

MR. McALPINE'S GREAT SPEECH

Clever St. John Lawyer Dealt Ably With the
Issues of the Campaign

Liberal Policy and Administration Approved—Pugsley
Stands High in Parliament.

At the Liberal mass meeting at the Opera house on Saturday afternoon, Mr. E. H. McAlpine, K. C., of St. John, delivered one of the finest campaign speeches heard in this city for many a day. He went after the Tories hammer and tongs, and his remarks struck a responsive chord in the audience. Commenting on the Tory meeting in Fredericton last week he pointed out that Mr. Borden and his lieutenants had told the same story four years ago, they had told it eight years ago, and they had told it twelve years ago with the same result on each occasion. In the last four years thirty-nine bye elections were held in Canada, and the Liberals had won thirty of them, and they are going to win again on October 27th. (Applause.) Hon. Mr. Pugsley had alluded to that great man, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, as a man who in every position and under every situation, has always measured up to the standard. (Applause.) The sentiment of the people of Canada today is that he will rule another five years. Our opponents are going about the country boasting that they are going to win, because they think that the people have forgotten all about their misdeeds. But unfortunately for them there has come the exposure in connection with the Colchester election, where "choice tomatoes" were used to such good advantage.

Today we have Mr. Borden representing Carleton, Ont., and Mr. Foster representing North Toronto. Why do they represent those far away constituencies? Simply because they were driven from home. Recently the Conservatives met in Halifax, and passed purity resolutions, but while this was going on Bayne was being sent up for trial for practising bribery and corruption in Colchester. A few years ago Mr. Graham of the Montreal Star, one of the leading newspapers of Canada, took the stand in a suit brought against him by L'Environnement of Quebec, told of his contributions to the Tory campaign fund, and quoted from a letter written by Mr. Borden, in which he was counselled as to how the money should be distributed. Borden's advice was not to send it to candidates for parliament, but to good local men who had the confidence of the party. This matter was brought to Mr. Borden's attention, and he denied ever having written such a letter. Mr. Graham was absent in Europe at the time, but when he returned he wrote a letter on the subject, repeating the statement, and sent it to all parts of the country. From that day to this you have not read any great eulogies of Mr. Borden in the Montreal Star. (Laughter.)

ROBLIN'S RECORD.

Referring to Premier Roblin of Manitoba, who visited here last week, the speaker pointed out that as premier he had been mixed up in a land sale that was anything but creditable. He had disposed of some eighty thousand acres of crown lands to a syndicate, of which a member of the Manitoba legislature was a member, at the low price of \$3 per acre. The company in their prospectus declare that the lands are the best in the province of Manitoba, and they are booming them in Great Britain. This is Mr. Roblin, who comes down here to throw dirt at better men than himself.

For eighteen years the Conservatives ruled, or rather misruled Canada and everything went to stagnation. Sir Mackenzie Bowell, who was premier in 1896, was knifed by Foster, and afterwards said he had been living among a nest of traitors. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, on coming into power, lowered the tariff and reduced the taxation. The government also lowered the postage on letters and newspapers, and increased the postal revenue from \$3,000,000 to \$6,000,000. Mr. Crockett was going over the country using the argument that the government had increased the rate on registered postage; they had done nothing of the kind. Mr. Crockett told you four years ago that the eastern section of the Grand Trunk Pacific would never be built, that the surveys were a fake. Today we have the Dominion government expending millions of dollars on the construction of this great railway in New Brunswick. (Applause.)

BOOM IN TRADE.

Touching upon the fiscal policy of the government Mr. McAlpine said that the foreign trade of Canada under Tory rule increased only \$66,000,000, while, under the twelve years of Liberal rule it had increased \$400,000,000. The government went to work as practical business men and gave the people hope.

