

LIBERALS HELD BIG RALLY AT THE CITY OPERA HOUSE

Speeches by the Candidate, Mr. N. W. Brown and Mr. J. T. Hebert, Acting Professor of Economics at the U. N. B.—The Liberal Policy Defined and Union Government Sharply Criticized—Mr. Brown makes strong Appeal for Support

Mr. N. W. Brown, Liberal candidate in York-Sunbury, addressed a large meeting at the Fredericton Opera House last night. Mr. J. T. Hebert, who is acting professor of Philosophy and Economics at the University of New Brunswick also spoke. Both speakers were well received and were heartily applauded. Mr. Hebert was the first speaker and was followed by the candidate. The latter made direct charges of attempts to bribe himself and his solicitor, Mr. R. W. McLellan, to prevent a contest in York-Sunbury and read affidavits of himself and Mr. McLellan. The speeches lasted until about 10.30, when the meeting ended with cheers for the King, the candidate and Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

Those Upon the Platform.
Mr. A. H. VanWart, president of the Liberal Association of York and Sunbury was chairman. Among those on the platform were: Ald. C. W. Burnett, George F. Burden, D. W. Mersereau, M.P.P., W. A. McLellan, E. Jack Miles, Alonzo Staples, Joseph A. Read, T. C. Burpee, Fred McLellan, J. Powers, Alex. Gibson, Frank McLellan, P. J. Hughes.

J. T. Hebert.
Mr. J. T. Hebert was the first speaker. He outlined the history of the Liberal party stating that it was born at the time of Confederation among those of Liberal principles who declined

to follow John A. Macdonald in the formation of the Liberal-Conservative party. The formation of the Unionist party of 1917 Canada saw the rebirth of the Liberal party. Some had left it to enter the new party. Let them do so. The Liberal party could do without them. (Applause.)

In 1911 the Conservatives allied themselves with Bourassa and the Nationalists of Quebec. Bourassa was independent. His demand was met. The entire Conservative campaign in Quebec was handed over to him and his newspaper was subsidized.

Since 1911 the Conservative regime had been disgraced by scandal after scandal. To cover up its record and save a remnant of itself the Conservative party took in a few Liberals and called itself the Union party.

Measures Criticized.
Mr. Hebert strongly criticised the steps which led up to the passage of the Military Service Act. The democratic way would have been to hold a referendum as Sir Wilfrid Laurier had asked. The War Time Franchise Act also was strongly criticised by Mr. Hebert who characterized it as the worst attempt to manipulate the franchise ever seen on the North American continent.

The speaker quoted extensively from an American writer upon the Borden record.

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Mr. Hebert said that the Union government was made up of the shreds and patches of one party and the leftovers of the other. It contained men of as many diverse opinions as the colors of Joseph's coat.

The Liberals who had entered the Union government had not done so for their health. They knew what they went after and to go in they had to swallow two of the most nauseating measures ever passed—the Canadian Northern purchase and the Franchise Act.

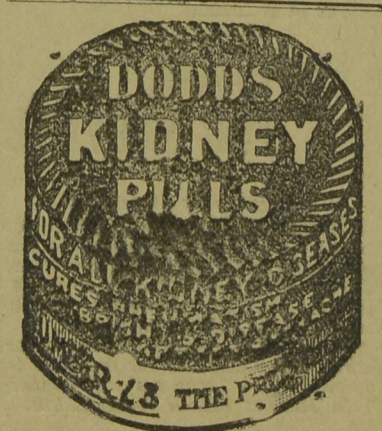
Hon. Mr. Carvell had said that it was a case of "stay in the war or quit." It was not. Mr. Carvell knew it was not true. What was he ready to do if the majority of the people voted against conscription? He would enforce it just the same. That is where the Liberals and Mr. Carvell parted. Canada was a democracy and not an autocracy. Mr. Carvell had said the wise heads of Canada would get together and decide and was modest enough to include himself among the "wise heads." (Laughter.)

Mr. Hebert argued that Canada's 100,000 would not arrive before the United States would have 2,000,000 troops in France. Canada could get sufficient troops by voluntary enlistment. It might be necessary to reduce the Canadian force in France to three divisions with one in reserve but with the United States sending in troops the frontage of other armies would have to be reduced.

Religious Canvasses.
Mr. Hebert referred to certain canvasses made by the Unionists in an attempt to set race against race and religion against religion. In Fredericton meddlesome old women canvassing for Union said that the Catholics had been instructed in a Latin sermon to vote for Union. He knew as much Latin as anyone in the Catholic congregation in Fredericton and he could not understand a Latin sermon. (Laughter.) But the Gleaner had published that Archbishop Fallon of Ontario had issued an appeal for Union government. What did it mean? Why, that the Catholic like every other denomination was divided in this election. Personally he hoped that as many Catholics as possible would vote against the Unionists, also as many Protestants, as many Mohammedans, as many Brahmins. (Laughter and applause.)

As far as his own connection with the war was concerned he could say that he had a half-brother in the service and an adopted brother at home who was wounded in France.

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