

# Opposition Tells Only Half Truths Say Speakers

**Ald. C. Hedley Forbes and C. L. Dougherty Furnish the Last Two Chapters To All Opposition Stories — Large Meeting at Bear Island.**

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BEAR ISLAND, June 20—Declaring that the Opposition speakers in the election campaign in York County are telling the people only half truths, which are lies, Alderman C. Hedley Forbes, new candidate, and C. L. Dougherty, both of Fredericton, addressed a large and enthusiastic meeting in the interests of the Tilley government, here tonight. Frank Joslin, Bear Island, was the chairman.

The speakers declared that they would tell the truth of the stories the Opposition had made half truths of. C. L. Dougherty in his remarks pointed out that in telling of the life history of their leader, Hon. A. A. Dysart, the Opposition speakers had left him "stranded in the year 1926," and did not tell of the last nine years in his life history. He declared that he would furnish the last two chapters of the story, and he did so.

**Ald. C. Hedley Forbes**

It is an honor and a privilege to address you people tonight. I suppose the Opposition has told you that the



Ald. C. Hedley Forbes

province is on the brink of bankruptcy, that the egg beater cost \$95 and many other ridiculous statements. They tell you half truths. We are here to tell you the whole truth. They call the net debt \$61,000,000 in one place, \$80,000,000 in another, and so on. All you have to do is look in the auditor general's report to see what the debt really is. All they are trying to do is to hoodwink you people. Why they should say these things I don't know. But you know that the bonds of this province sell better than any other provincial bonds. When the Foster-Veniot government was defeated in 1925 they had increased the net debt over \$16,500,000. They had the best times the province has ever known. They had nothing to show for it. They said they built roads, bridges, and a dam—the Musquash Dam of mud and wood. Their bridges and roads were nothing to show. The bridges were washed out by the tide and wind. The bridges we built are fit to last a lifetime, and we have some splendid buildings to show also for the money we spent. They never had a surplus from 1917-25. Eight deficits in eight years. We have had 3 surpluses since 1925.

You remember that we sold our bonds at a good rate of interest and Ontario could not sell her bonds. Neither could Nova Scotia get a decent price for her bonds. Then they say we are on the brink of bankruptcy.

When the Liberals went into office they had a sinking fund of \$2,000,000. When they went out of office it stood at the same figures. Today the sinking fund is over \$7,000,000.

**Hepburn**

The Liberals say to let Dysart do for New Brunswick what Hepburn has done for Ontario. This was before the fiasco of the bonds came out in the press. They didn't expect it. I pray to God you don't give him the chance to do for New Brunswick the same thing.

Let us compare the two men, Tilley and Hepburn. Mr. Hepburn goes around with a police guard, afraid of his life. Premier Tilley went to Minto and quelled a strike without

police protection and did the same thing on the North Shore. That is the difference between the two men and they want us to let Dysart do the same thing for New Brunswick as Hepburn is doing for Ontario.

They criticize us for re-organizing the Provincial Hospital. We found that inmates had been sleeping in the basement where there was two feet of water on the floor. We repaired the floor and I say that we would do it again for those poor patients there. They say we paid \$95 for an egg beater. It was an egg boiler, to boil one thousand eggs at a time. They would have you believe that we shouldn't have done this work. We have as a result of our efforts one of the finest institutions in Canada.

**Relief**

Speaking of relief what about the relief vouchers in Kent county. In that county they were \$15,000 short on the relief vouchers. The province was supposed to pay one third of the cost, the Federal government one third and the county, one third. That county did not give its third and we had complaints. We investigated and found a deplorable state of affairs. I will give Mr. Dysart the benefit of the doubt and say he knew nothing about this. If he didn't he should have. And this is the man they hold up to us as leader of the province.

How can he manage the affairs of any province when he cannot even look after the affairs of the little county of Kent.

The Conservatives gave you free school books and they will give them to you again. The Liberals say they are too. They also say they are going to revitalize industry.

