

POLITICAL PICNIC.

Great Liberal - Conservative Demonstration in Blair's Constituency.

The Farmers Turn Out in Force to Hear the Speakers of the Day.

Speeches by Hon. Mr. Foster, J. D. Hazen, Geo. W. Fowler, Mr. Hetherington, Mr. Woods—Sir Charles Tupper's Name Cheered.

COLES ISLAND, Queens Co., Sept. 7.—On this golden September day, in Hon. A. G. Blair's constituency, and in a parish that never till last year gave a conservative majority in an election, fully two thousand people met to listen and cheer the speeches of liberal conservative orators.

The significance of the large assemblage is the more apparent when it is understood that there is no village in this district, and the only place where the people meet on occasions of this kind. The liberal government at Ottawa had now been on trial three years and it was well to meet and discuss their record.

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The day was very fine except for a high wind, and in the field where the speeches were made an effective shelter was secured by a curved wall of standing boards on the windward side. Plank seats were placed for a thousand people, but as many more reclined on the grass or stood about the platform occupied by the speakers.

At the request of the Johnston parish association, Rev. Mr. Wilmot, ex-M. P. of Sunbury, took the chair at two p. m. Three cheers and a tiger were given for Hon. Mr. Foster when the chairman and speakers mounted the platform.

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all expenses were paid out of the party fund. Would those candidates put up five or ten thousand dollars each? Would their friends do it? No. If what Mr. Emmerson says is true, then the electors are being duped with their own money that should go for their roads, bridges and schools.

After speaking of the honor that should attach to public life, Mr. Hazen said it was degrading to say that elections were a question of bargain and sale. He was amazed that the statement of the premier should be made and not attract more attention from the brethren who heard it.

Dealing with the last session of the house of assembly, Mr. Hazen showed how his secret ballot bill was shunted out on a point of order, and his subsequent resolution which he believed all liberals would support, was opposed by himself, although it expressed a principle put into dominion legislation by Alexander Mackenzie. Hon. Mr. White opposed it with the degrading and pernicious argument, that a secret ballot was not better for the reason that voters would tell whether he delivered the goods or not (Groans). So this old time liberal principle was rejected, only five voting for his resolution. Mr. Hetherington was right when he said there were no liberals left.

The provincial government took privileges away from the municipalities in order to get patronage for themselves, as in the case of the revisors, a change no one had asked for, no one would make, and it was voted through by a brute majority. Was it for the good of the country? No—that was the last thought in their minds. They wanted to get their own ends. He declared that a partisan trick, and an insinuation that the municipal authorities were incompetent. Was it fair to take up the time of the legislature in passing pernicious legislation like that?

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HON. MR. FOSTER was in fine speaking form, and was cheered again and again as he delivered his brilliant address.

Mr. Foster, after some pleasant references to old friends and associations connected with that part of Queens county, said it was no light burden, and responsibility to be a citizen of Canada. It was more to be a humble citizen of this country than to be a czar of Russia, ruling millions of serfs. (Applause.) The government of this country, said the speaker, will be no better than we down here make it. Did you blush when it was said that the premier of New Brunswick had stated that it was no use to try to run an election without five or ten thousand dollars to spend in buying men who have a blood bought and precious right of franchise? Then blush again. And blush again. Blush for yourselves, your children, your neighbors and your country until you rise up in your indignation and declare that a premier of this province shall not have that to say of you. For otherwise, before God, it were better to be serfs in Russia than free men in Canada. (Cheers.)

Therefore, said Mr. Foster, I claim we have a right to call upon liberals to tell at the polls what they think of men who will so repudiate their promises. Society could not hold together if men did not keep faith with each other. There must be faith between man and man, and faith, too, between political parties and the electors. If you put a party in power and they snap their fingers at you when you ask them to keep their promises, it saps the very foundation of government. (Applause.) And I believe, said the speaker, that the liberal leaders will lose more votes on that account than on any other. Old fashioned honesty still exists. But, said Mr. Foster, one thing the liberals have done. They have shown unremitting zeal in petty and malignant persecution of their employees, hunting inoffensive and good citizens out of small post-offices. (Great cheer.) Many of the people here wanted my friend Starkey hunted out!

Mr. Foster—It is your post-office—not Mr. Blair's. They have hunted men like post-boys on the mountains, mean and ignoble purposes. (Great applause.) I have in mind a case of a railway man in Pettitodiac. He was lame and we made him keeper of a tank to give him a living in his old age. He was compelled to fill the position. One of two men started on the hunt for him and kept after him till he was dismissed in his old age and lameness, after thirty years' service, and after all but three of his neighbors signed a petition to have him kept there. What noble policy! Worthy of a Blair—worthy of a Tarte. And it is the same all over the country. I would, said the speaker, consider myself a mean-spirited man if I hunted men because they voted according to the dictates of their conscience. (Long continued applause.)

But these liberals loved the farmer. What more did they do for him besides increasing the taxation? Here Mr. Foster gave the details of the Kingston binder twine scandal, where the twine was sold by the government at 4-1c per pound to Laurier's friend in Ottawa, who re-sold it to the farmers at 11 to 15c.

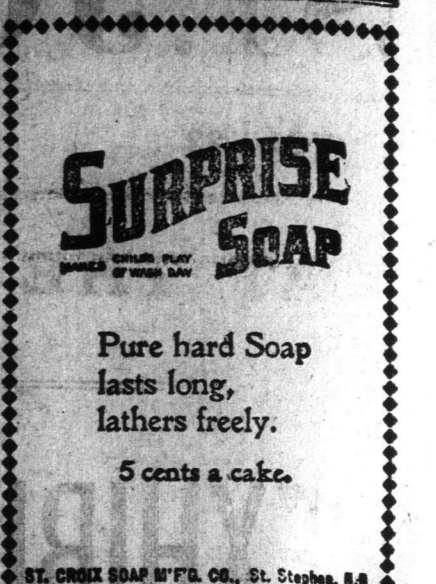
Mr. Foster next showed that the liberals had repudiated the old principle of tender and contract, as in the Coteau dredging affair. No one asked for the dredging, Mr. Tarte gave a relative by marriage, a real estate broker, \$200,000 for the job. The latter farmed it out to two men who had dredged, and pocketed the difference. Then there was the Long Wharf contract at St. John. A few years ago the name of the Conolly was on every spit of tongue. Next to the devil were the Conollys and next to them the Tory government. (Laughter.) The Conolly's tender was the highest, but they got it—at \$108,000 above that of Mr. Mayes. The underlying reason could be easily thought out by any man in the audience.

The liberal government had also sought to tie the hands of parliament by making contracts and forcing them through parliament afterwards, as in the Drummond deal. In that case the senate saved the country \$750,000 by rejecting the first agreement. Yet they say they want to abolish the senate. They were also going to keep the lands for the people. Yet they made a bargain with Mackenzie and Mann to give them so many acres of gold lands for 150 miles of tramway. A more outrageous piece of legislation was never proposed. The senate was never proposed. The senate was never proposed. The senate was never proposed. The senate was never proposed.

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