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DOMINION ELECTION

Nomination - - Sept. 14th
Polling - - Sept. 21st
Reciprocity Candidate for York
ALFRED B. ATHERTON, M. D.

THE FIGHT IN N. B.

Nomination day finds both parties in New Brunswick with candidates in the field in every constituency. It will be a square standup fight all along the line. The Tories have a big campaign fund and are making a lot of noise, but they know that they have little or no chance of increasing their representation in the House of Commons. The representation in the last House was eleven Liberals and two Conservatives, and while elections are always uncertain there are many Liberals who confidently believe that their party will make a clean sweep of the province on this occasion. It is a fact that there is not a single constituency that is looked upon as safe for the Tories. In eight of the thirteen seats the Tories have not even a fighting chance, and in three of the other five seats the chances are all in favor of the Liberals.

Every county in the province stands to reap enormous benefits from the Reciprocity agreement and while Tory partisans may whistle to keep their courage up, they know that the great silent vote, always an important factor in elections, is against them and deep down in their hearts they do not expect to more than hold their own in this contest.

The Liberals of the province not only have in Hon. Dr. Pugsley a leader in whom they have every confidence, but they have a policy which commends itself to the people who are the wealth producers of the province. The farmers, lumbermen and fishermen stand to benefit enormously from Reciprocity and will throw aside party affiliations on Sept. 21st and vote for it. The Tories may trot out the annexation bogey and wave the old flag, but this will not help the farmers who have two seasons' hay crops on hand. The farmers' greatest want is a market for his produce and if you give him that there will be no opportunity to question his loyalty. The great mass of the people in New Brunswick are in favor of a policy that will develop the resources of the province and for that reason they are going to support the Liberal candidates on the 21st.

The duty on hay going into the United States is four dollars a ton. The duty on rough lumber is \$1.25. How much lumber would go to the United States from New Brunswick if the duty was the same as on hay? Reciprocity will sweep away the duty on both hay and lumber.

York is tired of small bore politicians. Let us elect a man this time who will be a credit to the county instead of a laughing stock.



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POLITICAL ESPIONAGE

The following from the Toronto Saturday Night, and independent journal with Conservative leanings, is particularly applicable to the style of warfare carried on by O. S. Crockett's hack organ:

"Is there any excuse, even in the heat of a political campaign, for exposing the business affairs of private gentlemen who are not running for office and who are estimable citizens in every respect? Merely because a man sits on the platform of the candidate he intends to vote for, does it entitle the press to go and search out the details of his business partnerships and proclaim them to the world? Even the editor of the Eaton's will Gazette, the illustrious Mr. Pott, who entertained Mr. Pickwick, claimed that he never invaded the private domain of his opponents. IT IS CARRYING POLITICAL RANCOR ALTOGETHER TO FAR WHEN EVERY BUSINESS MAN WHO DARES TO CHANGE HIS POLITICS, TO SIGN THE ELECTION PAPERS OF A FRIEND, OR TO SIT ON HIS PLATFORM MUST SUBMIT TO ESPIONAGE AND TERRORISM. IT BETOKENS, MOREOVER, A VERY UNHEALTHY STATE OF AFFAIRS and those party journals which confine themselves to the issue of the election and avoid personal attacks are best serving the cause they advocate."

Is it any wonder that O. S. Crockett, although he has been elected twice as the representative of York has never yet been able to command a majority vote in the city of Fredericton where he is best known. He ran behind Mr. Gibson here in the contest of 1904, he ran behind Mr. Brown here three years ago, and the indications are, that on Sept. 21st he will get the worst drubbing in the city that he ever got. If the people of York wait for O. S. Crockett and his benchmen to confine themselves to the issue of the election they will wait until the millennium.

Mr. F. D. Clements, a life long Conservative who will vote against his party on the question of reciprocity, is described by the local hack organ as an "enemy of the farmer masquerading as their friend." Isn't it strange that the hack organ did not long ago hand out this information to the public. So long as Mr. Clements continued to sail under the Conservative banner he was the soul of honor and a man of ability and enterprise. Now that he can no longer follow the leadership of the high and mighty O. S. Crockett he is an "enemy of the farmer." "Strange isn't it?"

The Toronto Globe published a photograph of one of the windows of the C.P.R. land department at Seattle, Wash., as an argument in favor of Reciprocity. Here is the inscription brought out in the photo: "CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY LANDS. RECIPROcity WILL INCREASE CANADA LANDS 100 P. C." This seems to be a pretty effective answer to the blue ruin predictions of Mr. Sifton and the Tory press.

The young man who wrote the scurrilous account of the great Liberal meeting for the Tory hack organ and who was able to discover so many alleged grafters among the prominent citizens who occupied seats on the platform, drew upwards of eighteen hundred dollars from the Hazen exchequer last spring for reporting the debates of the legislature.

Farmers of York, your chance to obtain justice has come.

O. S. Crockett is going about the country telling the people that he is opposed to Reciprocity because he fears it may injure the industries of Fredericton. His hack organ at the same time is holding up to ridicule the men who have their money invested in these same industries.

We have heard of the Hon. Harry McLeod investing his money in the stock of a Montreal bank, but we have yet to learn of him putting a dollar in a Fredericton manufacturing industry.

Who are the Tory campaign managers in Fredericton? Did you ever hear of one of them investing a dollar in an industry to give employment to the working men?

