

CONSERVATIVE RALLY.

A Successful Political Meeting in Woodstock.

Addresses by Dr. Stockton, Leader of the Opposition, Hon. G. E. Foster, and Mr. McInerney.—Summary of the Speeches.

The Conservatives of the county had a capital meeting in the Opera House on Tuesday evening the 11th inst. The hall had been decorated for the occasion. On the front of the stage was a portrait of Sir John Macdonald. British and American flags were draped across the front of the platform, while a handsome display of potted flowers added beauty to the arrangements. The hall was well filled when the proceedings began. Geo. L. Hofske presided, and among those on the platform were Chas. Kearney, Alex. Lindsay, Geo. W. White, W. D. Berry, Rev. J. C. Bleakney, F. W. Greene (Montreal), G. D. Lewis (Toronto), Ed. Gilmour, John Connor, Wm. Tompkins, John Kearney, John Boyd, Jarvis Tracey, Squire Kilpatrick, J. T. Garden, J. N. W. Winslow, George Anderson, Jas. Blackie, Marshall Smith, F. H. Hale, M. P., G. L. Cronkite, Geo. Melville, J. K. Flemming, Andrew Stephenson, R. W. Sme, G. R. Burtt, and others.

Dr. Stockton was the first speaker. He said that judging by the size of the audience, there was little sign that the Conservative party was either dead or discouraged. Provincial issues are as important to the electors of the province as federal issues. Provincial legislators had the power of direct taxation. He did not know whether there would be an election this fall or next spring, but in either case it is important that every elector should be considering the best methods to be pursued to carry the banner of the Conservative party to victory. There should be economy in public affairs, as business men applied that economy to their private affairs. Having but a limited income of some \$700,000 a year, it was necessary that we should make the expenditure square with the income. We should not run in debt, nor add to the permanent debt of the country. To do that we must have economy, while it was true that some great public exigency might of course, make it necessary to make a large expenditure. The increase of the provincial debt ought to be stopped (Applause). Tens of thousands of money has been expended without competition and tender. It was shown in the public works committee last session that out of a sum of \$60,000 on permanent bridge account, \$42,000 had been expended without competition or tender. Mr. Dibble had unearthed grave scandals and for this he had earned not alone the thanks of his county, but of the province at large. There was the question of the steel bridges of which much was said. They could be spelt in two ways. Much was made of an over expenditure of some \$25 on a road machine. Perhaps the government might have applied the same rule to the over expenditure of some seven or eight thousand dollars on public structures. It seemed that Mr. C. L. Smith was taking an interest in these small items of over expenditure. He might be an expert on these matters, but he (Dr. Stockton) had rather regarded him as an expert on the importation of Jersey stock, and he thought that he had a high qualification never to have a surplus on the sale of this Jersey stock. Continuing, he dealt with the financial question. In 1897 our net debt was \$2,488,000. Over \$100,000 had been added since then, so that our net debt now was \$2,500,000. There has been an average increase of \$133,000 a year. Probate fees and certain license fees are taken out of the municipalities and put into the general fund of the province at Fredericton. He denied the truth of the charges of government orators that the opposition was opposed to the agricultural interests of the province. He had been through the province and the feeling is growing strongly that the government was bound to go out of office when the next election came on. The same feeling prevailed with regard to federal affairs. He asked the Conservatives of Carleton to organize. He believed the Moncton convention was a wise movement on behalf of the Liberal Conservative party and of the province of New Brunswick.

Mr. McInerney was given a hearty reception. This was his first address in this county. He wished to thank the Liberal Conservative party of Carleton, and Mr. Hale for inviting him here. "We are here to speak the words of truth in the spirit of kindness. It was asked why have public meetings at this time. In his idea there was no more fitting time, than the present, when the people are not excited nor their passions aroused. Again it was a good motto, in time of peace, prepare for war. When the Maine went down in Havana harbour, no one thought that war was on, and when Mr. Blair comes down on a political tour in this province, nobody knows what mine is going to be sprung. He was strongly in favor of a change of government at Fredericton, and had been of that opinion for many years past, and he was certain that such was the opinion of a great majority of the people of this province from the Restigouche to the St. Croix. The speaker then dealt with federal issues. The Liberal Conservative party had built the C. P. R. and

