is not as yet known.

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## JOINT MEETING AT IMPERIAL TONIGHT

Government Candidates Accept and Hope is Bright That Opposition Will Also Be Present.

Tonight in Imperial Theatre the candidates of both political parties in the present provincial campaign are invited to give brief addresses to the public. This speech-making will commence at 9.45 o'clock. The theatre has been placed at the disposal of the public to hear their candidates without favoring either one side or the other. According to the Imperial's business principles the house cannot be rented during working hours—therefore working hours—for political or sectarian purposes, but as a compromise to those who have offered to rent the building, the platform will be accorded them after the regular programme gratis. It is also a favor to the public that they might see their standard-bearers and hear them on common ground before the balloting.

The government candidates, Messrs. Tilley, Grannan, Potts and Campbell, have written a letter of acceptance to the Imperial Theatre management and will be on hand to deliver brief addresses. It is expected some, if not all, of the opposition candidates will also be present, although the opposition executive had made other plans, which may not be changed. However, the hope is held out by all concerned that Messrs. Barnaby, Roberts, Scully and Sinclair will find time to accord the public a few words on their side of the many important questions upon the eve of battle. There is no compunction upon any candidate to appear in the joint meeting, but a friendly spirit pervades the arrangement and the hope is bright that the last minute may see a full slate upon the platform for a cordial setting forth of the questions upon which the citizens of St. John will cast their votes the succeeding day.

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