

The Carleton Sentinel

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Liberal Meetings.

The Liberal Candidate, F. B. Carvell M. P., with other speakers, will address meetings during the coming week, as follows:

Benton, Monday Oct 12th
Mt. Pleasant, Wednesday, Oct 14th
East Florenceville, Thursday Oct 15th
Foreston, Friday Oct 16th
Centreville, Saturday Oct 17th

All who desire to hear the issues of the day discussed in a clear, convincing manner, are invited to attend these meetings.

A Matter of Majorities.

Some of the more enthusiastic conservatives are buoying up their depressing spirits by taking thought of the big majority rolled up last March in the local election for B. Frank Smith and his colleagues. Their margin in that campaign averaged close to five hundred, which is certainly a very substantial lead, but when the figures are analyzed there is nothing in them to carry dismay into the liberal ranks. A. R. Smith polled a little over 2800 votes, to be exact 2613, while the average vote on the other ticket was scarcely 2100. We may reasonably then assume that at most only 4700 voters went to the polls in this County last March.

But what of the last federal election? In 1904 Mr. Carvell polled 2662 votes, FORTY NINE MORE than Mr. Smith got last winter, and Mr. Hale secured 2388, a total of 5050, being three hundred and fifty more than went to the polls last March. Analyzing the returns, we find that the falling away took place in the Liberal strongholds. There was considerable dissatisfaction over the road law, there was some inclination to believe the professions put forth by the then opposition, in some of the districts a great many young liberals were temporarily outside the county, and all these with other causes led to the decline of the liberal vote. Hundreds, at least three hundred who never before cast a conservative ballot, walked to the polls and voted for Smith, Fleming and Munro, not on party grounds, but solely on local issues, but nine tenths and more of these very men are to-day among Smith's strongest opponents.

Mr. Fleming, Mr. Munro and even Mr. Smith have not once but dozens of times admitted that they owe their election to liberal votes and these liberals who sent B. Frank Smith to Fredericton did not ask him to resign and run for Ottawa, and they will take good care that HE NEVER GETS THERE.

Make no mistake in considering these facts. B. Frank Smith is fighting a losing battle, and nobody realizes it better than he. And his party know that not only will they be defeated in Carleton, but also in the Dominion. In fact you can't find a conservative, who at all values his reputation, who is unwise enough to hazard a prediction of victory for his party in the Dominion.

Saturday Night.

To-morrow (Saturday) night in the up-town Liberal Headquarters in the Payson building there will be a grand rally to which all are invited. Hon. W. P. Jones will speak, as well as other prominent orators.

Electors of Carleton

On the 26th day of the present month you will be called upon to go to the polls and exercise your right to vote for a representative in the House of Commons.

There are two candidates before you, between whom you must choose. Before marking his ballot it is well that each elector should weigh carefully the consequences. In order to properly comprehend the gravity of the matter, each man must ask himself two questions:

- (1) Who are the Candidates?
- (2) For what does each stand?

The candidates are B. Frank Smith, Conservative nominee, and Frank B. Carvell, for the past four years representative of this county, the candidate of the Liberal party. Mr. Smith, as the candidate of the Conservatives, was elected last March for a FIVE YEAR TERM in the Assembly, but has seen fit after only six months service to throw back his mandate into the faces of the electorate, for the apparent purpose of an attempt at self aggrandizement and the possible chance of squaring a personal grudge Mr. Smith, not satisfied with the \$500 indemnity at Fredericton, is after the \$2500 one at Ottawa, and of course foolishly thinking that the big majority he secured last winter would again be his, has rushed into this fight. We say rushed, because despite the hypocritical assertions Smith has been making all over the County that he did not desire the nomination it is an undoubted fact that he has had the federal bee in his bonnet for the past four years, and no later than a year ago told his close personal friends that if elected in the then impending local election he would, to use his own elegant phraseology, "go after Carvell's scalp." And right after the local election he immediately began to lay his plans to swipe the party nomination. How well he succeeded in so doing is a matter of history. At his initiative the convention was organized with the rule that every man present was to have a voice in the selection, and Mr. Smith took precious good care that his personal clique were there in force. No wonder clean men like Donald McLeod Vince and Allison B. Connell would not allow their names to go before a packed convention. They were not going to set themselves up as chopping blocks for the man from up country, and the committee appointed to submit a list of candidates whose names should go before the convention had to ignominiously submit the report that nobody would consent to have his name go before the meeting save only B. Frank Smith. Then the farce of nominating Smith was solemnly proceeded with. B. Frank Smith, the master of the gathering, pulled the strings, and the show went on.

What does Smith stand for? He says he stands for purity and honest government, but what are the facts? He is allied with the notorious Plum Tree Club, the charter members of which are men like Foster, Fowler, Lefursey and Pope, who in speculating as they say, but swindling as the Supreme Chief Ranger of the Foresters swore on the witness stand, made themselves rich by the illegal use of the money belonging to the widows and orphans of this country. Mr. Smith would vote to set aside Sir Wilfrid Laurier and call R. L. Borden to the premiership. He would depose Finance Minister Fielding, a man without the sign of stain on his political or personal armour, and in his place put Geo. E. Foster, who neither in his private nor his public life can be looked upon as a model for young Canadians to follow, and who on the testimony of no less a personage than his leader Sir Mackenzie Bowell, former Conservative premier, was publicly branded as a traitor, and declared to be without honor. For Dr. Pugsley Mr. Smith would doubtless substitute Mr. Fowler, the author of the famous "Dear Lefursey" correspondence and hero of the Western land grabbing transaction. For the era of Liberal surpluses Mr. Smith would prefer the days of bory deficits, a return to three cent postage, and the abrogation of the British Preference. These are but a few of the many things this master promise maker and supreme promise breaker would seek to have accomplished.

On the other hand what do we find? Mr. Carvell, a clean man, an able parliamentarian, gifted with a keen intellect, tremendous energy and debating talent of the highest order, is asking a renewal of the trust reposed in him four years ago. During his term as representative he has risen to a commanding position among his fellows, and is recognized by both friend and foe as one of the ablest of the younger men in the Commons, and on the editorial authority of the Toronto Globe we have it that he need not ask quarter in debate with the best men on the Opposition benches, a fact which has been demonstrated again and again.

For what does Mr. Carvell stand? He stands for progress as opposed to stagnation, for the development of the country, for a tariff for revenue only, for a modern trade policy, for the reduction in postage, for free rural mail delivery, for the deepening of our canals, for the nationalization of our great seaports, for the improvement of our waterways, for the policy of using Canadian ports for Canadian trade, for an advanced agricultural policy, for select immigration, for old age annuities, local public works, in short for clean, economical and efficient government.

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