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St. John Independent Newspaper Gives the Public A Glimpse Behind the Scenes—Mr. Baxter Had One of His Old Time Brainstorms—Potts and Tilley Retaliated in Kind—St. John Members Charged With Disloyalty to the Leader.

(St. John Globe)
Street stories leave no room for doubting that the opposition convention decision to exclude the press from the evening session deprived the public of particulars of a first class family row in which members of the legislature expressed very freely their opinions and retailed party affairs in a way that would have made most interesting and most instructive reading. The decision to shut out the press from any session of a public assemblage is generally based on the idea that the things which are to be said had better be kept from the public, but because those who advocate secrecy are unwilling for the white light of publicity. The street stories of what happened in the convention after the press was excluded is particularly suggestive. The Standard report of the proceedings represents Hon. J. B. M. Baxter as charging his St. John colleagues and the party representation in the legislature with disloyalty to the leader in the resolution moved and supported in opposition to the government's motion censuring Messrs Murray, Baxter, Jones and Smith. This opposition organ's report of the proceedings gives only a brief outline of the attorney general's speech, but street rumor says Dr. Baxter was very strong in his denunciation of the St. John members and very bitter in his charges of disloyalty, characterizing the mas hypocrites.

Baxter's Little Game
The Opposition organ does not indicate that there was any challenge of this criticism, but street rumor says the former attorney general was not only called to account by the three St. John members but he was actually charged with having suggested the resolution he condemned and with having made amendments in the phraseology and with having endorsed and supported its passage in a party caucus at which the wisdom of the course contemplated was discussed and the very terms of the resolution considered.

It is this part of the proceedings which has for the general voter a new significance. According to stories told the Globe by various ones who were at the convention, Mr. Potts was the first to get the floor when Hon. Mr. Baxter finished. He is said to have answered the ex-attorney general with a rattling speech in which he pointed

out that his own voice had been raised in the party caucus against the course suggested and declared Mr. Baxter had strongly urged adopting the resolution, Messrs Murray, Jones and Smith agreeing with him that the resolution must be passed.

Mr. Tilley Heard From
Mr. Tilley is said to have taken the opportunity Hon. Mr. Baxter's speech offered to go over the whole course of party history, including the timber limits frauds, the Valley Railroad graft and the potato scandal, declaring in unequivocal terms his opinion of the party leaders, and charging as had Mr. Potts that the resolution Hon. Mr. Baxter made the basis of his disloyalty attack was a resolution endorsed by both Murray and Baxter and approved by the party caucus. Mr. Tilley, it is said, declared he had in his possession a copy of the draft resolution bearing Hon. Mr. Baxter's handwriting suggested verbal amendments. In the course of his address, Mr. Tilley put upon the party leaders the full responsibility for party difficulties, and drawing a comparison between amateur and professional politicians asked the party to decide which should rule: those who from patriotic motives were serving their party or those who were using the party for personal ends.

Dr. Campbell is reported as going even further than his colleagues, and, it is alleged, bluntly told the convention that Dr. Baxter was the one who first suggested drawing the amendment he now so scathingly condemns. His suggestion was made to Dr. Crockett, M. P. P. for York, and to himself (Mr. Campbell). As a consequence he (Campbell) prepared a resolution, submitted it to Baxter and later to Murray for their approval, and made, at Baxter's suggestion, certain phraseology amendments, and eventually moved in the House the very resolution the ex-Premier and the ex-Attorney General had agreed upon as advisable in the circumstances. Dr. Campbell felt it was only right in view of Hon. Mr. Baxter's charges of party disloyalty that this full explanation should be made.

Said one who told these facts to the Globe, neither Mr. Murray nor Mr. Baxter entered a word of denial of these statements, which directly connect the two leaders with the amendment now for the first time publicly criticized and condemned.

In the discussion which developed over the leadership question there were many appeals to sink differences and get together. Out of these came a motion by Allan Agar, of St. John, suggesting that the leadership decision be made unanimous. As Mr. Potts instantly protested and Mr. Tilley threatened resignation of his seat the motion was withdrawn and the leadership choice stands as first made by about a three to one vote, the St. John delegates forming part of the minority. It is said that at least seven members of the Legislature voted against the selection of Mr. Murray as leader.

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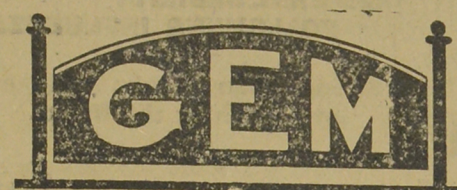
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