ST. JOHN, N. B.

MINISTER OPENS CITY CAMPAIGN; STRONG SPEECH; GREATMEETING

Packed House and High Enthusiasm Greet the Liberal Leader, Attorney General and Candidates ·····

In Strong Speech Dr. Pugsley Discusses **Issues, Shows Relation Between Provin**cial and Federal Politics and Points the Way to Advance the Interests of St. John and New Brunswick

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The magnificent mass meeting in the Opera House ' night in the interests of the Liberal party and the Liberal candidates was notable in point of attendance, in vigorous, sustained enthusiasm, in the cordial greetings extended to the Minister of Public Works, Hon. William Pugsley, and the spirit of aggressiveness that vervaded the speeches of the representatives of the City and County of St. John in the federal and provincial governments. "The crowd that packed the Opera House to the doors extended to the

lobbies and it was a great tribute to the eloquence of the principal speakers of the evening, Dr. Pugsley and the Attorney General, that so many stood throughout the entire meeting. The city candidates were not supposed to take up much of the time of the even-

ing and they made their speeches There was additional interest in Mr. Purdy from the fact that it was is first appearance before a St. John audience since he was appointed to the government. Mr. Lantalum does not pretend to be

speaker, but he surprised his friends by one of those happy, frank and straightforward talks that win a crowd. His loyalty to "the ticket, the ATTORNEY GENERAL MCKEOWN. whole ticket, and nothing but the warmed up his supporters in

all parts of the house. in this connection to say that no ap-A. O. Skinner was at a disadvantage, plication had been received from Mr. but though suffering from a severe | Williams or from any party, save the cold, he talked briefly and from the New Brunswick Cold Storage Comstandpoint of a business man which pany, to erect the plant. appealed strongly to many of those These local allusions were made, as present. If there were any in the audit were, by the way and guite evidentence who doubted Mayor Sears' populy had no connection with the able larity he must have been convinced discussion of provincial affairs made last night that he has a very warm by the Minister. spot in the hearts of the people of St. John. His earnestness, and sincerity

and the frank confide

Conservatives," captured the crowd to whom he explained at the start that he was not there as their mayor, but as a candidate for their support. He had always been a Liberal even in 1903, when upon personal grounds he voted against the government of that time. He alluded to the harsh criticism of himself by The Telegraph, which in the past had supported the party he was now associated with.

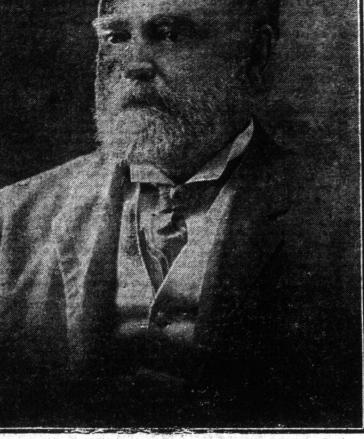
The Mayor's Candid Talk

When he heard some months ago that the postmastership was likely to become vacant he had applied for the position and he told them frankly that he had written Sir Wilfrid Laurier recalling his years of service to the party, but he asked consideration only f the office was to be vacant. He apealed to them to drop party politics when the interests of the city were at stake, to think of larger issues, and get rid of narrow provincialism. It was well enough to talk primer politics when larger things were not ahead.

THE MINISTER'S SPEECH.

plause).

When the applause had sufficiently subsided Dr. Pugsley prefaced his spech by expressing his great pleasure at again appearing before a St. John audience. After referring in a vigorous Thomas Gorman Chosen Chairman was Dominion Issues, and not provinwhich were filling the public upon the platform. There was a genadministration of public affairs. "I observe that some of the opponin the past, properly performed my public duties. There is just one remark, however, which I wish to make in this regard, and that is that if these gentlemen who are now so loud in their abuse of me, were really of the opinion that I had been guilty of the their assertion. many misdeeds which they are now attributing to me, they signally failed in their duty when I came before the



