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WELL DONE, WESTMORLAND!

The people of the noble county of Westmorland struck a solar plexus blow for good government yesterday, when they defeated Hon. P. G. Mahoney, the new Minister of Public Works in the Clarke-Baxter government of scandals, and elected Dr. Ernest A. Smith, the Opposition candidate, as their representative. Considering the fact that he was fighting two governments in a constituency where political patronage counts for much, Dr. Smith's victory is beyond a doubt one of the most notable ever achieved by a candidate for parliamentary honors in New Brunswick. His majority of eighty-three, while not large considering the size of the registered vote, is large enough for all practical purposes. In the general election four years ago Mr. Mahoney's majority over the highest Opposition candidate, Mr. A. B. Copp, who had represented the county for a number of years, was 456. Yesterday Hon. Mr. Mahoney, with the added prestige of a Minister of the great spending department of a government strongly entrenched in power, had passed upon him the condemnation of his constituents. The Opposition candidate carried four of the seven parishes of the county. Hon. Mr. Mahoney led in his home parish of Botsford, where he has a large personal following. He carried the parish of Sackville, a traditional Conservative stronghold, by a majority of 211, while the parish of Westmorland gave him a lead of 15. The parish of Moncton, where there is a railway vote of considerable size, gave Dr. Smith his largest majority. He also secured a snug majority in Dorchester, which includes Memramcook, where Hon. Dr. Landry and Mr. Veniot met in joint debate on Sunday night, and he carried the parish of Salisbury and his home parish of Shediac by small majorities. His exact majority over the Minister of Public Works, according to the latest returns, was 83—not a large majority, to be sure; but had the shoe been on the other foot, what a shout of joy would have gone up from the plunderbund now in control of affairs in this province! Had Hon. Mr. Mahoney won, we would have had Attorney General Baxter again declaring that the hold-up of liquor licensees was not a hold-up; we would have had Hon. Dr. Landry again declaring that the Government's fake surpluses were real surpluses; we would have had Mr. B. Franklin Smith again declaring that the patriotic potato steal was a commendable act; we would have had Harry Woods and Dr. Price again declaring that the people approved of the Flemming whitewash resolution, and lastly, we would have had Mr. Titus Carter asking more questions about the Kitchen contract.

The verdict of Westmorland will be liable to take some of the conceit out of these gentry. It may also teach them that villainous abuse of the men who have exposed the iniquities of the Government is no answer to the serious charges of graft preferred against the administration from time to time. Considering the great odds which Dr. Smith and his friends had to face, the victory is a most notable one. Only three weeks time was allowed in which to prepare for the contest. The Government selected the battleground and had its candidate picked in advance. The Opposition had to call a convention and select a man to take up the gauntlet thrown down to them. They had less than three weeks to place the issues before electors and perfect their organization, but they seem to have made a thorough job of it. The candidate chosen was new to public life but what he lacked in experience was more than offset by the energy and enthusiasm he manifested throughout, and the justice of the cause he represented. He fought a good fight, he kept the faith, and victory perched on his banner.

The Government forces were well heeled with the resources of civilization, and resorted to every device known to unscrupulous and desperate politicians to hold the county for the Government. They failed to carry the day, and stand convicted by the vote of a free and enlightened electorate of every political crime charged against them by the Opposition. The Government emerges from yesterday's contest crushed and humiliated and if the Lieutenant Governor does his duty this term of office will be of short duration. The electors of Westmorland have shown that there is a public conscience in New Brunswick and it has been thoroughly aroused by the flagrant abuse of power by the men now in control of affairs. Clarke, Baxter and

their supine followers have been served with notice to quit and the sooner they quit the better for the province. For them the handwriting is on the wall.

The result in Westmorland is a great feather in the cap of Mr. F. B. Carvell, M.P., the doughty warrior from Carleton county. Mr. Carvell has had a busy time of it at Ottawa during the past five months. He has been hot on the trail of certain patriots who have been exploiting the public treasury for private gain. Granted a brief respite by the adjournment of the Meredith-Duff Commission, he hurried to Westmorland and threw himself into the fight with all his wonderful energy. He met and vanquished Mr. B. Franklin Smith in a joint debate at Moncton on Saturday last, and the same evening motored to Port Elgin, where he was the principal speaker at a big meeting. The following day he returned to Ottawa to resume his duties as counsel before the Royal Commission. Mr. Carvell is the deadly foe of grafters and this province owes him a debt which it can never repay.

Others who worked hard and effectively for the cause of good government in Westmorland were Messrs. E. S. Carter and P. J. Veniot, the efficient Opposition organizers. Mr. Carter managed the campaign for his party, and seems to have made a splendid job of it. He was subjected to the vilest kind of abuse from the Government press and speakers, but he did not allow it to disturb his equanimity. He gave them tit for tat, and the people decided that he was right and the other fellows were wrong. It was Mr. Carter who started the ball rolling in Westmorland county, and the Mail heartily congratulates him on the success achieved.

