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Provincial Elections

NOMINATION, JUNE 13
POLLING DAY JUNE 20

George F. Burden, Pokiok.
William J. Osborne, Fredericton.
Alexander Little, Manners-Sutton.
Walter Limbrick, St. Mary's.

Vote and work for the whole Ticket

A POLICY FOR THE FARMER

Mr. Copp's policy of cheaper money for the farmers is causing the members of the Flemming government to sit up and take notice. They dare not attempt to criticize it, but are seeking to draw a herring across the trail by indulging in coarse abuse of the old government.

Never in the history of the province has a political party in opposition appealing to the electorate for support submitted such a broad and comprehensive policy as that outlined by Mr. Copp in his manifesto. It has been hailed with delight by the Liberals, while moderate Conservatives, especially the non-office holding element, are unable to find in it a peg on which they can hang anything like serious criticism. So far as assisting and encouraging our native farmers is concerned, it is generally admitted that Mr. Copp has decidedly the best end of the argument. Premier Flemming's policy is to buy played out farms from Tory supporters and place immigrants upon them in order that they might have a good opportunity to starve to death. Mr. Copp on the other hand is willing to pledge the credit of the province in order to assist the farmers who are already in New Brunswick to produce larger crops and thus encourage their boys to remain at home. Any man with a head on his shoulders who knows conditions in the rural districts can readily see that the adoption of Mr. Copp's plan will give a great stimulus to agriculture. It will enable the small farmer to clear more land, set out an orchard, if he is so disposed, and put himself in a position to compete with his neighbors who have more of this world's goods than he had. It is designed to benefit the farmer of moderate means and encourage him to remain in the province.

The policy of cheaper rural telephones to which Mr. Copp stands pledged, is a practical proposition and seems to meet with cordial approval. Mr. Alexander Little, one of the opposition candidates in York is a firm believer in cheap rural telephones and he has reason for the faith that is in him, for in the fertile section of the Parish of Manners-Sutton where he makes his home the farmers enjoy the blessing of the cheapest telephone system in this province. Mr. Little was one of the leaders in the movement which made it a reality, and strange as it may seem he and his associates before they reached the goal had to overcome strenuous opposition which emanated from sources pretty close to the present Local government.

New Brunswick is at the threshold of a great forward movement. What was good enough for our grandfathers' time is not good enough for present day needs. The problem of holding our rural population is the most serious which confronts New Brunswick today, and it has got to be grappled with in a serious and statesmanlike manner. Abuse of a government which went out of power four years ago is not going to add to the wealth and happiness of the farmers. We must go forward not backward, and we want men in the Legislature who will not spend their time squabbling over the spoils of office, but who will take hold and work earnestly in an effort to improve the condition of our people. So far as advancing the interests of the County of York are concerned the present members of the Legislature have miserably failed to make good, and they should on June 20th be relegated to private life.

ALD. GUTHRIE'S OPPORTUNITY

The local hack organ announces that Ald. Percy Guthrie, the Tory boss of this city is to invade the good old Presbyterian Village of Harvey on Wednesday evening and enlighten the electorate on the great political problems of the day. Ald. Guthrie is the law partner of Mr. O. S. Crockett, M. P., and he is also chairman of the Police Commission. On the eve of the last civic election it will be remembered he published a letter in the press, in which he cast reflections upon Rev. Dr. Smith, the esteemed pastor of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church. The rev. doctor got back at him in a letter to the press in which he made the accusation that Ald. Guthrie was rather careless in handling the truth. Ald. Guthrie should take this letter to Harvey and read it to the electors of that place. In case he has not a copy of it at hand he is at liberty to make use of the following extracts taken from it: "The confession of the chairman (Ald. Guthrie) that the whole department is ignorant is the most damaging acknowledgement ever made by a public servant. It is an open admission of incompetence and inefficiency."

"Is this confession a good recommendation for a public servant? In any other than the political sphere such unparalleled ignorance would be relegated to oblivion. In all my experience with public men I never met such a bare-faced exhibition of boasted ignorance and assumed innocence. 'He knows enough of good manners to expect other men to be gentlemen. When he says I kept certain facts for a purpose until the eve of election, which is false, WHAT MUST THE PEOPLE THINK OF THE CHARACTER OF A MAN WHO TOOK ADVANTAGE OF A PRIVATE TELEPHONE CONVERSATION TO WRITE A FALSE REPORT ON THE SATURDAY EVENING BEFORE ELECTION, WHEN HE KNEW THERE WAS NO OPPORTUNITY FOR A REPLY THROUGH THE SAME MEDIUM UNTIL AFTER THE ELECTION WAS OVER? I made my statement weeks ago. I leave the public to think. He knows enough about Christianity to expect that other men should be Christian, but HE DOES NOT KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT IT TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO TELL THE TRUTH ABOUT FIVE MINUTES CONVERSATION OVER THE TELEPHONE. If he had gone a little further into Christianity he would have read the instructions to the disciples not to cast their pearls before swine lest the swine would then turn and rend them. In modern English, do not give truth to people who when they get it will use it to destroy the truth and the giver. He evidently thought that because I was a Christian I would make a fool of myself. I HAVE PLAYED THE GAME WITH GENTLEMEN OF THE CHAIRMAN'S STRIKE BEFORE, AND I HAVE LEARNED A FEW THINGS. He must excuse me if I will not put my foot into his trap."