misleading statements have been is- ; iniciation to use extent of upwards of sued from time to time. They are say- two millions of dollars-in fact in the It was far better to help build up our ing that the debt of the Province is country than to be carrying around a greater than it is shown to be by the aften cent primer. (Laughter and apauditor general's report. "Well, sir, let me say that it is the duty of every member of the Govern-If we

ment to know the true financial position of the Province, It is not only his duty, but the accounts are kept in such a manner that it is at all times the easiest thing in the world for him to know what is such financial manner to the attack of Mr. Crocket, condition, and if there has been any M. P., for York, upon him during his attempt to mislead the public, if there absence from the house, as reported in has been any false statement of the foregoing paragraphs, the minis-finances of the Province; if the report for said: "When I last appeared upon of the auditor general does not truly est financial statements. i platform in this city," he said, "it and correctly set forth its financial position, then I, having been a mem-"I remember that in ber of the provincial government for speech delivered by Mr. Hazen at mind. Now, however, my good friend, a number of years, and for a time pre- Bathurst, which appeared in the St. ing upon them as representatives to the people. They never ventured to Mr. Robinson, as premier of the pro-mier of the Province, would be worthy John Telegraph not when that paper make in the legislature, where they vince, and his government, are appeal-of the condemnation of all honest men, was supporting the Government, but ing to the electors of New Brunswick and as I have said before, it was the after it had passed into the hands of facts, the reckless statements which for an expression by their ballots, of duty of my opponents to have warned a new owner, and had become a Tory they are now making throughout the confidence in him, his Government, the the people of this constituency against organ, in that report of Mr. Hazen's policy for which he stands, and in his entrusting me with their confidence speech there appeared the same figures and support. as to the debt of the Province which "But let me say to you, ladies and were contained in the pamphlet to which ents of the governemt, in seeking to gentlomen, that Mr. Hazen and the I have referred. Mr. Hazen made no make capital against the present pre- other Opposition leaders and speakers, sttempt to correct it, but after the St. ning in support of the goverment in without foundation. They know that glaring errors which it contained Mr. the various constituencies, are spend- every statement which has been made Hazen in an interview came out with sonal attacks upon myself. One would General is absolutely correct, and that been inserted in the report of his suppose that they would, if they are the financial position of the Province speech without his authority. sensible, recognize that the people are is truly and correctly set forth in these "Gentlemen, can you believe that? more concerned as to whether the Hon. statements, and the attempt which Mr. Hazen must have given some fig-Mr. Robinson and his government will they are now making to convince the ures to the audience, and do you think Province. (Applause). They know, from his position by reason of this sidized by both Federal and Provinthere is not a shadow of foundation for

on terms which I venture to say, con- would mean yielding to the Province in the way of royalties a very considering the then state of the money siderable revenue. Now, then, was not market, could not be surpassed by any the opening up and developing of these province in Canada, (Applause.) Mr. Flemming knew perfectly well that coal areas a matter worthy of the most earnest attention of the Government? that loan was for the purpose of be-We felt that it was, and a company ing applied to the capital indebtedness of the Province and that a very conhaving been formed, the Government undertook to guarantee the bonds for derable portion of it was to pay off the purpose of extending the railroad dvances which had been made by the to Minto and building branches to the Bank of British North America for various coal mines. Subsequently it the purpose of extinguishing maturing was found that the Central railroad debentures, that a very considerable betwen Minto and Chipman could b portion of it was for the purpose of purchased for \$180,000, an amount wiping off other debentures, and that equivalent to very little more than the the whole of it was for meeting inactual value of the rails, fish plates and debtedness of the Province which had bolts. Although it had cost for conalready been incurred and which was struction some fifteen years or so ago already a permanent debt. But Mr. about half a million dollars outside of Flemming, with a knowledge of these the Dominion and Provincial subsidies, facts, tried to make the people believe it was found it could be bought for that this indebtedness had been incur-\$180,000, and the Government feeling red on current account and that it had that it was necessary to have this conbeen changed from current indebted necting link between the new road at ness into the permanent debt. Chipman and the Intercolonial at Nor-"Why is it, Mr. Chairman, ladies and ton, agreed to guarantee the bonds of gentlemen, that some public men who the company for the purpose of comin ordinary affairs of life, who in pripleting the purchase. Subsequently it vate life are honest and truthful, will, was found that further indebtedness when they come to deal with public had be incurred in putto matters and to criticise the acts of ting the road in good condition. government, resort to all kinds of mis-In constructing the new line the comleading and defamatory statements? pany met with unexpected engineering To injure the credit of the Province difficulties. I need not go into all the seems to them a matter of no consedetails, but the result was that in uence. Without rhyme or reason and order finally to prevent the enterprise without the slightest consideration of from collapsing the Government took what the effect of their words would over the road and placed it for opera be they falsely charge that the Provtion in the hands of a commission. ince is on the eve of bankruptcy. Without the slightest consideration of the THE MONEY INVESTED. feelings of their opponents they falsely charge members of the Government "Now something has been said in with maladministration of the affairs the Conservative newspapers with reof the Province and with having pubgard to what became of the money, the lished false and misleading statements proceeds of the bonds and as to the with regard to its finances; and they necessity for having an account of the do this for what reason? Simply in or-

