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HAVE WINNING TICKET

Large and Enthusiastic Convention at Hampton Puts a Strong Ticket in the Field---Able Speeches by the Candidates, Hon. C. W. Robinson, M. P. P. and Dr. McAllister, M. P.

Hampton, Feb. 15---At one of the largest, most enthusiastic and most harmonious conventions in the history of Kings County, Frank R. Freeze of Penobscot, Samuel H. Flewelling of Hampton Village, and Henry Gilbert of Rothesay, were chosen this afternoon to contest the county in the interests of the Liberal party at the next provincial elections whenever that may be. King's County has taken the lead in the selection of candidates, and it is significant that out of a total of 220 delegates, 200 attended. Besides these there were about twenty substitutes who could not be placed, and therefore had no vote. Ringing speeches were made by Hon. C. W. Robinson, leader of the local opposition; Dr. McAllister, M. P., and the candidates.

Mr. Robinson again scored the finance methods of the Hazen government, and referred to the sale of the Albert Southern rails by Messrs. Fowler and Jonah, the proceeds of which he explained, could not be accounted for. Dr. McAllister pointed out the benefits of the proposed reciprocity legislation, and declared that Kings County would send to the legislature the candidates selected, by a large majority.

A STRONG TICKET

The Kings County ticket for the local house is a very strong one. All three of the men are young and energetic. They are well known all through the county and have served for longer or shorter terms in the Kings County Council, and two of them, Messrs. Flewelling and Gilbert have served as county warden. Moreover, they have by virtue of their municipal experience, a thorough grasp of the workability of the famous Hazen highway act, and know well its great weakness. The proceedings opened soon after 2 o'clock when Dr. McAllister rose to his feet and, amid loud and long continued applause, called for nomination for chairman of the meeting. J. M. Scofield named Fred E. Sharpe, of Midlands, and he was unanimously chosen.

Mr. Sharpe, in taking the chair, made an eloquent speech, during the course of which he praised the reciprocity agreement.

NOMINATIONS.

Following the calling of the roll, the chairman called for the nomination of candidates from the upper, lower and middle section of the county. Mr. Freeze and Mr. Flewelling were first put in nomination for the upper and middle sections, after which the names of Mr. Gilbert, O. W. Wetmore of Kingston,

and the chairman were put forward for the lower section. Mr. Sharpe declined the nomination, and it was decided to put the names of the other two to the vote.

Coun. Gilbert was afterwards nominated as the third man.

Rousing speeches were delivered by Hon. C. W. Robinson, leader of the Opposition; Dr. McAllister, M.P., and the candidate.

HON. MR. ROBINSON.

Hon. C. W. Robinson was received with loud and prolonged cheering. He expressed the great pleasure he felt at being present at such a successful convention. He had no idea that at this time of the year when everyone was so busy, so many could have been induced to attend, especially when there was no election in immediate prospect. He was sure that nobody who was present could have any doubt of the result of the contest in Kings' whenever that should happen.

HAZEN GOVERNMENT NOT A SUCCESS.

He would not attempt to go into the issues of the campaign then as his sole object in coming had been to get acquainted with them. They must look to the future. The Hazen government was not a success. He was sure that even those Liberals who had voted for his party in 1908 now saw this and were simply waiting for a chance to let him know. Hazen had pledged himself to introduce economy and had never tired of telling how extravagant the old government had been. They had said that if they were returned to power and had as much money, they would do so much better.

MANIPULATION OF ACCOUNTS.

They pledged themselves to spend much more money on the roads. Well, the old government had had a revenue of \$800,000 while Mr. Hazen had \$1,600,000 at his disposal, and things had not been any better managed. Another thing they had charged the old government with was manipulation of the accounts. In the financial statement for the year published some time ago, they themselves had been guilty of manipulation, since they had said nothing about more than \$100,000 of unpaid bills, which were overdue. (Hear, hear.)

HAZEN'S BROKEN PROMISES.

The people of this province, he was sure, were only waiting for an opportunity to put the Hazen government

out of power. He was in sympathy with the idea that if the Liberals were in the majority in the country they were the proper party to manage its affairs. Mr. Hazen had been supported by a large number of Liberals and what had they got in return. (Cries of "nothing.") Mr. Hazen had never appointed a Liberal to an office. There was none on the many commissions he had appointed. He had been placed in power by these votes because the Liberals believed him when he said that he wished to rule the province in the interests of the people, but they quickly found that he ruled in the interests of the Conservative party of Canada. (Applause.)

It was another of Mr. Hazen's doctrines that the crown lands were the property of the people. The Liberals had also believed this, and Mr. Blair's government had adopted a policy of preserving and conserving this heritage of the people. As soon as Mr. Hazen got into power he showed his anxiety to fo the same by reducing the size of the logs which might be cut on the crown lands. Any one might know that by reducing the size of the logs the lumber cut could be considerably enlarged. The lumbermen were getting more logs off the crown lands and there were large mills cutting them up at Bathurst, Newcastle, Chatham and other points. Had it not been for the conserving policy of the Liberals, however, Mr. Hazen could never have reaped the benefit of this larger cut because there would soon have been no logs left to get cut. (Applause.)

THE ALBERT SOUTHERN RAILWAY

He went on to say that he might refer to the question of the Albert Southern Railway. This was a line twenty miles in length which the provincial government had subsidized for \$2,500 a mile, taking a lien on it. The company had failed to operate it, and what had Mr. Hazen done? He promised to satisfy all the creditors if he had to take up the rails to do it. What way does he carry out this promise? Why, he allows out this promise? Why, he allows Messrs. Fowler and Jonah, neither of whom are Liberals, to take up the rails and ship them off. This they have done and have received about \$30,000 out of the transaction. (Hisses). "Did you ever hear of such a thing?"

"Mr. Hazen, when in opposition, was very fond of criticising the old government for letting out work without tender. In the counties of Albert and Kings bridges have been built but no trace of the tender system can be found in connection with the work. (Applause). They are managing the affairs of the province not in the interests of the people, but in favor of their friends and heeled. What is true in the case of Kings and Albert counties is true in a great many others.

He would like to pay a tribute to the minister of public works in his native county of Kings. (Cheers.) He quite agreed with him that local campaigns should be conducted along the same lines as the federal contests. They did not wish him to take any part in them. They were too independent for that, but they recognized the soundness of his advice.

GOOD RESULTS OF RECIPROCITY

It was all very well to say that they intended to run a government (Continued on page seven)

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