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KENT'S DUTY.

The issues of the present political contest have been so ably discussed by speakers on behalf of the Laurier Government, and the record of the two great parties is so familiar to all our people, that there would seem little doubt as to what the verdict of the electorate will be on Nov. 7th. Many false issues have been raised by Mr. McInerney and his friends in the hope of clouding the vital questions which are at stake in this campaign, but without avail. Even the old standby appeal to the English speaking electors of the northern parishes of this county to vote against an Acadian has lost its power to stampede.

The issues in this contest might be briefly summarised as these:

(1) Do you prefer the Hon. O. J. LeBlanc as an active factor in the welfare of our County to the brilliant, but useless politician, who has proven himself an absolute failure as Kent's representative in the House of Commons?

(2) Do you prefer the Hon. A. G. Blair who has done so much for the interests of Kent and of the whole Province of New Brunswick to that useless talking machine Geo. E. Foster?

(3) Do you prefer the Laurier administration of solid intelligent progress to the old nest of traitors who have proven themselves false to one another and false to Canada's best interest?

(4) Do you prefer to have the people rule instead of being dominated by the C. P. Ry.?

(5) Do you prefer prosperity to national stagnation and decay?

We venture to think that the electors of Kent will have no difficulty in answering these questions in the affirmative.

Our duty is to vote for the Hon. O. J. LeBlanc, the candidate of the party of progress. By voting for Mr. LeBlanc we are voting for the best interests of our County and are strengthening the hands of the Hon. A. G. Blair, the most capable Minister of the Crown that New Brunswick has had since Confederation.

Vote for the Hon. O. J. LeBlanc.

TORY HUMBUG.

We have heard so much in the last year from our Conservative friends of French domination and the Quebec majority that to one unacquainted with the political history of Canada it must have appeared that for the first time in this country the government had the support of the majority of the members of parliament from the

Province of Quebec. Many Conservatives as well as Liberals have been deluded into this belief and have felt that perhaps a new danger was threatening the Confederacy. As a matter of fact the Province of Quebec like our own Province has on almost every occasion given a majority support to the Conservatives in their many years of office. For the information of our readers we give the standing of the political parties in Quebec Province after each federal election from Confederation:—

Year	No. Tory members	No. Liberal members
1867	45	20
1872	38	27
1874	32	33
1875	45	20
1882	48	17
1887	36	29
1891	30	35
1896	16	49

A glance at the above table shows the reason for the tory cry of "Down with French domination" and the appeal to the racial passion and religious prejudice of the English speaking electors. If the majority from Quebec is a danger since 1896, it surely was equally dangerous when supporting the tory government from Confederation down to 1891. Yet the country survived. Nor, as our readers know, was it any fault of the tory leaders that Quebec shook off the old allegiance to toryism, for the bid that was made by Sir Charles Tupper and his colleagues in 1896 for the Quebec vote will live in Canadian history in connection with the story of the "nest of traitors." We have heard so many allusions to Tarte et to the disloyalty of our French compatriots in Quebec that we are forced to ask in what state was public opinion in that Province in all those years of tory domination. If Quebec is disloyal in 1900 (which we strenuously deny) what was Quebec in 1867, 1872, 1878, 1882 and 1887 when Liberalism was at a discount in that Province? It would almost naturally occur to a logical mind that if there is anything lacking in the stalwart patriotism of that portion of Canada the blame must be laid at the door of her political rulers since Confederation—the Tories.

But as a matter of fact the whole cry is a piece of political humbug, gotten up in the absence of any real argument against the present government, to deceive and mislead the electorate as to the real issues between the parties in the present contest.

MOB VIOLENCE.

The effort of Mr. George V. McInerney's heels to prevent free speech on matters political is the most complete acknowledgement of the weakness of their cause. It has ever been our pride in Kent that speakers on either side of politics could depend upon getting a proper hearing in any part of this constituency so long as they kept within the bounds of decent criticism. But the organized attempt of a certain disreputable element of the Tory party to break up the meetings being held in the interest of the Hon. O. J. LeBlanc, Government candidate, would seem to indicate that in the despair caused by the foreknowledge of the certain defeat which Mr. McInerney is to receive at the polls on Nov. 7th, that gentleman's supporters are supplanting argument with violence and are determined to prevent the weakness of their cause being exposed at public meetings. We conceive that it is an honor to this County to find men of the stamp of the Hon. Adélard Turgeon, Commissioner of Mines and member of

Government Candidate FOR KENT OLIVER J. LeBLANC. X

Let all our readers see that the ballot cast by them on November 7th has a cross marked after the name of the HON. O. J. LeBLANC. By so doing they will be voting for honest, intelligent and progressive administration of Canadian affairs.

the Quebec Government, J. D. Phinney, Q. C., and Mr. M. McDade coming into our midst to discuss the political issues of the day. They are men of ability and are well qualified in every way to present the various political questions to our people, and their high standing in their various communities is a guarantee that the discussion would be conducted in a fitting and respectable manner. We take it that the decent, fair-minded people who form the vast majority in this County will resent the discourtesy that has been shown these gentlemen and others of our own most prominent citizens who have been addressing meetings in the government interest.

