

MR. E. S. CARTER STRIKES BACK AT GEORGE W. FOWLER, M. P.

Objects to Insulting Language Used by Commanding Officer of the 104th at Union Club Banquet—Still a Political Partizan.

St. John, Jan. 29.—Some few months ago there was a very general impression in New Brunswick that Geo. W. Fowler, M. P., had forsaken political for military life. He had been one of Sam Hughes' "honorary colonels," but he was created a real Colonel, commanding a battalion. The over-strength of the 64th, commanded by Colonel Campbell, gave the new Colonel a splendid start. He was favored by the Minister of Militia and given, as was stated then, "a free hand."

The recruiting committees throughout the province rallied to bring his battalion to full strength, and the force was given the historic name of "The 104th." The picture of its O. C., Col. Geo. W. Fowler, adorned the dead walls with the motto, "He is a man men like."

Nobody objected to that sort of thing, although no person was deceived. If some of Mr. Fowler's political friends were foolish enough to attempt to make party capital out of his sudden military fervor, nobody was injured, and a few smiles at the very obvious attempt were not followed by any public comment. The people of St. John in particular vied with each other to back up and support this much experienced politician, who lacked military knowledge. He was presented with a sword that was once carried by an officer of the old and gallant 104th. It mattered not that the Tory organizer, H. W. Woods, M. P., carried around a subscription list to buy the sword, and that there was a lot of political manoeuvring to make the great demonstration a boom for "the gallant M. P., who was leaving politics, profession and family to serve his country."

I repeat that nobody, no matter what his politics, objected to any of these "extras." The recruits poured in and that was what our committees were looking for.

Still a Partizan.

But what I do say is that when the people endorsed and supported Geo. Fowler, the Colonel, so generously, they expected George Fowler to forget that he was a partisan politician. There is plenty of evidence that he failed in this particular, but I am not going to refer to the military patronage he dispensed or to the appointments he made or refused to make. I am, however, going to refer to a speech he made at a dinner in the Union Club, given by Mr. Percy Thomson to General Manager Gutellus of the Canadian Government railways.

Colonel Fowler was called upon to respond to a toast and under the guise of wit proceeded to make an uncalled for and an insulting and insinuating remark, coupling my name and that of Mr. Veniot with W. H. Berry's, the grafter accomplice of ex-Premier Flemming, whom Fowler defended before the Royal Commission.

Since Col. Fowler has not respected the uniform he wears by keeping clear of political references, I see no reason why, because he wears khaki, he should not be dealt with.

Oil Stoves for the Boys.

The people have known him for some time in a legal and political sense and have become used to the methods he employs. But they are not used yet to his military ways. He is a farmer, too, and he finds it most convenient to have a large military camp and its table refuse within hauling distance of his hog-pens.

At first he made himself "hail fellow, well met" with both officers and privates, and the boys who shivered in their tents frosty nights told how Col. Fowler had gone at once and ordered oil stoves for their comfort. The Government did not provide oil stoves, so Fowler ordered them himself and got a lot of credit for it.

Since then, however, he has asked the town council of Sussex to pay for the oil stoves!

These are just trifling incidents in his military experience. He might have told the festive diners, however, when making his speech, a lot about certain developments in and around the port of St. John, particularly the Courtenay Bay work. He has a more intimate knowledge of the cost of extras than anybody else because perhaps he is or was the solicitor of the Norton-Griffiths concern. Salaries for such positions are not small, but since Mr. Fowler is an M. P. the fact that he was advising Norton-Griffiths has not been blazoned broadcast.

Neither was the part he played in securing the breakwater contract for a client of his enlarged upon to any extent.

He might have taken those citizens of St. John attending the banquet into his confidence and given them some idea of what two per cent of the progress estimates upon the Courtenay Bay work amounts to, and what use is made of it.

"Dear Lefurgey."

