

THE EVENING TIMES AND STAR, ST. JOHN N. B. FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1917

Flemming, Pinder, Stewart, Robichaud, Sheridan---and Murray was colleague of 'em all**STIRRING MEETING
IN SUSSEX HALL
LAST EVENING****Opposition Candidates Cheered Again and Again as Government's Record of Graft and Incompetency is Dealt With—Encouraging Reports from All Over Kings County.**

(The Telegraph)
Sussex, N. B., Feb. 22.—Two of the opposition candidates, Dr. Pearson and E. S. Carter, held a meeting here tonight in the Hippodrome building. Mayor McKenna occupied the chair and the very large hall was crowded to the doors. Such a political meeting here had never been held before in the history of Sussex. People came from far and wide to be in attendance and the enthusiasm with which the speakers were greeted indicated clearly the temper of the electors with the Murray government, and their decision to "drive the grafters out."
Dr. Pearson opened the programme of the evening and spoke for more than half an hour. He was continually applauded by his audience as he revealed the black record of the government, stopping for a moment at each point to analyze it. He indicated clearly in his address the house-cleaning which the Opposition intends to inaugurate in the political history of New Brunswick, if they win on Saturday. The electors cheered wildly, indicating that they would assist to the extent of their franchise in the efforts of the Opposition.
Well versed with the existing conditions under the Flemming-Clark-Murray administration, E. S. Carter, who followed, turned the searchlight of honesty upon the intrigue and graft which had characterized the present administration. He spoke for an hour and a half, and during that time there was not a moment when he was not listened to with great interest by those present. Matters of provincial import were threshed out by Mr. Carter, and the electors demonstrated clearly that they were in no mood to permit present conditions in the administration of the affairs of the province to continue after Saturday next. Dr. McMaster closed the meeting in a short address, which dealt with the general political situation in the county and how Kings had suffered under the dishonest methods of this government. The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem. The outlook for the opposition candidates in Kings is very bright.

**BAXTER ATTACKS
LABOR LEADER****Makes Strong Statement About
James L. Sugrue****Not Pleased With Questions Asked
by Members of Audience and Makes
Nasty Reply—Mr. Murray and Candidates Speak.**

The government party had a meeting in the Opera House last night. Hon. J. B. A. Murray, the premier, and Hon. J. B. Baxter, attorney-general, were the chief speakers and the government candidates for this city, and a few words. The attendance was only fair and among the audience were many who had remained from the previous evening's entertainment in the evening, and many supporters of the Opposition, who attended to see what would be said.

Mr. Baxter Announced.
R. B. Emerson presided. The first speaker was Mr. Baxter. He said that the record of the government is one that I am not ashamed of. He said that this government was the only one which ever had the courage to appoint a royal commission to investigate charges against its own premier. He did not tell why the government then whitewashed J. K. Flemming after he had been condemned by the royal commission. A little later a member of the audience asked why he didn't get after Carvell. This led Mr. Baxter to speak of an investigation at Fredericton in 1909 at which he was a junior counsel. At that investigation, he said, exposures were made very much to Mr. Carvell's discredit.

"They weren't published," some one shouted.
"Why weren't they published?" asked another.
To these questions, the speaker replied that Mr. Carvell had used his influence to suppress them, and he indicated that Mr. Carvell had always done his best to keep the lid on where inquiries were requested at Ottawa. This caused considerable noise in the audience and the attorney-general showed signs of losing his temper. When some government supporter said to put one of the questioners out, Mr. Baxter shouted: "Never mind, he probably doesn't know what a fool he is making of himself." When another questioner had taken his seat, Mr. Baxter continued: "Now if you will keep quiet I will discuss the issues of the day, and not with idiots."
Mr. Baxter referred to the extortion from the lumbermen of a large fund which he said was only a campaign fund and "would not have been necessary had it not been for the Opposition tactics. If Carvell had not come down from On-

**WILL ENFORCE
PROHIBITION**

The opposition party, if placed in power, will enforce the prohibitory law which is on the statute books and which will come into effect on May 1.

W. E. Foster has publicly declared over and over again that this is the policy of the opposition. His supporters endorse it.

Any statement to the contrary is a deliberate falsehood told to shield a government that is afraid of the people.

**Are Unable
To Be Present****Opposition Candidates Prevented by
Previous Engagements from Speaking
at Imperial Theatre.**

W. H. Golding, manager of the Imperial Theatre, has tendered an invitation to all of the candidates in St. John City to be present at the theatre after the performance this evening and make ten-minute speeches. His invitation is greatly appreciated by the opposition candidates who, however, will be unable to attend, owing to the fact that they had made previous engagements in connection with their campaign work. The following letter was sent to Mr. Golding yesterday:

St. John, N. B., Feb. 22, 1917.
Walter H. Golding, Esq.,
Mgt. St. John Theatre Operating Co.,
City.

