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## MASS MEETING HELD AT OPERA HOUSE LAST NIGHT

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### "DISLOYALTY" CRY

Mr. McCaskill then took up the anti-Reciprocity cry of "Disloyalty." It reminded him of a story of a riot in an old Greek city where a mob incited by those whose trade was in danger gathered and shouted for a space of two weeks "Great is Diana of the Ephesians." The anti-Reciprocity party had cried "Disloyalty" for four weeks. (Laughter.)

He resented the imputation of disloyalty. Mr. Rudyard Kipling had in a letter dealt with the Reciprocity agreement which showed he knew nothing of what he spoke. Kipling had said Canadians were trading their souls.

"Why I thought they were trading their hogs," said the speaker amid applause.

### FOR THE MILLIONAIRES

"Canada for the millionaires" was the motto of the anti-Reciprocity party. Mr. Clifford Sifton was one of them, a man who had exploited Canada's resources and made millions. (Applause.)

Mr. McCaskill dealt also with Reciprocity from the point of view of the consumer. If the farmer was made prosperous the community as a whole would be prosperous. (Applause.) The power of consumption would be increased.

### THE GREAT CONTRAST

The Aroostook region was prosperous on account of the potato trade. Why should not New Brunswick be prosperous in a similar way? (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Lemont made another interruption and was cautioned by the police as were others who attempted to make disturbance.

Mr. McCaskill pointed out the fallacy of the statement that potatoes were the same price in Hamilton and in Carleton County. A man had said that to him but had neglected to say that the Canadian barrel weighed 180 pounds and the American 165 pounds. A difference of 15 pounds meant a difference of one barrel in twelve. (Applause.)

In conclusion Mr. McCaskill said he was in favor of "Canada for the Canadians, Canada for the People." (Hear! Hear!) There was something the matter when the population of the Maritime Provinces was stationary and the State of Massachusetts in five years could add to its population as many people as were in the provinces of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. (Applause.)

### FIGHT FOR FREEDOM

The fight was one for freedom, it was between the special interests and the people and God must be on the side of the common people he had made so many of them. (Laughter.) He would urge the electors of York to vote for Dr. Atherton in that fight on September 21st.

Introducing Hon. Wm. Pugsley, the chairman said that though the other side shouted about winning certain seats nothing was said of the defeat of the Laurier administration and the meeting was favored with the pres-

ence of one of the government's strong men the Minister of Public Works. (Cheers.)

### HON. MR. PUGSLEY

For some time after the Minister of Public Works arose to speak the applause was deafening and he could not speak. He opened his remarks by saying that it would please him and everyone present to see his old friend Mr. William Lemont on the platform. There was a big laugh at Mr. Lemont's expense. He did not accept the invitation however.

The audience said the speaker was a representative one, an audience which displayed feeling of fair play which always characterized Fredericton. He always had a warm feeling for the city. He remembered it as it was when he was a student at the University. He was sorry it had not grown more during the years that had elapsed since his student days. (Hear! Hear!) He was glad however to see so large an audience containing so many ladies. Their interest was significant.

### PHOENIX SQUARE WHARF

Hon. Mr. Pugsley then took up the matter of the public wharf at the rear of Phoenix Square which the Public Works Department proposes to build. He quoted from a Tory newspaper an article to the effect that he would soon go to Fredericton and there attempt to bribe the electors with the promise of a wharf. "I hope that the antipathy to public works of any kind which is exhibited by this Tory editor is not possessed by the audience," remarked the speaker.

The minister continuing said that he thought that an explanation to show that it was not the approach of an election that caused the matter of building this wharf to come up was in order. This matter was not a new one. Fifteen months ago he had made arrangements for the construction of the wharf. A disturbance at the door attracted the minister's attention. "Are there some gentlemen laughing?" he inquired. "Well laugh enough now boys. You won't laugh after the 21st." (Cheers)

Delay in this matter had not been due to his department. As far as it was concerned, only the transfer of the site of the wharf to the Dominion government was necessary. Arrangements had been brought to that point but for several months nothing had been heard from the city officials. Within a comparatively short time his department had received a letter from the City Clerk concerning the matter and there it stood.

### BORDEN'S PROMISE

If the Tory newspaper were fair it would also rebuke Mr. Borden as he had promised in a manifesto to subsidize abattoirs or slaughter houses in the Northwest. He also promised aid to highways. Probably he had heard of the condition of the highways of New Brunswick, under the Hazen Highway Act. (Laughter.) He would have to point out however that Mr. Borden's promises could not

be fulfilled as the provincial subsidies were fixed according to population. The public works which he dealt with were different because his estimates were submitted to parliament with the consent of his colleagues.

He would tell the editor of that Tory paper that public works would not stop. (Cheers) They would continue as the needs of the country demanded.

### RIVER DREDGING

One very important matter as far as Fredericton was concerned was the improvement of the St. John river so as to improve navigation. (Applause) He had great pleasure in announcing that he had made a contract with James Fleming, Ltd. of St. John for the construction of a first class suction dredge which would be used on river channel improvement. Along the same line was a contemplated improvement near the St. John Suspension Bridge where two rocks constituted an obstruction to navigation. Surveys had shown that a depth of twenty-two feet of water could be secured by the use of a little dynamite. Those rocks would be removed. (Cheers) Navigation between St. John and Fredericton would be improved.

