

Kings County Opposition Selects Standard Bearers

Dr. George N. Pearson, E. S. Carter and Fred E. Sharpe Unanimously Nominated at a Large and Enthusiastic Convention---Iniquities of the Clarke-Baxter Government Roundly Denounced---Convention Declares for Clean Politics---Mr. Carter Ably Defines the Opposition Policy.

Hampton, July 25.—Kings county, with all its record for good political conventions, never had a larger or more enthusiastic and successful gathering than the Opposition assemblage today, which selected Dr. Geo. N. Pearson, of Sussex, E. S. Carter, of Rothesay, and Fred E. Sharpe, of Springfield, to contest the county in the provincial general election in the interest of better government.

Dr. McAllister was amply justified in his statement which aroused the gathering that it was the greatest convention ever held in the county for every man who was there paid his own way and his own expenses.

It was a democratic gathering and everyone present was a voter. It was a responsive crowd, for every sentiment in favor of better government was applauded to the echo. It was, moreover, a big meeting of honest, earnest men of both political parties, intent upon clearing up the mess and placing Kings county in the forefront of the fight.

Candidates Cheered to the Echo.

The names of the candidates were cheered to the echo and the speeches of acceptance found ready favor. Organizer E. S. Carter must have been proud of the reception they gave him in recognition of his work in exposing the condition of the province and its misgovernment.

Two or three incidents stood out in bold relief in the proceedings—Dr. McAllister's reception and his speech; his great hold upon the audience and the way he swayed them to his humor or his seriousness. Dr. McAllister does not pretend to preparedness in speeches, but his popularity, readiness at repartee and knowledge of his people and their wishes gives him a hold upon an audience that few speakers possess.

There wasn't anything dull about the candidates' speeches. Dr. Pearson had plenty of force and expressed himself vigorously; Fred E. Sharpe has often shown himself one of the best campaign speakers in the province, and E. S. Carter poured forth an array of facts that at first startled his hearers. His plain talk about the future as well as the past drew much ap-

plause from the enthusiastic crowd.

Grafter Must Go Out of Politics.
"If we cannot go into power with clean hands, we cannot give you clean and honest government, and it would be better for us to stay in opposition," he declared.

"If the people prefer the grafters and the grafters' methods, let them have the grafters. There will come a time when the bills they will have to pay will take such a toll from their farms and personal property that they will have to toil and labor so much more to make it up. But as for us, gentlemen, and in speaking for myself I speak for those who are associated with me in opposition, we have made up our minds that the grafter must get out of politics. We cannot fight graft and be grafters ourselves. We cannot buy votes and drown the consciences of men with rum to win our elections, and then hope to give you better government. If we cannot be elected without doing that, we propose to remain in private life.

"But I want you to understand that if we go into power, if we find a grafter anywhere—a man who steals the money of the people—we will treat him as a common thief. Politics will not save him. If a road supervisor pads his accounts and puts in his pockets what should help make better roads, he will go to jail."

The machinery of the convention moved like clockwork. The delegates were chosen by the parish representatives present. The chairman and convenor, J. H. McFadden, outlined the proceedings necessary and in a short time delegates were chosen.

After deliberation the nominating committee, which had G. Hazen Adair as its chairman, reported to the full convention through the secretary, J. M. McIntyre, that Dr. Pearson, Fred E. Sharpe and E. S. Carter were the choice of the delegates, and upon motion the report was adopted unanimously.

Dr. Pearson.

Dr. Pearson was summoned to the platform. The Sussex candidate has been a county councillor and taken much part in the town council of Sussex and school work, and his ability

has been recognized for a long time apart from his profession. In his speech he referred to the patriotic potato purchase and many of the outstanding instances of misgovernment, and asked, "Are we going to stand for this?" and the crowd shouted "No!"

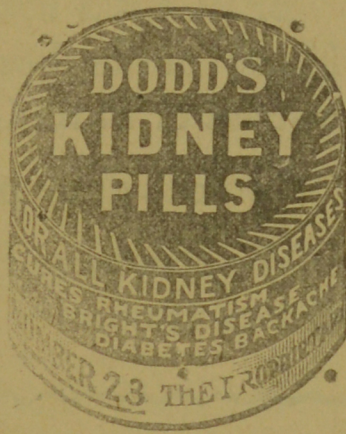
"It is the worst and most dishonest government," said the speaker, "that has ever been permitted to rule in this province. If we cannot take the reins from their hands, then God help New Brunswick."

