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Issues of the Campaign Aably Discussed at the Opera House.

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WHAT THE LIBERAL GOVERNMENT HAS ACHIEVED FOR CANADA.

Showing why the Electors should support Mr. Gibson—Mr. McLeod's Card Dissected.

The mass meeting at the opera house last evening in the interests of Alex. Gibson jr, the Liberal candidate for York was one of the most successful and enthusiastic held in Fredericton for many a day. Although the Christmas season is not the most favorable time for large political gatherings there was a good turnout of electors from the city and vicinity to hear the issues discussed, and a pleasing feature was the attendance of a number of ladies who occupied seats in the gallery.

The 71st band had been engaged to escort the speakers from their hotel to the opera house, but so bitterly cold was the weather, that the boys found it impossible to blow music from their instruments. They played several spirited selections however, in the corridor of the city hall before the commencement of the meeting.

Hon F. P. Thompson, M. P. P. discharged the duties of chairman in a very acceptable manner, and among those who occupied seats on the platform with him were Hon D. C. Fraser, M. P., E. M. Macdonald, M. P. P., Ald John Moore, Ald. Everett, William Lemont, C. Burpee, Z. R. Everett, J. D. Phinney, K. C. Ald P. Farrell, Ald Vanwart, Hubbard Niles, Ex-ald John Macpherson, Ex-ald M. S. Hall, T. H. Colter ex-M. P. P., Dr. E. W. Henry and others.

Hon. F. P. Thompson in calling the meeting to order, said that it was scarcely necessary for him to dwell upon the causes that led up to the contest with which the electors of York are now face to face. The county of York had returned the Liberal candidate at the election held one year ago, and he believed was prepared to do the same thing again. The issues before the people at the general election did not prevail now; there was no question as to whether the government would be Liberal or Conservative, so all the electors had to decide was whether they should return Mr. Gibson to support the Laurier Government or else an opponent of that government. The candidate of the Conservative party tells us that the issues are the same as they always were. He (the speaker) did not agree with that view. The issues, so far as the Conservative party is concerned, were disposed of at the general election when nothing was left of that party except followers. The conditions are not the same for Canada has been growing ever since the Liberal party came into office. The issue now is whether the people of York shall return a supporter of the government to Ottawa or elect a man to support a party which has become defunct.

Mr. Thompson next referred briefly to his recent trip to England and spoke of the great change in the sentiment of the people of the old country towards Canada which had been brought about in recent years. Touching upon prohibition, he declared that that question had no more to do with the present campaign than had the smallpox. Under Liberal rule Canada had become a great and important part of the British Empire, and today the rocks and cliffs of South Africa stand sentry over bodies of our brave sons, who gave up their lives for the empire in that far off country. He did not think that purity in elections came with very good grace from a party whose registered

trademark was "send along another ten thousand." That famous telegram sent by a former Conservative leader was proof that the Liberals were only novices as regards corruption when compared to their opponents. He was confident that York county would renew and emphasize the verdict of last year. While he believed that an elector who traveled a long distance to poll his vote, should not be denied a crust of bread, it seemed that such a rule was to prevail in this contest, and the Liberals were prepared to run the election on icicles if necessary. (Applause.) He referred to a former visit made by Mr Macdonald prior to the last campaign when he predicted that the Liberals would return an almost solid phalanx from Nova Scotia and that Sir Charles Tupper would fall in the fight. His prediction had been verified, and now-a-days a Tory in Nova Scotia was looked upon as a relic of a bye-gone age. He had great pleasure in welcoming Mr. Macdonald to Fredericton and was sure all would be pleased to hear from him. (Applause.)

MR. E. M. MACDONALD, M.P.P.

Mr. Macdonald in opening referred to the occasion at the last general election when he spoke in this city. He had then the honor of accompanying that great son of New Brunswick, the leader of the Liberal party in this province, the Hon. A. G. Blair. (Applause.) Tonight that gentleman was standing under the shade of a great sorrow, a sorrow which weighs him down, a sorrow in which he has the sympathy not only of those who have been his friends, but also those who have opposed him. All over Canada hearts have been touched by the sad event which keeps Mr. Blair from engaging in this contest.

At the time of my last visit to your city we were engaged in discussing the questions upon which the electorate should determine as to which one of the great parties should govern Canada for the next five years, and while the Liberal party appeared before the electorate with a platform clear and defined, the opponents of the Liberal party confined themselves to a discussion of questions which could hardly be claimed to indicate that they had any defined policy; as a matter of fact they had no policy on any public question. Thus, for instance, our friend Mr. Foster indulged in fine analytical distinctions as to whether promises made by the Liberal party had been carried out.

He told his famous wigwam story, about the wigwam being lost and not the Indian; but when he awoke the morning after the election in 1901 Foster found that he and the wigwam were both lost. (Laughter and Applause.)