der if possible that they may succeed to power, and to accomplish these things they are prepared to resort to the wildest measures of defamation. of slander and of deceit. (Applause) Surely there is nothing in the position of a member of the Government, a po sition which involves care and toil and resconsibility, which will warrant man in so forgetting all sense of honor all sense of right, all regard for the City of Saint John. Mr. Sharpe was truth as to be guilty of such conduct. employed on that work for weeks and

"Now, gentlemen, before I pass away aduit was required to be completed from the financial condition of the and every dollar of the expenditure

the public accounts to be in any re spect different from what they are shown to be in the Auditor General's

report. The Auditor General's report vicinity of \$2,500,000, you will, I think, is made up at the close of the fiscal agree with me.that that statement was year, showing all receipts for the year prepared with malice aforethought, for all the accounts of the current year are the purpose of deceiving the electorate. submitted to the public accounts comwere to take the more charitable mittee, consisting of members of the view one would be obliged to believe Government side of the house and that our friends of the Opposition are members of the Opposition. The ac wholly ignorant of the financia! condition of the Province, and at the same counts current of the Province with the banks are submitted to the comtime be forced to conclude that their ignorance, in view of the oportunities whoch they have had from year to year of learning its position, is due to their utter inability to understand the plain-

THAT BATHURST SPEECH.

expenditures which were made upon the road. Let me say, Mr. Chairman, that before the Government took over the road and undertook the continuance of it and the payment of outstanding bills, the accounts were audited in the most careful and thorough manner. That work was done by the late Mr. F. S. Sharpe, one of the most experienced and reliable accountants whom we ever had in the

THE AUDITOR GENERAL. before the Government would assume one further dollar of responsibility, his

Province, I ask you to consider how imossible it would be for the state of

mittee for its examination and inspection and, therefore, you will see how utterly impossible it would be that the public should be deceived as to the true state of the provincial finances. To conceive such a thing possible would be to believe that the Opposition for

years past had been wholy forgetful. vious of the dutie country, (Applause).

point is Chipman

"Now I have never had that this road would be gart of the G. T. P. and ways felt that the Govern be fustified in incurring an expenditure which would order to keep the roa state of efficiency to main fic. so that it may be use as a part of the G. T when that system is co "Reference has been ma ponents to the fact that I that this road would be ta the G. T. P., and I have with deceiving the people spect

"Let me say, sir, that I r a time when it would be I have said that I believed taken over in a few month stated there might be del said that the near future the fulfillment of my exp this respect. Upon what di these expectations? "In the first place, whe

struction of the G. T. P. parliament, the then mem John, Colonel Tucker, and friend to St. John he alway fore voting for the Trans naturally wished to know John would stand in resp line, and received assurance would be a branch to this c main line at the nearest

point. "Then we had the utteran Mr. Emmerson when was Railways, in which he state certain language, with all sibility which attached to minister of the crown, that tral Railway would, in his taken over and form a par T. P. system.