They subsidized lines of steamers, opened up new routes of travel, and rolled back the map of Canada over 1,000 miles. Under Tory rule the largest number of immigrants who came to Canada in any one year was 21,000, while last year 250,000 came in of the very best class. Canada is looked upon by immigrants as the land of promise. They are coming from the countries of Europe and from the United States, to help us bear the burdens of the country. Canada under Liberal rule has attracted the attention of American capitalists, and already they have \$350,000,000 invested in industries in this country. (Applause.) Under the national policy thousands of young men were driven from the country to the United States, because they could find nothing to do at home. At the present time statistics show that there are two millions of Canadians living in the United States, who ought to be in Canada, and would have been here if they had not been driven out. Among the American industries that have lately been located in Canada he might mention the Singer Sewing Machine Company at St. John's, Quebec, National Harvesting Co. at Hamilton and the Fairbanks Scales company at Sherbrooke. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has been able to make two blades of grass grow where one grew before, and we see prosperity now where before there was nothing but stagnation.

TORY MUCKRAKERS.

Touching upon the scandal mongering policy of the opposition, Mr. McAlpine said that the Tories had condemned the late Hon. A. G. Blair, one of the ablest men Canada ever produced. (Applause.) For building the Crows Nest Pass railway, which had opened up valuable mineral lands. Mr. Blair had urged this work upon the government, and it was undertaken by the C. P. R., who received assistance to the extent of \$3,500,000. This railway has opened up Kootenay Valley, and towns have sprung up in every direction as a result, and the desert has blossomed as the rose. During the past 12 years the Canadian Pacific railway has issued \$100,000,000 worth of new stock which has been used in developing the country's business. This has been done since the Liberals came into power, and is proof of the great prosperity of the country.

Mr. McAlpine next made reference to the Grand Trunk Pacific railway, and showed that the contract made by the government for the construction of this great work was far more advantageous to the country than that made by the Conservatives with the Canadian Pacific. Why is the Canadian Pacific one of the greatest corporations in the world? It is because of the very generous manner in which they were dealt with by the Conservative government, who gave them

ABOUT EVERYTHING IN SIGHT.

The Conservatives had abused the late Alexander MacKenzie, but they are now canonizing him. He built five or six hundred miles of the C. P. R., at a cost of \$35,000,000, and the Conservatives came along and made it a free gift to the C. P. R. They also gave them 25,000,000 acres of land, and \$25,000,000 in cash. The land alone at a valuation of \$5 per acre would be worth \$125,000,000. And what is more than that the government exempted the company from taxation, and would not allow any competing lines to be built.

We have the greatest country in the world, and it was here when the Conservatives were in power, but what did they do? They built the C. P. R., and then went to sleep. They allowed the country to go into a condition of stagnation and decay, and it remained in that condition until Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his government came in. Look at what has been accomplished since. The Conservatives had the same opportunity to do something for the country as Sir Wilfrid Laurier, but they WERE NOT EQUAL TO THE OCCASION.

In the old days they used to refer to St. John as the "Liverpool of America." At that time a big delegation of business men waited upon Sir Leonard Tilley, and asked him to have some dredging done in the harbor of St. John. His reply was that it would never do to spend public money to improve private property. And so it was with George E. Foster, when he was finance minister of Canada. A committee of St. John business men waited upon him at the Royal hotel, and asked that he have St. John recognized in a contract made by the government with the Allan Steamship company. He gave

them no satisfaction, and did not even have the decency to offer them a chair. Those men took their departure and have not since voted for the Conservative party.

Mr. McAlpine then told the audience of the great things that the late Hon. Mr. Blair was able to accomplish in St. John in the way of public improvements, and also told of the great efforts being put forth by the present Minister of Public Works to equip St. John for handling the export trade and making it the winter port of Canada. Millions of dollars have been spent in developing the west, and it is no more than right that the east should now be given some attention. He went on to speak of the large number of new buildings that had sprung up in St. John in recent years, and of the spirit of optimism and hope which prevailed among the people. Under Tory rule the people had nothing to look forward to but taxation, now they have prosperity and progress.

AN ABLE MINISTER.