All the countries of the world could not find a way to do this when they met in London in 1933. All the time we had a man right here who claims he could do it—Mr. Dysart. He did not open his mouth until two months ago. If he can do this, he should have told the whole world a long time ago. But I do not believe he can do it.

**Normal School**

I am personally interested in the construction of the Normal School, in that my late father built it. The Liberals say we did not give the tender to the lowest bidder. Smalley Bros. is the firm that the Opposition would have us give the contract to. They were unable to furnish the required deposit. They have a poor record to show as contractors. They were not a fit company to entrust with such an important commission. My father built the Normal School and I am proud of the building. There was not \$70,000 profit made on the building, nor was there \$60,000 as the Opposition would have you believe. There was less than \$40,000 made on the building. That is not a large profit on a building which cost over \$400,000. A commission of ten to twenty percent is not large.

**Smith Foundry**

The Opposition would have you believe that the government paid too much for the Smith Foundry. It was bought at a fair price from Harry Smith, who is a good Tory. We get a return of six per cent on our investment. They just wanted to take a crack at Mr. Smith. That is why they talk about that.

Let us compare the sale of the Smith Foundry to that of the Queen Hotel to the Veniot government. A man bought the hotel for \$18,000 in 1904. It was furnished when he bought it. He sold it to the government for \$35,000, unfurnished. The government leased it for twenty years and it yields \$1,800 a year. Which is the better investment, the Smith Foundry or the Queen Hotel?

**Old Age Pensions**

The Liberals tell you they will give

you Old Age Pensions. They say we are wrong when we say you cannot get an old age pension when you have an income or own property. I still say that is correct.

I appeal to you people to think this thing over carefully and weigh the truths with the half truths. If you do this, there will be no doubt as to the return of the Tilley government.

**C. L. Dougherty**

"When I have finished speaking in this hall, I will have spoken in all the halls in York County.

"This is one of the most important and momentous campaigns this province has ever had. Do not cast your ballots on a wave of wild promises. Consider carefully. If you consider the government has spent the money wisely, vote for them. The Opposition are offering you many promises. Election promises are common. This was nomination day and a week from today our candidates will know how they stand. It rests with you to decide the fate of the province.

"We do not publish literature and send it out to the people of the province. We do not sing songs, or do buck and wing dances. This is a serious campaign.

"Premier Tilley needs no introduction to you people. He is the greatest premier we have ever had in recent years. Premier Tilley needs no advertising such as the Opposition sends out."

Mr. Dougherty read extracts from the Montreal Gazette pertaining to the pride with which Premier Tilley can point to the financial condition of his province.

"This is the kind of advertising that Mr. Tilley gets," said the speaker. "I do not speak in personalities.

When I speak of these men I speak of them as public servants, as men they are fine, but Dysart as a public man is on a different plane than I.

"They speak of the wave of Liberalism. You heard it in the 1930 election. We heard it again this year but we don't hear it very often now. I wonder where it has gone.

"The Liberal speakers make their speeches the way they want them. Dr. Grant, of Woodstock, talks about the Grand Falls and Musquash. One was buried in 1925, the other was dealt with in 1930. They tell their half truths but they leave the rest of the story to us. Our friends of the Opposition furnish us the themes to work on. They tell us part of the story and we finish it.

They give you figures and facts but they do not finish them.

**Pamphlets**

"Here is a pamphlet telling the life history of Mr. Dysart. It tells everything up until 1926, but stops there, leaving him stranded. I will furnish the last two chapters. In 1930 the Opposition didn't think that Mr. Dysart was the man to lead the party. They chose W. P. Jones, of Woodstock, who was defeated. Then after the House convened they had to get another leader. They took Mr. Dysart back again, taking his political head and placing it back on his shoulders. Another thing was the talk on the street and in the press about Percy Burchill taking the leadership of the party. There was another man who challenged the leadership of Mr. Dysart. When did Mr. Dysart acquire so much knowledge that he is qualified to lead his party now when he was not on those occasions?

