

# PRESIDENT J. B. McNAIR OF NEW BRUNSWICK LIBERAL ASSOCIATION ISSUES CHALLENGE

Promises To Show Premier Tilley Who Wrote the  
Alleged K.K.K. Letter—Official in the  
Departmental Offices Named.

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Ladies and gentlemen, we stand to-night a four days' journey from the ballot box. There is only one issue before us. It is not, as the government would have you believe, that they paid \$95.00 at the Provincial Hospital for an egg-beater instead of an egg-beater. The real issue is the character of the men who after ten years in office are seeking your endorsement.

We are democratic country. To us, those men and women of stout hearts and strong arms who settled here in days gone by, bequeathed a precious heritage—the gift of selfgovernment. That system cannot endure unless our servants are true.

The responsibility for good government rests with you. In the few days that lie ahead it is your business to check, and re-check, the record of the present administration.

We must be fair to the government, we must be fair to ourselves. But above all, we must be fair to the generations of the future for whom we hold in trust the present.

Let us for a moment go back to the very threshold of the political life of the present government. In infancy, at least, we should expect innocence.

On the 27th day of May, 1925, in this very city, these men, then in opposition, met in convention with their supporters and framed a platform. In the forefront, they placed the Grand Falls, which they said should be developed under a public commission. I quote their own language: "the work when proceeded with should be placed in the hands of an independent commission chosen solely for the business ability of its members".

In 1930, the Government sought your approval. They told you they had not given away Grand Falls; that it had not belonged to the Province to give away. I ask them, ladies and gentlemen, this question:—If it was not ours in May, 1925, how did they expect to develop it under an independent commission?

At the first session of the Legislature in 1926, they passed an Act transferring Grand Falls to the International Paper Company.

By section (7) of the Statute, they repealed the provisions of an earlier Act passed by the Foster Government, which provided that unless the Grand Falls Company, who then held the power rights, proceeded with the development of Grand Falls within a specified time, the Government could, by Order-in-Council, cancel all the company's rights and restore them to the Province.

In accordance with that legislative authority the Veniot Government had in 1923 passed an Order-in-Council and Grand Falls was again our own.

By Section (6) of the 1926 Act the present administration provided, (I read the language of the Act), that "All property and assets heretofore owned by the said Grand Falls Company, Limited, but declared to have been forfeited to the Province (mark those words) shall . . . be vested in the Company".

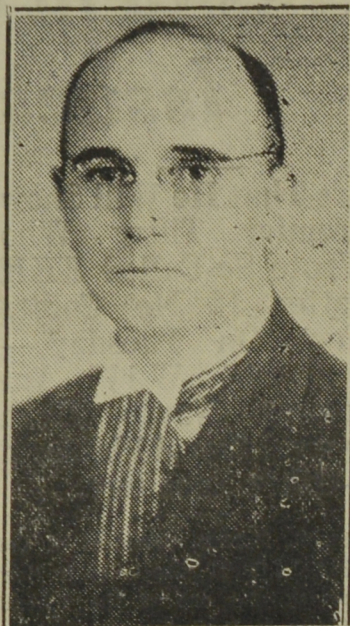
The company last mentioned was the Saint John River Power Company, a subsidiary of the International Paper Company.

Even this week in the County of York, government candidates and speakers have been telling the electors that the Liberals gave away Grand Falls. Ladies and gentlemen, the record is there in the Statute itself, in the handwriting of the Baxter Government. He who runs may read.

The story, however, is yet incomplete. I turn to Section 22 of the Statute. It provides that the International Paper Company may impose upon the owners of every electric power development below Grand Falls an annual charge.

The parties to the Statute, justify this charge on the ground that the developments below will obtain the benefits of the storage above the Falls through an equalized flow of water in the dry seasons. As arguments go, that may sound alright. But the present Government gave the company the

## Made Statement



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who Made Challenge To Premier  
Tilley In Regard To The K. K. K.  
Letter.

Grand Falls, which has been making for them a profit in excess of a million dollars a year. Surely they could have left to us the shreds and patches. Instead, what did they do? They provided that the owner of any such development must pay each year, so long as the Saint John River flows to the sea, for every horse power of electric current produced, an annual charge estimated at \$3.00 per horse power.

The overnment now contend there are no sites below Grand Falls capable of development. If so, why are those provisions in the Act? History has not shown that the International Paper Company made any false move back in 1925 and 1926?

The story, however, is not yet complete.

