

FRASER'S RATTLING APPEAL.

Distinguished M. P. Presents the Government's Claims For Support.

OPPOSITION CANVASSES EXPOSED AND EXPLODED.

The final public meeting of the government's friends in St. John was held last night at the York Theatre, which was packed to the doors with an enthusiastic, cheering crowd.

J. Fraser Gregory presided, and the speakers were Hon. H. A. McKeown, John L. Carleton, Geo. Robertson and Hon. D. C. Fraser, M. P., who did such valiant work for Mr. Gibson, M. P., in the last York campaign.

Rousing cheers, given by the great audience standing almost to a man, greeted Hon. D. C. Fraser. He thanked the people for their cheers because it had been asked what right had he to be here and what did he know about New Brunswick politics. "I've the right to be here that every Briton has to be here speaking to intelligent men." A curious distinction had been made as to this. He might not know much about New Brunswick politics but what about one of the Conservative candidates who did not know that school books were made in St. John? One would have to know little, indeed, to confute a man like that. (Laughter.)

In the Sun this morning it was announced that every county had been carried by the opposition, then what meant this large gathering tonight? The same thing had been predicted in Nova Scotia, the leader of the opposition had been heralded as the next premier of the province, but if 25 Conservatives had voted Liberal or if 50 more Liberals voted than did, there wouldn't have been an opposition member elected. As it was there were but two. (Cheers.)

BRIGHT FUTURE FOR LOWER PROVINCES.
"I don't know anything about your politics," sarcastically remarked the speaker, "but it strikes an outsider that we of the lower provinces are bound together whether or no." Providence, he continued, has so planned it that what affects one affects the other, and when he went to Ottawa he knew no difference between New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. The lower provinces were bound by a common interest, and there was but one thing for them to do, not to try to dictate to the dominion, but to be ready to show the advantages of what God had assigned to be the vestibule of the dominion over which would come and go the wealth of Canada, and yet they said he had no interests here.

THE WORN-OUT CHARGE OF EXTRAVAGANCE.
The speaker said he was much amused to hear that the question of provincial debt was raised. The question of debt, if every dollar had been wisely and honestly spent, did not trouble him. Canada was not going to go on all the time as now. Young people would get married, the old would die, many settlers would be coming in and greater population and greater development would come.

The debt of New Brunswick was not more than \$8 a head. But let him say \$10. Mr. Hazen says this was terrific, but he felt that a God given power had fallen on the Conservatives and they had placed a debt of \$50 a head on the people of Canada.

Mr. Fraser said if he could bear this burden of \$50, he was an ordinarily strong man and wouldn't die because of \$8 extra.

If this \$50 was right for the Dominion, and he was not attacking it now, did they not think the wants of the provinces must be looked after, and is the man to be held up to scorn who wisely and honestly spends money for the advancement and interests of the country? If wrong or dishonesty could be shown, then it was all right, but was it fair, if every dollar spent goes where it is voted for, that this question should be raised?

A PLAIN STATEMENT.

The speaker clearly outlined the course in parliament. The minister brings down his estimates for the year and he understood New Brunswick spent only about \$800,000 a year. The estimates are put on the table and every member of the house—opposition as well as government—can see them. Then they come up to be voted on by parliament because no government, except under extraordinary circumstances, can spend a dollar without the consent of the people. Mr. Hazen was in parliament and if one dollar had been wrongfully in the estimates he should have said so then, and if he could not prevent it, at least he could then have said to the country that he and his followers were opposed to it.

"Was there an issue raised in the last four years at Fredericton on one dollar?" A voice—"No."

"Then what do you think of a man," said the speaker, "or his followers who cry fearful extravagance and yet are not manly enough to stand up in the house against it?"

STILL ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY.

Next year, he continued, the expenditures are brought down to the public accounts and every dollar voted at the last session is there. The public accounts committee is appointed and Mr. Hazen or any member can call for vouchers for every expenditure, and if he believes anything is wrong can rise and move that Brown, Jones or anybody else be taken before the committee under oath and the wrong, if it exists, be shown. And the chairman of that committee has power to issue summonses compelling their attendance.

