

Opponents of Government In Victoria Pick Winners

Messrs J.F. Tweeddale and Jas. Burgess Chosen as Party Standard Bearers at a Rousing Convention-- Stirring Speeches by Messrs Carvell, Veniot and Carter---Steps Taken to Compel Government to Bring on By-Elections.

Andover, N. B., Aug. 22.—"A regular Victoria county convention" was the remark of many on the platform today in Andover as they gazed upon 100 electors gathered to choose Opposition candidates. It was surely a great convention. There was no doubt of the eagerness and spirit of the people to aid better government and to choose candidates to carry out their wishes. From the outset there was no doubt of the choice of the people.

J. Fletcher Tweeddale and James Burgess, the men who represented the county until 1912 were the unanimous selection of thirty-one delegates chosen by the several parishes.

Both men accepted amid great enthusiasm. Mr. Tweeddale made a splendid speech contrasting the promises of White and Titus Carter, the present representatives, with their performances.

Amid cheers that made the house tremble he asked that their promise to resign their seats if the Valley Railway was not built according to the promise made the people, be fulfilled.

James Burgess was warmly received and accepted in a neat speech.

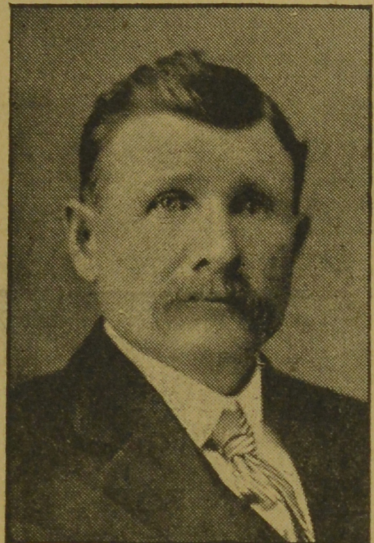
The convention was called to order by Chairman Demming, and James Porter was elected chairman. Mr. Porter is a speaker of much force and before the business of the meeting he received a most attentive hearing upon the question of the day the need for better politics and better government. Dr. Dickinson was elected secretary and then Organizer E. S. Carter directed the selection of delegates by

the parishes.

Mr. P. J. Veniot.

Mr. Niles of Andover was chosen chairman of the delegates and while they retired and made their choice, Mr. P. J. Veniot addressed the audience upon provincial questions, dwelling amid shouts of the audience upon J. L. White's motion in the Legislature to whitewash Flemming.

E. S. Carter made a short speech upon organization, but his remarks on the contest in Carleton and the at-



MR. JAMES BURGESS

tempt to convert B. F. Smith into a rescuer of a dying government were

greeted with applause.

The meeting then adjourned to the Red Cross and Baptist church teas, which benefited splendidly by their patronage. The Grand Falls band came with the delegation from up country and the boys from Andover joined them at the station and played the delegation into the big hall.

Before the afternoon meeting had adjourned F. B. Carvell, M. P., was called upon, and on going to the platform was given a reception such as few public men have ever been accorded. He did not make a speech then, but promised to address the audience at the evening meeting.

Mr. Carter's Stirring Speech.

Andover has seen many public gatherings, but none greater than that of tonight.

The chairman introduced Organizer E. S. Carter and for nearly an hour that gentleman dealt with the situation of the government of the day. The tremendous sums taken from the people who dealt with the government were taken up in detail and the methods employed to relieve provincial licensees for the sake of alleged campaign funds.

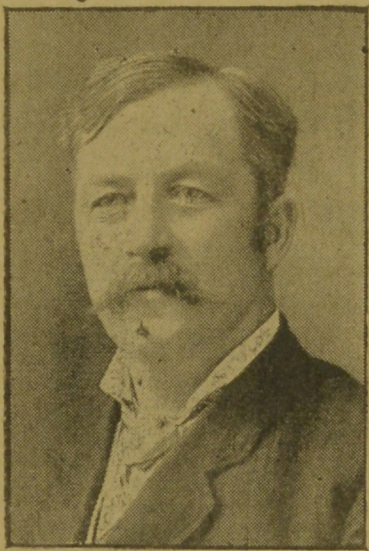
The vacancies in the counties of Gloucester, Kent, Albert and St. John city were explained, and then Mr. Carter announced that the Opposition had taken steps, through its members and members-elect, to compel the government under the law to bring on the by-elections.

Amid tremendous applause he stated that the Opposition was fighting in earnest for better government. He had asked Mr. Dystart to serve the notices signed by Messrs. Dugal, Pelletier and Dr. Smith upon Hon. Dr. Landry, and he read a telegram from Mr. Dystart, who is a barrister, stating that he had served the notices upon that member of the government who is the clerk of the crown in chancery.

There was no doubt about the sentiment of that large audience. Every sentence of Mr. Carter's speech about clean fighting, without money or rum, was punctured with applause.

F. B. Carvell, M. P.

After Mr. Veniot had again spoken briefly, F. B. Carvell, M. P., took up the platform of the opposition with re-



M. J. F. TWEEDDALE

spect to crown lands and highways.

"Take them out of politics," was his strong advice in dealing with crown lands. Mr. Carvell told how some lumbermen in the winter of 1912 went to him and Dr. Pugsley in Ottawa and offered the Opposition party in New Brunswick \$150,000 to run the elections with, provided they would agree to renew the crown land leases in 1918 without competition.

That offer, said Mr. Carvell, was flatly and firmly refused, and the lumbermen gave their support in the main to the government of which Mr. Flemming was premier, and they all knew what happened.

In plain language he dealt with the road question and the Opposition policy to fund the automobile licenses and to spend the money thus acquired to improve the roads of the province. The present system of road making was all wrong and the Opposition proposed to change it.

Before closing Mr. Carvell talked a few minutes upon Federal matters and the audience listened with eager attention to his description of Dominion affairs.

The meeting closed with cheers for the King and the candidates, and ended one of the greatest conventions ever held in the province.

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