Let us suppose that some group of citizens anxious to develop an industry in the Saint John River Valley to give to our small operators and farmers a chance to sell their pulp, consider the erection of a mill. Electric power is an absolute essential. They look the territory over and find that, with the advance of science, the Meductic site on the Saint John River can be developed on a commercial basis. Plans are perfected. The necessary river and shore rights are obtained. All that remains is to arrange the financing.

For this they must obtain public support. The usual method is by the sale of bonds secured by a first mortgage on the project. A trustee to hold the mortgage for the bond-holders is easily obtained.

He, however, must certify on the bonds that the owner of the power site has a good title and can give a first mortgage. He has his solicitor investigate the title to the Saint John River. Ladies and gentlemen, the report will be short and will read as follows:—"The promoters of the proposed electric plant at Meductic cannot give a mortgage". The project ends before it starts.

Why is it they cannot float the bonds for an industry which would provide an outlet for our farmers and others and help in the rejuvenation of our Province? Because the International Paper Company hold a first mortgage on every power site below Grand Falls.

I pass it to you in the language of the Government itself. I quote from Section 22 of the 1926 Act: "Any such charge for storage shall constitute a first lien upon the hydro-electric works on the Saint John River of the person owning the same, ranking in priority to all other liens and to all mortgages and charges of any kind".

The Government speakers say that Grand Falls is dead. It is. They killed it. And they killed any chance of any pulp mills on the Saint John River.

Why did they do it. You can draw your own conclusions. I've drawn

mine, which is that certain interests do not want any such development here. Such an industry could be a competitor. Competition for pulp-wood would mean higher prices for the farmers and small operators of New Brunswick, but smaller dividend cheques issuing from Wall Street.

Every Government speaker is telling the electors that we cannot carry out the first promise in our platform to re-vitalize basis and secondary industries and bring back prosperity to the people of our province. They say the thing can't be done by any Government in New Brunswick. Well, they've done their best to prevent it.

I pass now to a matter which the Premier has seen fit to make an issue in this election. I refer to the publication of a letter on the official letter head of a secret organization, which has played no small part in the past victories of the present Government.

I referred to this matter in a broadcast at Fredericton on Tuesday night last. At that time, I considered it a local matter aimed particularly at the Opposition ticket in York County.

On that occasion I said: "Today letters are being distributed from Fredericton in the interests of the Tilley candidates, purporting to be issued by a certain organization".

I continued: "The document mentioned bears the official heading and crest of the organization in question. If its use is authorized, it is the duty of the organization concerned to expose the fraud and deal with those, who have been guilty of a breach of trust. Failing this, they must accept the responsibility for it. It is their problem. Let them solve it!"

Ladies and gentlemen, when I made that address, I was unaware that, the evening before, the Premier, speaking at Sussex, had taken upon himself the role of Spokesman for the society involved. I will read to you an extract from the report of that meeting as it appears in the Moncton Times, the official organ of the Government Party:—

Mr. Tilley said: "I was handed yesterday what purports to be a strictly private confidential circular supposed to emanate from the executive of an order called the K. K. K.—I find by investigation and an enquiry that the executive officials of the organization know nothing about the letter; they did not authorize the distribution and they are in no way responsible for it".

Ladies and gentlemen, the Society in question is a secret organization and its membership is known only among the members themselves. I accept the Premier's assurance that he was in a position to consult "the Executive Officials".

But some of his statements I will not accept. I quote his language again:—"I wish to condemn this dastardly attempt by our political opponents to raise a religious warfare".

Ladies and gentlemen, when he uttered that slander of the great party, which has been built up in this province during the last few years, he asked for war; and now he has it.

I want to say to the Premier that anything published by the Liberal Party has our name on it. And its not a cryptic sign. Further, I want to say that no item of literature has been distributed on behalf of our Party without my approval as head of the Liberal Association.

I brand as a base falsehood the statement of the Premier that the Liberal Party issued that document.

I have two things to say to Mr. Tilley on this point. First, I ask him, where could the Liberal Party get the official cuts and dies of the K. K. K. to make the letter-heads? I have one of the original letters and will show it to him or anyone. Secondly, I would suggest that he read again the copy which he says he has and admit his error and his folly.

I shall read to you a few passages from the original letter itself: "Our good friend, the late J. S. Lord, when he was head of the Order at Toronto always contended, once a Klansmen, always a Klansmen."

Ladies and gentlemen, I ask you, who was Mr. Lord, whom the writer mentioned? He was a supporter in the Legislature of the Baxter Government of which Mr. Tilley was a member.

I read again from the original: "An effort is being made in the press and from the platform to make the public believe that Allison Dysart is English and Scotch in an endeavor to cover up his actual religion."

