

NO ENTHUSIASM AROUSED BY OPPOSITION LEADER

Repeats His Opening Speech With Slight Variations at
Other Points in Nova Scotia--Local Men Not Dis-
playing Much Interest in Campaign
Foster Protects Himself

(Special correspondence of The Fredericton Herald.)
OTTAWA, August 31.—The leader of the Opposition, having opened the campaign, proceeds from place to place, delivering, with slight variation, the same speech with which his tour commenced.

NO ENTHUSIASM AROUSED.

It cannot be said that any enthusiasm has been aroused. Any interest that attaches to Mr. Borden's political tour is caused by the appearance on the same platform of Hon. Geo. E. Foster. Curiosity has caused many to attend the meetings to hear the man who is loudest in his denunciation of the Government, and who, himself, is the object of scathing comment by a Royal Commission.

PEOPLE DON'T WANT FOSTER.

Mr. Foster possesses an extensive vocabulary, and he is a past master in the art of caustic criticism. Until another side of the case is presented, the one advanced by this politician would appear to be convincing, definite and damaging. He appears to take his audience into his confidence, and his plausible manner would deceive the very elect.

Speaking at Middleton, N. S., and addressing himself to an old Liberal in the meeting, he enumerated a long list of political infamies, and asked whether the gentleman's vote would have been given to Sir Wilfrid Laurier had he known Sir Wilfrid would have been a party to such political crimes. The old Liberal, of course, said no, he could give no other answer, neither could any man, be he Liberal or Conservative.

FOSTER'S DISHONEST METHODS.

This incident illustrates the methods employed by Mr. Foster. A man less clever, with less devilish ingenuity, would not have placed one of his audience in such indelicate position. Mr. Foster did not prove or make any charge against any person, he put a question to which there could be but one answer.

Had the matter ended at a question and answer, no great injury would have been done, but Mr. Foster, having created a certain condition, one utterly without foundation, misleading and false, proceeds to manufacture political capital. He assumes without the slightest warrant, and in the absence of a scintilla of evidence, that Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his Government are guilty of the imaginary crimes referred to. He then enlarges upon the answer of the old Liberal, and presumes to say that the Liberal government would not have received the support, and the general application of the incident is, that, being guilty of many crimes, the government has lost the support of the people.

This is the character of argument presented to the people of the Maritime Provinces by Mr. Foster, this is the man Mr. Borden has called to his assistance to convert the people from Liberalism to Conservatism.

AN UNSCRUPULOUS POLITICIAN.

A more unscrupulous, cold-blooded politician than Mr. Foster cannot be found in Canadian public life today. He has

absolutely no regard for the feelings of the man against whom his maledictions are hurled—he makes the most flagrant charges upon very flimsy evidence—he is callous to the effect of his diatribes upon man, woman and child.

Yet this is the same Mr. Foster who was stripped of his true colors as a man who wrongfully used trust funds of the Foresters to his own advantage. He is the man who took the rake-off and commissions on the side to the prejudice of the widow and orphan. He is the politician who was denounced in the house, and to whom Hon. Mr. Aylesworth, minister of justice, administered such a castigation that will be long remembered by those who witnessed the scene.

HARD ON CONSERVATIVES.

Mr. Borden has such a poor cause that he is forced to bring to his assistance a man who has lost the respect as well as the support of members of his own party. Mr. Foster, speaking to the agriculturalists of the Maritime Provinces, and Mr. Foster, with tears in his eyes suffering the consequences of his own acts, in the House of Commons, are two different men. For this man to impose his views on the people or seek to attain to the position of a minister of the crown, is insulting the people and would be nothing short of a calamity.

FOSTER'S DIRTY RECORD.

The Conservative party is indeed in a weak condition when the man who played the leading role in the nest of traitors, and afterwards sought to become rich at the expense of the widows and orphans of the Foresters is called upon to take a leading part.

A party which depends upon a shift politician such as Geo. E. Foster, who made veiled charges against the administration of Hon. Clifford Sifton, and then, when challenged by Mr. Sifton to repeat them in his presence remained as dumb as an oyster, has very little cause to expect support from the people.

