

The Political Campaign in The City is Warming up

Large and Enthusiastic Meeting at the Opera House in the Interests of the Government Candidates—The Speakers Were R. B. Hanson, M. P., Mrs. H. F. McLeod, Mrs. Howard Fallis and Dr. M. L. Jewett—Opposition Arguments Badly Shattered.

The first public meeting in the city of the present campaign, which was held by the government party at the Opera House last evening, was a decided success. The hall was well filled with a representative and appreciative audience of lady and gentlemen electors, the speeches were good and the major issues of the campaign clearly and forcibly presented. There is no doubt that public sentiment in the city is strongly in favor of the candidates of the Baxter administration.

Mrs. H. F. McLeod presided very acceptably in the absence of the Countess of Ashburnham, and delivered the opening speech, acquitting herself exceedingly well. The other speakers were Mrs. Howard Fallis, of Peterboro, Ont., a lady who has been active in Ontario politics, Dr. M. L. Jewett, one of the candidates, and R. B. Hanson, K. C., M. P. The Temperance issue figured largely in the addresses of Mrs. Fallis and Mr. Hanson, the latter incidentally paying his respects to His Worship Mayor Clark. The attitude of Leader Jones and his lieutenants on the question of control was described by the Federal member for York-Sunbury as hypocritical.

The Devon quartette rendered a number of selections during the evening which were much enjoyed. The proceedings were broadcast over the network of provincial stations, with CFNB as the outlet.

Mrs. MacLeod.

Mrs. H. F. McLeod acting as chairman in the absence of the Countess of Ashburnham, in her introductory remarks made a direct appeal to the women by citing certain bills, presented in the House on the recommendation of Miss Charlotte Winthrop, champion of woman and child welfare, and accepted by the Baxter Government for immediate adoption. These included a Child Protection Act, a minimum wage for women and girls, an Old Age Pension, and a Mothers' Allowance Bill. Mrs. MacLeod expressed the opinion that these sweeping reforms should claim the attention and sympathy of all thinking women and from a woman's standpoint should more than justify the Baxter administration.

Touching on the question of liquor control, Mrs. McLeod admitted to a woman's respect for the name prohibition. But it had only been a name, a prohibitory law that failed to prohibit.

By the distribution of free school-books the present government had saved parents a total outlay of \$163,000. The erection of two new buildings at the state University was a further aid in the cause of education. Judicious expenditure on disease prevention, road expansion and teacher's grants completed a program that Mrs. McLeod recommended as one "no intelligent woman with open eyes could fail to support."

Mrs. Fallis

"The eternal warfare of the Wets and the Dries, dates back if not to Adam, at least to Noah" said Mrs. Howard Fallis, vice-president of the Ontario Conservative Organization in taking her stand that if people are determined to buy liquor the proceeds should go to build roads and cut taxes rather than into the pockets of a few multi-millionaires.

In Ontario

Mrs. Fallis traced the effect of the Prohibitory law in Ontario and indicated the wave of popular sentiment that had unseated sponsors of Prohibition in eight of the provinces of Canada and made it a political butt in the United States. Such a widespread reaction could not be due to a local condition but rather to a mutual rejection of the impracticable. A most confusing state had existed in the conflict between provincial and federal

jurisdiction. Provincial law, under prohibition condemned the sale of liquor while its manufacture was encouraged by the Dominion Government. It is significant that the products of breweries and distilleries, did not go down the drain pipe.

The result was a bootlegger's paradise. In Ontario since government control this condition has been eliminated and the Rum Kings have been wiped out with minor exception.

Crushes Charge

The charge levelled by the Prohibitionists that Government Control had stimulated criminal activity in Canada was decisively squelched by Mrs. Fallis. In the United States under Prohibition, crime is more rampant than anywhere else in the world and Chicago and most metropolises, are terrorized by Underworld Kings of the Capone stamp. On the other hand England, land of the open bar, statistically points to a decrease in crime.

In conclusion Mrs. Fallis expressed her conviction that a lack of public consciousness had made prohibition unenforceable. Public sentiment was dormant and without its urgent expression "nothing can succeed." The women of Ontario have no desire to return to the prohibitory law," she said.

Dr. M. L. Jewett

Dr. Jewett, one of the government candidates in York, was next speaker and was given a very cordial reception. He said that while he did not feel as much at home on a public platform as his friend, Mr. Hanson, he was very glad to meet the citizens of Fredericton. He had been well received on all sides since he became a candidate nine days ago and if the response was as generous on June 19th he would have no reason to fear the verdict. He had satisfied himself that all the people needed in the present contest was to be told the truth. Surely a government that had doubled the revenue in four years and had kept its expenditures within the income was entitled to public support. It was good policy for an individual not to pay out more than was earned and it was certainly a good basis for government financing. He was sure that all would agree with him when he said that they had on the platform two exceptionally clever women, who had talked nothing but common sense. Touching on the liquor question he remarked that it was under a prohibitory law that the bootlegger first made his appearance. All knew that people who wanted liquor and could not obtain it legally would get it illegally, and if they could not get it that way they would make it themselves. He was glad to note that conditions had greatly improved under the present law. In closing he made a strong appeal for support for the candidates of the government on June 19th.

R. B. HANSON, M. P.

Federal Member for York-Sunbury Dealt Forcibly With Opposition Campaign of Humbug.