Ladies and gentlemen, I will now read a short passage from a speech made at Nashwaaksis a week or so ago, by the Hon. Mr. Stewart, Minister of Public Works. He was speaking to the electors of York, not Restigouche county. I suggest that there is a similar note in his language. This is what he said: "I want to inform you, ladies and gentlemen, Dysart is far removed today from being a Mason. What do we care about Dysart's father? It is Dysart who is leading the Opposition."

Yes, ladies and gentlemen, and on the 27th day of June, Allison Dysart will lead us to victory. And he will have at his back men who, when the investigations take place, will hew to the line, let the chips fall where they may.

I read again from the letter: "Is it your desire that Clovis Richard, Andre Doucet and men of that type, have the reins of Government?"

Ladies and gentlemen, that document originated at Fredericton. In order to escape responsibility, the Government party workers in York and Sunbury counties guilty of its use have been endeavoring to lay it at our door. Only today, I learned that Mr. Hubbard, the government organizer for those two counties, and the official reporter in the Legislature for the Tilley government, told a women's meeting in the Government committee Rooms in the city of Fredericton last Wednesday night that I was responsible for its issue. I pay little attention to anything from such sources.

But when the Premier insinuated, as he did at Sussex, that there are men in the Liberal party here who would make statements such as that about our own boys, "Clovis Richard, Andre Doucet and men of their type," the very flower of the great French race in this province, ladies and gentlemen, he sowed the wind, now he must reap the whirlwind.

I will read again that passage: "Is it your desire that Clovis Richard, Andre Doucet and men of that type, have the reins of Government?"

Ladies and gentlemen, that strikes a familiar note with one who has been campaigning in York county. I quote from a speech made three weeks ago at Estey's Bridge by Mr. Harry Smith (Mr. Tilley's party manager in Fredericton). He said: "The Liberals would change the educational system and we would all be compelled to study French in the schools of New Brunswick."

I read again from the letter: Be not forgetful of that binding oath you took beneath the fiery cross."

Ladies and gentlemen, in his advertisement published in the Daily Gleaner on June 19th Mr. Tilley suggested, in effect, that this letter was prepared and sent out by the Liberal party: "To Roman Catholic electors, including parish clergymen particularly." I ask, has reason vacated its premises?

I read again from the letter: "If Mr. Dysart is elected, Rome will rule and we as clausmen cannot conscientiously vote for French Roman rule."

Ladies and gentlemen, Mr. Tilley would have you believe that this document was distributed by the Liberal party to secure Mr. Dysart's election. I ask, has the sense of humour followed reason?

Mr. Tilley in the advertisement declared he had carried on a "rigorous investigation" as to the origin of the letter. On behalf of the Liberal party I have done likewise. This election is too important to the people of New Brunswick that methods such as this should be allowed to win.

In his Sussex speech, the Premier said: "If I knew the person who manufactured that letter, I would have no hesitation in publishing his name." Ladies and gentlemen, I am going to hold him to that undertaking.

First, I suggest that he return to Fredericton and investigate again "his government party workers" in this constituency who in his advertisement he exonerates of all responsibility. I would further suggest that the Royal Commission he refused the Opposition four times might be a more disinterested Court than himself. If he does not appoint it, we will after the 27th day of June. For the time has come to purge the public life of our province.

But tonight, I want to tell the Premier that when he charged, through the press of this province, that the great Liberal party of New Brunswick was responsible, I quote his own language: "dastardly attempt to raise a

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## CANADA OPERATES 32 RADIO TRUCKS

Claiming to be a jump ahead of the United States, Canada is pointing with pride to the fact that it has had an official radio "trouble shooter" on the job for nearly a decade devising means of eliminating man-made interference with reception. The United States, however, through the co-operative action of the several industries affected, has only just started a campaign to rid radio listeners of extraneous noises which play havoc with reception.

Canada's trouble shooter is H. O. Merriman of Ottawa, chief of the interference section, which now has under its jurisdiction a fleet of 32 cars patrolling the Dominion from coast to coast, looking to eliminate it. The service has been developed over a period of ten years, and started when Engineer Merriman launched his first "tour" with equipment strapped to his shoulders, earphones on his head, and a portable aerial in his hand.

Then came the first automobile, equipped with sensitive receivers and a myriad of doo-dads. Then more cars and today there is not a city, town or village in the Dominion which does not receive visits from one of the fleet

of cars with the equipment designed to trace interference of all kinds to its source. Mr. Merriman's reports show that these man-made disturbances are caused by everything, from a loose connection on an electric iron to electric light signs, street car motors and elevator machinery. Lately there has been an increasing demand for information he has gathered from radio and electrical interests of the United States, which only this year launched their own campaign.

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