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Unprecedented Conservative Victory.

Never, in the political history of this Province, was a Government so heartily endorsed by the electorate as was the Mathieson administration in the elections of Wednesday last, the 3rd inst., as will be seen by the returns published in this paper. The overwhelming majorities rolled up for the Conservative candidates in almost all the districts throughout the Province, show how strongly the newly formed Government, led by Hon. John A. Mathieson, is entrenched in public confidence. The emphatic and sweeping defeat administered to the Liberal party in this election plainly indicates that the public conscience had been thoroughly aroused against their mal-administration. Whatever of public confidence the Liberals enjoyed locally at any time since 1891, they had long since forfeited, and they managed to hold power only through the influence and prestige of the Laurier Government, while it remained in office. As soon as the people of Canada hurled Laurier and his entourage from power, the local Liberal Government were left without a leg to stand on. The Federal Liberal Government was their main prop, and when it disappeared they went to pieces like a house of cards. The late Liberal Provincial Government left behind them an unenviable reputation as administrators of the public trust committed to their keeping, and left to their successors in office a legacy of debt appalling in its magnitude. Their conduct during their years of office, as well as the demoralized condition in which they left public affairs, plainly indicate that all their energies were exerted, not for the good of the Province, but to keep themselves in office. They have now been hurled from place and power, and buried in political oblivion, and a new and brighter political era has dawned for Prince Edward Island.

Hon. Mr. Mathieson and his associates are face to face with a serious problem; but we feel sure they are fully equal to the task. They are able, willing and anxious to take up the public business, and to bring order out of chaos. They may be depend upon to exert their best energies for the amelioration and uplifting of our beloved Province. From Premier Borden and his friends at Ottawa justice, a large measure of justice, may be expected. The promise has been given and we know it will be kept. Already we have in the car ferry matter the greatest boon that our Province has known. Those who have granted us this will be equally just to us in other directions. We feel, therefore, that we may confidently look forward to bright days for Prince Edward Island under the strong and energetic administration of Hon. Mr. Mathieson, which the people have so overwhelmingly endorsed at the polls. Heartiest congratulations to Premier Mathieson and his associates in victory.

In consequence of the heavy storm yesterday, no foreign mail reached the island. The Minto started from Pictou for Charlottetown twice during the day, but had to return both times. The Earl Grey left here for Pictou towards noon and got over. This morning the Minto left for Charlottetown, but encountered such terrible conditions that she went to Georgetown. The Earl Grey also started for here, but she also went to Georgetown.

Car Ferry Endorsed.

At a great meeting of representative citizens from all parts of the Province, held in the hall of Prince of Wales College on Friday evening last, the proposal of the Federal Government to establish a car ferry between this Island and the mainland, was unanimously adopted amid much enthusiasm. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Charlottetown Board of Trade and was called to order by Mr. Higgs, President of the Board. On motion, Rev. J. J. McDonald, Kinkora, was elected Chairman. In opening the proceedings, the Rev. Chairman spoke at some length on the unspeakable advantage the proposed car ferry would be to our Province. He then called on Hon. W. S. Stewart, who moved the following resolution, seconded by Rev. Dr. Gauthier:

Whereas the Province of Prince Edward Island has been placed under great disadvantages in matters of transportation due to the short rates being on "three short hauls," viz., from points of shipment on the P. E. I. Railway to terminals, one rate; from said terminals via Charlottetown Steam Navigation Company's Steamers to the I. C. B. terminals one rate; from the I. C. R. terminals to points of destination on the I. C. R., one rate.

That these inequalities in rates have made it difficult for the exporters for P. E. Island products to compete with dealers in like products in the other provinces where one continuous rate for the distance traversed is in force; that notwithstanding the great improvements that have been in mail and passenger transportation in other provinces, Prince Edward Island today has very little better mail and passenger service than it had at the time it entered Confederation, viz., one outward and inward mail and passenger service daily;

That to these disabilities, in part, at least is due the steady decrease in population accompanied by a decrease in our representation in Parliament; That Prince Edward Island can never enjoy its full measure of prosperity until it is put upon an equal footing in matters of passenger, mail and freight transportation with the other provinces of Canada;

THEREFORE RESOLVED, that this meeting of the Board of Trade and the Farmer's Institutes, merchants and citizens in general of Prince Edward Island most heartily endorse the project announced by the Federal Government to establish a car ferry to connect the P. E. Island Railway with the Intercolonial Railway, the standardizing of the P. E. I. R. and the eliminating of the three short hauls; and hereby requests our representatives in Parliament to use their earnest and united efforts to have these improvements carried into effect at the earliest possible day.

In support of his resolution Hon. Mr. Stewart made an eloquent speech, pointing out the relief that would be afforded to our Province by the Government's project of a car ferry. He showed that the serious handicap to which the people of this Province had been so long subjected would be removed by this ferry. The three short hauls would disappear and freight shipped in any part of the Island would go forward to destination without change. The same would be true of passenger traffic.

Rev. Dr. Gauthier delivered an eloquent speech in seconding the resolution. The exodus from our Province would be stopped, he said, and the young men would be content to remain on the farms and assist to make our Island Province what nature

destined it to be, the ideal home of a sturdy and intellectual people.

A. A. McLean, M. P., was the next speaker. He reviewed the steps that had been taken by himself and his colleague, Mr. Nicholson, in connection with this matter, and then read a letter he had read from the Minister of Railways dated at Ottawa on December 29th, 1911, confirming the telegram previously sent, which we published last week. The letter concludes as follows:

"The Government considers that this service is due to the people of the Island, and that they have waited long enough for continuous communication with the Intercolonial Railway and the railway system of the Dominion. It is the intention of the Government to at once investigate the question as to the best type of boat for this service, and I can assure you that there will be no more delay than is justified to ensure a proper selection and equipment.

