

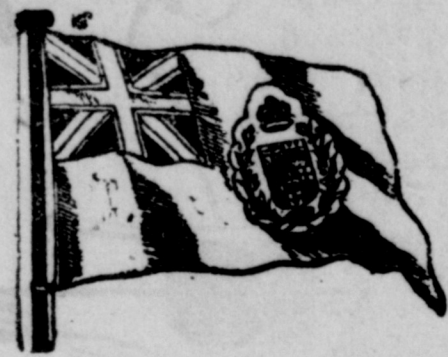
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THE GOVERNMENT CANDIDATES:

FRANK R. SHAW
WENDELL P. JONES
WILLIAM C. GOOD.

ONWARD TO VICTORY!

POLITICAL CONVENTION.

The heavy snow storms of the week followed by rain on Wednesday night, rendered travelling on the country roads almost impassable, and when Thursday morning dawned, the outlook for a large convention was anything but favorable. But the loyal supporters of good government are not easily daunted or deterred from prosecuting a good cause, and so in the present instance, when the Convention of electors favorable to the government opened a much larger number of electors was present, than the most sanguine dared hope for. Every polling district in the county was well represented, and the old time enthusiasm was apparent. Premier Tweedie was in town and on invitation appeared before the Convention and delivered a rousing and telling speech. The countenances as well as the words of those present evidenced a hopeful determination to carry the contest to a triumphant issue for the chosen ticket. A long pull, a strong pull, and what is most important, a pull altogether is all that is necessary to accomplish a signal victory.

The interest manifested by so large a body of electors coming from such long distances, under so uncomfortable and difficult circumstances, strongly impresses the importance felt by our farmers, especially, in the present political struggle, and their determination to support a government that has manifested so practical an interest in their welfare.

The gentlemen selected to contest the election on the government side, are all well and favorably known to the electors of Carleton.

Mr Jones is a rising young Barrister a native of the County, who has given evidence of possessing more than ordinary ability, a good speaker, and well informed as to the wants of the County; he will make a most worthy representative.

Mr Shaw, of Victoria Corner, is a well-to-do, enterprising and intelligent farmer, with an experience at the Municipal Council board, thoroughly acquainted with the needs and wants of the farming and dairying interests, of pleasing address and pleasant manner, with all the requirements for the making of a first-class legislator.

Major W C Good is well known as one of our brave boys who left the comforts of home and friends and went to South Africa, and there won fame for himself and county by his bravery; with a good deal of experience in agricultural pursuits, while laying no claim to being a public speaker, can express his views in good language and logical terms; he will no doubt make his mark in the Assembly.

A good ticket and a strong one, and, which is of most importance, a winning one.

The speeches at the Convention, of which we give the merest synopsis, were good, to the point, and enthusiastically received by those present.

Mr Appleby was evidently irritated and disappointed, and acting under the impulse of those feelings, did not do himself justice; in his calmer moments he will doubtless feel this, and will be found, we trust, in harmony with the ticket and working for its success.

During the evening Mr Appleby informed Premier Tweedie that he withdrew his opposition.

Large and Successful Convention!

Friends of the Government turn out in force, notwithstanding the almost impassable roads.

A STRONG TICKET SELECTED. CONFIDENT OF VICTORY!

The convention of friends of the Provincial Government met in the Opera House, Thursday, at 2.30 p. m. While the attendance, owing to the difficulty in travelling, was not as large as would otherwise have been the case, it was sufficiently large to be greatly encouraging, showing that the old fire still slumbered and was only waiting a little breeze to fan it into a bright and (for its political enemies) a consuming fire.

Warden H Carvell was elected to the chair, and J P Malaney to the office of secretary.

On motion, a committee of one from each polling district but Woodstock, she to have three, was appointed to nominate a ticket. The following composed that committee.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

Aberdeen—T Lynch.
Brighton—Gideon Phillips, Page Rideout.

Kent—John Farley, Thos Bohan.
Northampton—George Sharp.
Peel—C M Donnelly.

Richmond—Jos Merrithew, John Johnston.

Simonds—D N Estey.
Wilmot—Merrill Tracy.

Wakefield—Albert Simonson, Chas McCormack.

Wicklow—John Holmes, Edward Squires.

Woodstock Town—Jos Fewer, H P Baird, Dr Hand.

Woodstock Parish—Sol Perley, Reg Dibblee.

While the committee was absent, in answer to request from the delegates, F B Carvell and J R Murphy addressed the delegates.