Dear Sir:—Messrs. W. H. Barnaby, Dr. W. F. Roberts, W. E. Scully and J. A. Sinclair have asked me to write and thank you for so generously offering to place the Imperial theatre at their disposal on Friday evening next with the view of holding a windup mass meeting. The opposition candidates appreciate the fact that the offer was made in the spirit of good citizenship, and they regret very much that previous arrangements make it impossible for them to avail themselves of the kind offer.

As you know the campaign has been an unusually short one, and the opposition candidates on the day following their nomination were forced to map out a program of covering every mile at their disposal. So far they have adhered strictly to their set programme with very gratifying results, and they feel that it would not be possible for them now, particularly on the eve of the election, the busiest night of all, to make any change in their pre-arranged plans.

Again thanking you on behalf of the opposition candidates for your very kind and generous offer, I remain,
WILLIAM M. RYAN,
Secretary Opposition Association.

**COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS
PREDICT FINE SHOWING
FOR THE OPPOSITION**

Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 22.—The opposition held three meetings in York county tonight, Canterbury, Upper Hainesville and Nashua Village. Councillor W. F. Lawson and R. W. McNeill were at Canterbury. At Upper Hainesville the speakers were: Elwood Burt, A. B. Kitchen and Ald. C. W. Mitchell were at Nashua Village. Excellent meetings were held at all points. The government ticket is making desperate efforts to save itself, but confidence in their ability to cause a change in "Solid York" is growing among the opposition supporters.

Commercial travelers who cover the central portion of New Brunswick from Fredericton predict a fine showing by the Opposition in the province. They say that in certain districts their business has been interfered with on account of the interest in the election. Conservative men are considered able to judge pretty well the state of public opinion.

Strong pressure has been brought to bear on Dr. O. E. Morehouse to get into the campaign on behalf of the government ticket in this county. The fact that he has refused to assist until two days of the election shows pretty well his indignation at being thrust into the government ticket to make room for another.

IN CARLETON COUNTY

Woodstock, Feb. 22.—Successful meetings in the interests of the opposition candidates have been held in various parts of the county this week. On Wednesday night Hon. W. P. Jones and Dr. D. Simms addressed a splendid meeting at Stikiney in the parish of Peel, a government stronghold. Fully 300 were present and gave close attention to the arguments of the speakers. The electors of the parish of Peel have been given much food for thought of late. Any Conservative candidate has been able in times past to bring a big majority out of Peel, and now who can do so? There was nothing forthcoming, while in Richmond Mr. Smith spent much money on the roads just before election. Richmond has always given the Liberals a majority, and the Peel men think that if they were not so faithful they might get more.

The same night Messrs. McCain, Upham and Chas. Comben addressed a meeting at Summerfield. The hall was crowded and there was great enthusiasm. The opposition ticket can count on Wicklew to give them old time support.

On Tuesday night Hon. Mr. Jones and Mr. McCain were at Lakeville, and Messrs. Upham, C. L. Smith and Shama at Rockland. Each meeting was crowded, many former government supporters expressed their intention of voting against the government on this occasion.

A good many of Mr. Smith's former friends are feeling very strongly about the manner in which they have been expected. They say that there has been gross favoritism, that certain men could sell hay containing seventy per cent clover, while others could get nothing by.

The feature of the campaign has been indifference of the government workers. They merely remark when approached by their leaders, that there are too many elections. Things have reached such a state that in order to keep their own heads away from the opposition meetings the government men arrange for an oyster supper at each place an opposition meeting is being held. Some unfavorable comment is heard, however, because only canned oysters are supplied. The Opposition held a big meeting at Harland tonight at which all the candidates were present. Tomorrow night Hon. Mr. Jones and Mr. Upham will be at the opposition headquarters here. The government workers in Carleton are counting on their money to offset the great personal popularity of the opposition candidates.

THE CROWN LANDS**Hon. C. W. Robinson Answers Government
Misrepresentation—What the Plain Facts
Are.**

Hon. C. W. Robinson, who was asked by The Telegraph for a statement regarding the Crown lands and stumpage collections, subjects on which the government press and speakers have made much gross misrepresentation, yesterday gave the following interview for publication:

"A comparison published in the Moncton Times this morning shows the rate of increase in territorial revenue for a number of years past, from \$100,000 up to the present figure of \$500,000. An analysis of this shows that the increase under the old administration, even with the poor lumber market and poor prices, was 300 per cent. In a comparatively short space; and if we had time to go into the cost of collection and the outlay thoroughly we would find that the cost of collection of territorial revenue was under \$10,000 under the old administration and that now the two items of stumpage collection and fish, forest and game wardens together are \$31,000 each, or a total of over \$62,000.

