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DR. PUGSLEY'S VINDICATION

Not for many years has St. John witnessed, even in the last hours of a campaign, such enthusiasm as was manifest last night at the great Liberal mass meeting in the Nickel Theatre. Nor could any man who seeks to vindicate himself against attack desire a more sympathetic audience than that which last evening gave Hon. Dr. Pugsley what must have seemed the most pleasing reception ever accorded him in his whole political career. An attempt had been made to rob him of reputation and of the confidence of the people. This was his opportunity to reply. In perhaps the most effective address he has ever delivered, and one which at the close brought forth a remarkable tribute of confidence and esteem from the vast audience, he explained the financial matters in dispute between himself and the provincial government, and so thoroughly vindicated himself from any charge of dishonesty that his traducers are placed in the humiliating position of having slandered a public man, whose only offence is that he is doing more for St. John than any of them ever did or dreamed of doing or seeing done for the benefit of the winter port. The prominence of those who have been making charges against him, and the publicity given throughout Canada to their statements, justified the minister in devoting the greater portion of his remarks last night to matters of a personal character. Only the night before, at the Opera House, he had been charged with leaving the provincial treasury "raided and rifled," and Premier Hazen has been going about Quebec and Ontario breathing threatenings and political slaughter. It is perhaps too much to expect that these gentlemen will change their tactics, but so far as the effect in this constituency is concerned, they have their answer. The more they assail Dr. Pugsley in that manner the larger will be his majority and that of his colleague, Mr. Pender.

No public man could ask a greater ovation or more pronounced assurance of public confidence than was accorded the minister of public works last evening by one of the most representative audiences it would be possible to secure in St. John, and one which filled the Nickel Theatre to overflowing. On every side people, hundreds of them, who could not find seats, were content to stand and to join in the remarkable outbursts of cheering which greeted the speakers throughout the evening. Anyone who was present and who had been present at the Opera House on the preceding evening, does not need to be told that Pugsley and Pender will be victorious in this contest. Slander is a poor weapon, and St. John people love fair play.

WASTING TIME

The opposition speakers are wasting a lot of valuable time trying to convince the people that the Grand Trunk Pacific will not be completed to St. John for some years to come. Such discussion does not interest the electors. They know that the transcontinental railway is in process of construction, and is giving employment to an army of laborers, even in New Brunswick. They know that it will be completed, and that in order to provide terminals here much dredging must be done. Would they have the dredging postponed until the first train arrives? What cries of indignation we should hear if that policy were pursued. That was the policy pursued by the Conservatives in the case of the C. P. R., and the city itself had to provide the terminals. But Dr. Pugsley proposes to have the dredging proceed in such a way that when the railway is completed the company may also have wharves constructed and a deep water channel leading up to them. This is a statesmanlike policy, and recognises the importance of being ready for traffic when it comes. It is the policy the Conservative government refused to carry out, as delegation after delegation from St. John to Ottawa can testify. The trouble with the small-bore critics of the minister is that they cannot grasp a scheme of national proportions, nor appreciate the significance of an intelligent and comprehensive transportation policy. Whoever sneers at the Grand Trunk Pacific, now that the work has been undertaken and is being carried to completion, is an enemy of the port of St. John. Whatever views may have originally been held or advocated the railway is a fact, and the country committed to a policy with regard to it. The port of St. John should elect men who will guard its interests in the matter. The government which began the road will be returned to power. Dr. Pugsley is a member of that government, and the welfare of this constituency demands his re-election, along with the election of Mr. James Pender.

ST. JOHN'S INTERESTS

That which the electors of St. John want most to know in this campaign is the effect their course will have upon the vital interests of the winter port. The Conservative speakers assert that if their party is given to power Mr. Borden will look after the interests of this port.. But suppose the government is sustained and Dr. Pugsley and Mr. Pender are defeated. What then? Would the interests of the port be as well served by Dr. Daniel and Dr. MacRae? The mere thought is absurd. This does not mean that political support is to be the price of winter port development, for the government, through Dr. Pugsley, is committed to the latter course; but it does mean that with a representative in the government, to resist rival claims and insist upon carrying out the policy of development the claims of the port would secure more prompt and sympathetic consideration. Therefore the citizens would commit an inexcusable blunder if by their own act they checked the work of expansion so auspiciously begun. They are able clearly to perceive that by the election of Dr. Pugsley and Mr. Pender they will immeasurably strengthen the position of St. John, and ensure the continuance of the policy which will make the port a terminal of the Grand Trunk Pacific as well as of the C. P. R. and I. C. R., and one of the great national ports of Canada.

A diamond in the rough is none the less a diamond. Mr. Pender is not accustomed to political speaking, but to conducting large business concerns. He proves, however, at every meeting, that he can make a clear business statement, showing a complete grasp of the industrial and commercial affairs of the country. He will make a most valuable representative in parliament.

Much is being made by Conservatives of a statement made by Joe Martin with reference to corruption in the Liberal ranks. The speakers omit to state, however, that Mr. Martin has just as bad an opinion of the Conservatives, and is running in Vancouver as an independent, appealing for votes from both sides. And that is all we need to remark about Joe Martin.

The Hon. Mr. Bowser, who has come East to peddle his Japanese wares, may as well take the back trail. This is a poor market. The workingmen of St. John are interested in the growth of St. John and their business just now is to aid the party whose policy is development. Mr. Bowser has no mandate from the workingmen of the Pacific province.

Mr. Copp made a very effective address last evening, and was given a splendid reception. Mr. Pender's discussion of the tariff was the statement of a clear-headed business man. Mr. McKeown's challenge to Mr. Bowser, of British Columbia, will give that gentleman something to talk about that is worth while.