Frank B. Carvell thanked them very much for inviting him to address them. He was not in the area of politics now, and this invitation would have been better for a new man to accept. He was gratified at the large attendance, showing that the Liberal party was very much alive in this county; it was said by the opponents that the party here was dead, but the attendance showed it was a lively corpse, and the 28th inst, would show that it was much livelier than the defamers expected. He appealed to them to stand by the ticket, which would be presented to them by the nominating committee, and stand by every man on it, no matter who the nominees might be. It was a terrible thing that politics was so corrupt, but the three men nominated would be found incorruptible. The leader of the Opposition, J. D. Hazen, in his wildest dreams, cannot surely figure out an Opposition victory. Nearly one-third of the constituencies are not putting up Opposition candidates, consequently the government is sure to be sustained, and Carleton county should fall in line by electing the three government candidates. No government can please everybody, and the present one is no exception to the rule. The Opposition chiefly attacks Messrs Tweedie and Pugsley, but it will always be noted that people never try to hit a small man; these two are able, brainy sons of New Brunswick, and that is the reason for the attack. Mr Pugsley as a lawyer can command \$50 a day nearly all the year around. His services, as a member of the government, to the country are worth more than all the Opposition members put together. The government is put together with being extravagant in its expenditures. Few outside of politics have any idea how hard it is for the members representing a county, as well as a government, to keep down expenses. When he (Carvell) was a member of the Legislature, and while the county was entitled yearly to a grant of \$4200, the request from every district in the county for bridges, roads, etc, if granted would amount to one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. The government cannot help spending money. This is a new, sparsely settled country, that has to be developed, and have modern improvements; it was altogether different in large cities, which have large populations. Four years ago, the principal charge against the government was the bridge charges. These charges were investigated and Dr. Stockton, the opposition lawyer, was paid \$1100 by the government to enable him to prove his charges against the administration, but the charges were exploded, and they now are as dead as the present opposition. The opposition cannot say that the money is misappropriated. The revenues for the province, as provided by confederation, are the grant from the Dominion to

the provinces, and \$00 per head of the population. Our expenses have grown; we have spent, \$2,000,000 in railways alone, that are absolutely necessary; the interest on that expenditure, \$80,000, has to be paid. The present government is trying to get the subsidy from the Dominion increased. After the treaty at Halifax, an award, \$5,000,000, paid by the U.S. was given to the Dominion government, for having used our fishery grounds. This money is invested, and the interest used for our fishermen. The Privy Council has decided that that money belongs to the Provinces, and \$2,000,000, of it belongs to New Brunswick, which will shortly no doubt be handed over. Can you blame the local government for trying to get this amount? He (Carvell) was satisfied that the ticket would be triumphantly elected, and that the present government would be handsomely sustained.

J R Murphy was the next speaker. He came to Carleton County thirty years ago, and he was to well pleased with the people that he decided to live the remainder of his life here. The present government has been in power 18 years, and its sole object has been to increase the prosperity of the Province. The agricultural policy of the government was heartily endorsed. The boys who handled the spade are now the men who lead our governments and electrify their audiences. The dairy policy of the government was heartily endorsed. He asked them to stand by the candidates who would be nominated, and, if they stand shoulder to shoulder, the men named will be the representatives of the County for the next four years. If Carleton County fails to do its duty, which he thought it would not, one thing was certain, the government would be sustained.

The nominating committee, through its chairman, Chas McCormack, reported as follows:

Woodstock, N B, Feb 12, 1903.

We, the committee, have unanimously recommended that

F. R. SHAW,
W. P. JONES,
MAJOR W. C. GOOD,

be the Candidates for the Local Assembly in the interests of the Government for this County.

CHAS. MCCORMACK,
Chairman.

Frank R Shaw was called upon and addressed the delegates. He met with great applause. He said every man in public life often wonders how he came to be in it. He (Shaw) was interested in public matters, and was proud to have so many friends, as was shown at this convention. He looked forward to this convention with considerable anxiety. He had hoped that the convention would be unanimous in the choice of candidates. He had been chosen three years ago, in the government's interests, to contest this County in a by-election. He went into the contest at a moment's notice, and he thought he had the party back of him, but he was a young man in politics then and not well known; unfortunately for the party as well as for himself, he was defeated. When the late vacancy occurred he thought he should have been the candidate, but he did not complain when he was not selected, as he thought at some future time there would be an opening for him. He was a young man, young in politics as well, and was in the hands of the electors, who, he had every confidence, would elect himself and colleagues on the 29th inst. He thanked them heartily for the honor conferred upon him.

W P Jones was greeted with a hurricane of cheers. He thanked the convention for the great honor bestowed on him. He had almost determined not to accept a nomination if it had been tendered him by the convention, but now that it is so heartily tendered he could not very well refuse it. Notwithstanding other ways of nominating candidates, a representative convention appeared to be the only fair way of doing so and finding out if the ratepayers approve of a candidate; of course, in cities they have a ward election. He appreciated the honor of a nomination from such a gathering, and he would work hard for victory. He was a young, inexperienced man in politics, but, while new converts might be obtained through the wise policy pursued by the government in every department, he was satisfied that the old party was strong enough to carry he and his colleagues to victory.

