

VOTE FOR STEWART, SWIM AND DOYLE.

TO THE ELECTORS:

The people of this county have not had a fair opportunity, until now, to express their opinion of the deal that gave the candidate of the Opposition convention the Government's support.

Mr. Swim was nominated by the supporters of the Government, and the Chief Commissioner used the Government influence to defeat him and elect the Opposition candidate.

That was an insult that no self-respecting Conservative can condone.

It was a display of one-man Boss Rule that every self-respecting elector ought to rebuke.

The people did not elect Mr. Morrissy to rule over them and choose representatives for them.

But, instead of calling a convention, he selected one of the 'lumber lords' he used to assail, and put him up for election. He did this without even consulting his colleagues in the county.

And then, when this gentleman resigned, the Chief Commissioner urged Mr. Burchill, whom he denounced as one of the 'corrupt Northumberland deal', to accept a nomination from the Liberal convention, and promised him Government support. Mr. Burchill made no advances to him but volunteered the statement that he would, if elected, sit as an independent Liberal, a promise that he kept in the House.

Northumberland was disgraced by this foolish proceeding. The County was laughed at. It is still remembered to our discredit.

We will, if elected, support the Government so long as its measures commend themselves to us as being in the best interests of the province.

The land-grabbing lumber-kings, against whom the people of this county have struggled so long for a share of the public domain, are lining up for the purpose of wresting practically perpetual leases from the Government. They are exerting pressure on the Government for that purpose, and we ask for election that we may assist the Government to resist that pressure and deal out single-handed justice to all.

Give the men of small means a chance. Don't lock up public lands in long leases to a few capitalists. Let us have fair play all around.

We will do all we can to prevent the threatened land grab and thereby give every lumberman a chance to do business as an independent man.

With long leases and the land in the hands of a few, every man who wanted to engage in lumbering business would have to submit to terms that would deprive him of all chance of legitimate returns for his industry.

We have reason to believe that the nominees of the office-holders' convention have purchased support by promising to favor the land grabbing policy, and a denial would be inconsistent with the facts as they are.

Why are the big lumbermen, without regard to politics, supporting the Morrissy ticket, if they are not looking for long leases that will give them a monopoly of the Crown lands?

It is not only on land, but in water, that monopoly threatens the men of small means.

The monopolists are planning to get control of the oyster fisheries, and are promising support for promises of oyster leases. Long oyster-bed leases will degrade the fishermen, who are now independent and make good wages, into servants for the lessees--servants at low wages.

We will fight against any leasing policy that does not give every man a fair chance.

We will endeavor to have the money that is appropriated for road and bridge purposes spent honestly and fairly, for the benefit of the public at large and not for the few.

We believe that public work should be put up to tender, so that every citizen may have an equal chance to compete for it, instead of having it done by a band of personal followers of the Chief Commissioner.

We will not be tame followers of the Government of the day, like gentlemen who represented you in the last house, but will be ready at all times to stand up and fight for the rights of the county. The tame follower is no good. He is only a voting machine and votes as he is bidden.

If you want independent representatives, who will work in the interests of the county, and not for party or personal interests, we are ready to serve you. Yours faithfully,

J. L. STEWART

L. DOYLE.

F. D. SWIM.