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Provincial Elections

POLLING DAY JUNE 20

OPPOSITION CANDIDATES FOR YORK.

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THE VALLEY RAILWAY

The claim is being put forth by spouters and apologists for the Flemming government that the Liberals are entitled to no credit whatever for what has been accomplished towards providing the people of the St. John valley with the railway facilities they have so long sought. These men are going about the country boasting that the road is to be part of a trunk line and is to be operated by the government of Canada as part of the Intercolonial Railway system. They would like to make it appear that the Flemming government alone is entitled to all the credit for this and that the Liberal leaders of New Brunswick, instead of assisting in this great undertaking did all in their power to block it. Any person who will take the trouble to consult the records of the past three years will readily see how untenable is the position they assume. The Valley Railway is an accomplished fact today because of the earnest efforts put forth by public spirited citizens of the St. John valley of both sides of politics, who believed and honestly believed that a line of railway down this fertile section of New Brunswick was an urgent necessity, and without it there could be no development and no real prosperity. As a means of securing this railway they were willing that the public credit should be pledged to an extent never before dreamed of in connection with a utility in the history of the province. The agitation was carried on year after year by thoughtful and patriotic men who were finally able to convince the government that it would be fully justified in making a liberal bond guarantee that would justify some company in undertaking the construction of the road.

The legislation which committed the government of New Brunswick to the enterprise was passed during the session of 1910 and early in the following year the Liberal government at Ottawa, at the instance of Hon. Dr. Pugsley, enacted legislation providing for the operation of the road as part of the Intercolonial system, thus ensuring the province against loss in the future. The local government wanted this legislation and it was enacted by the government at Ottawa in good faith on the representation of a large delegation representing the people of the St. John valley. Had the members of the local government met the federal government in the proper spirit there is no reason in the world why a contract could not have been signed and construction work on this great enterprise begun a year ago. They chose, however, to play the game of politics and the public interests have suffered in consequence.

The legislation passed at Ottawa was clearly in line with the best sentiment of the people of the St. John valley. It provided for a connection with the Transcontinental Railway at Grand Falls and for Intercolonial operation of the proposed road. This did not suit the great minds of the local administration, however, they were afraid that Hon. Dr. Pugsley, the Liberal leader from New Brunswick, might very properly claim a share of the credit and they began to look about for means to prevent such a contingency. They

hit upon a scheme to build a railway from St. John to the International boundary and across the State of Maine, and actually had the temerity to approach the Dominion government for a subsidy in aid of this enterprise which, luckily for the province, was refused. They roundly condemned Intercolonial operation, and their opinions were re-echoed by the subsidized press of the party, the most outspoken of the number being the Fredericton back organ, which in its issue of June 8th, 1911, says:

"The notion that operation by the Intercolonial railway will be in the interests of the province is a fallacious one. It has been amusing to experienced railway men. There is no through business from the west it can get at Grand Falls. There is nothing it can get in the east to take beyond Grand Falls. It can serve the PURPOSE ONLY AS A PURELY BRANCH TO BE RUN IN ALL PROBABILITY WITH DISCARDED MAINE LINE ROLLING STOCK. STOCK. Forty per cent. of the gross earnings will not pay the interest on the bond guarantee. It is absurd to say that it will. And it is equally absurd to think that a mere local branch can or will adequately develop the country through which it runs."