Referring to Hon. Dr. Pugsley, the speaker said that he had heard Hon. Charles Marcell, deputy speaker of the House of Commons, pay Pugsley a great compliment at the Rothsay picnic. Marcell said that in parliament last session the Tories tried day after day to upset and anger Hon. Mr. Pugsley, but they entirely failed, in their purpose, and he came out as beautiful and calm as a rose. (Applause.) He said further that Hon. Mr. Pugsley is beyond a doubt one of the ablest parliamentarians that ever occupied a seat at Ottawa. (Applause.) We feel, said Mr. McAlpine, when we go up to Ottawa, that our province is in the swim, and that we are represented by an able man who would take back water from nobody. (Applause.) The county of York should join in the great Liberal procession. Mr. Fielding boasts that Nova Scotia is the banner Liberal province, but New Brunswick is going to be with us this time.

Mr. McAlpine pointed out that during eighteen years of Conservative rule that party had spent \$80,000,000, while the Liberals during their twelve years of office had expended in public works \$127,000,000, and had only borrowed \$500,000. They had expended the money because they had it to spend. He went on to speak of the great importance of the agricultural interest in Canada, and of the good work accomplished for the farmers by the Hon. Sidney Fisher. He felt sure that

THE FARMERS OF YORK

had enjoyed a share of the great prosperity of the country, and it was in their interests to keep the Liberal party in power. He called attention to the lip loyalty of the Tories, who, during the war in the Sudan, sent a contingent of forty men at their own expense to help the Mother Country, while Sir Wilfrid Laurier had sent 9,000 men to fight the battles of the empire. Sir John Macdonald was afraid to do it in his time, but Sir Wilfrid did it. He referred to the British preference as a wise and statesmanlike act, and felt sure that while Canada did not have a preference in the British market, they had a preference in the hearts of the people of the motherland. This was shown by the great reception which was extended to Sir Wilfrid Laurier at the Diamond Jubilee by Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

Mr. McAlpine made a strong plea for religious toleration and unity, and urged the people to give their support to the government that had done so much for Canada. Those Tories who found fault with Sir Wilfrid Laurier because he was a Catholic did not hesitate to

FOLLOW THE LEAD OF SIR JOHN THOMPSON.

who left the Methodist church and became a Catholic. It was right and proper for a man to worship how he pleases, but let us have done with this miserable hypocrisy.

Mr. McAlpine spoke words of praise of Hon. Mr. Pugsley, and while he had every respect for Mr. Hazen he thought that Dr. Pugsley's little finger was worth more to the province than Hazen's whole body. (Applause.) He briefly referred to Central Railway and showed the wisdom of the late government's course in taking hold of this road

and extending it to the great coal fields of Queens county. Because the government did this work Mr. Hazen had found it necessary to appoint a committee of investigation. Let him go along with his investigation as long as he likes, he has the Conservative party behind him, and their whole object is to try and injure Dr. Pugsley. It was because Mr. Hazen and his government were so busy hunting for scandal at the last session that they allowed the sundries of the St. John Valley railway to lapse.

Mr. McAlpine concluded his able address with a stirring appeal to the electors of York to return the Liberal candidate, and thereby strengthen the hand of the Hon. Wm. Pugsley and the government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, which is doing so much for the glory of Canada. (Prolonged applause.)

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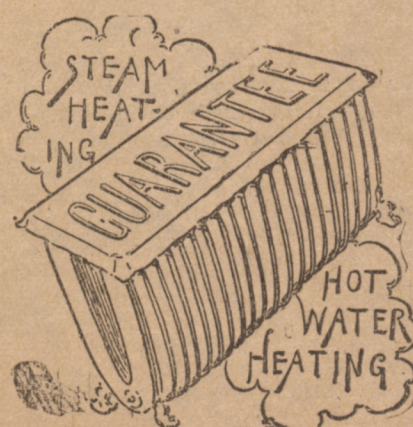
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