The opposition to Mr. McInerney at this election includes nearly every man of standing or influence who formerly supported him, and this fact seems to have influenced that gentleman in permitting if not actually encouraging tactics which are contemptible. We can scarcely compliment Mr. McInerney upon the gang into whose hands he seems to have entrusted his campaign, and can assure him that on Nov. 7th the people of Kent will show the earnestness of their resentment at the tory attempt to substitute mob violence for the right of free speech which is the heritage of every British citizen. Kent has no use for mob rule or for those who would introduce it.

POLITICAL NOTES.

It is a favorite method of the Tory press to announce in great head lines the converts they obtain to their cause even if they occupy a very insignificant position in the district. What do they think of the following, among hundreds of other very important converts to the Liberal cause in St. John: Macaulay Bros. & Co, G. Fleming & Sons, Ald. John McGoldrick, J. & W. F. Myers, ex-Ald. Jos. A. Likely, ex-Ald. John E. Wilson, Francis & Vaughan, C. F. Francis & Co., ex Ald. Douglas McArthur, Grand Master of Orangemen of N. B., A. C. Fairweather, Foster's main supporter in Kings and well known Insurance Agent of St. John, Charles Coster, Barrister, M. A. Finn, Geo. Robertson, M. P. P., R. McConnell & Sons, &c. These are but a few of the men who have turned over to the Liberal cause.

Among the prominent men formerly supporters of Conservative party in New Brunswick assisting the Liberals in this election are Senator Baird, Andover, J. D. Phinney, ex-M. P. P., Hon. L. J. Tweedie, Hon. A. D. Richard, Dr. Doherty, of Dorchester, and John Jardine, R. N. Doherty, Thomas Murray, and many other prominent men of this County. Jas. S. Neil, of Fredericton, President of the Conservative Association of York, has left the Tory

party and will vote for the Liberal candidate. You should join the party of progress, prosperity and unity of the races.

The so-called party of purity, Conservative, are now issuing a bogus fac simile of the "Globe" as campaign literature. Do not be deceived, they will stop at nothing to gain votes, even to paying the electors with worthless Confederate bank notes on election day. Look out for them and be on your guard against false canvasses and tory trickery.

Dr. Stockton, the Conservative candidate for St. John County, is out with his "little oil can" again. This time, however, it is the Galena oil he is pressing from it. The oil he had however was low flash test and was instantly exploded by the warm reply of the Hon. A. G. Blair. Result:—The tory party with Foster, McAllister, Powell, Stockton and McInerney will be blown to pieces on 7th Nov.

Mr. Blanchard, the Conservative candidate, held according to the "Sun" a large and enthusiastic meeting in Bathurst last week. By actual count, with the candidate included, twenty-eight persons were present. The Sun correspondent in Bathurst is nearly as capable a man as the Richibucto representative. McInerney is sending his own lauding dispatches to the tory press; keep it up, it is like a boy keeping up his courage when passing a grave yard, by whistling. McInerney will be buried by the ballots of the electors of Kent.

The great united? Conservative party have received a shock. Sir Mackenzie Bowell spoke at Carleton Place last Thursday against the Hon. John Haggart, ex-Minister of Railways in last Conservative government. He stated that the name of Haggart and others, including Foster, "stank in the nostrils of the people of Ontario." And yet the "high priest of corruption," Tupper, is endeavouring to push on the people of New Brunswick this putrid man and his colleagues.

Sir Chas. Tupper has suddenly cancelled all his Ontario appointments and is hurrying to his own constituency of Cape Breton. The man who was going to sweep everything before him suddenly finds that his imagination has carried him too far and has been notified that if he does not want to be among the slain on election day he must devote all his time to his own constituency. We do not think even this will save him and among the defeated members of the late Tory Administration will be Sir Charles Tupper, Sir Hibbert Tupper, Tailon, Haggart, Clarke Wallace, Caron, Foster and Hugh John McDonald.

The tour of Laurier through On

tario has paralyzed the Tories of that Province and no number of windy speeches by Tupper can counteract the good influence of the tour of Laurier and his colleagues. Every prominent member of the Tory party in Ontario is so hard pressed that they are compelled to remain in their own constituency, while the members of the Ministry are touring the whole province with excellent results.

La Presse (Conservative) the largest and most influential paper of Canada, after careful review says Laurier will carry Ontario. Everybody concedes him a large majority in Quebec while in the Maritime provinces the majority will be nearly double the present one. It is probable that the Liberals will have a majority in the next House of Commons of about forty or fifty.

BON MOTS.

Sir Chas. Tupper may have discovered America, he may have formed Canada, he may even have made the world in 6 days, but we assure our Conservative friends he will assuredly rest on the 7th.

A Conservative met another Conservative in Sydney and he said, "Bill, who are you going to vote for this year?" Bill replied, "why for Tupper, of course; four years ago they told me if I would vote for Tupper that we would get good times, and we got them, didn't we?"

It has been discovered that the increase of 60 souls in the population of New Brunswick under 10 years of tory rule from 1880 to 1890 is accounted for by an addition of that number of inmates to Dorchester Penitentiary.

