

GOVERNMENT CANDIDATES IN CITY BURIED BENEATH STORM OF BALLOTS

Opposition Carried All the Wards in the City Except Three---
McKeown and Lowell Hold St. John County --- Wild En-
thusiasm in Opposition Headquarters and Disconsolate
Gathering in Government Rooms.

Such a political upheaval in St. John city has not been known in years. Every opposition candidate is elected! They stood three governments to one opposition on Tuesday morning; Tuesday night the position was four opposition, no government. And the majorities! Well just consult the tabulated statement and there will be found hundreds of votes in the opposition column over the number given the government ticket.

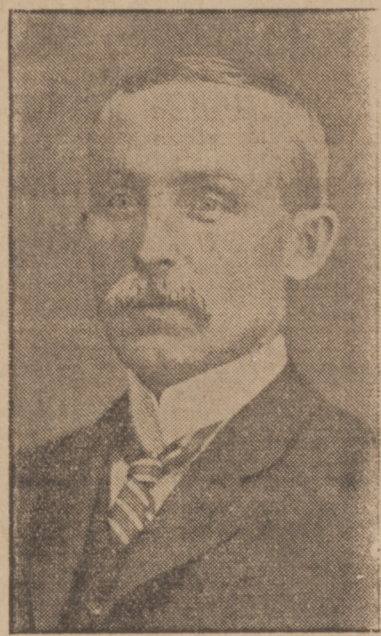
Did they celebrate? Well rather. Oh what a sight that was in Keith's assembly rooms. What ringing cheers and deafening shouts. What unbounded enthusiasm. The candidates were the great men of the day and how their supporters did congratulate them and join with them in celebrating the great victory.

A wave of jubilation swept over the city when it became known that the opposition had carried all four seats by overwhelming majorities. Within an hour of the closing of the polls the word went round that victory was in sight and the returns as they were received not only confirmed the news but indicated that the government ticket had been completely snowed under. The official returns as handed in to the sheriff's office were as follows: Wilson, 4,453; Maxwell, 4,338; McKeown, 4,293; Hatheway, 4,289; Sears, 3,837; Lantallum, 3,782; Skinner, 3,654; and Purdy, 3,648.

At the opposition headquarters in Keith's assembly rooms it is almost needless to say there was a scene of wild excitement. Cheer after cheer rent the air when the extent of the government's defeat was made known. The City Cornet Band was called into requisition and the streets were paraded by a shouting, cheering throng which made a demonstration that will be remembered for many a long day.

The weather was favorable to a heavy vote. Teams were in great demand by both parties and the streets presented an animated appearance during polling hours. The opposition ward workers toiled early and late and entered into the contest with a determination to win. They were naturally jubilant at the result.

In the various places of amusement where the returns were announced the cheering was deafening. In Canterbury



John E. Wilson, St. John City.

street the space in front of The Telegraph and Times offices was filled with people awaiting the returns and as the figures showing victory after victory were thrown on the white screen, cheer after cheer rent the air. It was not until nearly midnight that the city resumed its usual appearance and the people retired to their homes rejoicing in the sweets of victory.

Pandemonium reigned in the Keith assembly rooms, where the followers of the opposition gathered to hear the returns which changed their party from opposition to government. The assembly rooms from 5 o'clock until 11 were filled with a shouting crowd of men, who cheered themselves hoarse over each dispatch received, and gave the successful candidates such cheers as had never been beaten in St. John.

W. H. Thorne, whose prediction that the opposition would carry thirty seats, was ridiculed by the government press, but whose prophecy was proven true, as he read out the returns was in his chair and W. H. Harrison was in his post as secretary.

The cheering news from the city was the first received and was a fitting indication of the trend of all the returns. When the results from the different wards, when the government had formerly captured with large majorities were heard and the crowd realized that the city had elected the opposition candidates with an unpre-

cedented majority, the enthusiasm was great and the rapidly increasing crowd bid fair to cheer itself hoarse before the candidates appeared.

The wards in the central portion of the city were first reported and the election of the opposition seemed certain from the first. H. C. Green reported the handsome majority in Lorne ward, and P. Grannan came to the front to report the overwhelming victory in Dufferin. Ald. Pic-kett brought news of the two to one victory in Victoria and the other city wards were soon heard from. Then J. B. M. Baxter appeared with the Carleton returns, and his announcement that the west side had given nearly 200 majority was received with cheers for the candidates. Ald. Baxter and L. P. D. Tilley. When the totals were made up there were more cheers and every face was lighted with the joy of victory following a hard-fought battle.