"I had many interviews of the G. T. P., and I wa that so far as the eastern Transcontinental was cond regarded the construction and its connections more : for the Government to dea for them. and that they w pared to be guided by the . Minister of Railways in th "Having these assurances ing what was the opinion ister of Railways. I made ment which I did with the I fidence. I have never for doubted that the G. T. not ignore the opportuniti ness afforded by this mercial city, and that look to St. John as the winter ports through y port to the markets of Euro traffic of the West which come to these lower provin winter season over the new tinental line, as it is now o over that other great tran line, the C. P. R.

"Mr. Emmerson resigned folio of railways and canal been succeeded by a gentle though one of the most pray capable public men whom I known, is not so familiar, be expected to be so familia railway situation in the ma vinces as Mr. Emmerson. ever. carefully studying the and I have no reason to su his views upon this quetion different from those of his p



On motion of Thomas McAvity, the he talked to those whom he calls and chair was taken by Thomas Gorman. thinks of as "his friends and fellow which he took as the candidates for citizens," won hearty favor and apthe city and the Minister of Public plause. Works and Attorney General appeared

The Minister's Great Speech

erous welcome from the audience. Dr. Pugsley made a speech that will which applauded these gentlemen rank as one of the best he ever deliv- again and againered. He was in fine form, and with a In very brief terms the chairman most appreciative and well disposed expressed his pleasure at seeing such audience to listen, spoke with vigor, a large audience present and introducclearness and fluency. There was noed Hon. D. J. Furdy as the first speakthing narrow in his remarks. He aper. That gentleman was greeted with pealed to the broad spirit of progress

hearty applause and his opening alluand advancement that should and does sion to his pride in belonging to the prevail among the people, and showed present government evoked much enhat the acts of the local administrathusiasm. He commended the agricultion for which he was responsible could be easily defended from the attacks of tural policy of the government, its enterprise in bonusing wheat mills the opposition. He made a defense and the success that policy had met that roused his hearers to a pitch of seen in a public with. In order to help the farmers the enthusiasm seldom meeting in St. John. The public ac- government had assisted them in every counts and the exaggeration of the way. He spoke of the great improvedebt by Mr. Hazen and his organizer ment in the produce of the dairies. Mr. Purdy spoke confidently of the came in for scathing denunciation. The possibilities of the Central Railway, success of the ticket on March 3, and the chance that the Grand Trunk Pa- upon the conclusion of his brief adcific would need and use Courtenay dress was heartily applauded. Bay for terminal facilities, the develop-"The old war horse" Edward Lanment of the port of St. John, the har- | talum was then introduced and there bor improvements already made and was no doubt of the warmth of his those in contemplation, the record of reception. During his brief speech he the Liberal party in provincial politics expressed what pleasure it gave him and the importance of considering the to support the government of which necessity of federal and provincial C. W. Robinson was premier. He had unity were all dealt with by the Min- given St. John city and county two

ister in masterly style. members in his government and was At the beginning of his speech he reaiding the city in every way that he ferred to the attack made upon him in could, his latest effort in this direction his absence from parliament by Mr. being an offer to bear half of the ex-Crocket, M. P. for York. His claim pense of taking borings of Courtenay that he (Pugsley) had left a discredit-Bay. He spoke warmly in praise of ed government when he left provincial the Liberal Government as led by Sir politics was best answered by the mag-Wilfrid Laurier and alluded to his nificent meeting and applause of the choice of St. John's able men, Blair and evening. Mr. Crocket did not display Pugsley as members of his cabinet. ich courage in making such an attack in his absence, accusing him of (Applause.) The city of St. John could misconduct and recalling charges made well afford to be proud of these men. seventeen years ago against him. That He spoke of the opposition canvasses

was at a time when many of the vot- and the fact that some of them were ers of today were in swaddling clothes. asking for individual votes." He did not want to go Those charges were made when Hon. D. L. Hanington was leader of to Fredericton unless his colleagues the government and when that went with him. And he was sure that gentleman was' called upon to formu- they would be on election day. (Great late them he refused to do so, though applause).