The Standard yesterday was very unkind to Mr. Powell. It did not find room for more than the merest skeleton, and that picked rather clean, of his speech at the Opera House, in which he handed out what he must have thought was great campaign material.

Senator Jaffray has cleared up the Crow's Nest story of which so much was made by Premier Roblin, of Manitoba. His statement in to-day's Times is commended to the thoughtful attention of Conservative partisans. The campaign of slander is a losing campaign.

An Ottawa despatch says:—"Japanese and Hindu immigration has been practically stopped, less than 600 having come in since the first of the year."

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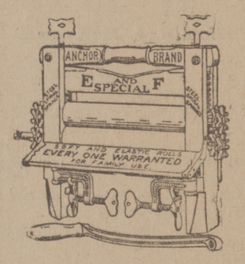
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Friends of the Liberal party have secured control of The Telegraph and The Evening Times, and henceforward these journals, in political matters, will be conducted in harmony with the principles of the great party to which they originally gave their allegiance.

In the near future, when organization has been perfected, Liberals in the city of St. John, and in every part of the province, will be given an opportunity to participate in the ownership of these newspapers. The desire and intention is to maintain them at a high standard, to increase their present extensive news service, and to keep them for the future within the control of New Brunswick Liberals as a whole, to reflect the sentiments and advance the interests of the party.

This announcement is made in answer to recent inquiries as to the political course of those journals, and we believe it will prove satisfactory to Liberals everywhere who have felt that The Telegraph and The Times should always have been their advocates. There is, however, no intention to follow narrow partizan tactics. First and foremost The Telegraph and The Times are newspapers, and they will deal with public questions on broad lines, ever mindful that the public good is the first consideration.

ONLY FOR THREE WEEKS

If the Conservative speakers believe what they say about Dr. Pugsley they should decline to speak to him on the street or elsewhere. They should call upon the press and pulpit to denounce him as an enemy of the country, and upon all honest men to turn their backs upon him. But these orators do not mean what they say. The character of the whole Conservative campaign demands that their opponents be called thieves and robbers, and this will continue until Oct. 26th. After that Dr. MacRae and Mr. Powell will go on doing business with Dr. Pugsley as sociably as before, and Hon. Mr. Maxwell will join his provincial colleagues in urging Dr. Pugsley to help them along with their game at Ottawa. For another three weeks Dr. Pugsley can easily stand the pressure, and afterwards the sunshine of confidence and favor will again be his to bask therein.

In contrast to the monster meeting in the Opera House last evening it may be worth noting that even the Hon. Mr. Bowser, of British Columbia, could not attract enough people to crowd the small Carleton city hall to its capacity.

Three weeks more of active work before election day. Watch the Conserative barometer go down.

A SENSE OF OPULENCE.

Dey tell me I's unlucky
'Cause I hasn't got a cent,
Ceppin' now an' den a little
Foh a payment on de rent;
But de road is long an' shady
An' de leafy woods is free,
An' I somehow can't he'p feelin'
Dat dey all belongs to me.

De blossoms in de summer
An' de gold leaf in de fall—
I doesn' ax permission
An' I shore enjoys 'em all!
An' de singin' in de branches
An' de shunshine on de sea—
I couldn' hardly notice
Dat dey don' belong to me!

—Washington Star.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

HARDLY.

"Do you think the present generation will hand her latest book down to posterity?"
"No; I think they will drop it."

HONESTY.

"Honesty," said Uncle Eben, "is de best policy, an' I's mo' dan half expectin' to see de day when it's also considered de bes' politics."—Washington Star.

WISH HE COULD.

Book Agent—Is your pa in?
Boy—Yes, sir.
Book Agent—Can I see him?
Boy—No; he's in for thirty days.

SOME ENGLISH.

"You say you read every word of the advertisements in that magazine?"
"Yes," answered Miss Mayenne. "It's a relief to find something that isn't in the dialect."—Washington Star.

EASIER.

Nan—"I believe I'll go and change this gown for another. It doesn't harmonize with my complexion."
Fan—"You foolish thing; go and change your complexion. That won't take you half as long."

HAIL TO THE PIGSKIN!

Tear 'em up! and
Hit the line!
Smash 'em, mash 'em!
Rah, rah, fine!
Eat 'em! beat 'em!
Whoop and cheer!
Gentle football
Season's here.

—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

DANGER IN THE CAVALRY.

(Denver Post.)

A cavalry sergeant at a western post had endured the stupidity of a recruit for many days. One day the "rookie" was thus greeted when he had violated the sergeant's orders: "Say, don't ever come at the horses from behind without speakin' to them!" exclaimed the sergeant. "They'll be kicking in that thick head or yours! Then, the first thing you know, there'll be a lot o' lame horses in the squadron!"

SPECIAL ANSWERS.

(Newspaperdom.)

A well known newspaper man tells of the time when he conducted an "Answers to Correspondents" column for a newspaper. For the convenience of such subscribers as wished personal replies to their queries the editor would send responses direct when stamped envelopes were enclosed for the purpose.

One morning the editor was in receipt of two communications requesting personal replies, one from an anxious mother who wrote touching the proper rearing of twins, the other from a farmer who asked for a method of getting rid of grasshoppers.

The editor out of the fullness of his knowledge wrote the two replies, but in the press of business got them in the wrong envelopes. To the mother of twins went this interesting recommendation:

"Cover them carefully with straw and then set fire to it. After jumping in the flames for a few minutes the little pests will be speedily done for."

The man who was troubled with grasshoppers was bidden to:

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