George Fowler, M. P., may change his clothes, but he can't change his methods. He may raise hogs, but that won't make it any easier to make a "silken purse out of a sow's ear." He is the same George Fowler as he was about the year 1900, when he wrote to "Dear Lefurgey" the following letter:

"Dear Lefurgey.—We have succeeded beyond our wildest hopes. We wired D. M. (Dan Mann) and he met us at the train, Toronto, and took us to his office and gave us the route, so far as located; of course, under cover of the strictest secrecy, so keep it mum, except to Borden, Bennett and yourself. We expect to have a wealthy Englishman named Lister, and Col. Pellatt, in the combine with us. We have increased the thing to 200,000 acres. On arriving here we interviewed Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, and have every reason to expect most generous treatment as to terms and price. He said we should get the best that was going. We want to arrange a meeting there when the party returns to Montreal. Tell Messrs. Borden and Bennett about the meeting. It will be necessary for at least two of us to go this fall and locate, as it could not be done in the spring, and that is one of the things that must be arranged at the meeting."

"GEO. W. FOWLER."

Those who live in glass houses should be careful where they throw stones. I do not propose that because I was instrumental in exposing Tory grafting and rascality, George W. Fowler shall insult me publicly by coupling my name with that of W. H. Berry, without getting what is coming to him upon every occasion.

E. S. CARTER.

HONOR ROLL ST. PAUL'S CHURCH UNVEILED SUNDAY

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This is the lesson of Calvary. It is also the message of comfort as we live through the dark days.

The Saviour's Love.

In the third place we must face this searching question, Does the fact of human sacrifice bring assurance as to the future glory of the sufferer? Is the soldier's death upon the battlefield a passport to life eternal? To ask such a question is but to give an emphatic "No." No one in touch with the kingdom of God could suggest an affirmative answer. If such could be affirmed, why the one sacrifice on Calvary? Why the placing of the wounded hand upon the pierced feet? What saves and gives eternal life? What brings the human to the divine? Not our faith; not our loyalty even to death; but the Saviour's own love, power and truth. Jesus himself is the personal Saviour. What is the human means by which we come into personal contact with him? Faith. The difficulty has always been in defining the faith which brings into saving touch with Christ. It may express itself in verbal creed which may be the outcome of vital experience. And there may be the expression of such verbal creed when there is no experience behind it. The main thing about faith is that which obeys, which follows, which co-operates with Christ. Jesus always made faith the moral attitude of the soul rather than the verbal expression, whilst he demanded that where that moral attitude was it should find expression in open confession.

When men give up their lives for the kingdom of truth and in love for others, even if the usual forms of confession are not made, when amid the awful crash of battle they commit themselves to the keeping of the Saviour, it seems to me that the two sacrifices have been sealed in a covenant which must reach out in blessedness into eternity.

A Great Battle Hymn.

Julia Ward Howe's Battle Hymn of the Republic becomes again the faith

of millions in even a truer sense than when written:

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword;
His truth is marching on.

I have read a fiery gospel writ in burnished rows of steel;
"As ye deal with my contemners, so with you my grace shall deal;
Let the hero, born of woman, crush the serpent with his heel,
Since God is marching on."

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat;
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer His, be jubilant my feet;
Our God is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me;
As He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free,
While God is marching on.

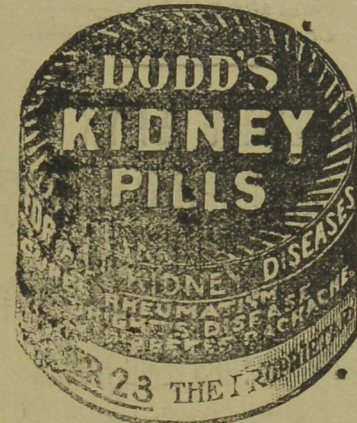
The Eternal Truth.

Lastly, Paul gives a very practical harmony in experience. He is speaking of the sufferings of Christ and the glory which should follow. The cross was a step to the crown. Paul recognizes that this is true in his own experience. In his case the cross will

lead to the crown. He is now sending a message to the Christians at Cornish. He is hopeful for them. As they share the sufferings, they will also share the crown.

