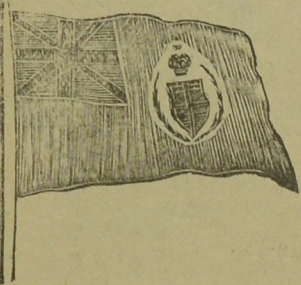


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THE PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN.

While the returns from the provincial election will not be completed until the County of Gloucester is heard from this evening, it looks as if the Murray government has gone down to a well deserved and ignominious defeat. Polling took place on Saturday in sixteen out of the seventeen constituencies and only twenty-one Government supporters were returned, against twenty-three for the Opposition. Even if Gloucester should return four Government supporters, which is entirely unlikely, the Government would be left with a majority of one exclusive of the Speaker, and this would be insufficient to enable it to carry on the business of the country.

The election proves conclusively that there is a public conscience in New Brunswick. The people have spoken through the medium of the ballot box, and the Government of Hon. J. A. Murray has been emphatically condemned. It has failed to secure a mandate to continue the public business and must get out.

Premier Murray called on the elections with the shortest possible notice which the law allows. With the patronage of two governments behind him, and backed by an enormous boodle fund, contributed by men who are reaping a harvest out of the great war, and by Valley Railway contractors, he felt confident that he could secure a new lease of power, even though in some of the constituencies his own party was unprepared for a contest. He thought, no doubt, as the date of the legislative session had been announced, that his opponents would be caught napping and would be unprepared to put up any kind of a fight. In this, however, he seems to have been sadly astray in his reckoning. The Opposition rallied to the call and in a remarkably short space of time had strong candidates in the field in every constituency. They took hold with vim and determination, with the object of giving the province a better administration of affairs. The people rallied in thousands to their support, and in the voting on Saturday they succeeded in electing twenty-three candidates for the forty-four contested seats. It was a solar plexus blow for the Government of scandals, and they surely must feel that the people have served them with a notice to quit.

A surprising feature of the campaign was the sweep of the North Shore counties made by the Opposition. From Westmorland to Restigouche they carried every seat, and the majorities in most cases were emphatic. They also carried Queens and Sunbury on the St. John River, and one seat in St. John City.

Three members of the Government are among the slain. Hon. Dr. Landry, Provincial Secretary-Treasurer, and a member of the Government since 1908, was buried in Kent, while Hon. A. A. Slipp, the new Minister of Lands and Mines, met a similar fate in Queens. The defeat of Hon. Arthur Culligan, a forerunner member in Restigouche, completes the list.

The most severe blow for the Opposition was the defeat of their able young leader, Mr. W. E. Foster, in St. John county. He led his party to victory, but could not overcome the great odds which he had to face in St. John county. Mr. Foster deserves well of the people of this province, and it is felt that a seat will be found for him and that he will be placed in a position to carry out the policy of reform he has laid down.

Although emphatically condemned at the polls, this Government may be expected to make a desperate effort to cling to office. They have reason to fear the exposures that will follow a change of rulers, and will therefore resort to every means known to desperate and unscrupulous politicians to

thwart the will of the people.

The people of New Brunswick are to be congratulated upon their verdict of Saturday. It is a message to all Canada, that this province has a public conscience which has declared itself against graft, cheap partizanship and maladministration.

THE RESULT IN YORK.

The election in York resulted in the return of the four government candidates, Messrs. Pinder, Young, Crockett and Hunter, by greatly reduced majorities. It was one of the sharpest campaigns in the history of the county, and the result was a great surprise to the Government forces. In the contest of 1912 they carried all four men by majorities which averaged 2300. In the election of Saturday the average majorities did not exceed five hundred, which means an overturn of nearly one thousand votes. This result was achieved with the patronage of two governments, the most lavish promises, the expenditure of at least \$25,000 in cash and a carload of whiskey. So far as the Government candidates are concerned, they never was a more corrupt election in the history of York county. A determined and most brazen effort was made to thwart the will of the people, and we regret to say that in some of the more remote sections of the county it was successful. An illustration of the extent to which Federal Government influence was used is furnished by the result from the Napudogan poll, where the voters are all employees of the Canadian Government Railways. Although the number of electors at this poll was not large, the Opposition candidates did not get a single vote.

