

# The Issues of the Campaign Put Before the Electors

**Mr. P. J. Hughes Deals Effectively With the Record of the Government of Scandals---The People Urged to Vote for Better Things---An Able Speech by Mr. H. J. Logan Ex-M. P. Who Urged the Electors to Follow the Example Set by Manitoba and British Columbia.**

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on without calling a halt and declaring that it is time for a change? It is about time we were forgetting party and giving some attention to our country. It is about time we voted for better things.

## Enough of Scandals.

The Gleaner has said some harsh things about Mr. Pinder, and says it will not retract them, because Mr. Pinder is not as bad as Mr. Pugsley. It is not because it hates Mr. Pinder less, but because it hates Mr. Pugsley more. Is that a good reason why the people should vote for Pinder? We have had enough of scandals in this province, and it is about time we were thinking of other and better things. (Applause.)

The speaker pointed out that the present government was in enjoyment of a much larger revenue than any previous administration, but he contended that they had not given a better service to the public. The explanation was that proper use had not been made of the money, which had been handed out to party favorites. The government was boasting of its increased revenue from Crown Lands, and in this connection was exhibiting a chart at their meetings showing the increase. Now it is possible to prove almost anything by means of a chart. As this particular chart was prepared at the Crown Land Office, and is presumably a public document, he thought it ought to be possible to obtain a copy. With this object in view he had gone to the office and asked Mr. McMullin, the chief draughtsman, for a copy. Although prepared at the public expense Mr. McMullin said he did not think it was a public document, and refused to give him a copy. Mr. Loggie, the Deputy Minister, was consulted, but with no better success. Mr. Loggie promised to consult Mr. Slipp by telephone and did so. Mr. Slipp decided that it was not an official document, therefore the speaker was unable to procure a copy in order to see how it was made up.

## Increased Lumber Cut.

The Government in boasting of its increased revenue from Crown Lands, claims that the cut of lumber has not been increased. The report of the Crown Land department does not support this claim. The cut of lumber in 1905 was 107,000,000 feet. In 1908 it was 152,000,000 feet, and in 1915 it had increased to 290,000,000 feet. The Government is cutting twice as much lumber now as was the case a few years ago, and are permitting smaller logs to be taken.

With all its increased revenue the government has been sinking the province deeper and deeper into debt. In 1908 they complained of a debt of \$5,000,000, which they said was outrageous. Our assets have not increased since 1908, our population is but little greater. Yet our public debt has been doubled. Our liabilities today, including bonds which we have endorsed are not far short of \$17,000,000. Oh, say the Government's defenders, we do not owe all that money. WHAT ABOUT THE \$155,000 WHICH WAS PUT INTO PINDER'S RAILWAY? IF WE DON'T OWE THAT MONEY, WHY ARE WE PAYING THE INTEREST ON IT AT THE RATE OF \$6,200 A YEAR? Then there is the bond guarantee to the iron mines in Glen-

cester county. This railway is idle today and the province is paying the interest on the bonds. Do we owe this money or not? Do we owe the money secured on bonds guaranteed for the St. John Valley Railway? The proposition put up to the people of this province in connection with the Valley Railway was that it was to be part of a transcontinental system. What did these men do but hitch the railway up with the C. P. R. Where is the road with its present connections going to get the freight to pay interest on five million dollars of bonds? Will the C. P. R. supply it or carry the freight on its own rails. The road has been in operation two years and the province's share of the proceeds is some \$20,000. This is all we have with which to pay two years interest on \$5,000,000 worth of bonds amounting to \$400,000. THAT SITUATION HAS BEEN CREATED BY THE MISREPRESENTATION AND DECEIT OF THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT. They pledged themselves to carry the road to Grand Falls but fooled the people. Surely it is time the people woke up and declared that they would have nothing further to do with this government. The Opposition, if returned to power, will fill its pledge and build the road to Grand Falls.

## Where the Money Goes.

Last year this government was unable to keep the roads in repair out of the ordinary revenue, and had to borrow \$70,000 for the purpose. Why should future generations be called upon to pay for ordinary road work? The Government had increased the taxes for the upkeep of roads to the extent of \$80,000 a year. He would like to know what became of the money. Is it spent on the roads, or do the superintendents follow the advice of John Young and fool the Auditor General? We know in Fredericton how some of the money is wasted. The highway bridge job was a good illustration. It took the Government all summer to build a new pier. The work was done on a percentage basis, which means that the contractors were given 15c. on every dollar they could spend. The result was that the pier cost about \$70,000, or nearly the price of the old bridge.