Thus, in this great world-redeeming process, if we suffer with him we shall also reign with him. We see our Lord coming down from the cross and crowned with the power of an endless life. He has passing through less life. He has passed through his gloom into the light of perfect day. We are now passing through our gloom. The way is the same thorn-crowned way and will end in the same radiant light.

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Opposition Platform

The following platform was adopted at the Opposition Convention held in St. John recently:
In the event of the Opposition being returned to power, we pledge ourselves:—

NO PARTIZAN CONTROL OF CROWN LANDS.

1. We pledge ourselves to completely reorganize the Crown Lands Department, so that its administration shall be entirely severed from politics and administered on sound business principles under systematic plans by a non-partizan commission specially appointed for that purpose, responsible to the Legislature and working in co-operation with the Dominion Commission of Conservation.

TAKE THE HIGHWAYS OUT OF POLITICS.

2. We pledge ourselves to take the highways out of politics, giving the expenditure of the money collected from the people and the control of the labor, together with the Government appropriations, into the hands of supervisors, chosen by the people of each parish, to whom a detailed and audited account must be rendered every year at the annual meeting, and a duplicate thereof forwarded to the Department of Public Works, the work of the supervisors to be under the inspection of a competent provincial engineer.

We also pledge ourselves to set aside the money collected from the licenses upon automobiles and other motor vehicles, together with an equal appropriation from the revenues of the Province each year, to pay the interest upon the bonds to provide for permanent roads, which shall be constructed as rapidly as possible.

PROHIBITION PROVINCE WIDE.

3. We pledge ourselves at the first session of the Legislature to pass a law prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors within the Province to the fullest extent allowed by the Constitution, and within three months after the passage of said Act to submit the same by referendum to the electors of the Province, and should the majority of votes cast be in favor of the said law, then to bring the same into force by proclamation within one year thereafter.

ELECTION LAW.

4. (a) To amend the electoral law so as to make it impossible for members of the Legislature to traffic with the Government and still retain their seats.

(b) To make it possible for young men, when they reach the age of 21 years, to register their names and be placed forthwith upon the voters' lists, instead of waiting for the tedious machinery of revision as it now exists.

(c) To divide the counties into electoral districts which shall each be represented by one member.

(d) We will also consider amendments to the election law to make bribery in municipal as well as provincial elections impossible.

PROVINCIAL FINANCES.

5. To obtain at once a correct statement of the financial condition of the Province in order that the people may have definite knowledge of the vastly increased public debt and the enormous obligations of guaranteed bonds they will be called upon to pay; and to so reduce the cost of the administration of affairs and the number of useless officials as to avoid the necessity for direct taxation now confronting us.

AGRICULTURE.

6. To give the farmers all the practical assistance that the resources of the Province will permit, to improve agricultural methods and the quality and quantity of the stock upon the farm; to reduce the enormous salary list in the department, and to spend the educational grant received from the Federal Government without regard for political patronage.

VALLEY RAILWAY.

7. To complete the Valley Railway from a point on the Transcontinental Railway at or near Grand Falls, to St. John, and insist upon the Dominion Government carrying out the terms of the original legislation and allow the Province forty per cent. of the gross earnings thereof.

EDUCATION.

8. To always maintain and improve the educational service of the Province and to co-operate with the Federal Government in carrying out the recommendations of the commission upon technical education.

IMMIGRATION.

9. The inauguration of a vigorous immigration policy to properly place before intending immigrants, whose number will be large after termination of the war, the advantages of the agricultural possibilities of New Brunswick.

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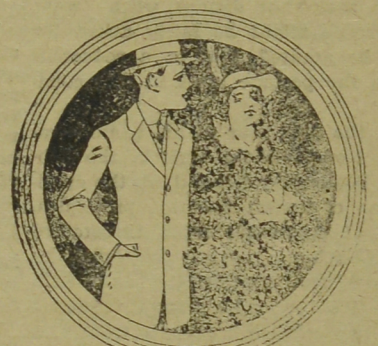
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