Faithfully yours, (Signed) F. COCHRANE. Needless to say, the pleas

ing information contained in the Minister's letter was received with ringing cheers by the audience.

Donald Nicholson, M. P. followed, who strongly endorsed the proposal and spoke of the interviews with the Prime Minister and Minister of Railways by Mr. McLean and himself, and the practical results therefrom, as intimated in the Minister's letter just read.

Brief speeches enthusiastically endorsing the project and commending the promptitude of the Government in grappling with the problem at once, were delivered by Jas. W. Richards, M. P., Alex. Martin, ex. M. P., D. A. McKinnon, ex. M. P., Hons. Premier Mathieson, John McLean, J. A. McNeill, E. Arsenault and Charles Dalton, Messrs Geo. E. Hughes, N. Rattenbury, W. B. McKenzie, Chief Engineer Government Railways, Dr. Bagnall and Rev. Mr. McDougall, Cape Traverse. The resolution was then unanimously adopted by standing vote, and the meeting closed with the National Anthem and cheers for the car ferry.

Splendid Government Victory.

Liberals Buried Under an Avalanche of Conservative Votes.—Only Two Opposition Candidates Emerged Alive from the Conflict.

The general Provincial election, on Wednesday last, resulted in the most splendid victory ever achieved by the Conservatives in this Province. The Liberals succeeded in electing only two of their candidates, and these with vanishing majorities as compared with the previous election. Mr. Richards, the newly appointed Liberal Leader, and his colleague, Mr. McWilliams, are all that is left of the Opposition. It was a grand day's work for Prince Edward Island, second only to the achievement for the whole of Canada on September 21st last. The weather on election day was ideal, and the electors turned out in force, silently and determined, and by their votes buried in political oblivion the party that had so long mismanaged the public affairs of this Province. The result by districts, allowing for some minor changes by special votes, is as follows:

Table for Charlottetown, Common and Royalty. Columns: Stewart, Nash, Jenkins, Hughes. Rows: Ward 1 East, Ward 1 West, Ward 2 East, Ward 2 West, Ward 3 East, Ward 3 West, Ward 4 East, Ward 4 West, Ward 4 Central, Ward 4 West, Ward 5 East, Ward 5 East (Central), Ward 5 West (Central), Ward 5 West, East Royalty, West Royalty.

Table for Queen's County—First District. Columns: Kennedy, Crosby, Myers, Cousineau. Rows: Long River, French River, Clifton, Granville, Hazel River, Hazel Grove, Straneshel, Bradalbane, Westmoreland, Crapaud, Melville, Emyvale, Bonshaw.

Table for Queen's County—Second District. Columns: Buntain, McPhee, Jenkins, McMillan. Rows: New Glasgow, Hunter River, North Rustico, South Rustico, Wheatley River, North Wilshire, Kingstons, Milton, North River, Nine Mile Creek, St. Catharines.

Table for Queen's County—Third District. Columns: Dewar, Chandler, Feehan, McDonald. Rows: Brackley Pt. Road, Brackley Point, Covehead, Tracadie, Little York, Bedford, Pleasant Grove.

Table for Queen's County—Fourth District. Columns: Martin, Irving. Rows: Pownal, Piquid Road, Cherry Valley, Vernon River, Grand View, Caledonia, Orwell Cove, Eldon, Point Prim, Belle River, Wood Islands.

Table for King's County—Second District. Columns: Simpson, Cox, Macdonald, Melanin. Rows: St. Andrews, Peake's, Lot 39, Marie, Hd. St. Peters Bay, N, Hd. St. Peters Bay, S, Monticello.

Table for King's County—Third District. Columns: Dewar, Nelson. Rows: Baldwin's Road, Victoria Cross (maj), Eighteen Mile Brook, Cardigan, Lorne Valley, Rosenesth, Montague North, Dundas, Glenfanning.

Table for King's County—Fourth District. Columns: Prowse, Barnes, McKinnon, Inman. Rows: Whim Road Cross, Murray River, St. Mary's Road, Glen William, High Bank, Murray Bar. South, Montague South.

Table for Prince County—First District. Columns: S. Gallant, B. Gallant, Dalton, Agnew. Rows: Alberton, Bloomfield, Centre Line Road, Dock Road, Fortune Cove, Greenmount, Nail Pond, St. Louis, Skinner's Pond, Tignish, Plusville.

Table for Prince County—Second District. Columns: Matthews, Richards, Dougherty, McWilliams. Rows: Cape Wolf, Hamilton, Brae, West Deroon, Conway, Ellerslie, Tyne Valley, Mount Pleasant.

Table for Prince County—Third District. Columns: Arsenault, McNally, Dobie, McLean. Rows: Cape Egmont, Central, Egmont Bay, Fifteen Point, Indian River, Arlington, Princetown, Spring Valley, St. Gilbert, Wellington.

Table for Prince County—Fourth District. Columns: Kennedy, Tuplin, Delaney, Reid. Rows: Cape Traverse, Centreville, Freetown, Kinkora, Kennington, Newton, Ross' Corner, Seaview, Traveller's Rest, Tyron.

Table for Prince County—Fifth District. Columns: McNeill, Howatt, Wyatt, Clark. Rows: Miscouche, St. Bleasno's, Summerside.

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