## McVey's Extras.

This Government built a new suspension bridge in St. John. McVey & Sons were contractors, and put in a claim for extras. The matter was referred to Mr. A. R. Wetmore, of the Public Works Department, a man who stands at the top of his profession. He recommended that the company be allowed \$635.66, and his report is on file today in the office of the Public Works Department. What did the Government do? It ignored the report of Mr. Wetmore and by order-in-council paid McVey & Sons the sum of \$10,200 in extras. Is it any wonder that this province is going into debt? Facts like these have to be dragged from the Government by means of questions put by the Opposition in the House. The Opposition in the last House only had two members, neither of whom was conversant with the English language, and it was only with the greatest difficulty that information could be procured. The Government tried its best to conceal the facts, and when cornered it gave false and misleading information to the public. In support of this statement Mr. Hughes cited the case of Mr. L. E. Young, clerk of the Carleton Circuit Court. This gentleman had kept back fees which should have gone into the revenues during the year 1910-11-12-13 and 14. The Opposition put in an enquiry on the subject in the House on March 22nd. In the 28th of March an answer was brought down to the effect that the money had been paid in. TWO OTHER ENQUIRIES HAD TO BE MADE BY THE OPPOSITION BEFORE THE GOVERNMENT WAS COMPELLED TO CONFESS THAT THE MONEY HAD ALL BEEN PAID IN AFTER THE OPPOSITION HAD MADE THE ENQUIRY IN THE HOUSE. This is a sample of the methods which this Government adopts in order to fool the people.

## Situation Serious.

The Opposition hoped that the people would give heed to the serious situation which confronts this province today. He trusted that they would, on the 24th, give their support to the Opposition candidates. The ticket was headed by Mr. Elwood Burt, a shrewd business man and a large employer of labor. Mr. Burt had recently told him that his company's accounts were adjusted every eight days, and if a two-cent stamp was missing it had to be accounted for. Compare this with the business methods of the man heading the Government ticket in York, who when on the stand as a witness in the Southampton Railway case, was unable to account for thousands of dollars. Think this matter over when making up your mind which ticket to support.

Mr. Hughes closed with a graceful tribute to Mr. Walter E. Foster, the Opposition eluder, and made a strong appeal for support for the Opposition candidates on the 24th. He was heartily applauded on resuming his seat.

## H. J. LOGAN, EX-M. P.

Mr. Winslow introduced Mr. H. J. Logan, ex-M. P., of Cumberland, N. S., the "Cumberland Giant," a man known personally to many in the audience and to all as a public man and a public spirited one. As a man well acquainted with public affairs in Nova Scotia he might in course of his remarks make reference to the Workmen's Compensation Act in force in that province and show how it was superior to the so-called compensation act in force in New Brunswick under which the employee received little real benefit.

The audience gave Mr. Logan a magnificent reception, many having heard him speak before.

Mr. Logan said that this was the third time he had had the opportunity of addressing the electors of York. One occasion had been in the afternoon when he heard the candidates speak; the other had been some years ago. He believed in returning calls. Several distinguished statesmen in Nova Scotia had invited distinguished statesmen of New Brunswick to speak on public affairs on a recent occasion. One of the speakers--then distinguished, but since extinguished--was J. K. Flemming. (Laughter.) Nova Scotia having received the call, he had decided to return it.

An Appreciation of Col. Guthrie.

While mentioning New Brunswickers who had addressed public meetings in Nova Scotia, he would not let the occasion pass without referring to one--a fellow townsman of those in the audience--whose appeals to the people of Nova Scotia had done much to stimulate recruiting. He referred to Lieut. Col. P. A. Guthrie, whose recruiting speeches in Amherst had resulted in 100 men being recruited in Cumberland county for the Nova Scotia Highland Brigade. He hoped that the New Brunswick Kiltie battalion would soon be up to strength in order that the hopes of the officer commanding might be realized.

The speaker said he would rather be addressing a patriotic meeting than a political meeting. Within the past year he had the opportunity of addressing more than 100 patriotic meetings in various provinces; but let it be remembered that while the boys were fighting the battle of bullets on the fields of Flanders, the battle of the ballots should be fought in New Brunswick. (Applause.) The eyes of the Dominion were on New Brunswick. The people were watching to see if the province will follow the example of Manitoba and British Columbia in cleansing its political life of the stain which had been cast upon it. (Applause.) The question was not one of Liberal Conservative and Liberal. Party affiliations did not enter into this election. It was a struggle of honest men against grafters. (Cheers.)

## Every Dollar is Needed.

"The time has come when every dollar is needed," said Mr. Logan. "We Canadians have come to realize that WE WANT OUR MONEY IN THE PROVINCIAL TREASURY, AND NOT IN A STRONG BOX IN THE TOWN OF WOODSTOCK. The seriousness of the situation has been impressed upon the public mind, and the people are more careful and thoughtful than they were a few years ago.