Forced by the weight of public opinion to abandon the false position which it had taken the government was finally compelled to enter into an arrangement with the Dominion authorities for the construction of a road to Grand Falls to be operated as part of the I. C. R. system. The contract has been signed, and it was stipulated that work was to begin on May 1st, but little has yet been done and it is not a difficult matter to find people living along the Valley who still refuse to believe that the road will ever be built. It is not a difficult matter either to find people who do not believe that if the present government has its way that the road will ever be extended to Grand Falls. It is not difficult either to find people who honestly believe that if the road is completed it will fall into the hands of the Canadian Pacific Railway and will be utilized by that great corporation as a mere branch line. There is no reason in the world why there should be an element of uncertainty and unrest in regard to this great enterprise. The public credit has been pledged to the extent of five million dollars, and why should not the work proceed without any quibbling or haggling on the part of the government of the day. The people want the road and they want it extended to Grand Falls and operated as part of the government railway system. The whole trouble seems to be due to the incompetence of Premier Flemming and his colleagues. They are not big enough for the job they have in hand, and it is clearly the duty of the people to relieve them of the burden. It can be done on Thursday next through the medium of the ballot box, and it is manifestly in the interests of the country that it should be done. If the Flemming government remains in power and hands over the Valley Railway to the tender mercies of the C. P. R., as it will surely do if given a free hand, it will inflict a wound upon a large section of this province that centuries will not heal. If the people stand idly by and permit such an outrage to be perpetrated they must be prepared to abide by the consequences.

The disgraceful tactics being employed by the Tories of Sunbury will lose their candidates many votes on Thursday next among lovers of fair play. When Mr. A. R. Miles was put in nomination a threat was at once made that his son, who holds a position in the public service, would have to look about for another job. Now we have the information that Mr. George Kimball, Liberal candidate in Sunbury, has been dismissed from the position of foreman of the Mitchell boom, the result of Tory influence. The reason is not far to seek, Mr. Kimball is a plain working man and therefore, according to the Tory view of the case, is not good enough to represent his county in the legislature.

A pleasing feature of the present campaign is the large number of talented and energetic young men who have come to the front as Liberal candidates. Among the number might be mentioned Foster of St. John, McKenzie of Restigouche, Magee of Westmorland, Gilmor of Charlotte and Limerick of York.

At the nomination meeting at Hampton Thursday, Mr. George B. Jones, M. P. P., was forced by Dr. Pearson to admit that he had sold lumber and supplies to the government under the name of J. P. McAulay, in violation of the independence of Parliament act.

The weather man seems to be doing his level best to freeze out the Flemming Government.

RETURNING OFFICERS APPOINTED BY SHERIFF

Voters in County Number 8296--Five
New Polling Places--Electors in
City Number 1793

Sheriff Howe today is making preparations for the general elections which will be held on Thursday next. The deputy returning officers have been appointed as given below. The voters in York County this year number 8296 an increase of 454 over the number of the list in 1908. The qualified voters in Fredericton number 1793 of whom 1903 vote at the City Hall and 790 at the Court House. The poll boxes number forty-five and the polling places include four which have been established since the last provincial election. They are Cross Creek, Mouth of Keswick, Upper Keswick and Upper Queensbury.

The polling clerks as announced by Sheriff Howe are as follows:

- No. 1. A. to C, Fredericton, J. W. McCready.
No. 1. D. to J, Fredericton, T. S. Wilkinson.
No. 1. K. to O, Fredericton, Frank VanWart.
No. 1. P. to A, Fredericton, G. R. Perkins.
No. 2. A. to F, Fredericton, Thos. C. Doherty.
No. 2. G. to M, Fredericton, C. A. Sampson.
No. 2. N. to Z, Fredericton, W. P. Fenety.
No. 3. New Maryland, Clarence Noble.
No. 4. A. to G, Kingsclear, W. B. Gilman.
No. 4. H. to Z, Kingsclear, Brunswick Fox.
No. 5. Cork, Wm. Murphy.
No. 6. Brockway, Frank H. Vail.
No. 7. Harvey Station, John W. Taylor.
No. 8. Prince William (Back) Wm. Henry.
No. 9. Prince William (Front) T. A. Fraser.
No. 10. Dumfries, Fred Barnett.
No. 11. McAdam, Harry Cleland.
No. 12. Medicine, Jerome E. Porter.
No. 13. A. to H, Canterbury Station, John Timmins.
No. 13. I. to Z, Canterbury Station, Thos. Jarvis.
No. 11. North Lake, John L. Foster.
No. 15. Nashwaak Village, J. W. Smith.
No. 16. Taymouth, John R. Buchanan.
No. 17. A. to H, Gibson, Thos. Stickles.
No. 17. I. to Z, Gibson, Harry H. Pickard.
No. 17. A. to L, Marysville, Cornelius Smith.
No. 17. M. to Z, Marysville, Wm. Bubar.
No. 18. Penniac, Spafford Wade.
No. 19. Nashwaaksis, Wm. McFarlane.
No. 20. Burt's Corner, Fred D. Flewelling.
No. 20. Mouth of Keswick, Chas. Jewett.
No. 21. McNutt's Mill, T. S. McNutt.
No. 22. Lower Hainesville, Hedley Jones.
No. 22. Upper Keswick, C. W. Estey.
No. 23. Keswick Ridge, James W. Jewett.