"There never was a time in New Brunswick when the Premier was not respected until Premier Flemming's misdeeds were discovered. Then what did the representatives of Kings county do? Did they object and take a firm stand? No, they shamed their county and defiled their position as representatives by voting to whitewash him by a resolution in the Legislature."

Fred E. Sharpe.

Fred E. Sharpe got a splendid reception and made a good speech. He had many cordial and pleasant references to his colleagues and to the men who had been on the ticket in 1912, D. H. Flewelling and Colonel O. W. Wetmore, whom he called the "George Washington of Kings county." He thought the signs of the time bespoke an election. The Standard had gift enterprises in 1912, just before the contest, and they were in the same business again. All that was needed to complete the augury was a banquet to

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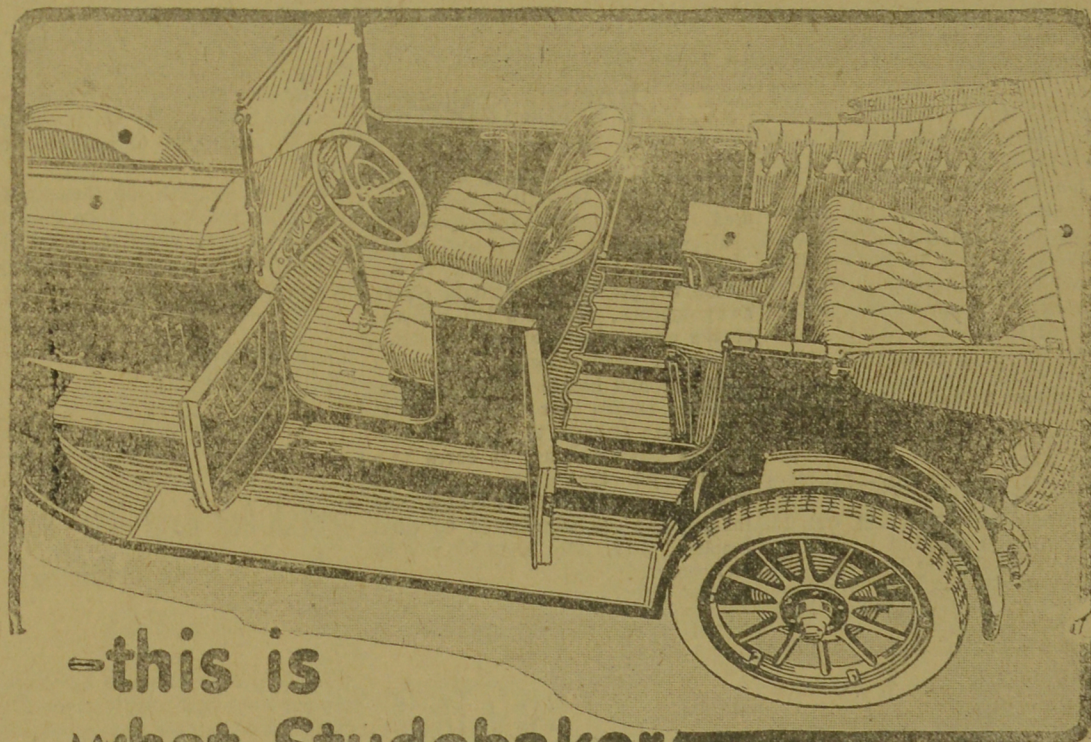
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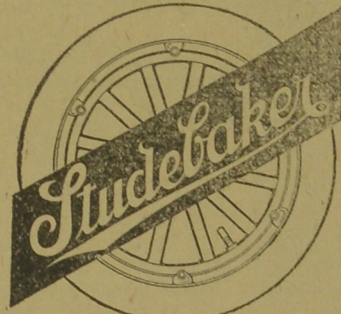
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