inaugurated the National Policy, a policy which had added greatly to the development of the country. The Conservative party had trusted the people and done all it could to foster the national spirit. The other party had preached secession in Nova Scotia, and condoned rebellion in the North West. Edward Blake could not follow the political architects who produced different policies on all conceivable occasions. Their policy when in opposition meant the severing of the tie that bound us to the old land. Their latest policy until in power, was free trade as they had it in England, a policy totally unfitted to the conditions of this young country. He proceeded to criticize the platform of the Liberal party in 1893. It had well been remarked that this famous platform was like the platform of acar, rather for the purpose of getting in on, than for the purpose of standing on. This party having got in power had increased the debt in two years and a half \$7,000,000. If we believe Mr. Tarte we will have to speak next year in terms of hundreds of millions of dollars. There was to be no nepotism and yet we find pure ministers like Sir Richard Cartwright and Mr. Borden, appointing their relatives to office. Eleven by-elections were soon to come on, all by the appointment of members of parliament to office. Langelier and Lister were quoted as cases of men who had promises of government appointments, while they were members of parliament. Rideau Hall expenditure was to be lowered. Mr. Mulock had drafted a resolution to reduce the expenditure of Rideau Hall when in opposition but voted against the motion when introduced after they came in power. They were dead against protection. Have they carried out their promise to strike out protection? It is strongly imbedded in the tariff today. The Liberal Conservative party had put preferential trade in its policy. Mr. Laurier in 1896 said he was as strong a preferential trade man as Sir Charles Tupper. When he went to England he said we don't want any preferential trade. What we give, we give freely. Nothing would enhance the value of farm property here more, than if we had a preferential market in the old country, as against the competing areas of the United States, Argentina or the Russian. He did not deny the country was prosperous, but, he denied that the Liberal party had done anything to bring about that prosperity (Applause). In one case we had Mr. Tarte promising protection, and Mr. Laurier promising free trade. He (Mr. McInerney) was not a betting man, but he believed Tarte would win (Laughter.) He believed in a Dominion Franchise Act, while acknowledging that there might be defects in the old act. He had always thought the Liberal party with its claims to reform would have given to us a manhood suffrage act, instead of the antiquated piece of machinery they did give us. Regarding the plebiscite Mr. Spence, for the prohibitionists, said he never asked for a plebiscite. He asked for prohibition. No prohibitionist ever asked to have apple cider put in the plebiscite question. The government deliberately put this into prejudice prohibition among the apple growing farmers of Ontario. He would prophesy that the government would introduce no prohibition law, if only for the reason that the government was not a unit on the question. He spoke of the Senate as having earned the gratitude of the people of Canada, for having stopped the Crows Nest and the Yukon Deals, in spite of millions of dollars ready to convince the Senators that they were wrong. Then there was the latest scandal exposed by Miss Flora Shaw of the London Times, the Yukon official scandal. He ended by an argument in favor of party government at Fredericton. Nobody was responsible at Fredericton. If the present government did wrong, no one was responsible. If we had party government, and a bad or good thing was done, the party by whose representatives this was done, was forever responsible. If a Conservative government is elected to Fredericton, that government will be responsible to the Conservative party throughout the dominion. He thought it was the intention of the local government to have had an election, but observation had made the government decide to change their mind, and draw their salaries for the next nine months.

Mr. Foster who was introduced by the chairman as from "Middle Simonds," and various other places, said Dr. Stockton and Mr. McInerney were good men, but they were only samples of scores of others in the party. Having read Mr. Blair's speech delivered here in the St. John Gazette, he noticed an undertone of reproach and depression running through that speech. Mr. Blair tried to play the martyr, alongside of Alex. McKenzie. The latter, said Mr. Blair, had been lied about and stoned to death, and he was a martyr who was also being lied about and metaphorically stoned to death. Then he put himself in harness with another party, Mr. Tarte. Mr. Blair's name was often coupled with Mr. Tarte in the upper provinces, but he, the speaker, never supposed Mr. Blair would come to Woodstock and acknowledge the relationship. Mr. Blair's boast that he would carry 2/3 of the province of New Brunswick was as idle as the waves that beat on the adamant rock, for principle was among the conservatives at Ottawa, and prevented the opportunist tactics of politicians such as Mr. Blair. It struck him that Mr. Blair's speech in Woodstock was apologetic. He pointed out the difference between Mr. Blair's first scheme for the Drummond railway and the second scheme. Under the first arrangement the government was to give the company \$64,000 for 99 years which was the interest on the sum of \$1,600,000 at 4 per cent. Under the arrangement insisted upon by the Senate, the whole sum of money was borrowed and paid to the company, borrowed at 2 1/8 per cent. and thus there was a saving of \$18000 annually. He drew a difference between the old and new liberalism. The old liberal gave his word and kept it. The new liberalism is something different. It wonders at the simple people who believe that it will keep its pledges. Incidentally Mr. Foster went into an amusing description of the fall of Messrs. Davies and Laurier from being democrats to the hill, to becoming bearers of tin pot titles. Sir Wilfred gave way under pressure from the Queen, Sir Louis under pressure from his colleagues. The liberals promised a reduction in taxation and expenditure, that was plain. They had deliberately gone back on

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their pledges. They had increased the debt, increased the taxation and increased the expenditure. Speaking of the Yukon deal, the wisdom of the Senate in casting out that bill was best illustrated by the fact that a railway was now being built into the Klondike country, 25 miles already being built, and not a single dollar was given by the government, nor asked, for the company knew there was enough in it, without any bonus. Who talked of the abolition of the Senate as a political cry now? The government had raised the judges, salaries, and reduced the rate of interest in the savings bank, thus taxing the frugality and thrift of the people. They put taxes on tobacco and on sugar. They had spent \$250,000 to pay poll keepers to take a vote which was never meant for anything, and never would end in anything for the benefit of the temperance cause. Mr. Geoffrion one of the members of the government, went down to Valleyfield, Que., and said the prohibitionists would have their plebiscite but they would have no prohibition. The prohibition question was a serious question.

