

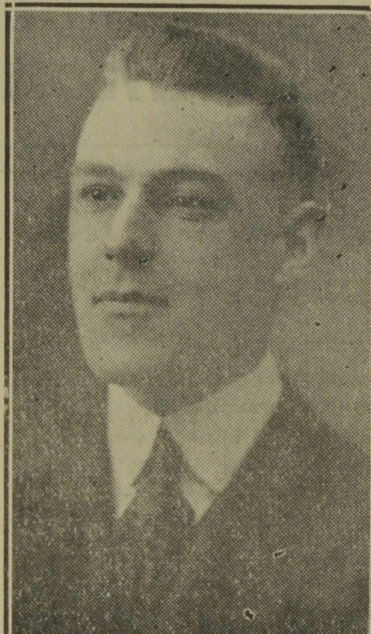
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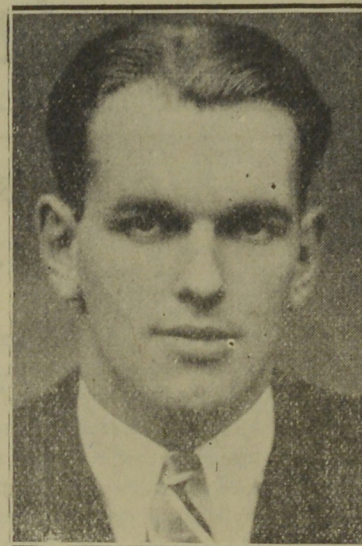
Dr. B. H. Dougan
Of Harvey, York County



Dr. M. L. Jewett
Millville, York County



Ald. C. Hedley Forbes
Fredericton



Donald P. Douglass,
B.Sc., of Stanley, York County

Protect Your Own Interests and Those of York County by Voting for these Government Candidates

ALD. C. HEDLEY FORBES IN A TRENCHANT SPEECH DEALS WITH ISSUES OF CAMPAIGN

Dr. Grant's Sorrowing Wail Over the Grand Falls Scheme Is Dealt With—A Rap For Candidate Lawson of Sunbury—Praise For the Government's Splendid Record of Service.

Ald. C. Hedley Forbes, one of the government candidates in York, and a leading Fredericton business man, discussed some of the issues of the provincial election in a clear and forcible radio address delivered over Station CFNB on Tuesday evening. He spoke as follows:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

As a candidate for the Legislative Assembly on the government ticket for the good old County of York, I am grateful for the opportunity of discussing with you some of the issues of the momentous campaign in which we are now engaged. At the outset let me remind you that on Thursday, June 27th, you will be called upon to decide into whose hands the administration of the affairs of this province shall be entrusted during the next five years. With that in mind it is fitting and proper that I should address to you a few plain questions, which I want you to think over and answer for yourselves. Shall you renew the mandate to the men who have served you faithfully since 1925 as rulers of the province, and by their combined efforts have given New Brunswick good, honest, economical government; have provided us with the best system of highways since Confederation; have erected a number of magnificent buildings and permanent bridges, which are a credit to the province; have greatly improved our educational facilities; have helped the working men; have improved living conditions; and what is of very great importance at a time like this, have maintained the public credit; have kept down the per capita cost of government by stoutly refusing to increase the taxation of the people; and with commendable courage have performed their exacting duties as ministers of the Crown during the worst period of economic depression in the world's history.

The Other Picture

Or, shall you peremptorily dismiss these good and faithful public servants and place the machinery of government in untried and inexperienced hands; in the hands of men who have contributed nothing to the general welfare but destructive criticism; men whose sole object in this campaign is to grasp the spoils of office; men who are depending for success on fantastic promises, which cannot be carried out, and who are allied with a common enemy known as General Depression to abet and further their political interests? This is the crux of the political situation in New Brunswick today, as I view it and as I hope you view it, and I have the fullest confidence that on June 27th your verdict on the issues joined between the parties will be emphatically in favor of the most capable and democratic governments the province has ever known.