Mr. George V. McInerney holds the record for rapidity of political conversion. He is said on one occasion to have gone to bed as Vice President of the New Brunswick Liberal Association and awakened a full fledged National Policy Tory.

Vote for the Hon. O. J. LeBlanc.

CARD.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE COUNTY OF KENT:

Gentlemen:—

Parliament being dissolved, the people are again asked to choose from among them a representative to see after their interests at Ottawa.

The day appointed by Her Majesty's writs for said choice will be the 7th day of November next, 1900.

Having been chosen as candidate at a Convention, composed of all nationalities, held at Bactouche on the 19th day of September last, as the Liberal standard bearer, in and for the Electoral District of Kent, I then accepted the candidature. I have since received such encouragement by all parties who believe and agree with the Liberal Administration of the affairs of the whole Dominion, that I feel it my duty to again offer an opportunity of ratifying by their votes on polling day the choice unanimously made by the Convention above mentioned.

If I have the honor of being elected your representative at Ottawa, I will do all that lies in my power to favour, assist and encourage the agricultural class, the fundamental life of the present and future of this beautiful and fertile Canada of ours.

I will endeavour by all legal means to prevent the emigration of our people to the U. S. and to induce those who are already gone to return rather than to spend millions in foreign immigration.

To facilitate the lumbering industry, I will try to obtain continuation of harbour amelioration, already commenced without neglecting wharves and breakwaters.

I will watch with great solicitude the fisherman's interests, as the immense wealth of the sea is the life and sole revenue for thousands of families in Canada.

LOCAL WANTS AND NEEDS.

If elected, I will endeavour to get a

Lighthouse at Point Sapin and elsewhere if needed.

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Gentlemen:—

In conclusion, I have my past experience and political career to offer you as a guarantee for the above pledges. With the help and advice of my constituents I hope to fulfil satisfactorily the aforesaid promises advantageously both to you and myself.

I therefore most respectfully ask the hearty support of the Electors who will judge me worthy of their confidence.

In return I will strenuously endeavour to obtain equal justice for all creeds and nationalities in order to preserve the union and good will in this country inhabited by a mixed but loyal population.

I will endeavour to see as many of you as possible before polling day.

O. J. LeBLANC,
Dated this fifteenth day of October, A. D. 1900, at St. Mary's, N. B.

AUX ELECTEURS DU COMTÉ DE KENT, N. B.

Messieurs:—

La Chambre des Communes étant dissoute, les lois du pays exigent que le peuple se choisisse des représentants et mandataires chargés de surveiller ses intérêts à Ottawa: le jour fixé pour faire ce choix sera le Sept. Novembre prochain.

Ayant été choisi comme Candidat libéral à une convention, composée de toutes les nationalités, tenue à Bactouche le 19 Sept. ultimo, dans et pour le District électoral de Kent, j'ai alors accepté la Candidature qui m'était offerte. J'ai depuis reçu tant d'encouragements de gens de toutes les parties du comté qui approuvent l'administration libérale que je sens qu'il est de mon devoir de vous donner l'occasion de ratifier ce choix par vos votes le jour du scrutin.

Si vous m'avez l'honneur de m'élire comme votre Représentant à Ottawa, j'efforcerai, par tous les moyens en mon pouvoir, de favoriser, assister et encourager la classe agricole—base première et principale—sur la quelle repose le présent et l'avenir de votre beau et fertile Canada.

Je m'engage à supporter toutes mesures qui auront pour effet d'empêcher l'émigration de notre peuple, ainsi que les mesures tendant à ramener au pays ceux des nôtres qui s'en sont éloignés au lieu de dépenser des millions pour une immigration étrangère.

Pour faciliter l'industrie forestière je m'efforcerai d'obtenir la continuation de l'amélioration de nos havres, sans négliger les quais et les brise-lames.

Je surveillerai avec beaucoup de sollicitude l'intérêt des pêcheurs, puisque cette immense richesse de la mer est la vie et le seul revenu de milliers de familles au Canada.

BESOINS LOCAUX.

Si je suis élu, je ferai mon possible pour faire construire un Phare à la Pointe Sapin et ailleurs s'il en est besoin. Aussi, la construction d'un bureau de postes et douanes—dans le chef-lieu du comté à Richibucto.

Enfin Messieurs:—

Comme garantie des engagements que je viens de prendre, j'ai à vous offrir mon expérience et mon passé politique. Avec la co-opération de mes commettants j'espère remplir à votre satisfaction ces promesses avantageuses pour vous comme pour moi.

Je sollicite donc respectueusement les suffrages de tous les électeurs du comté de Kent qui me jugeront digne de leur confiance.

En retour, je m'efforcerai comme par le passé de rendre justice à toutes les croyances et à toutes les nationalités afin de conserver la bonne entente et l'union si nécessaire dans ce comté habité par une population mixte mais loyale à sa Majesté.

Je me ferai un devoir comme un plaisir de vous rendre visite autant que possible.

Je suis Messieurs,
Votre obéissant serviteur,
O. J. LeBLANC,
St. Marie, N. B., 12 Oct., 1900.

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