Hon. Mr. Blair, the Premier, expressed his willingness to remain all summer Skinner spoke a few minutes, discussif necessary and investigate them. He ing come canvasses of the opposition pointed out that the pretense of the and their misstatements regarding opposition that this is not the fight of the present Liberal party is absurd, of the Liberal and Conservative govand referred to the Conservative convention in 1889 when such men as cerned were briefly compared, as well Clarke, Fowler and Chipman were making the city pay the \$40,000 in conbrought into line by Foster and a resoution passed to conduct provincial politics upon federal lines. Inasmuch as he had been attacked it was impossible for him to keep out of the fight, and it would have been cowardly for him to

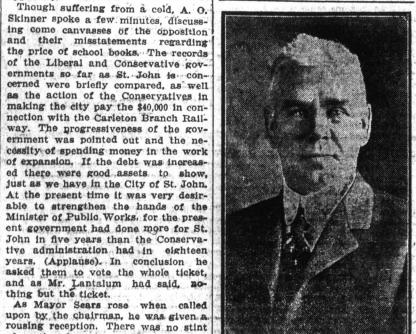
do 80. Another local allusion that was heartily laughed at and applauded was the criticism of his friend Mr. Hatheway about cold storage matters. Mr. Ifatheway's and Mr. Maxwell's cordial support of him as an Independent in 1896 was referred to in pleasant terms, years. (Applause). In conclusion he but he reminded the audience that both of these gentlemen had crawled back to the Conservatives while he had thing but the ticket.

not. He dealt with the cold storage As Mayor Sears rose when called canvass in a brief and effective fashion. upon by the chairman, he was given a. showing that the present structure was rousing reception. There was no stint the finest of its kind in Canada and of continued applause. His greeting: had cost \$159,175.66. He took occasion "Friends, Liberals, Independents and

allowed me to be returned by acclamation. "If, ladies and gentlemen, I had been the hearts of Mr. Hazen and his assoowe to the public in not coming before the people of St. John and telling them what manner of man they believed I the interests and the welfare of this constituency in my hands. (Loud applause.)

FALSE CHARGES.

"Among other things, what are they now stating? They are saying that the public accounts do not show the true state of the lnances of thie Province. They are saying that false and



EDWARD LANTALUM.

FAKE FIGURES EXPOSED.

"While dealing with this subject of electors of this constituency as a | the reckless and unfounded statements candidate for parliament, in that they of the opponents of the Provincial Govan episode which I think ought to fill

"Some months ago, a pamphlet was was, and urging the electorate to place told it was distributed by thousands among the electors of New Brunswick. I saw a copy myself, and in that statedown as being upwards of two million

dollars more than it really is. By whom was that statement prepared? I have no doubt but that it was prepared throughout the Proince? I have no ate attempt to deceive the people. I

doubt but that it was circulated by the have no doubt that when that pamph-He referred to Foster's treatment of let was issued it was supposed that the St. John long ago and compared it with elections would be brought on within that of Mr. Blair later. He asked the a comparatively short period, and that Conservatives for their support. They there would be no opportunity to put had helped him in the past and would, the facts before the people and to show he was sure, do so again and in helping the guilt of the Conservative leaders the Liberal candidates help the city. in this respect. (Applause).

Executive of the Conservative organiz-FLEMMING'S DECEPTION. ation. For the statements contained in "And I also charge Mr. Flemming. that pamphlet Mr. Hazen and his as- who has been for some years the sociates must be held responsible by financial critic of the Opposition and the electors of this Province. who poses as an honest man, would "Now, ladies and gentlemen, consider.

