

B. FRANK SMITH CHALLENGED TO RUN A CLEAN ELECTION

Rousing Meeting Held by the Opposition at Debec Jct.--Mr. Carvell Discusses Local and Federal Issues--Mr. Carter Deals With Record of the Local Govt.

Debec, Aug. 21.—The opening gun of the Opposition campaign in Carleton county boomed out tonight here and the keynote of its reverberations was a challenge to the government party to conduct a clean, honest campaign in the coming by-election.

The meeting at Debec was largely attended by men of both political stripes, and the appeals made by the several speakers had an evident effect upon the people there. The Opposition party has taken as its slogan, "A clean win or no win," and with that end in view the campaign will be pursued.

Charles L. Smith, of Woodstock, was the first speaker, followed by F. B. Carvell, M. P., who spoke for an hour on both federal and local issues. He gave as his reason for referring to federal issues the fact that the meeting had been called some time ago, before it was known that there would

be a by-election in Carleton county.

His explanations were lucid and convincing, and he dealt in a very interesting manner with the recent investigations both at Ottawa and Fredericton. He received a splendid reception and there was every evidence that the electors present appreciated to the full extent his efforts to rid Canadian politics, both federal and provincial, of graft and corruption.

Mr. Carter's Speech.

E. S. Carter, Opposition organizer, spoke of the issues in the approaching contest as being greater than any individual or any candidate. The government was not only on trial, but the people of Carleton county were under the eye of a greater public—the people of Canada. Conditions in New Brunswick under this government de-

manded just as drastic treatment as the electors of Peel pronounced on Falls and the people of Vancouver and Victoria had the same reason for defeating the candidates of McBride and Bowser.

They wanted better and purer government in those distant places, and in our own province, when a minister of the crown for this same portfolio as Mr. Smith had asked for an endorsement of himself and his government from the people of Westmorland, the electors said, "No." The same candidate in 1912, without a portfolio, had won with over 500 majority, but in May last, with the most important portfolio, with all the patronage that he used so liberally, with all the power of the Dominion government, he failed to persuade the voters of Westmorland to give him a majority. His organization made use of huge sums of money and rum. The prohibition party—so called—did not hesitate to take carloads of liquor into Westmorland to debauch the electors.

"They will try the same trick in Carleton. They will use all the money they can and all the rum they can, to buy a favorable verdict for this most corrupt administration," said Mr. Carter.

Challenge to Smith.

"In Carleton county of Sept. 21," continued Mr. Carter, "the Opposition will not spend a dollar for votes or a cent for whiskey. If B. Frank Smith gets his election by money and rum he is welcome to his seat in the government for the short time his government will last. But the Opposition has a challenge for him to run a clean election without the use of election money, rum or bribes of public works.

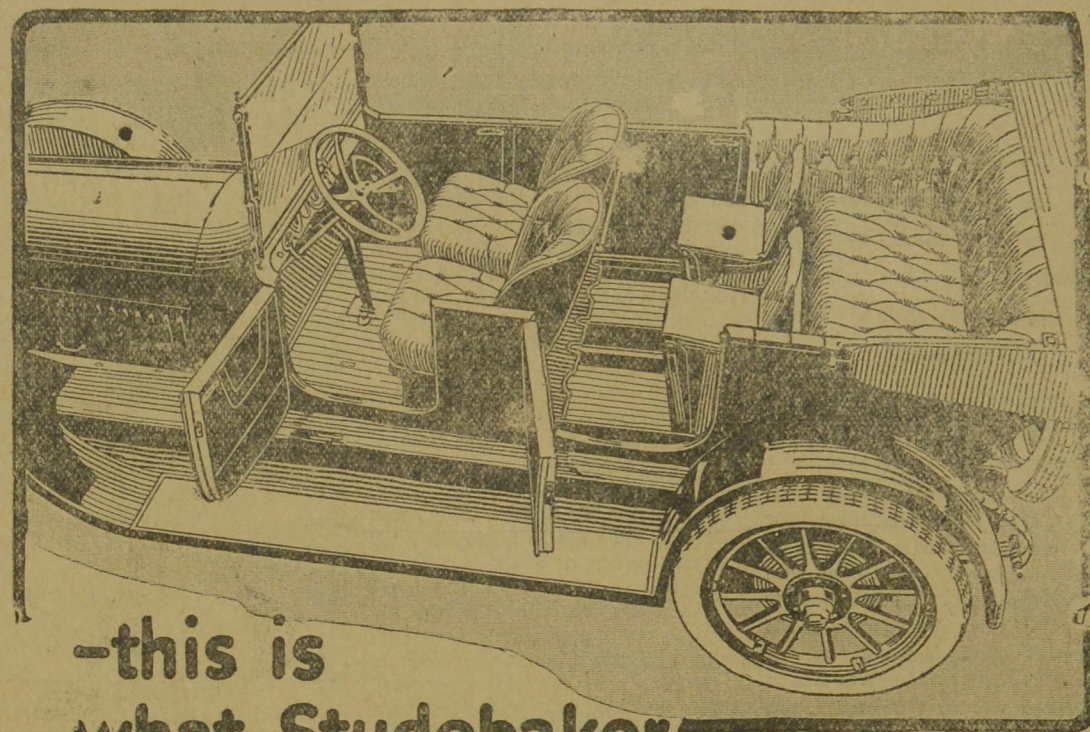
As Opposition organized for the province, Mr. Carter said he wanted Hon. Mr. Smith to understand that if he failed to take up that challenge and enter into a formal agreement by responsible men of both sides, he and the Opposition executive would know how to meet the emergency and would not fail to do so. No matter what Mr. Smith and his friends did, the Opposition course would be the same as outlined, money and no rum. A clean fight, victory with honor or no victory."

Regards to The Standard.

"And now," said Mr. Carter, "a word or two to the Standard newspaper, which for the time being is adopting a threatening attitude as to what it may do if I and other Opposition critics persist in making charges against the government and its supporters."

"Mr. Chairman, it does not scare me one bit. Let the Standard say what it pleases; my action will be the same. They cannot deter me from fighting against the forces of graft. The Standard was started to a great extent with graft money—with \$14,000 provided out of the funds raised by the guarantee of New Brunswick to build the Northern New Brunswick and Seaboard Railway, and the Gloucester Iron Mines proposition. Since then many of its directors have been prominent as politicians and other

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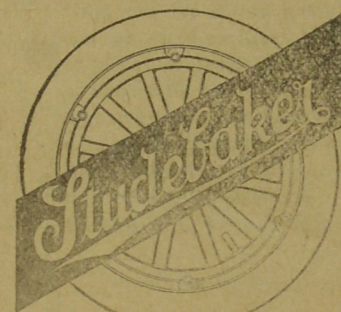
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