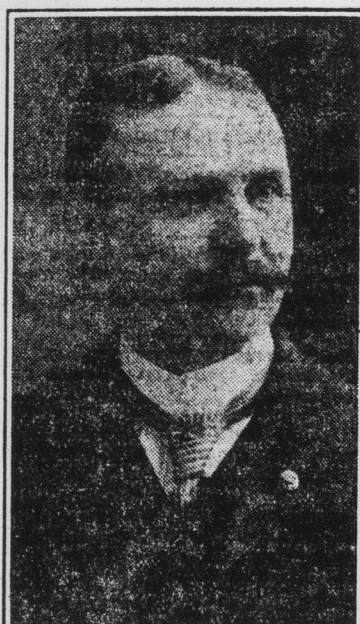
"The increased value of lumber has stimulated the business. Now the greater portion of our stumpage is collected in the three counties of Hestigouche, Gloucester and Northumberland, and the Restigouche and Gloucester industries are a matter of comparatively recent growth. Sixteen years ago there were practically no large mills in these counties, and now the immense plants at Campbellton, Dalhousie and Bathurst are turning out as much lumber as the whole province did at one time. There is no doubt but that the lumber shipments from crown lands have increased at the expense of the standing timber. An examination of boom surveys now will show that the average log coming through the boom is only about one-half what it was sixteen years ago.

"And when we talk of the increased revenue from stumpage we are, as Professor Miller said, 'beating the tom-tom at our own funeral.' We are simply cutting down the forests without regard to the growth. The government has reduced the size. We are not getting fair value. In comparing private lands with Crown lands, it will be shown that in some cases stumpage from private lands is as high as \$8.00 a thousand, while the adjoining Crown lands are only paying \$1.50. The present government has bound itself to the lumbermen not to increase the stumpage, no matter what the profit on the lumber may be. This is part of the Flemming deal which his successors have adopted. I believe that all lumbermen should be dealt with equally and that all should be made to pay stumpage in equal proportion; that there should be no favorites. It is as easy a matter to collect stumpage as it is to collect custom duties or succession duties.

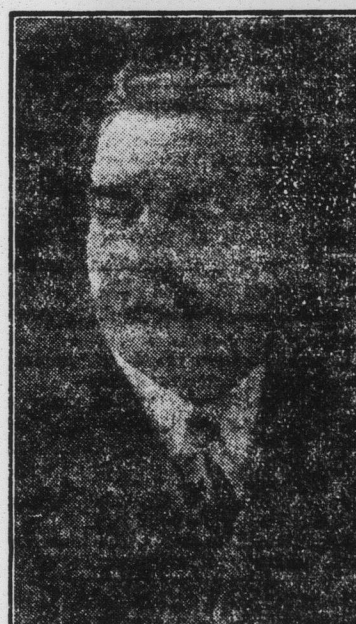
"The government has had eight years in which to place this question on a proper basis and they have done practically nothing except make deals. The Act calls for a survey and classification of the lands not later than 1917. They have already surveyed about 50,000 acres in the Counties of York and Northumberland, as I am informed. The average stand per acre on this tract showed only about 800 feet, where formerly by estimating the area by the visible stumps over twelve and sixteen years of age, the estimate for the standing timber at that time was 3,400 feet per acre. Assuming this to be correct, and my informant is an expert on this line, it looks as though our Crown lands were being pretty roughly handled and as though we had really destroyed a very large amount of the timber of the province in the last few years with a very small return of stumpage. We will probably wake up when it is too late. I do not think this government has anything to its credit in this regard."

**Electors of St. John City:
Vote For Good Government
Tomorrow**

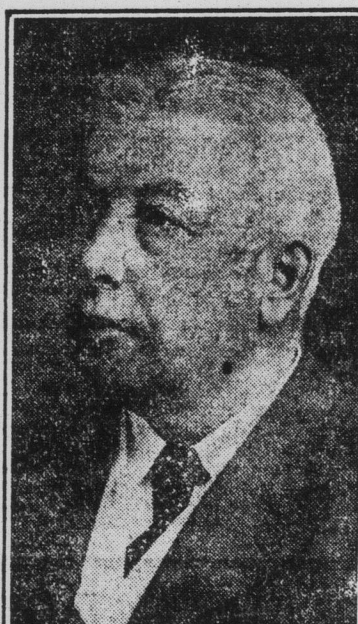
DR. W. F. ROBERTS,
St. John City.



J. A. SINCLAIR,
St. John City.



W. E. SCULLY,
St. John City.



W. H. BARNABY,
St. John City.

These are the men who will give you vigilant and honorable service at Fredericton.

There will be no scandals if you elect this ticket. It's time to clean house.

Vote the Straight Ticket**Not One or Two - - But All****St. John City and County Should Send Six Foster Men**