Splendid Highways

It is the duty of a government to maintain highways of the province in to a serviceable condition for travel. All classes of the population, men and women of every shade of political thought, of every race and creed, in the short the classes and the masses, make use of the public highways, it is of great importance that they should be made safe for the driver of an automobile as well as the driver of a horse drawn vehicle. The splendid state of our highways today, in all sections of the province, is satisfactory proof that the government had worthily discharged its duty to the people in at least one most essential instance.

A Good Lineup

Now may I say a word concerning the government candidates who are appealing for your support in the counties, which I am justified in describing as the Garden of the province. In Carleton, we have Hon. F. C. Squires, who ably presided over the last House in the capacity of Speaker. His colleagues are Edwin W. Melville and W. Gladstone Perry, worthy representatives of the great agricultural industry. In York we have heading our ticket my esteemed friend, Dr. B. H. Dougan, of Harvey

Station, who has served you most faithfully for the last ten years. Then there is Dr. M. L. Jewett, of Millville, a native of the Parish of Bright, who had the honor of leading the poll in 1930 and I hope will do so again. We also have as a member of the government ticket, Mr. Donald P. Douglass, of Stanley, a member of a family well known and respected throughout the county. He is a graduate of the U.N.B. in electrical engineering, and has qualities which merit your support, particularly the support of the young men and women. Regarding the fourth member of the ticket, he, like Paul of Tarsus is the least of the apostles. Like Mr. Douglass, he claims the Parish of Stanley as his birthplace, although some nineteen years ago, for better or worse he cast in his lot in the city of Fredericton. I will say no more about him.

In the noble county of Sunbury, Mr. Ewart C. Atkinson and Alton D. Taylor, useful members of the House for ten years, are seeking re-election and with every prospect of success. In Queens County, Mr. Benton Evans and Mr. Arthur Moore, who have represented that fine county for two terms, will chalk up another victory on June 27th.

Let me say in passing that not a single candidate of the opposition in the counties I have named is possessed of legislative experience, yet the party whose label they bear in this contest, have promised a balanced budget, and would have the people believe that they will make the desert blossom as the rose.

Dr. Grant and Hydro

We were treated to a radio broadcast a few nights ago from Dr. Grant, an opposition candidate in Carleton County. He discussed public health matters and also Grand Falls, and while on that subject appeared to warm up under the collar. His outburst was a rather lurid one and he took occasion to refer to certain members of the party to which I belong as "a band of political pirates." I would suggest to the worthy doctor, that unless he holds the office of coroner his duty should be with the living and not with the dead, and Grand Falls as a political issue departed this life in 1925 and cannot be resurrected. If there were any political pirates around at the obsequies, they must have been the sadly disappointed followers of the then government, some of whom are now seeking to recapture the ship of state by fair means and foul. The chairman of the Commission

which was going to develop Grand Falls and build without cost transmission lines all over the province (Hon. P. J. Veniot), had about the same knowledge of hydro matters as he has since been able to demonstrate he possesses concerning the work of the R.C.M.P. The people of the counties which rallied to the support of Hon. Mr. Baxter and his colleagues in 1925, rendered a distinct service to the province by placing the stamp of disapproval on one of the most flagrant wildcat schemes of modern times.

Mr. Hughes' Opinion

In contrast to the opinion of Dr. Grant with respect to the Grand Falls scheme, let me quote the opinion of Mr. P. J. Hughes, K.C., a prominent Liberal lawyer of Fredericton, on its development as a public utility. Appearing before a committee of the Legislature during the session 1916 as counsel for the Grand Falls Power Company, which was seeking a renewal of its charter, he is thus reported in the official report of the proceedings of the committee:

"If the charter was not renewed the work done by the present company prior to 1914 would have to be done over again. He did not think that the province was in a position to undertake the development, as the people did not want eight or nine million dollars added to the already heavy debt."

I might add here that if the statement that Grand Falls was given away is true, then it was a Liberal government that did the giving when it turned over the site to the Grand Falls Power Company in 1905 for the sum of \$60,000. In 1925 the company generously offered to restore the rights to the government for \$1,200,000, and the Veniot administration would have fallen for the proposal had not the people turned them out.