"In the last four years," he asked, "was there a single investigation of one dollar wrongfully spent and on which Mr. Hazen and his followers challenged the government in the house?"

Cheers and cries of "No."
"Then" said he, "either there was nothing wrong about the accounts and there was nothing upon which to challenge, or Mr. Hazen and his friends had no snap about them and ought not to be in parliament." (Cheers.)

Mr. Fraser illustrated his point by an apt comparison, and said it showed a lack of the essentials of statesmanship for a man or body of men to sit in parliament for four years, see all the expenditures honestly made up and voted upon, not say a word against them and later go around wagging their heads and saying, "Something's wrong, something's wrong." They were saying it because they hoped to go in so they could go on making more debt.

AN UNMANLY COURSE

There was a spirit of fair play about the Briton. He liked the man who, if there is an issue, comes manfully up and knocks him down; but he could not tolerate the man who has his chance to have his say and does not use it.

Perhaps it could not be said that every dollar had been voted right. Men differed honestly, but when it is voted and goes where it was voted it should go and nothing is wrongfully spent, instead of opposing the government, all who believe in the future welfare of the province should thank God that, whatever was said, we had a good, honest government. (Cheers.)

The opposition should not abuse the government unless they can show that they (the opposition) can do better. Constructive statesmanship was better than destructive statesmanship, if the latter could be called statesmanship at all. Their position was like the farmer who knocked down his fence before he had a single stick ready to put up another.

These men ought to say upon what lines they would make improvement, before they asked the people to replace the present government. It requires ability to rule a country and rule well and simply, because a man says he's the one to rule well, may not do at all.

PARTY AGAINST PARTY.

The local opposition in New Brunswick in 1899 said that they were going to run local elections in the future on dominion lines—Conservative vs. Liberal. That was the resolution at the Moncton convention and the firm judgment of the party as expressed in the resolution. They had not since called together the same power to rescind that resolution. If he was in New Brunswick, Liberal as he was, he would say that when Conservatives drew the lines on dominion issues in local politics, there was only one place for him to be with the Liberal party.

If such an extraordinary thing were to happen as that half the Liberals in New Brunswick were to be prostrated by disease and unable to vote, and that the other half were able to get within but two of the number of seats in the province, and Mr. Hazen should into power, the shout would go from one end of Canada to the other: "The pillars are rotting, Blair is done for, Lanier might as well shut up shop, for the Conservatives have carried New Brunswick." (Cheers.)

There should be no deception as to this. Our Conservative friends were wise in

their day. They knew New Brunswick was sound for Liberal principles. (Applause) They can only hope to reach victory by pretending they are broad-minded and include Liberals to destroy the government.

They spoke of members of the government as having been Conservatives. He would trust these members when with the Liberals more than all the time they were Conservatives, because "he that walketh with the wise shall be wise."

THE "TIME FOR A CHANGE" CANVASS.

The canvass is made that it was "time for a change; 20 years was long enough." He might be making a bull, but he would say it was time for a change when it was time for a change and not before. Take an illustration from every day life. A man lived for 20 years beside a good neighbor, but a gypsy camped on the flats near by and the man said to his neighbor: "You'll have to get out to make room for this gypsy; it's time for a change." (Laughter.)

Again, take the man who has lived for 20 years in the sunshine of happy home life. He comes home from his work to find his meal ready for him spread upon spotless table linen by the hands of his wife. Those hands might be hard—much harder than those of the lady who played the piano or fondled a poodle dog; that wife, too, had often sung to sleep with a lullaby the children she bore. The man goes to one of Mr. Hazen's meetings and learns the doctrine that "it's time for a

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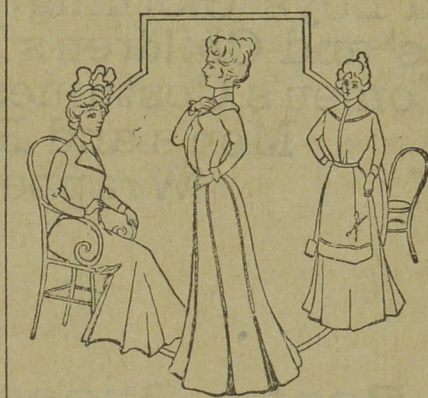
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