### PAST EFFORTS

Mr. Pugsley briefly reviewed the efforts of the past on the part of both parties to obtain Reciprocity. In 1891 both leaders were ready to accept Reciprocity. That should be remembered when the hypercritical and hysterical flag-wavers were shrieking "Disloyalty" and "Annexation."

Mr. Wm. Lemont—"May I ask a question?"

Mr. Pugsley—"Certainly."

Mr. Lemont—"That was eighteen years ago?"

Mr. Pugsley—"That was twenty years ago."

Mr. Lemont—"That's old history."

### ANNEXATION BOGEY

Mr. Pugsley—"Let us reason about that. It is the most important point of the other side.

Was there greater or less possibility of annexation then? The British Empire was in existence then though perhaps our opponents wish us to believe that the Laurier Government created the British Empire. (Laughter.)

"Sir John A. Macdonald and Sir John Thompson were for Reciprocity all their lives yet they were not annexationists. Such an insinuation would be an insult.

"Those men are dead say our opponents. Well if we must disregard them we must disregard all the teachings of history. 'But George E. Foster is not dead. (Laughter.) I beg your pardon. The Foster who in 1891 sincerely declared for Reciprocity is dead. In his place is a man soured by long years of opposition who now opposes that very measure. (Cheers.)

"Is Mr. Hazen dead? In 1891 when moving the reply to the speech from the throne at Ottawa Mr. Hazen spoke strongly in favor of the intention of sending a delegation to Washington for Reciprocity." (Applause.)

Continuing Mr. Pugsley said that the Laurier Government had obtained what statesmen for forty-five years had unsuccessfully sought. Some said the very fact that Uncle Sam wanted Reciprocity was a reason for it not to be accepted. There was just as much reason why a rejected suitor should not accept a leap-year proposal from the lips of his loved one. (Laughter.)

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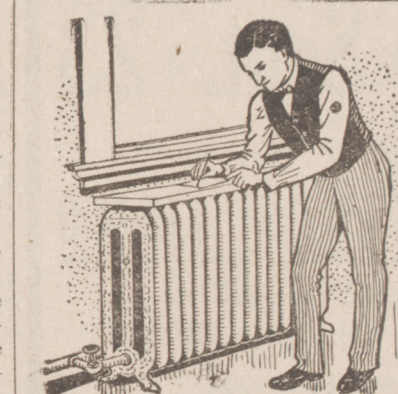
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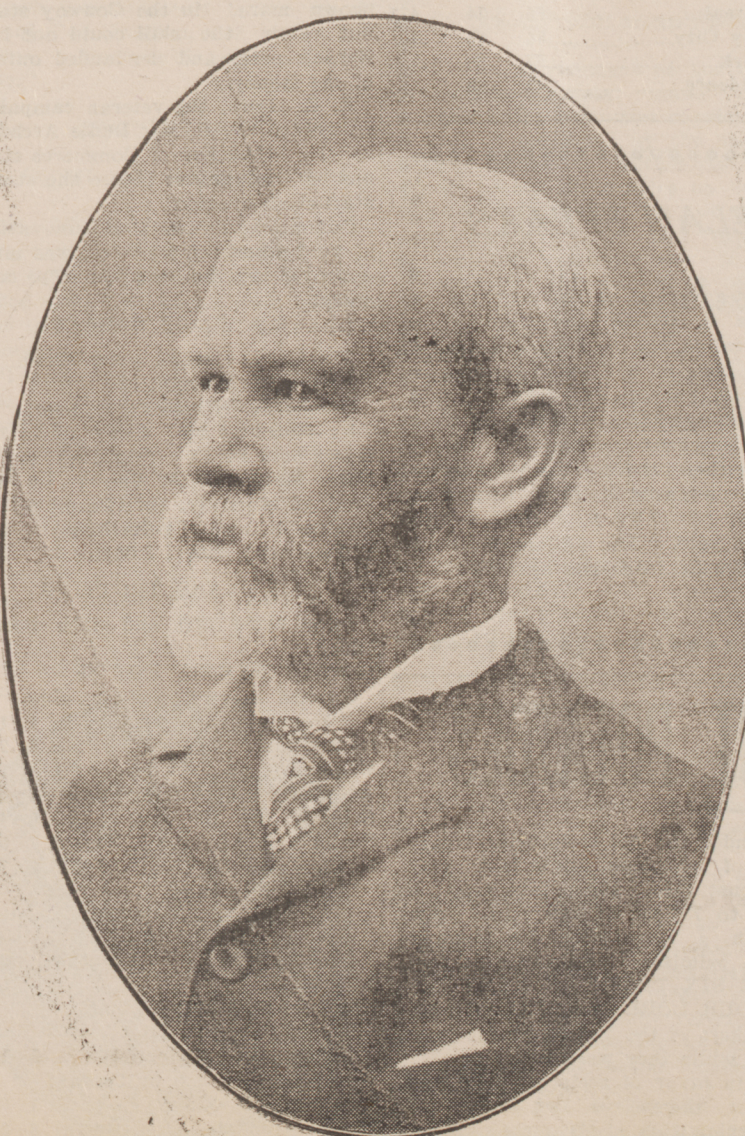
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