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Provincial Elections

POLLING DAY JUNE 20

OPPOSITION CANDIDATES FOR YORK.

George F. Burden, Pokiok.
William J. Osborne, Fredericton.
Alexander Little, Manners-Sutton.
Walter Limerick, St. Mary's.

Opposition Committee Rooms, Pitts Block, York street. All friends of the party are welcome.

Vote and work for the whole Ticket

ELECTRIC POWER FOR FARMERS

The following planks from Mr. Copp's platform should be carefully read and digested by every farmer in the County of York:

"We will give careful attention to the development of the various water powers of the province under government control with a view to transmitting and supplying electricity at actual cost to manufacturers, farmers and others who might, with advantage, use this modern source of heat and power."

"We will no longer permit the granting of these valuable water powers and franchises to companies for the purpose of private speculation to be held for gain against bona-fide manufacturing interests seeking cheap power."

A staunch advocate of cheap electric power for farmers and manufacturers is Mr. Alex. Little, one of the opposition candidates in York. He has given the matter a great deal of thought and study and thinks that the time has arrived when the farmers of this province who find it so difficult to procure capable help should make a concerted move for securing this great boon. There are valuable water powers in every section of New Brunswick, especially along the St. John, Nashwaak, Miramichi, Nashwaaksis and Nackawick Rivers, which could be harnessed and made to supply light, heat and power to the farmers at trifling cost.

As Mr. Little pointed out in his speech at Kingsclear on Friday night the government of Switzerland has taken the lead in this great movement and has taken over the control of all water powers in the state. The silk and ribbon industries flourish in Switzerland and in the country districts the loom is to be found in almost every home. Lace, embroidery and watch making are still to a large extent home industries. The loom and the machines are operated by hand. For manual labor the electric motor is being substituted. A similar development, although not so rapid, is taking place on the farm. Grain is being threshed, milk is being churned to butter, water is being pumped, food for the cattle is being prepared and the farmer is being relieved of his most arduous labor. There are no limits to the uses to which electric power may be applied, save the amount of power which may be generated and the cheapness with which it may be transmitted.

In connection with what Switzerland is doing to develop cheap electrical powers the following extract from the pen of Mr. F. C. Stowe in a recent number of The Outlook will be of interest to New Brunswick at the present time:

"The saving which will follow the development of electric power by the State will be tremendous. The cost of water power installation runs from \$50 to \$200 per horse-power, depending upon the size of the plant and the difficulties of installation. The average cost is about \$120. On this basis the generation of electricity from water power will cut down the light and fuel bills of the people FROM FIFTY TO NINETY-FIVE PER CENT and will place Switzerland at a tremendous advantage in the struggle for the markets of the world."

"But the freeing of the country from dependence on the coal fields of Germany, the reduction in the operating costs of the State-owned railways and the city owned street railways, the placing of Switzerland in a position of industrial advantage, are not the greatest gains to follow."

Possibly these are but the spectacular exhibits of what a country can do when it consciously aims to use its resources for the benefit of the people. These gains do not include the dreams which men have of the life and civilization which are to follow from this revolution in light, power and possibly the heat as well. They do not include the freedom from drudgery, the opportunity for culture and enlightenment, the brightening of farm life, of the woman as well as the man. Nor do they suggest the possibilities of a cheap rapid transportation by means of which the farmer may become the city dweller, and the clerk and the mechanic obtain a country home and with both remain in close contact with their work. For the problem of energy is the problem of civilization, and with its costs reduced to a minimum, there are no limits to the visions which men may have of the society of tomorrow. Compare this achievement of Switzerland with the prodigal waste of the resources of America. Niagara has been abandoned to private exploitation without compensation to the State or to the Nation and with no idea of service to the people. Only profits have been fattened and monopoly made that much more secure. The Susquehanna, Upper Mississippi, the mountain streams of Colorado, Wyoming and the middle West, as well as the Pacific slope, have been inclosed with fraudulent claims or confirmed by grants in perpetuity to the electric power trust. There has been no reservations of control over prices, no right to purchase by the State, and no appreciable gain to the community. We too, could boycott coal, and light the nation and fire its boilers with the water power with which Nature has endowed us; but the sovereignty of the state and the well-being of the people have been abandoned at the behest of the powerful interests whose demands have been voiced in Congress and the Legislatures of our states by those who were sent there to represent the community.

Electors of York, throw aside party politics in this election and vote for candidates who are pledged to use the natural resources for the benefit of the people. Vote for Burden, Osborne, Little and Limerick.

In the auditor general's report for the year 1910 there appears the following item under the heading of Ordinary Bridges, "Cardigan Bridge, Dr. O. E. Morehouse, inspection, \$96.22." In a mysterious report recently issued by the department of Public Works, called "A Detailed Statement of Ordinary Bridges, 1910," we find the following, "Cardigan Bridge, Parish of Douglas, Dr. O. E. Morehouse, inspection, 5 per cent. on \$1,700 contract and \$221.48 extras, \$96.22." The carpenters and working men of York will no doubt feel grateful to the government for the additional information which they have so generously handed out in connection with this most extraordinary expenditure.

The Flemming government's school book policy is a source of complaint in all sections of the County of York. The vendors frequently do not have the books in stock, more particularly those used in the primary grades. Cases are very numerous where parents have been compelled to send to this city for books and even then they have not always succeeded in getting what was required. This is about in line with the way in which the Flemming government does business; it lowered the price of school books and then put them beyond the reach of the people.