The Opposition candidates made a magnificent fight at the two city polls, considering the subtle influences they had to face. They fought the Tam many gang to a standstill at the Court House, while in the uptown division, which has hitherto been a government stronghold, Mr. Burr, the leader of the Opposition ticket, beat out Mr. Young by eight votes. No candidates for political honors ever had a more loyal and devoted band of workers than those who worked for the Opposition in the city divisions.

As was predicted in these columns, Mr. Pinder and Mr. Young cut each other's throats in their own respective districts. At Taymouth, where Mr. Young stood, Mr. Pinder's name was dropped from almost fifty ballots, but Mr. Pinder, anticipating such treatment, more than squared the account at the Temperance Vale poll.

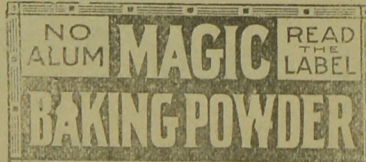
Canterbury and Kingsclear and the Keswick Valley did nobly for the Opposition candidates. A remarkably good showing against tremendous odds was also made at Marysville, Gibson and Southampton front and Millville. The sympathy canvass was worked by Mr. Pinder to good advantage in many sections of the county, particularly in Southampton.

The Opposition candidates put up a clean and manly fight and while victory did not crown their efforts, they have no reason to be ashamed of the result. They secured the votes of a majority of the independent, unpurchasable electors and if the election had to be run over again tomorrow there is not the slightest doubt in the world but that they would win out by at least a thousand majority. Their failure to win was due to no fault of their own, but to the lavish use of rum and money by their opponents.

The members returned for York on Saturday will probably sit in the cool shades of opposition for the next few years. They will be without influence or patronage and can continue their squabbles and bickerings without jeopardizing the interests of the county.

The splendid vote polled in Saturday's election by Mr. P. J. Hughes is a wonderful testimony to the good sense of the people of the county of York. Mr. Hughes worships at a different shrine from the great majority of the people of this county, but that fact cut no figure in the election. The opponents of the Government recognized his ability and worth as a man, and stood loyally by him. Mr. Hughes is one of the ablest and most aggressive campaigners York county has produced since the days of A. G. Blair, and is destined to play an important part in the public affairs of this country. It is to the everlasting credit of both parties in York that Mr. Hughes was not defeated on account of his religious belief.

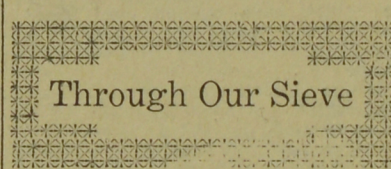
Mr. W. S. Tompkins, who worked and spoke for the Government candidates, told a friend yesterday that the Government deserved defeat. The truth will out, although sometimes it is a little tardy.



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Through Our Sieve

On yer way, Premier Murray! Whadya mean—Opposition party! Dear old Leader Foster is looking hard at Gloucester. One half the world don't know how the other half votes.

And now which is the government and which the opposition party? Napudogan has taken the place of Cork as the goose egg poll in York.

That was a sick crowd of watchful waiters which haunted the office of the local graft organ on election night!

Of all the sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest of these is "Stung, again!"

Saturday was a great day for the Smith family, no less than five of them having won seats in the local house.

Ever so many people had been wishing that Von Bernstorff was in Halifax—and he was.

Prof. Dearborn tells how to banish fat. The trouble we have noticed with most over-fat folk is that they don't want to banish it—they only want to talk about it.

We find a grim spur to optimism in the words attributed to the Grand Vizier, that Turkey will fight to the last man. If that end should really come it would solve the everlasting problem.

Someone hails as a solution of the "short skirt menace" the assertion of an expert that women who wear skirts short and thin have to eat more to keep warm, and therefore grow fat. The trouble is that no woman believes that.

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