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Semi-Weekly Telegraph and The News

ST. JOHN, N. B., MAY 17, 1916.

WILL YOU HELP?

You are asked to read an appeal for funds made on another page of The Telegraph to-day on behalf of our wounded soldiers by Captain E. B. Hooper. He is ministering daily to some hundreds of our boys in the hospitals in and about Ramsgate and Broadstairs where he now is on duty.

Beginning to-day, and up to and including May 25, The Telegraph and The Evening Times will receive and acknowledge contributions for Captain Hooper's fund, and will cable the total amount to him on May 26.

WESTMORLAND BY-ELECTION. An opposition convention will be held on Wednesday at Dorchester to select a candidate to oppose Mr. P. G. Mahoney in the by-election of May 30.

It is the government that is seeking endorsement, that asks for a certificate of character. It is in his capacity as a defender of the administration that Mr. Mahoney must be met—and fought.

THE PROOF AT OTTAWA. With complete proof of the Kite-Carvell charges now on the record—and while there is more to come the proof is already so convincing as to startle the country from coast to coast.

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FIGHT IS ON IN WESTMORLAND

Opposition Convention Wednesday to Choose Candidate to Oppose P. G. Mahoney—Gov. ernment Will be Placed On Trial Before Electors at Once—Fight for Good Government Will be Lively.

Moncton, May 15.—The opposition supporters in Westmorland county have no time indicating their intentions with regard to opposing the new minister of public works, P. G. Mahoney, who was sworn in Wednesday afternoon.

In response to the call a number of gentlemen prominent in opposition circles in the province, Westmorland county and Moncton city met this morning and considered when and where to hold a convention to select a candidate to oppose the return of Mr. Mahoney who has resigned and will appeal to the electors of Westmorland to endorse the Clarke-Baxter government and all that it has done.

This is to be the slogan of the government party—Endorse the government; approve of all its acts by electing Premier Fleming and all his misdeeds and graft. To elect Mr. Mahoney means the approval of Mr. Murray and his farm settlement board methods, the patriotic potato graft, and many other misdeeds from careful administration, to misdeeds such as the foreshores bill and the collection of large sums from liquor license tax in this province.

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The opposition do not fall to realize the influences that are always behind a cabinet minister in a by-election, and particularly in a county which is the headquarters of the Canadian government railway system, but the opposition supporters in session this morning felt that they would be recreant to their duty as citizens of New Brunswick if they did not give so many electors a chance to protest against the graft, incompetency and inefficiency of a government which has in all parts of the province been condemned by business men—both Conservatives and Liberals—not only for their mismanagement of public affairs but by the findings of royal commissions which have investigated grave charges of misappropriation of public funds.

An opposition that would permit the endorsement of such a government by the return by acclamation of Mr. Mahoney might just as well give up the fight for honest administration of affairs. The revelations since 1914 when Mr. Dupuy brought his charges against Premier Fleming have made all good and true men stand dismayed at conditions in New Brunswick. The report of W. B. Chandler, a Westmorland lawyer, of great ability, which resulted in wholesale condemnation of two members of the legislature, both of whom are now retired to private life, and revealed such a wretched pilfering of public monies in the greatest spending department of the

provinces, has incensed an already indignant electorate who are ready to give their verdict in Westmorland and in the Ontario, were to record their disapproval of the misdeeds of Pallas, who dared to challenge their opinion.

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The man who gathered this morning to consider this contest, which is of the greatest importance to New Brunswick, did not act from any personal feeling, but from a sense of duty to the people of public duty which points the way to permit the people of Westmorland to have an opportunity to protest for the rights of the province against a government that has New Brunswick in its clutches.

Among those present were: Provincial opposition chairman, Dr. E. A. Smith; Hon. J. H. Macdonald, president of the committee, W. E. Foster, St. John; convener of Westmorland, Fred Magee; Organizers E. S. Carter and James P. Dunlop; Hon. J. W. Robinson, James D. Fisher, John Debert, George J. Charles, H. P. Fawcett, H. C. Carter, Councillor Murray, Messrs. Doyle, Macdonald, A. T. LeBlanc, Campbell, W. B. Chandler, LeBlanc, of Shediac, and many others.

It was decided to hold a convention in the town of Dorchester, on Wednesday afternoon May 18, upon the arrival of the C. P. R. train from the east.

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Ottawa, May 12.—\$27,000 to divide among the Canadian swaggers otherwise known as the Swaggers. The American rail philosopher and guide most startling evidence vindicating in nearly every case the Canadian share of the million dollars.

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My Brother on the Clyde.

The following "Soliloquy" by Mr. Thomas Atkins was published in the London Express on the occasion of the Clyde strike.

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BI-LINGUAL VOTE TAKEN DEFEATED BY 47

Party Lines Not Followed in Vote Full of Cross Currents.

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