All this time the returns from all over the province were pouring in and Ald. Baxter replaced W. H. Thorne on the platform. When county after county was reported to have gone opposition, the crowd began to wonder if any of the government ticket would be elected. The news of the government majority in Moncton city was expected, but the cheering news from York, Carleton, Charlotte, Kent and Kings set the crowd wild.

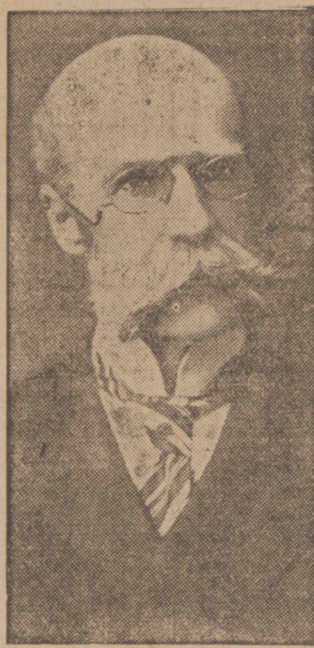
The first advice from Beauséjour indicated that the opposition ticket would lead, but a nearly complete statement showed that LaBelle and Currie had won.

"Too bad," said a voice in the audience. At this point Ald. Baxter read an imaginary telegram from Moncton to the effect that Premier Robinson had sent to Toronto to engage an auditor to examine into the returns in St. John city, and the sally raised a merry laugh.

The news that Albert had gone opposition came almost as a surprise to the most ardent supporter. There were cries of "How about Harry in the county?" but no definite returns were received from the county, though it became generally known that Clark and Mosher had been defeated.

Rupert W. Wigmore was hoisted to the platform to give an incomplete report from Kings county to the effect that the three opposition candidates were returned. The report from Sunbury was the signal for a burst of cheering in honor of Premier Hazen. At 7 o'clock it was announced that the opposition had carried twenty-nine seats, the government fourteen, with Queens in doubt.

By this time the assembly rooms were jammed full by a cheering mass of humanity, who had forgotten twenty-five years of opposition in the supreme moment of victory.



W. F. Hatheway, St. John City.

L. P. D. Tilley relieved Ald. Baxter and announced the returns as they were received. When he called for three cheers for the Longshoremen's Association there was an immediate and hearty response, and calls for President Sullivan to come forward. The stocky president, who rendered yeoman service to the opposition, began the speech making. He said, in part: "I am not much of a public speaker when it comes to a crowd like this, but it is all right in the longshoremen's rooms, where I can throw it into them. I do want to say this: I threw it into Mayor Sears, anyway. He wanted us to work for thirty cents an hour and told me it was all we were worth."

"I tell you Mr. Hatheway is the laboring man's candidate. (Cheers.) I want to say a word for Mr. Hazen. Let me tell you he is pledged to include the millmen and quarrymen in the workmen's compensation act, which Mr. Pugsey would not do. I am sorry Mr. Pugsey did not go out in the county to help Mr. McKeown,



Robert Maxwell, St. John City.

of mis-rule, he said, the province had awakened to a sense of responsibility and had declared for reform. The fight seemed to be between Pugsey and all the right thinking citizens of the province. Now Mr. Pugsey had been sent back to Ottawa, rebuffed and would be forced to keep away from the treasury, which had been so long rifled and plundered by political adventurers. (Cheers.)

It was not a triumph for either Conservative or Liberal but the outspoken opinion of every man who had the best interests of the province at heart. He was pleased to know that at the head of affairs in the province for the next five years at least would be a gentleman of such breadth of view and tolerant spirit who would treat all classes alike and establish good government on those principles which commended themselves to every right thinking British subject. (Cheers.)

By this time the calls for the successful candidates became insistent and Mr. Tilley in referring to them said: "If you could only see them now with their happy faces you would see an exact representation of a happy family." (Laughter.) Messrs. Maxwell, Wilson and McKeown were brought to the front and stood on a table high above the crowd. If anyone had thought the huge crowd had reached its

so that the government would have been defeated there, too."

P. Grannan was called upon and said that in Dufferin ward the opposition had not spent a quarter but had won fair and square.

Dr. W. A. Christie, for Wellington ward, said the opposition had to combat all the "forces of civilization," but had won in the face of everything.

C. B. Lockhart congratulated the voters on the victory which had been won against heavy odds. It had been a hard fight but success crowned the efforts.