"Fowler Has Fallen But is Not Hurt" says a headline in The Montreal Star. It has reference to an aviator at Auburn, Cal. On Sept. 21st it will be applicable to the distinguished land grabber who is contesting Kings-Albert in the Tory interest.

Sir Thomas Tait who is interested in the Gibson and Minto Railway was in the city Tuesday night. Sir Thomas conferred with Mr. D. F. Maxwell, chief engineer of the survey of the line which is now being made.

The great Liberal meeting here on Tuesday evening seems to have thrown the local hack organ into hysterics. It looks as if we had them on the run already.

The Moncton Times calls the Tory candidate in Westmorland "the Empire candidate." Did you ever hear of such hypocrisy?

The Tories and Nationalists in Quebec are working hand in hand to down Laurier. Electors of York, what do you think of the unholy alliance?

Pugsley and Atherton can be counted on to put the good old county of York up among the bald heads in the front row.

Mr. A. R. Slipp, M.P.P., is not putting himself out very much to elect O. S. Crockett in York. "There's a reason."

The great meeting at the Opera House on Tuesday evening had badly frightened O. S. Crockett's hack organ.

Under Reciprocity the St. John River will become a mighty artery of commerce.

Dr. Atherton is the man who will see it that York gets a square deal at Ottawa.

O. S. Crockett has had his turn. Now give Dr. Atherton a chance.

Farmers of York, vote for your own interests in this election.

The Borden-Bourassa alliance in Quebec does not appeal to the solid yeomanry of York.

The Liberals of York are working in this campaign with an enthusiasm they have not known in twenty years.

Hon. Dr. Pugsley's address on reciprocity at the Opera House Tuesday evening was a plain statement of facts which carried conviction with it.

York County generally goes right regardless of precedent when there is a big issue at stake.

No man need be ashamed to fall in line behind Dr. A. B. Atherton.

Can York County afford to be misrepresented for another five years.

Dr. Atherton is the type of man who will have influence at Ottawa.

All honor to Hon. Dr. Pugsley, Canada's minister of public works.

The County of York never raised a nobler son than Dr. Atherton.

Vote for Laurier, Pugsley, Atherton and Reciprocity.

Liberals get busy and make that 800 majority fade away.

There is victory in that cheer.

MR. DAVID RUSSELL AND MR. GREENSHIELDS

Editor Montreal Herald—I notice that Mr. J. N. Greenshields makes fun of my statements in respect to whether he left the Liberal party or was kicked out with me. I want to be thoroughly understood that today I have no politics, and have no intention of discussing the campaign of 1904 at a time when two parties are fighting an important issue. I have acted as a trusted agent for both sides of politics, and I defy any man to come forward and prove that I betrayed that trust.

I do not intend to take any part in the reciprocity dispute, for anything that Mr. Greenshields or myself would say would not change a vote as Sir Wilfrid Laurier drove us both into our hole in 1904 in a manner that it was necessary to pull the hole in after us, and we should both be satisfied to leave the question now at issue to more successful politicians, to be decided on the 21st.

When Mr. Greenshields and I left for Ottawa after the elections to interview Sir Wilfrid Laurier, he had in his pocket a letter written by Mr. Berthiaume at the time he sold La Presse to me. This letter he said to me would probably save him from being compelled to take a severe dressing-down Sir Wilfrid was likely to hand out to him. This was the only thing he has that would give him an opening to counteract any challenge that Sir Wilfrid would make that he had been a traitor to the Liberal party. This letter he told me he intended to throw down to Sir Wilfrid in a dramatic manner. "There Sir Wilfrid, is my answer. Berthiaume came to me to sell his property and paid me this commission for effecting a sale to Russell."

While the letter as far as Mr. Berthiaume was concerned was genuine, as far as Mr. Greenshields was concerned he never got a dollar of commission out of the sale of La Presse and if necessary I will show to whom the commission referred to me in that letter was paid.

RUSSELL PAVED THE WAY

When we arrived at Ottawa we put up at Victoria Chambers. Mr. Greenshields suggested that I go over and see Sir Wilfrid first and make the road as smooth as I possibly could for him. He thought it was better for us both not to walk in on Sir Wilfrid together as there might be a scene. I called on Sir Wilfrid and told him that Mr. Greenshields was at the Victoria Chambers and would like to meet him. "What for?" said Sir Wilfrid. "Well," I said, "he will tell you himself. The facts are," I said, "he feels sorry for what he has done, is broken-hearted, and if you will take him back into the Liberal ranks, he will be a good boy in future."

COULDN'T TAKE HIM BACK

As far as I am concerned I never had any politics. Anything I ever did politically in New Brunswick was for an old friend. I, therefore, told Sir Wilfrid that I had half a dozen newspapers on hand and as soon as I got rid of them I was through with the political game. Sir Wilfrid said, "I have no objections to meeting Mr. Greenshields, but I certainly cannot take him back into the Liberal ranks as he proved himself a traitor to me at a critical moment." I told Sir Wilfrid that as far as I was concerned I would do the same thing over again on him tomorrow. My business was promoting companies, and if I wanted to buy a newspaper and attempt to build railways, that was my business, as I never had any politics, nor ever asked or received any political favors.

When Greenshields left for the Sir Wilfrid interview I was really sorry for him. Yours truly,

DAVID RUSSELL.

If it was right for Clifford Sifton to leave his party on the question of reciprocity it is not wrong for the Conservatives of York to do the same thing when they know that the county has everything to gain and nothing to lose by its adoption.

Hurrah for Pugsley, the man of the hour.

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