"The Opposition has made many charges against us, preaching 'blue ruin.' They didn't say anything until after the House prorogued. They didn't want Royal Commissions, although they speak of them. You all know what happened to a man who made serious charges against the R.C.M.P. on the floor of the House at Ottawa. P. J. Veniot promised to resign his seat if he could not prove anything he said. He did not, and he is still up there in Ottawa drawing his pay.

"The Opposition says we spend money like drunken sailors. But I have here a book published by a concern altogether unbiased in its reports. In the book is published that New Brunswick is the most econom-

ical province in the Dominion. The province of New Brunswick has reduced the cost of government 42 per cent.

**Opposition Remarks**

"Mr. Stairs in opening his speech at Cross Creek stated that the government of the province of New Brunswick was responsible for the depression. Can you conceive an intelligent, honest man like Ernest Stairs making such a statement and hoping he will pull him through?"

"The depression won the election in Ontario and Nova Scotia. How they wish they had a change now.

**School Books**

"The Opposition tells us that it only costs a little over three dollars to buy books for a child from grade one to grade eight. I have it from good authority that it costs \$2 for each grade.

Ernest Stairs has taken it upon himself to become a financial wizard. Instead of a farmer. He says that the Liberal government would give the men \$50 a month. I challenge Mr. Dysart to publicly announce that he will continue the minimum wage. I hear a statement that two of the lumbermen of this district said: "The government set the wages last year. The lumbermen will set them next year."

"They criticize also the fact that Mr. Tilley didn't get more than \$300,000 as a subsidy from Ottawa. I wonder how much Mr. Stairs would have gotten had he gone to Ottawa.

"They criticize the R.C.M.P. and say they will do away with them. Mr. MacDonald of Nova Scotia said he would do away with them, too, but he didn't. It cost them over \$78,000 to enforce one act alone during prohibition. I cannot believe that they would do away with the police.

**Road Machinery**

"Mr. Gunter says that the government just bought \$50,000 worth of road machinery that was on parade Sunday. I enquired and found that the government had bought a combination truck, road machine and snow plow. The machine cost \$7,000. They didn't exaggerate much, did they?"

"They tell you that Mr. Mott, the architect, received \$56 a day for six years. They do not tell you that he had to pay his staff from that and also his travelling expenses. He got no more than the usual five per cent fee. That is the whole story.

"They tell you part of the story about the Montgomery Rock Pile. I will tell the rest. The rock was bought for \$2.06 a yard, a low price. It will be used this year for hard surfaced roads between Campbellton and Dalhousie.

"In one of their pamphlets is the title 'the moose got tangled up in the tanglefoot.'" That will get them a lot of votes, won't it?

"I would make it one better if I were them and tell of the newest kind of corkscrew that a moose or a horse uses to open bottles.

"They say the spectre of direct taxation stalks abroad. That is a grim reality. When they say this you should take them seriously, because it will be your pockets they stick their hands into.

"I charge you with your responsibilities in the coming election. Don't let small things enter into big matters of an election of this kind. The responsibility to decide who will be the leader of your province. Let your conscience be your guide and if you do that I am sure you will be celebrating here next Thursday night."

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## Political Promises

There still is a Liberal Party, But somehow they've grown very tarty And when comes the hour The Grits regain power, We all shall be old, hale and hearty.

They're LIBERAL, yes, with a promise Until some alert Doubting Thomas Replies to the boys Who make so much noise, "But why take good government from us?"

From what we all read and are told, Our labours will cease when we're old. The Liberal ranks Will just tell the banks To see we have plenty of gold.

The Liberals have a strange notion That they have discovered a potion

Which somehow or other Will put our good brother Prosperity once more in motion.

Their tactics to capture a vote Get many a thinking man's goat. For what are their offers To re-fill the coffers, If they should take charge of the boat?

It is just the Conservative school That teaches a man how to rule. It's not done with froth, Nor yet by a moth. So on with the work, boys. Keep Cool.

M. P. P.—Make Pitiful Promises..

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## Hon. R. B. Hanson

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