A voice—No—it is not. Mr. Foster—Well! my friend may not think so. "You will get no prohibition in this country, until the question is made a question at the polls, and every individual member is elected for or against that question by the people themselves."

Continuing, Mr. Foster said that Sir Richard Cartwright had proclaimed protection as plunder and robbery. Sir Wilfred Laurier had promised to cut out the heart and trample on the body of protection. The government had certainly not carried out that programme.

Touching on local issues he said that the Record foundry had been paid almost three times the price for bridge supplies that these supplies could be secured for if let out to competition. It was on the line of Mr. Tarte's frank admission, when his sons' father-in-law was appointed to a fat job "We must look after our friends." The civil service at Ottawa was demoralized, for while under the conservative regime, a man in the service who did his duty could not be dismissed except for cause, under the present arrangement, a minister could dismiss him at his will, and parliament would hear nothing about it. The present government were on the look out for all conservative office holders. They had dogs, with a keen scent to find out an occupant who might hold different views from them. Regarding preferential trade before Laurier went to England, Mr. Chamberlain representing the new Imperialism said, that in this matter, the colonies would be met in no huckstering spirit. After Mr. Laurier's declaration he said that he could not touch preferential trade with a pair of tongs for a long time to come. The government had offended Germany and as a result a tariff was enacted by which the wheat we sent there was excluded. They had put corn on the free list, and in the conference at Quebec, as a consequence, the Canadian commissioners had the less to offer the Americans. He expressed his approval of the Moncton convention, as a move in the right direction. There was one thing certain. The growlers and grumblers of the liberal party have come, by a change of government, to the ways of patriotism and cheerfulness. Concluding Mr. Foster called on the conservatives to organize in view of an election for the local or dominion house at any time.

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Thursday, Oct. 20th,

for the construction of a county jail on the lot owned by the county in the town of Woodstock, in accordance with the plans and specifications to be seen at A. Henderson's office and work to be done and brick, mortar, cement, iron and stone necessary to compose it to be furnished by contractor. No proposal will be considered unless making it shall furnish evidence satisfactory to the committee appointed by County Council to take charge of it, of his ability to do the work, and that he has pecuniary resources to fulfill the conditions of the contract provided that contract be accorded him. The said committee reserve right to reject the whole or any bid offered. Tenders or bids will be received for brick, iron or wood work separate or complete.

The municipality of Carleton County per
Geo. W. WHITE,
Chairman of Com.
Woodstock, Sept. 13, 1898.

Probate Court, County of Carleton.

To the Sheriff of the County of Carleton, or any Constable of the said County—Greeting:—
WHEREAS the Executors of the estate of John Buckley, deceased, have filed in this court an account of their administration of the said deceased's estate, and have prayed that the same may be passed and allowed in due form of law.

YOU ARE THEREFORE required to cite the legatees and next of kin of the deceased, and all of the creditors and other persons interested in his said estate, to appear before the Judge of Probate for the County of Carleton at a Court of Probate to be held in and for said County, at the office of the Judge of Probate for said County in the Town of Woodstock in said County, on TUESDAY THE FIRST DAY OF NOVEMBER next, at three o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to attend the passing and allowing of the said accounts as prayed for, and as by law directed.

Given under my hand and the Seal of
L.S. the said Probate Court, this thirtieth day of September, A. D. 1898.

LEWIS P. FISHER,
Judge of Probate County of Carleton.
FRANK B. CARVELL,
Registrar of Probates for Carleton County.

Notice Of Sale.

To Benjamin McLean of Northampton in the County of Carleton and Province of New Brunswick, farmer, and Maria A. his wife, and all others whom it may in any way concern.

There will be sold at Public Auction in front of the Law Office of Hartley and Carvell in the town of Woodstock in County of Carleton on Monday the seventh day of November next at the hour of eleven of the clock in the forenoon, all that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the said Parish of Northampton, described as follows:—"Beginning at a point twenty-two chains and fifty links distant in a Southerly direction from South Westerly angle of lot seven in North Newburg on the base line of lot eight; thence Easterly and parallel to South line of said lot seven one hundred and ten chains; thence Northerly, parallel to base line sixteen chains or to the place of beginning, containing one hundred and sixty six and two thirds acres more or less, being part of lot eight granted to George Shaw, and part of lot nine granted to Ziba Shaw in North Newburg, being same land described in a deed from James A. Phillips and others to said Maria A. McLean, dated twenty first of March 1883 together with the buildings and improvements thereon, and the privileges and appurtenances thereto appertaining."

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