H. G. Green, chairman of Lorne, was greeted with cheers. He spoke briefly.

Dr. J. H. Gray, of Fairville, said the opposition had fought well and had gone down to defeat before certain elements, but they were quite willing to try again and do better next time. Every official of the provincial hospital from constable to steward had stood at the polls and used every means in their power to defeat the opposition.

H. A. Powell, K. C., was given a magnificent reception. After twenty-five years

ST. JOHN CITY

Purdy	Lantallum	Skinner	Sears	Wilson	Maxwell	McKeown	Hatheway
84	82	83	87	81	79	77	73
91	92	89	94	122	127	121	123
79	79	73	79	115	106	110	108
72	79	69	76	85	80	81	83
89	92	94	125	125	120	126	
91	89	85	98	108	107	109	108
84	86	91	97	94	91	91	88
80	76	82	80	116	111	105	111
68	65	71	74	130	128	117	125
52	48	51	53	111	111	102	109
56	53	56	58	118	119	107	114
83	118	99	106	60	55	63	58
83	107	88	93	61	56	58	53
79	87	82	79	57	52	50	47
80	99	81	92	122	120	127	120
79	76	72	79	104	98	104	104
89	87	87	92	111	106	119	110
73	70	72	103	100	100	104	104
69	76	73	80	123	122	132	125
80	72	72	76	110	110	103	103
114	106	108	119	110	109	114	
56	51	51	56	100	102	103	99
143	145	144	147	131	125	123	123
136	142	136	140	135	131	127	128
135	136	139	147	85	78	81	74
108	112	114	159	158	153	153	
103	98	104	109	107	105	95	92
92	94	93	101	123	119	115	122
79	80	80	83	79	74	71	69
62	59	59	66	95	95	88	95
104	97	97	102	105	104	99	101
117	115	116	60	87	86	88	
123	129	132	97	100	101	101	
101	94	98	121	122	116	118	
88	88	89	90	134	131	129	128
97	89	95	97	147	144	141	140
116	128	126	130	138	127	125	123
92	104	96	100	122	118	119	116
73	94	78	83	63	65	66	66
68	70	70	71	118	111	107	112
12	12	11	12	13	15	13	12

Totals. 3782 3654 3837 4453 4338 4293 4289

ST. JOHN COUNTY

McKeown	Lowell	Moher	Clark
627	535	383	385
44	50	49	57
66	68	48	45
17	20	32	39
155	158	88	84
86	93	65	64
42	50	34	26
211	208	178	153
172	179	113	105

Totals. 1320 1361 990 993

limit of cheering earlier in the evening then they were mistaken as a deafening shout, eclipsing all the others, greeted St. John's representatives as they faced the men who had worked for their election.

Just at this point some unfortunate government supporter, who had strayed into the wrong camp, lost his head and began to strike wildly among the mob. He was soon borne to the ground and carried out.

When the excitement had subsided somewhat, Mr. Wilson spoke briefly. He thanked the citizens of St. John from the bottom of his heart for the honor they had done him in electing him at the head of the poll. He could not tell how deeply he felt and his one thought was how he could show his gratitude.

Cries of "Blow yourself, Johnnie," and laughter.

"I can do it best by working in the interests of St. John," continued Mr. Wilson, "when I go to Fredericton to sit under the leadership of Premier Hazen." (Cheers.) "I will not say a word for my own ward, Wellington. I regard it as a great tribute when the ward in which I have lived nearly all my life gives to the whole ticket a larger majority than was ever polled in a provincial election."

Here an enthusiastic North Ender interrupted to say that Lansdowne had done better than that. "We changed a minority of 290 into a majority of 167," said the North Ender man.

When Mr. Wilson concluded he was again vociferously cheered.

Dr. McKeown was received with cries of "Who's all right? why, McKeown," and it was some minutes before he could proceed. "You asked a question," he said, "Who's all right? and I will say what's

the matter with the North End?" The crowd caught up the refrain, "The North End's all right," and carried it further.

"What's the matter with the west side?" "What's the matter with Hazen?" etc.

Dr. McKeown thanked the electors heartily and said they had won in a cause of right, justice and equity. That they had achieved such a magnificent victory was due to the splendid work accomplished by their many friends, many of whom he could see before him in the audience.

Mr. Tilley, by his side, was one. (Cheers.) Mr. Powell and Mr. Baxter were others. (Renewed cheering.) Speaking of the Longshoremen's Association, Dr. McKeown referred to the meeting held on Monday afternoon and said it would go down into the history of the province.

The opposition had been called primer politicians.

Voice—"Now you're graduates, and well done, McKeown!"

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