Rev. Dr. Smith's opinion of Ald. Guthrie ought perhaps to carry as much weight with the people of Harvey as anything Ald. Guthrie might care to tell them in regard to the virtues of the Flemming government. With such a certificate of character the alderman should be able to make a big hit.

ABOUT DEFEATS

Col. McLeod and his hack organ seem to be able to find great cause for elation over the fact that some members of the opposition ticket in York have in the past suffered defeat at the polls. If it is a crime to be defeated in an election, then what great Tory politicians as Hon. Geo. E. Foster, Hon. J. D. Hazen and Premier Flemming are criminals, for all have on more than one occasion had that delightful experience. No less than three of the candidates who compose the government ticket in York have experienced the pang of defeat and it is not so long ago either. In the local election of 1899, just thirteen years ago, Mr. J. K. Pinder received the worst walloping ever given to a candidate for the legislature in the County of York. Here are the figures of that election so that he who runs may read: Gibson, 3,728; Thompson, 3,727; Whitehead, 3,719; Campbell, 3,684; Black, 2,317; Pinder, 2,206; Howe, 2,195; Pitts, 2,190. Gibson's majority over Pinder, 1,522. Thompson's majority over Pinder, 1,521. Whitehead's majority over Pinder, 1,513. Campbell's majority over Pinder, 1,478. Whitehead's majority over Black, 1,402. Coming down to the election of 1903, we find that three members of

the present government ticket came in for a jolly old trouncing. Here are the figures:

Whitehead, 2,856; Allen, 2,824; Campbell, 2,801; Burden, 2,759; McLeod, 1,925; Pinder, 1,853; Robison, 1,838; Young, 1,818. Whitehead's majority over McLeod, 931. Allen's majority over Pinder, 971. Campbell's majority over Robison, 963. Burden's majority over Young, 941. The Mr. Burden whose name figures in the above is the same gentleman who is now seeking the suffrages of the electorate of York as a member of the opposition ticket. He was successful in many municipal contests while in the larger arena of politics he has experienced the same number of defeats as Mr. Pinder. We cannot see that the Tory candidates have very much to blow about.

In the elegant phraseology of Mr. Harry McLeod, the Liberal candidates seeking election to the Legislature are "the same old gang with their hands red from the crimes they have committed." So far as the Liberal candidates in York are concerned it is scarcely necessary to say that they are just as honorable, just as respectable and their hands are just as clean as those of the Provincial Secretary. And the same may be said of the candidates supporting Mr. Copp in the other counties of the province.

Mr. John A. Bowes, editor of the St. John Standard continues to write about the old gang who squandered the money of the province. This is the same Mr. Bowes who heartily supported the old gang so long as they had patronage in the form of printing contracts to give out. Now he is "leg pulling" on the other side of the fence, and he can be counted to do the job up brown.

With Premier Flemming at the helm the chances are that the Tory ship of state will soon be on the rocks.

Tory speakers and newspapers cannot even allow the late Deputy General Flewelling to rest in his grave in peace, but are making use of his sad case with the hope that it might win them a few votes. When there are so many live issues in this election—issues which affect every man, woman and child in the province, surely the members of the Flemming government and their press, should be able to get along without invading the sanctity of the last resting place of the dead.

The list of those announced to speak at Tory meetings in York in the interests of "good government" includes Mr. P. A. Guthrie, engraving clerk and clerk of the County Court, Mr. R. B. Hanson, registrar of probate, Dr. B. M. Mullin, medical adviser to the Indians, and Mr. F. P. Robinson preventive officer and secretary of the Public Utilities Commission. Other Tory office holders will be detailed for active service as the campaign proceeds.

Mr. Charles Curless who was a Tory candidate in Victoria County at the last election spoke at a great Liberal meeting in Grand Falls on Saturday and flayed the Flemming government for its extravagant record and broken promises.

The farmers of York will have an opportunity to see the C. P. R. farming special on election day.

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Boston, June 10—An automobile containing six men went over an embankment into the Charles River early this morning and thus far the police have been unable to ascertain but one of the number. This man Gerald Whigley, of Roxbury told the officers that the others made their escape before the car took its plunge and then disappeared, but the police are doubtful if all got away. The river will be dragged.

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Toronto, June 8—George Kettle, aged 12, died in the hospital early this morning, after being struck by an automobile. The driver Roy Robson, a salesman for McLaughlin Motor Co. rushed the boy to the hospital and gave himself up to police.

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