Mr. Veniot threw himself into the campaign with all his old-time vigor. Besides organizing the French speaking districts of the county, he crossed swords with that great Napoleon of finance, Hon. Dr. Landry, at a joint meeting at Memramcook. The large majority secured by Dr. Smith in this parish is a splendid endorsement of Mr. Veniot's work on behalf of clean politics.

Another who is deserving of great credit for the brilliant victory is Mr. L. A. Dugal, the Opposition leader in the Legislature. He went to Westmorland soon after the writs were issued, and has remained constantly on the job. He appealed to his fellow Acadians to send to the Legislature an English-speaking member to assist in fighting the battle for good government, and they seem to have responded nobly to the call. New Brunswick has never had an Acadian representative in the House who has done better work on behalf of the people than Mr. Dugal. The province owes him a debt of gratitude that can scarcely be repaid.

All honor to the noble county of Westmorland for its verdict of yesterday on behalf of clean government.

The rumbling noise which emanated from the Miramichi last night was not due to thunder. It was Hon. John Morrissey having a few guffaws at the expense of his unfortunate successor in the Government.

It is said that Hon. Mr. Mahoney is the first New Brunswick cabinet minister since Confederation to suffer defeat on appealing for re-election after accepting a portfolio.

Premier Clarke took no part in the Westmorland by-election. Neither did the local graft organ.

ON THE SIDE.

Westmorland has spoken!

What will Governor Wood do about it?

The local graft organ will now have a chance to say, "I told you so!"

The handwriting is on the wall for the grafters' brigade.

Col. Baxter will lead the retreat from Westmorland.

The only kind of love worth anything is the kind you get for nothing.

Inspiration is a mighty fine thing, but perspiration is what really counts.

The latest word from Westmorland is that the Government organizer is lost in the woods.

Dr. Waite says he wants no appeal. It is hardly probable that anyone else does.

There will always be a sort of people who would rather sit out on the back porch than the front.

The local graft organ said the provincial opposition was a joke. That paper always did have a strange idea of what is funny.

This is a mean one: "June, the bridal month, is about here; and this is leap year. Note whether there are more brides than usual."

Citizens of Berlin, Ont., are to vote for one of the following as a new name for their city: Huronto, Bercana, Durard, Hydro City, Renoma or Agnoleo. Gee, how they must hate that name Berlin.

DR. BELAND FREE TO RETURN TO CANADA

Ottawa, May 30.—The news which reached here today that Hon. Dr. Beland, ex-postmaster general of Canada, has been released by Germany as a prisoner-of-war in exchange for a German prisoner held by the Allies, is in accordance with confidential information received some time ago by the government as to the likelihood of the exchange being effected. Ever since Dr. Beland was taken prisoner at the capture of Antwerp by the Germans, efforts have been made through his friends here to secure his release.

The minister of militia made personal representations to the war office and the British authorities endeavored to arrange an exchange through the American consul at Berlin.

These efforts were, however, up to the beginning of last year, attended with no success. Finally, Senator Dandurand took the matter up through the interparliamentary union and in February the permanent secretary of the union wrote from Norway that the secretary of the German branch of the union had written intimating that Dr. Beland's exchange would be effected.

About a month ago another communication from Norway stated that Dr. Beland's release might be expected shortly.

Premier Borden again communicated with the British authorities, urging that everything possible be done to facilitate the exchange. The news has now come that Dr. Beland is free. He will probably spend some time in Holland, where his wife has been seriously ill for some months. As soon as she is able to travel, it is expected that Dr. Beland will return with her to Canada.

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A Shortage of Meat in Great Britain

New York, May 31.—A special cable to the World from London under yesterday's date says:

"The high price of meat, which was admitted in the House of Commons to be a serious matter, is stated by the Evening Star to be the result of the manipulations of the American beef trust. The line of action which the country will expect the government to take will be in the direction of discovering whether food supplies are being held up, and if so, by whom.

"The serious thing about the beef trust is that it controls not only the roast and boiled meat of commerce, but has its hands on all possible substitutes.

Neutral Stripes Seized by Germans

London, May 31.—One hundred and ninety-five neutral ships loaded with goods from Scandinavian countries for the United Kingdom have been captured by the Germans and taken into German ports since October, 1914.

Thomas J. McNamara, financial secretary of the Admiralty made the above statement in answer to a question in the House of Commons.

B. C. Elections Early in August

Victoria, B. C., May 31.—There is a belief in many quarters that the provincial elections will be held about the first of August. Legislation passed during the session includes votes for soldiers, woman suffrage and prohibition.

WORLDLY WISDOM.

A man may be lucky because he is married—or because he isn't. There is danger that a little learning will result in a swelled head.

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