Everyone who thinks upon public questions will recall to mind that during the last session of Parliament not one of the issues which the opposition pretended to raise during the contest furnished for even one night the subject of debate in Parliament, which shows that they were absolutely bereft of anything like a policy that could live in this country.

In the present contest the position of the standard bearer of the Liberal party is clear and defined. In his card he says: "Fearlessly and without hesitation I ap-

peal to the record of the administration of the Right Hon Sir Wilfrid Laurier since it came into power in 1896." That is the platform upon which he stands; that is the platform upon which every Liberal from the Atlantic to the Pacific stands, and that is the platform upon which the people decided last fall and which you are called upon to decide today.

Let us look at the platform upon which the gentlemen who claims to be the Conservative standard bearer in this fight, stands. He says in his card: "I am again the candidate of the Liberal-Conservative party. The questions at issue are the same as in the last election. But while the election is a contest of the parties, it is more than that. If it were only that I would not be a candidate." Now that is not the utterance of a man who is not accustomed to weigh his utterances. Mr. McLeod is a journalist, and a clergyman, and as such would weigh carefully what he says. Recognizing that, he (Macdonald) would call attention to Dr. McLeod's statement that if this election was only a contest between the parties he would not be a candidate of the Liberal-Conservative party. He cannot think very much of the policy of the Conservative party when he makes that statement. Therefore you are asked in this fight to follow a man who says that if it was only Conservative policy that he had to stand upon he would never be a candidate at all. That is the position, as far as policy is concerned, between the two candidates in this fight.

Now, what are the things which Mr. McLeod says are the imperative and important questions which have induced him to run this election? First, he says that the ground he took last year in favor of clean elections is the ground he takes now, and he goes on to dilate upon the great advantage which would accrue to this country from clean elections. He could dilate with equal earnestness and with some facility upon any one of the ten commandments. He (Macdonald) had run a few elections, and speaking from the standpoint of the man who does run an election he would say that there is no man in this country but would prefer not to spend money in an election. He would tell Mr. McLeod however, that if he (McLeod) had been elected last year he would have been elected whether he knew it or not, as a result of a direct violation of the election law. (Applause.) If Mr. McLeod had wished to be consistent in this matter he would have announced that if elected, he would resign his seat if it was discovered that any one of his friends had, in order to assist him in his election, violated the election law in the smallest particular. Instead of running elections, Mr. McLeod would be better engaged in raising the moral tone of the people of this county, if they needed it, in educating them up to the idea that it is wrong to take a bribe. (Applause.) But it is not necessary that Mr. McLeod should run an election himself in order to do this, consequently there is no particular reason why you should vote for him above any other man, because he can go on and accomplish just as well what he says should be accomplished without being a candidate. Mr. Borden, the new found leader of the Conservative party, is to speak in this hall on Thursday night in support of Mr. McLeod. Mr Borden is a most estimable gentleman; we have just got through trouncing him in Nova Scotia. (Laughter.) When he comes here on Thursday night I would suggest that the Rev Mr McLeod ask him how much money he spent in the recent local elections in Nova Scotia. (Applause.) In the election in this country last year these moral men who are preaching pure elections actually went to the electors and told them to take the money of the Liberals and vote against them. (Applause.)

In 1896 Principal Grant of the Queen's University, Kingston, went on record publicly as declaring that a man might as well defend Sodom as defend the corruption rule of the Conservative party, and the leading organs of public opinion in the Motherland spoke of the great corruption in Canada—corruption so great that the equal of it had not been heard of in the old country for hundreds of years. (Applause.)

Where did Mr McLeod stand in 1896? Did he not vote for the men with this record? Did he not vote for the men who composed "the nest of traitors"? Did he not vote for the men who, deliberately and to make political capital, threw into the arena of politics of Canada, the apple of discord known as the Manitoba School Question? (Applause.) Those are pertinent questions for every elector of this

county of York to ask when he hears moral propositions discussed.

Mr. McLeod further says in his card that "during all my public life I have been the opponent of the liquor traffic," and that he is always going to be an opponent of the liquor traffic, and goes on to say "I think I may fairly appeal to all temperance voters to give me their support as the life-long friend and advocate of the cause they desire to advance." Would the cause of temperance be furthered by the election of Mr. McLeod? He does not in his card promise to do anything for the temperance cause. He knows that the Temperance Alliance has decided that their course of action for the next few years will be directed along the lines of obtaining provincial legislation on the question of Prohibition, and provincial legislation alone.

They are asking Premier Ross of Ontario to pass a prohibitory law in that Province, and they are taking the same steps in Nova Scotia. Everyone knows that the initial legislation must come from that Province, and Mr. McLeod knows that if elected to Parliament he cannot do anything towards securing prohibition. If you really desire to obtain the services of this gentleman in advancing the cause of prohibition, you should see that he does not go to the Dominion Parliament, but that he directs his energies to inducing the Provincial Legislature to pass a prohibitory law.