R. B. Hanson, who was next introduced, was given a rousing reception as he rose to address the gathering. He said that he was pleased to see the people turn out in such large numbers on a warm night as it was evidence of a keen interest in public affairs. His first word would be to thank the citizens of Fredericton for the generous support given him during the occasions when he had appealed for the suffrages. It had been said that gratitude was a lively sense of favors to come, but he could assure them that was not true in his case. He would never forget as long as he lived the support given him by his fellow citizens at a time when evil men were trying to destroy him, nor could he

ever forget the action of the people in rising to his defence and sending him back to Parliament with the largest majority the constituency ever accorded a candidate for legislative honors. It was a matter for regret to him that he could not discuss Dominion issues. He might or might not be a candidate at the next election, but he could assure them that he would be pleased to give an account of his stewardship when the proper time arrived.

A Good Record

Mr. Hanson went on to say that he was present as a humble member of the Conservative party to discuss some of the issues of the provincial campaign. It was scarcely necessary for him to go back to the year 1925 when the people hurled the Veniot government from power but he thought the vital question was whether the placing of the Baxter government in control of affairs had been justified or not. Premier Baxter and his colleagues on taking office had found an empty treasury and millions of dollars in unpaid bills, but led by a business lawyer of very great capacity they had grappled with the problem and had been able to make ends meet without adding to the taxation of the people. It surely was a stupendous task but it had been well performed. People surely ought to feel grateful to Premier Baxter for not having imposed direct taxation, something which some other provinces had to do in order to balance their budgets. Mr. Baxter had been able to find the largest revenue in the history of the province and had provided liberally for all services. If there was no other reason that alone should entitle the government to the support of the people. With increased revenue the government had increased the grants to every public service, including the by-roads and secondary trunk roads, which prior to 1925 had been almost impassable. Ten thousand miles of public highways had been put on a decent basis and now compared favorably with those of other provinces. Free school books provided at a cost of \$163,000 was another matter that entitled the government to the hearty support of the people. In the matter of social legislation the government had done more in three years than all previous governments the province has had since Confederation. The Veniot government had allowed tubercular patients the sum of 30 cents per day for 100 days but the present government paid them a larger sum for 365 days in the year. And furthermore the government had given the province the best administration it ever had and there was not a blot on its record.

The Liquor Problem

Mr. Hanson went on to say that he had read the manifesto of Leader Jones, and while he had pussyfooted on many subjects his main charge against the government was that it had placed a Liquor Control Law on the statute books and had given away Grand Falls. He wished to point out that he had been a total abstainer all his life, and had never used liquor either as a beverage or for medicinal purposes. While he laid claim to no special virtue on that account he felt that he was in a position to discuss the question dispassionately and without offending the susceptibilities of men and women who might differ with him. All knew that the liquor problem was one that had engaged the attention of the wisest minds in all ages, and it could not be denied that the abuse of liquor was a great evil. Unless public opinion could be educated the liquor question would always be a social problem. In his native County of Charlotte the Scott Act was adopted in 1879, and it was adopted in Fredericton and York County about the same time. He had prosecuted many cases under it during his career in Fredericton and was familiar with its shortcomings and he did not think that there was a man or woman in the audience, who would stand up and say that it was a success in this community. There were times when a dry council was put in to office that it would be enforced,

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Campfire Songs of Rocky Riders



"Round a Canadian Campfire", the programme arranged by the Canadian Pacific Railway for their Sunday night radio broadcast on June 8, introduces the radio audience to the exuberant open air life enjoyed in the glorious mountain scenery of the Canadian Rockies. The programme will be broadcast from 9.15 p.m. to 9.45 p.m., eastern daylight saving time, by WJZ, New York, and twelve associated stations of the National Broadcasting Company.

Gathered in the cheerful glow cast on the long shadows of larch and pine by the flickering campfire, the Trail Riders of the Canadian Rockies, weary after a long day's ride through mountain passes,

valleys and giant hill slopes, but refreshed by the cool of evening and a good supper inside, are assembled for the evening pow-wow and sing-song.

One of the pack-mules has borne an unusual burden on the trail ride—a harmonium. This is set up in the circle of eager faces, and soon the strains of good old songs, some of them sentimental and old, as loved by pioneers who cherish memories of the past in as well as faith in the future, drift through the immemorial forests. Songs such as the Trail Riders love to sing, will be heard in this Canadian Pacific programme. There will be the following Canadian artists: John Detweiler, Jean Haig, Alfred Heather, Norman Lucas and George Patton.

MUST SWIM TO GRADUATE

Minneapolis, June 11—Mary Humphrey became a slogan advocate today. Her's is "swim and graduate."

She is going to live up to it because she wants to graduate from the University of Minnesota and right now she is 106 feet, 30 seconds

and a short dive from that highly desirable achievement.

She can't swim.

And she can't graduate this June because of that.

So in the summer school course in swimming this year there will be one Mary Humphrey, who aims to learn how to swim twice the length of the 53 foot pool, float 30 seconds, and dive from the side of the pool, a requirement demanded of all women students.

She received passing grades in all her studies.

ASKS PAPER'S AID

Kansas City, Kansas, June 11—Lacking the stork's address, Mary Daen Hays, 7, wrote the Kansas City Journal-Post. "I want a baby sister. I want one with blue eyes and black eyes."

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