The Public Debt

I will not give you the facts concerning the public debt of the province. When our friends of the present opposition took office in 1917 the capital liabilities of the province were \$17,827,938.39, and in 1925 they were \$37,999,314.94, an increase in little more than eight years of \$20,171,375.55. In 1925 they left a sinking fund of \$1,623,449.42, or six per cent of the net debt. The net debt of the province in 1917 was \$15,809,855, but our opposition friends by practising economy increased it by \$16,536,054, making it \$32,345,909 in 1925, when they vacated the premises on your orders.

Now let me point out that on October 31st, 1934, as certified to by a firm of chartered accountants from

outside the province, the net debt was \$48,411,380.49, an increase of \$16,065,471.17 in over nine years or less by \$470,583.53 than the economical old government increased it in eight years. At the close of the last fiscal year the government had a sinking fund, of \$7,500,000, equal to fifteen per cent of the net debt, after retiring during the year bonds to the amount of \$541,202.76. The old government left as a legacy roads which the present administration had to reconstruct bridges unsuitable for heavy traffic, not to mention a storage plant at Musquash which cost over \$3,000,000. The present government has something tangible to show for its increased debt in splendid highways, fireproof buildings, magnificent steel and concrete bridges, and a revenue producing hydro electric system which some day the province will own free from encumbrances. I hope to see the day when power and light at cost will be available to the people of all rural districts of New Brunswick.

Real Economy

While our friends of the opposition rave about the increase in the public debt let me tell them that, according to the Canadian Research Council, the per capita of \$9.07 in New Brunswick during the last three years was the lowest of any province of Canada with the exception of Prince Edward Island. Not only did the government take less from the people in taxation, but this province had the lowest per capita expenditure last year of any province, including P. E. I. Here are the figures on which that statement is based: New Brunswick, \$13.50; Saskatchewan, \$13.69; Quebec, \$13.90; Prince Edward Island, \$14.91; Ontario, \$15.00; Manitoba, \$16.13; Nova Scotia, \$16.62; Alberta, \$19.54; British Columbia, \$29.03. I challenge opponents to disprove these figures.

Dysart the Promiser

I notice that a promise to revitalize industry is one of the planks of the opposition platform. In view of the fact that the representatives who met in London two years ago failed to find a solution to this and similar problems, would indicate that Mr. Dysart has taken on a large order. If he really knows how such a promise can be carried out he should pass along the information to others, and become one of the benefactors of all time of the human race. Should Mr. Dysart win this election we may expect the miracle of the loaves and fishes to be repeated, and all the signs indicate that the elements of the feast will be in great demand.

A Gold Brick for Farmers

Posing as the friend of the farmers, the opposition platform promises them mortgage loans at reasonable rates of interest. My advice to the farmers is to look this gift horse in the mouth, and from the past record of the opposition they will be justified in doing so. What did the former government do to help the farmers, when in power? Why, in 1923 they passed a bill in the Legislature to "relieve the farmers from financial embarrassment and to encourage agricultural development by mortgage loans at a reduced rate of interest." Of course the buck was to be passed to the Municipalities, which under the terms of the bill were to borrow the money on a thirty year bond issue and loan it to farmers on a first mortgage at a rate of interest not to exceed six per cent. An official was to be appointed to superintend the mortgages and the money was to be repaid in instalments. The legislation was never put into effect simply because the farmers of the province then as now know a lemon when they see it.

A Plain Question

Another plank of the opposition platform promises to restore the policy of using man power wherever possible on all public works. Will it be a restoration or a reformation? If the use of man power is the correct thing why did the opposition use road machinery when in office? Why did they buy thousands of dollars' worth through Mr. J. Charlton Berrie, a St. John middleman and commission broker, and then engage him with an automobile thrown in to inspect it, and instruct road workers in its use? They also bought road machinery from other concerns, including Concrete Builders' Limited, a contracting company and strong favorite of Hon. P. J. Veniot? This concern constructed highways, supplied road machinery, and supplied the government with an enormous quantity of concrete pipe, much of which has since been discarded. Its volume of business with the government, including the cost of the Queen Hotel, ran over \$600,000. These great reformers of the opposition should be known by the fruits of their last administration.

Platform Is Cracking

The opposition platform already shows a sign of breaking up and I venture to say that before long it will be a case of every man for himself. This fearful and wonderful document promises hard surfaced roads, "so far" (Continued on Page Three)