"How can you vote for this Government and square yourself with your conscience? Take Flemming's case: It was not necessary to take the evidence which came out before the Royal Commission. Col. Harry F. McLeod, Federal representative of York, now overseas, before formal charges were made, wrote a letter in which he gave a list of the graft contributions which that man received from various companies and corporations."

Mr. Logan then proceeded to quote from Col. McLeod's letter, the contents of which are well known to the electorate of New Brunswick. As he read the sums which constituted the alleged contributions, he expressed amazement that an institution of the standing of the Prudential Trust Co. should appear as giving graft to a politician of the Flemming type.

Continuing, the speaker said:

"Col. McLeod also stated that Mr. Flemming spent out of his graft fund the sum of \$74,000 to secure the return of his party in the general elections of 1912. EVERY MAN OF HIS PARTY WHO SAT BEHIND FLEMMING IN THE HOUSE SHARED IN THAT GRAFT. THAT WAS WHY A RESOLUTION WHITEWASHING MR. FLEMMING AND DECLARING HIM TO BE PURE WAS PASSED BY THOSE MEN IN THE HOUSE.

"WHEN YOU VOTE TO SUSTAIN THE MURRAY ADMINISTRATION, YOU VOTE TO CONDONE THAT RESOLUTION AND YOU SHARE THE GUILT," said Mr. Logan amid applause.

## Outside Opinion.

He proceeded to quote an editorial from the Quebec Chronicle, a Conservative organ, showing the opinion held elsewhere in Canada of the rotten state of public affairs in New Brunswick under the present administration.

In British Columbia a parallel state of affairs had existed. McBride, whose government had been under fire, retired, and Mr. Bowser succeeded, just as Flemming had been succeeded in New Brunswick. It caused the arousal of public opinion when it became known that the public domain had been alienated and the wealth of the province squandered. One of those

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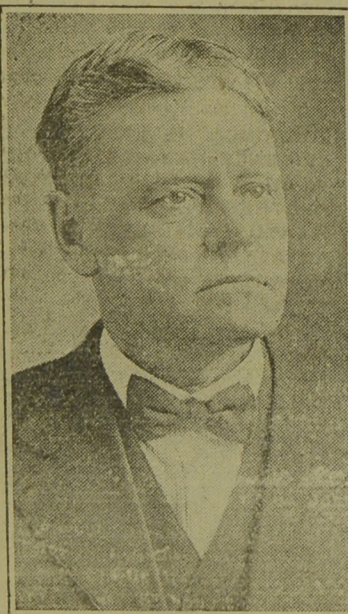
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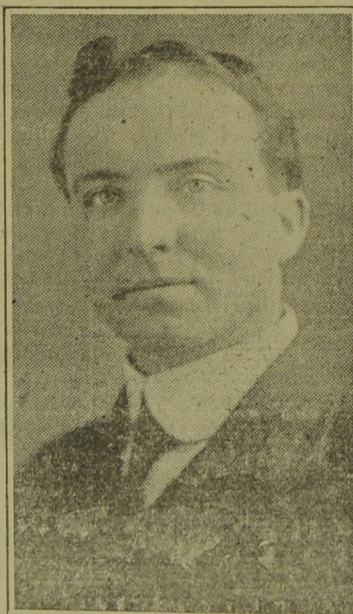
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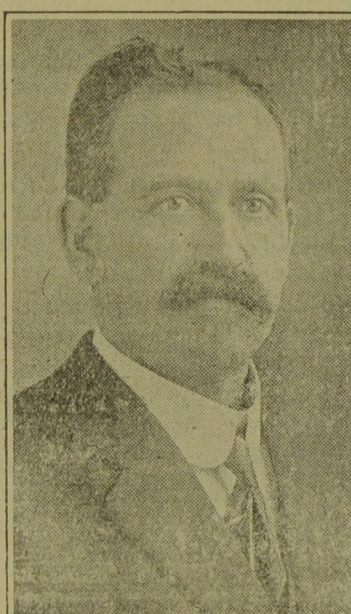
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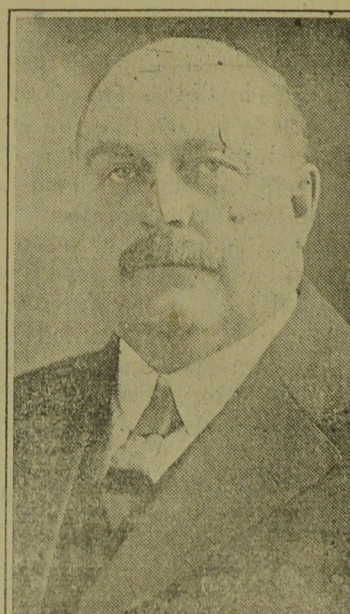
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