Major Good said he had been in places where he felt more at home than in his present position. He, however, appreciated the honor of being a government candidate. He was no public speaker, but promised if elected to be a worker for the best interests of Carleton county. He was dumbfounded just now on being elected, but he trusted on nomination day to see them all, and he would then speak at greater length. He appealed, as a farmer, especially to the farmers and working men for their support for himself and ticket. S B Appleby said he was forced by the government supporters two years ago to become a candidate. Since then he had travelled all over the country looking after the roads and bridges. No man could say that he shirked his duty as their representative. He was born a Liberal, and no new convert. He expressed dissatisfaction at the action of the nominating committee, in not presenting his name, as a candidate, and he would appeal to all the Liberals in the county, and his appeal would not be in vain.

Premier Tweedie met with a rousing reception as he advanced to the front. It afforded him a great pleasure, he said, to address so representative a gathering in the noble county of Carleton. Four years ago the present government had a hard fight when it appealed to the people, but, after the election, when noses were counted there were only five opposition members. He assured them that the present government would be sustained by a handsome majority; a look at the candidates, or want of candidates, would show that the opposition chances are very slim. Messrs Appleby and McCain, the former representatives, have looked after the interests of the county for some time past and did it well; he would not be doing justice to these gentlemen if he said otherwise; he regretted that his friend Appleby had been left off the ticket; and business reasons were given for Mr McCain refusing to allow his name to be used. Differences will naturally arise, and sometimes we feel that we have been misunderstood. He (Tweedie) had been turned down at times and was defeated in his own county; he felt at that time that the electors had made a mistake and he saw that it never occurred again. If they had been reading the opposition papers recently, he might have been introduced to the delegates as the "chief of sinners," but he was not as bad as painted. He had always endeavored to smooth over difficulties among his followers, and among them there was no ill feeling against the premier. Carleton county stood foremost amongst the counties of New Brunswick and the government was anxious to use the county fairly; this was shown by the large assistance given the county in the recent agricultural exhibition. He called their attention to the recent manifesto issued by him; in it would be found sufficient refutation to the charges made against his government. He told of the recent meeting of provincial premiers at Quebec and the work accomplished by them. As is well known the revenues of the Province from the Dominion are fixed. The government had to depend upon its territorial revenue. Of course the people of this county did not care how high stumpage rates were as they were not interested. The territorial revenue was now as high as could be expected. Seven premiers signed the resolutions asking the Dominion government for a readjustment of subsidies. He explained minutely the Halifax Fishery Award question, said the Privy Council had decided that the Dominion government had the right to regulate the fisheries, but that the provinces have the right to charge licenses for fishing on provincial shores, and that the U. S. government should have paid the award, \$5,500,000, to the Dominion government in trust for the provinces. He felt justified in saying that within a short time, New Brunswick's share, \$2,000,000, would be paid into the provincial treasury. He claimed that the present government was using the lumbermen fair, while safeguarding the province. In Ontario, the lumberman can hold his land in perpetuity; this province gives a 25 years lease only and the lumbering industry has been stimulated. It was a very foolish thing of the then government to give away the lumber lands of Carleton and Victoria counties for the building of railroads better to have saved the lands and build the railway by bonds. The bonded debt of the province was only \$3,000,000; the city of St John has a larger bonded indebtedness than the whole province. At any time, the province can realize \$15,000,000 from its timber lands; it could pay off its bonded debt and live on the interest from the balance of the amount. The sale, however, would not be a business-like proposition. Our assets are large. No other province in the Dominion does as much for its people as New Brunswick does: several of them allow the municipalities to pay bills that the present government has been doing

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It was a singular thing, if the opposition papers are correct in their charges, that Messrs Melanson and Humphrey, two of their members, in their report to the House, said there was no maladministration; the opposition leader could not point to one act of maladministration by the present government. Large sums of money have been devoted to repair of the damage done to roads and bridges during a recent freshet, but who will say that the government should not have done as they did. We are assisting the municipalities to pay smallpox bills, which otherwise would bear heavily on these municipalities. We assumed the whole burden of the first epidemic of smallpox, the cost to the province being in the neighborhood of \$70,000. The people are always demanding the expenditure of money; for instance the people of Hartland ask for a toll bridge, we decide that possibly we can afford that, we give them a toll bridge, and then they ask for a free bridge. He denied the charge that the province is making a raid on the Dominion treasury—it is only asking for its own money. In reply to the charge that he was a Conservative in politics and that he voted against the Liberal candidate in Northumberland last election, he said, at the time of the Moncton convention, the Conservatives read him out of the party and if he had not gotten into the Liberal fold he would have been an Ishmaelite; he was now a follower of Hon. A. G. Blair and the Liberal party. As far as voting against John Morrissey was concerned, that gentleman was not nominated by a Liberal convention; the president and secretary of the Liberal party in that county voted as he did for James Robinson, who had never proved an enemy to the present government, and Mr Blair was cognizant of how they intended voting. The country was going ahead by leaps and bounds, and it was one of the greatest countries on earth. He asked for a hearty support for the Carleton county candidates, thus strengthening the hands of the local government, and the Dominion government as well.

The meeting closed with cheers for Premier Tweedie, his government, and the popular candidates, Messrs Shaw, Jones and Good.

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