like to have the people believe he is for a moment as to whether or not that an honest man, would like to have the statement could have been prepared people believe that he is a little better with an honest belief that it was true. than the ordinary politician-a little Mr, Hubbard, the Conservative Organizer, attended constantly before the better than his leader, I charge him with conduct equally unjustifiable-equally Committee on Public Accounts, reportworthy of condemnation. In a speech ing its proceedings day after day for the Conservative newspapers. Prom- | which he made a few nights ago at Moncton, he is reported in the St. inent members of the Conservative John Telegraph as having stated that party were members of the Public Accounts Committee, and when I tell you the Government had added, during that in that statement one amount of the past year \$1,500,000 to the permanupwards of \$556,000 was counted in ent debt of the Province. When Mr. three times, that other large amounts, Flemming made that statement he were counted twice and three times, knew perfectly well that that amount making altogether what, when chalwas a loan raised in England by the lenged in regard to it, Mr. Hazen is Government on very favorable terms, compelled to admit was an erroneous raised through the Bank of Montreal

THE CENTRAL RAILWAY.

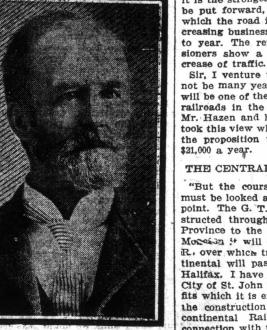


A. O. SKINNER.

"I want to talk to you tonight for a short time upon a subject which has satisfactority accounted for. I well mier and the candidates who are run- know that their charges are absolutely John Sun had called attention to the been very much discussed by the Op- remember, sir, the anxious weeks and position-I mean the Central Railway, months which were spent by the so called, or what is now known as laboring people and the people who ing considerable time in making pery by the Provincial Secretary or Auditor the statement that these figures had the New Brunswick Coal and Railway had supplied materials to the road system. I notice that the Opposition are while that audit was taking place. The making the conduct of the Govern- Government were pressed not to wait ment in respect to this railroad a very for the auditing of the accounts, they were pressed by the laboring people. strong ground of attack. "What were the facts which con- they were pressed by the men who had give to the country honest and pro- people that these statements are er- that a reporter, without authority, fronted us when we came to consider supplied materials, pressed by their gressive administration of affairs than roneous and misleading is, sir, I desire would publish such an important mat-the question of developing the coal friends, and it was urged that the deto know whether or not I, at all times to say, and I wish to say it with all the ter if Mr. Hazen had not stated those fields of New Brunswick? We found a lay would be disastrous. The Governresponsibility which attaches to me as figures at the meeting? But what fur-railroad extending from Norton to ment stood firm and insisted upon the a public man and as a representative ther have we? Instead of Mr. Hubbard, Chipman which had been years ago, at auditing, and, as I have said, became of the people, a deliberate and a wicked as the Provincial Conservative Organ- a time when the Conservative Gov- satisfied that the money had been attempt to deceive the electors of this izer, being reprimanded and dismissed ernment was in power at Ottawa, sub- properly expended. (Applause.)

and none know better than they, that wilful, this outrageous, this, I would cial Governments. Into that railroad ernment had given an assurance to venture to say, despicable attempt to American capitalists put about half a the legislature that no further funds deceive the electorate of the Province, million dollars and held bonds on the would be required there was a vote of at a banquet which was recently given to Mr. Hazen in this city he was re-cost the Dominion, the Province and session of the legislature but, sir, ii ported to have spoken in the highest private capitalists a large sum of must be borne in mind that a consider terms of the Conservative organizer money, but it had not reached the coal able portion of that vote was for the and referred to the great service which fields and, therefore, was not capable purpose of providing additional rolling ernment, let me recall to your minds he had rendered to the Conservative of doing what it had been expected it stockparty. Now, ladies and gentlemen, if would do for the development of the