What cause can gain strength when its chief advocate is the man who for weeks, day after day, wasted the time and money of the people in vain attempts to explain to the house his own and false, shady transactions?

What faith will the people of Canada place in a man who seeks to overthrow a government by alleging against it the charges of mismanagement and graft, when the same man has also, not only been charged, but proved guilty of mismanagement and graft by a Royal Commission?

Geo. E. Foster is the man whose voice is heard above all others in indiscriminate denunciation of everything Liberal.

WHY FOSTER DROPPED AT TACK.

He is the man who charges the Liberal administration with extravagance, and who at a recent session announced his intention of attacking the financial dealings of the government, but who quickly changed his mind when the government gave him a pension of \$3,500 a year, which he quietly accepted and enjoyed, but gave no service for.

This is the financial critic who

says the government spends money for which no return is received. His mind must have been dwelling on this pension of \$3,500 which he took from the government, and gratefully acknowledged by dropping his contemptuous attack.

TOOK PEOPLE'S MONEY.

The man who is the right bower of the Conservative leader, and whose appearance on the public platform is an affront to the people, is the same Geo. E. Foster who, having enjoyed a pension of \$3,500 a year, for which he did nothing, objected to the government taking it away from him. This man who is so careful of the interests of the people, so ready to attack the government for paying men too much for their goods, or too much for their services, saw nothing wrong in taking \$3,500 a year of the people's money, without giving in return either services or goods.

QUESTIONS FOR FOSTER

The next time Mr. Foster appears in public, let some man put these questions to him:

1. Is it true or untrue that the Royal Insurance Commission found you guilty of wrongfully using trust funds of the Foresters to your own advantage?

2. Is it true or untrue that the Royal Insurance Commission found you guilty of taking illegal commissions, on the side, in addition to your salary as manager of the Union Trust Company?

3. Is it true or untrue that the Royal Insurance Commission found you guilty of investing the trust funds of the Foresters in illegal securities and contrary to the law?

4. Is it true or untrue that the Royal Commission on Insurance found you guilty of a conspiracy to acquire control of the Foresters' funds through the medium of another company formed for that purpose?

5. Is it true or untrue that the Royal Commission on Insurance found that you had been guilty of conniving at the formation of a company so that investments prohibited by law to the Foresters might be made under cover of such company?

6. Is it true or untrue that the Royal Commission on Insurance reported that you had placed the money of the Foresters in jeopardy by speculating with it in hazardous undertakings?

7. Is it true or untrue that you were directly, to your face, charged with all these things in the House of Commons by the Minister of Justice of Canada, Hon. Mr. Aylesworth?

CAN FOSTER DENY THIS?

Let some man propound one or all of these questions to Mr. Foster in public meeting, before doing so, let him provide himself with a copy of the Royal Commissioners' report on Insurance, and Mr. Foster will not be so anxious to address to "Old Liberal" or any other man.

There are some other questions Mr. Foster might be asked. Here are a few sample ones:

1. Are you the same Foster who was denounced by your chief, Sir Mackenzie Bowell, as being the leader in the nest of traitors?

2. Are you the man whom the chief Tory newspaper of Ontario described as "Judas Iscariot" because you betrayed your premier, Sir Mackenzie Bowell?

3. Are you the man who notified the government you intended to criticise their financial policy and failed to do so when the government gave you a pension of \$3,500 a year?

4. Is it not true that you accepted this money from the government and gave nothing in return?

5. Is it not a fact that although you denounced extravagance in the government, you saw nothing wrong in the government giving you \$3,500 a year for doing nothing?

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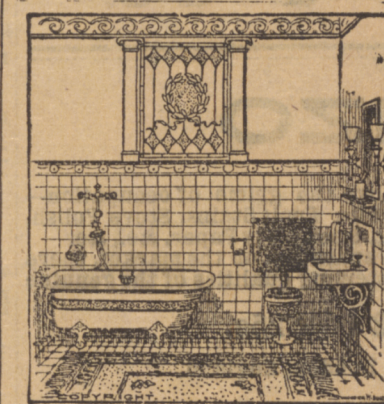
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