METHODIST CONFERENCE

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Nashwaaksis—
11 a.m., Rev. Arthur Whiteside.
7 p.m., Rev. E. A. Westmorland.

LAST EVENING.

Last evening's session was public, three excellent addresses being delivered to a large congregation at the Methodist church as follows:

The Essential Unity of All Connexional Work, Rev. J. K. Curtis, B.A.
Our Spiritual Objective and Dynamic, Rev. J. W. Aikens.
The Challenge for Leadership, Rev. Allen C. Farrell, B.A.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The N. B. and P.E.I. Conference of the Methodist Church heard some very interesting reports and addresses yesterday afternoon and passed several resolutions expressing appreciation of the manner in which the work of the several departments was being carried on.

Rev. Dr. Heine for the Canadian Bible Society addressed the conference on Bible Work. On the motion of Rev. H. E. Thomas seconded by Rev. Dr. Campbell, the following resolution was passed:

"The conference having listened with interest and pleasure to Dr. Heine, representative of the Canadian Bible Society, would assure him of its appreciation of his work and its continued interest in the enterprise of the Bible Society, an organization so inseparably related to the mission of Christ on earth."

Addresses were also given by Rev. Dr. Johnson, editor of "The Wesleyan," and by Mr. F. W. Mosher, Book Steward, upon their respective departments.

Their reports were received and the following resolution passed:

"The conference having listened to the report of the Rev. Dr. Johnson in regard to Wesleyan affairs hereby expresses its confidence in the wisdom of the Book Committee in the new arrangements they have made whereby the publication of the paper is transferred to the Truro News Publishing Company of Truro, N.S., and at the same time wishes to assure the editor of continued interest in the enterprise and appreciation of his valued services."

"We desire also to express our great satisfaction with the administration of the Book Room by our highly esteemed Book Steward, Mr. F. W. Mosher and the increased profits of the year now closed."

Miss Hattie Steward of Sackville vice president of the N.B. and P.E.I. Branch of the Women's Missionary Society delivered an address upon the work of the organization.

Jewett.

- No. 24. Queensbury, Back, Sherman Gordon.
No. 25. Queensbury (Hammond's), Alex McNally.
No. 25. Upper Queensbury, David J. Parent.
No. 26. Southampton, (Front), B. W. Akerley.
No. 27. Temperance Vale, A. H. Chapman.
No. 28. Nortondale, John Smare.
No. 29. Millville, Peter Johnson.
No. 30. Bloomfield, Chas. W. Pond.
No. 31. Stanley Village, D. J. Griffiths.
No. 32. Cross Creek, Roswell Jonah.

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INCREASE IN CONTRIBUTIONS.

Reporting on behalf of Missions, Rev. Geo. Steele gave the conference the pleasing tidings that contributions toward the work had shown a substantial increase for the year. Rev. Thos. Marshall, Superintendent for Missions delivered an address upon the work of his department as did also Dr. F. C. Stevenson of Toronto, general secretary for Young People's Societies. Dr. Stevenson particularly urged the clergymen to attend the Summer Missionary Conference at Sackville to be held from August 1st to 8th. All denominations are to take part and particular attention is to be given to the training of local and district workers.

Sackville educational institutions occupied a prominent place during the afternoon and addresses concerning them were delivered by the following, Dr. Borden of Mount Allison University, Dr. G. M. Campbell of Mount Allison Ladies' College and Mr. Palmer, Principal of Sackville Academy.

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