there is one thing which, in my opin- coal resources of the Province. The road is getting in a more prosperous guilty of half the things they now clates with shame and mortification, and ion more than another, a public man Provincial Government were informed condition, is doing an increasing busicharge against me, they were surely ought to bring upon them the con- should be careful of, it is that he by experts that in the counties of Sun- ness, it is the fact that it requires adshould not by any statement which he bury and Queens were vast deposits diticnal rolling stock. The acquiring makes seek to mislead or deceive the of coal, estimated at 200,000,000 tons, of additional rolling stock is necessitatprepared by the Opposition for circu-electorate. The financial condition of owned by the Province, which remain-ed by increasing business, and unless the Province is a matter of great inter- ed undeveloped and which could not a road has a sufficient amount of rollest, and properly so, to the people, be developed unless the railway was ing stock, it cannot satisfactorily or They are entitled to be correctly in-extended to these coal areas. We re-economically handle the business which ment the debt of the Province was set formed with regard to it, and when cognized that if railway connection offers. If you take the accounts of the you bear in mind that the debt of this should be given to the coal mines and C. P. R. Co. you will see from year to Province is comparatively small you they could be successfully developed year as the business extends, large adcan appreciate the importance of the it would mean giving employment to ditions are made to the rolling stock statement that it was over two million large numbers of people, it would mean of the road, and these additions are have no doubt but that it was prepar-ed by the Conservative Oraganizer and dollars more than it actually was. I stimulating the industries of the Provcharged to capital account. So with the Conservative Executive for New cannot, as I said before, but character-ince and insuring to our manufacturthe I. C. R. So with the G. T. R. And Brunswick. By whom was it circulat- ize this as a most wilful and deliber-its as a most wilful and deliber-its as a most wilful and deliber-ers a steady supply of cheap fuel, it therefore, instead of its being any ground of attack against this railway



HON. D. J. PURDY.

regarding terminal facilities PRESIDENT HAYS' VI "While the line (referring t that it acquires additional rolling stock it is the strongest argument which can be put forward, showing the progress which the road is making, and the increasing business it is doing from year to year. The reports of the Commissioners show a steady and easy in-

Sir, I venture to predict that it will not be many years before this railroad will be one of the most valuable branch railroads in the Dominion of Canada. Mr. Hazen and his followers evidently took this view when they voted against the proposition to lease the road for \$21,000 a year.

THE CENTRAL AND THE G. T. P.

"But the course of the Government must be looked at from another standpoint. The G. T. P. is now being constructed through the centre of the Province to the City of Moncton. At Morein " will connect with the I. C. R. over which trains of the Transcontinental will pass on to the City of Halifax. I have always felt that if the City of St. John is to share in the benefits which it is entitled to receive from the construction of this new Transcontinental Railway there must be connection with the City of St. John at the nearest available point, and that

Brunswick Coal and Railwa in good shape for the pur which it was originally inte handling of local traffic, it v strengthening to fit it fo volume of through traffic road (referring to the Transco was completed, and having i necessities in connection with should also be extended by direct route feasible into St. since an investigation of its ties points to the developm shore flats on Courtenay B suggest the ascertaining of the ter of the flats, whether roe oottom, with a view to lay plan for the development of along similar lines to what done at Montreal and what plated at Quebec. With this and the New Brunswick line the New Brunswick Coal and line) strengthened and exte St. John, the Grand Trun would be in a position to giv that service and develop portance demands.

'Now these are the view Hays, the Vice-President of Funk Railway Company, an adapt of the Grand Trunk Pa way Company. His is the ma controlling and direction tr

(Applause.) ST. JOHN THE TERN

"While we have no jealou

sister city of Halifax, and earnestly hope that the en of the people of that city w ized, and that when the tinental railway is comp wharves will be lined with that the business will be creased, yet no man who map can doubt but that if o ourselves, and stand for for which I, as your rep stand, of giving the shortest possible tion with the tran tal line which this road fro to Chipman will give, and vide proper terminal faciliti G. T. P. at this port St. share to a larger extent than port in the maritime provinc vantages which will accrue freight traffic in the winter

the G. T. P. "The geographical position city assures us beyond the a doubt that this will be the already the G. T. P. are St. John. Not long ago you general manager of the line Frank W. Morse, looking o portunities St. John will terminal facilities for his lin not come here on any polit sion but for the purpose over the possibilities for suitable terminals. Mr. Mors a railroad man of great expe ability, went carefully over way from Norton to Chipma made his report to Mr. President of the Grand Trun and I will read to you extra a letter which I have recently rom Mr. Hays, in which he opinion of the railway and