We notice that the name of Hon. H. F. McLeod does not appear in the list of candidates who have accepted the pledge of the N. B. Temperance Federation to vote for prohibition. Some years ago when the Laurier government submitted the question of prohibition to the electorate Mr. McLeod was one of the men who stumped York County and declared that the time was ripe for the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor.

Since entering public life he seems to have undergone a change of heart.

The chilly reception being accorded the government candidates in the rural districts of York is positive proof of the fact that they have miserably failed to make good as representatives of the people. On June 20th they are going to get a bump which will knock some of the conceit out of them.

The Canadian Pacific earned over twenty per cent on its capital stock last year, so the boys in York can take their money on election day without suffering qualms of conscience. They will pay it back in excessive freight rates if the big corporation gets the Valley Railway.

The Tom Munn bridge in the Parish of Stanley was built by the old government twenty-five years ago at a cost of fifty dollars. Recently Mr. John A. Young, M. P. P., arranged with a Tory office-holder to procure a supply of cedar for a new structure at a cost of \$300, and the story in circulation around Hayesville is that the job was sub-let to another Tory for \$98. This is one way in which the economical Flemming government carries on business.

The electors of York are asked to vote for the candidates of the Flemming government because school books have been made cheaper. The fact of the matter is that in many sections of York County although school books can be bought for less money than under the old regime it is a well known fact that under the loose system which prevails it is exceedingly difficult to procure them at all in some sections of the county.

Six of the seven cabinet ministers seem to be effectually bottled up during the campaign. Premier Flemming, who with the exception of the Medical Commissioner of Agriculture, is having the hardest fight of all, is the only one who dared venture outside of his own county last week. And this is the government we are told by the Tory press that is going to sweep the province.

The impression which prevails in this city, that Ald. Guthrie has a strong pull with the Flemming government, in fact practically runs the whole show will be strengthened by some correspondence which appears on the first page of this issue. A government that will permit Ald. Guthrie to put through a deal of this kind involving the public credit to the extent of \$130,000 can scarcely be called a business-like administration.

The harmony which exists in the ranks of the Flemming government is most delightful. Recently Hon. John Morrissey wired Hon. Mr. Hazen to go over to Northumberland and give him a life. A couple of prominent Tories in this city on learning of Hon. Mr. Morrissey's action promptly telegraphed the Minister of Marine not to go.

Scarcely a day passes that The Mail does not contain a communication from the rural sections of the county complaining of the disgraceful condition of the roads. Straws generally show which way the wind is blowing. We notice that Tory papers are not called upon to publish communications in praise of the roads.

The grand jury of the County of York, when it assembles this week, can render a public service by making a presentment on the outrageous condition of the roads.

When the farmers of York are compelled to haul produce to market over roads which, in the opinion of Dr. A. P. Crockett of St. John, "would make good bulwarks for an army," it is not to be wondered at that the cost of living in Fredericton is steadily going up.

The farmers and autoists of York who make use of the country roads have been getting their bumps for some time past. The men directly responsible for this disgraceful condition of affairs, have their bumps coming to them on June 20th.

The man who was instrumental in procuring for the people of Manners-Sutton the cheapest rural Telephone system on this continent can do the same for other sections of York County. Vote for Alex. Little and his three colleagues.

The outlook for a rousing Liberal victory in the province on Thursday is exceptionally bright. With hundreds of Tories in open revolt in York County it is easy to imagine what conditions must be like in the other counties of the province.

The Flemming government has already presented the C. P. R. with the Central Railway, the Gibson and Minto Railway and the Southampton Railway. Are you going to place it in a position to give away the Valley Railway?

The frosty reception which their candidates are getting in the rural districts has greatly alarmed the Tories of York. Already an urgent call has gone out to the party headquarters for more funds.

The Tories have appointed so many men to office since the last election that they are finding it difficult to get anybody to take the stump for them.

To be out at sea in a storm is a tame experience in comparison with a ride over the York County roads in an automobile at the present time.

When great men like Hon. J. K. Flemming and Hon. H. F. McLeod take the grip, little fellows like Attorney General Grimmer are compelled to take a back seat.

The condition of the roads in the County of York partially accounts for the fact that none but office holders can be found to take the stump for the Tory ticket.

The old County of York furnished some political surprises in days gone by and it may spring another one on June 20th.

Premier Flemming is having the fight of his life in Carleton. If he isn't defeated it will not be because he does not deserve to be.

Who is running the local government anyway? Premier Flemming or Ald. P. A. Guthrie?

The Tory candidates in this election in York are getting their fill of frosts and bad roads.

It is beginning to look as if Hon. John Morrissey was in for a wallop.

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Poor Flemming! He is being damned by his own party on all sides for not having dissolved the House immediately after the last Federal election. He didn't think the Liberals could come back.

The opposition candidates in York are honorable, respectable men whom every elector dissatisfied with the Flemming government and its record of incompetency and extravagance can consistently support.

With the Tory candidates fighting among themselves and with the roads in a damnable condition as the result of incompetency and neglect the Liberals of this county never had such an opportunity to snatch a victory as presents itself at the present time.

The Tory candidates in Sunbury are playing a cut throat game. Mr. Perley is working hard for Mr. Perley and Mr. Glasier is working hard for Mr. Glasier. They will have nothing to scrap over after June 20th.

Mr. Slipp, M.P.P., when he gets what's coming to him in Queens on Thursday night will be sure of a message of sympathy from his dear friend McLeod.

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