Another question Mr. McLeod might ask Mr. Borden on Thursday night is as to where that gentleman stands on the question of prohibition. (Applause.) Supposing Mr. McLeod is elected and this question is brought up in Parliament, and voted upon, after that for the next four years he will support Mr. Borden, even though it is against the interests of Canada and against your interests as well. Do not allow yourselves to be deceived by any such propositions, but see to it that you send a man there who has done all he can for you in the past and will strengthen the hand of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his Cabinet. (Applause.)

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IF THERE'S A HINT OF CATARRH TAIN'T apply Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder without delay. It will save you suffering, heal you quickly whether you have been a slave one month or fifty years. It relieves cold in the head and catarrhal headaches in ten minutes. The Hon. David Mills, Minister of Justice for the Dominion of Canada, endorses it.—2. Sold by W H Carten.

Fire, Thursday morning, broke out in the Dennison Paper Manufacturing Company's store building, 198 Broadway. In a very short time it had spread through the narrow six-storey building and attacked Hagerman's drug store, at 196 Broadway. In half an hour the Dennison plant was a wreck. The fire attacked the rear of Hagerman's drug store, but was kept from the principal stock. The loss it is thought will reach \$250,000.

"KING'S EVIL"

Those old English Kings made history. Those old English Kings were fast liver. Those old English Kings got sick.

One disease became so common to them as to be called "King's evil"—a royal disease. It is now among us—the well known scrofula. Those old English Kings handed it down, spread it through the nations, and here it is.

Too bad Scott's Emulsion was not made in time for those Kings. Scott's Emulsion is a positive cure for King's evil—or scrofula. It heals the sores, adds strength and flesh and brings good health.

We'll send you a little to try, if you like, SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, Toronto

There's a story of a farmer and his son driving a load to market. Of the team they were driving one was a steady reliable old gray mare, the other a fractious, balky black horse. On the way the wagon was stalled and the black horse sulked and refused to pull. "What'll we do father?" said the younger man. "Well," said the father, "I guess we'll have to lay the gad on the old gray." The homely compliment to woman: "The gray mare's the better horse" suggests how often when there's an extra strain to be borne it is laid on the woman's back. How often she breaks at last under the added weight of some "last straw." Woman who are dragging along wearily through life can gain real strength by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It puts back in concentrated form the strength making material which working woman use up more rapidly than it can be restored by Nature in the ordinary processes of nourishment and rest. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets are universal favorites with women because they are easy to take and thoroughly effective in curing the consequences of constipation.

During the hot summer season the blood gets over heated, the drain on the system is severe and the appetite is often lost. Burdock Blood Bitters purifies and invigorates the blood, tones up the system, and restores lost appetite.

A man may be willing to admit that his wife knows more than he does, but just the same he objects to her running his business.

Weary Brain Workers.

Fagged out ideas come as slowly as molasses. You think of things just a minute or two too late. Snap is gone! The buoyancy that made work a pleasure—that's gone too. The doctor would tell you that you are run down not eating enough nor digesting enough. Your stomach needs aid, your digestion needs a bracer too. Your blood requires Phosphorus and iron that it may be formed readily. Now Ferrozone is a wonderful nerve bracer and blood maker. It's food for the blood and nerves, it will make you strong quickly and permanently. Sold by Chas A Burchill, druggist, 326 Queen st cor Regent, Fredericton, N B.

Representative Jackson (Kas.) has introduced a bill providing that the United States Government purchase the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies, and thereafter operate them in connection with the Post Office Department. Provision is made for appraisal of the property of the companies and for the payment of its appraised value when the amount is reported to Congress.

Gas on the Stomach.

result of imperfect digestion pressing up against the heart, it excites alarming symptoms. Instant relief is afforded by taking half an hour after each meal, ten drops of Polson's Nerviline in a little sweetened water. Nerviline aids digestion, expels the gas and imparts a sense of comfort. Nerviline is good for lots of other things, and wise people keep a 25c. bottle in the house for rheumatism, cramps, neuralgia toothache. Try it.

A long conference took place between five governors and the six members of honorary medical staff of Macclesfield (England) infirmary, who resigned last week because a lady doctor was appointed junior house surgeon. The doctors' dismissal, but the governors declined, and the doctors left the room. It is believed that the governors will appoint a resident medical man.

PASSED 15 WORMS. I gave Dr. Low's Worm Syrup to my little girl two and one-half years old; the result was that she passed fifteen round worms in five days. Mrs. B. Roy, Kilmanagh, Ont

Fur Caps and Collars.

Lucy & Co. are in receipt of a case of men's fur caps and collars. They came direct from one of the best manufacturers in Canada. They simply wish to remind those in need of a good fur cap or collar that it will be worth their while to examine these goods before completing their purchases. They also wish to say to those that purchased suits of clothes, overcoats, &c., that another case of watches have arrived and are now ready for those who are entitled to them.—d.

Good tea is good for the complexion and for the eyesight. If you would escape a muddy complexion and the use of spectacles, drink UNION BLEND TEA from the gardens of India and Ceylon.