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THE MEETING

If the government party in St. John have entertained any hope of electing their ticket in this campaign, that hope must now be dispelled.

If the government party in this province have entertained hope that the government would be returned to power, they must now be convinced that the hope is vain.

Last night's meeting at the St. John opera house was more than a local affair. It did more than to indicate that the opposition party has the sympathy of St. John electors, for the leaders of that party scored a distinct victory in debate over the premier and the attorney general and forced the latter to show how weak is their case and how strong is that of the opposition; and the effect of this will be felt throughout New Brunswick.

It was a remarkable meeting. Not even at the famous meeting some years ago addressed by Mr. Blair was there such a crowd in the opera house, nor was the former so attentive and eager a crowd as that of last evening. And throughout the meeting, while all the speakers were received with applause, it was clear to every one present that the sympathy of the great majority was with Mr. Flemming and Mr. Hazen—a sympathy that deepened into enthusiasm as it became more and more clear that the government speakers could not refute the statements nor satisfactorily answer the questions of these gentlemen.

In a meeting to secure which the opposition conceded every advantage in debate, and even gave their opponents the last word, the government speakers not only failed to secure a victory but revealed by contrast the greater strength of the cause advocated by Messrs. Flemming and Hazen.

The Times has before referred to the ability of Mr. Flemming as a clear and forceful speaker, and never has he appeared to greater advantage than last evening, in presence of the two thousand people or more who crowded the opera house, and listened intently to his clear and convincing exposition of the financial position of the province. He gave to the whole debate at the very outset the tone of courteous and gentlemanly discussion which marked the utterances of all the speakers, and which made his own observations all the more impressive.

Premier Robinson was given a hearty reception, and very easily adjusted himself to the humor of the crowd. He spoke well, and received an excellent hearing, for which at the close of his remarks he very gracefully expressed his appreciation. The premier is a most likeable man, and if, when he assumed the premiership he had cut loose from the sinister influences around him and formed a government of a different calibre, he would now be a far more formidable opponent. He was courageous enough, however to endeavor last evening to make the best of a bad case; but though, as Mr. Hazen afterwards remarked, he displayed admirable skill in the manner in which he refrained from answering Mr. Flemming's questions, he was unable to impress the audience as Mr. Flemming had done, nor convince them that the statements made by the latter were not well founded.

Mr. Hazen was at his best, and the storm of aplause that greeted him revealed the growing sympathy for his party in the debate. He was not disturbed by the questions of the crowd, but turned such interruptions to advantage with unfailing good-nature. His clear statement concerning the debt and the Central and International Railways was repeatedly applauded, and his review of the evidences of "political death-bed repentance" on the part of the premier was not less pointed than amusing. There was much food for thought in the masterly address of the coming premier.

Hon. Mr. McKeown was a distinct disappointment to his party as well as to the audience. It is true that he labored under difficulties at the outset, as quite a number of people were moving out of the house and there was some confusion; and there was also a disposition on the part of several persons in the audience to ask questions. Mr. McKeown, unfortunately, took the wrong tack, and his display of feeling did not mend matters in presence of such a crowd. Moreover, he lost much of his usual vigor of expression. The burden of his cry was that there must be debt or there would be no progress, that the Central Railway would soon be paying a good profit, that the International would be a most valuable road, and that the Conservatives had done nothing for St. John compared with the Liberal programme. He was the only speaker to drag in the federal issue. The premier did not once refer to it. Mr. McKeown's effort once or twice to arouse enthusiasm by asserting that the opposition would continue in opposition called forth quite a different expression of opinion.

At the close of the great meeting it was universally conceded that the honors of the joint debate had gone to the opposition leaders, notwithstanding that they had given their opponents the last word. Take it all in all, it was a memorable meeting, and the net result is a distinct gain for the opposition cause.

Never before has the provincial opposition had so strong an array of candidates throughout the province. It has as its representatives men of high standing and reputation, of business ability and good debating talent. Mr. Hazen will have around him in the next house the strongest group of men the province has sent to the legislature in a generation of New Brunswick politics. To them may safely be entrusted the affairs of the people, and the inauguration of a new and better system of administration.

The strength of Mr. John E. Wilson is growing in proportion to the meanness of the petty personal attacks made upon him, and the attempt to ridicule him, by the St. John Star. The citizens know Mr. Wilson, and his enterprise and success as a business man and employer of labor in St. John. The reception given him when he appeared on the opera house stage last evening testified to the hold he has upon the confidence and goodwill of the people.

The Sun denies that the government refused to accept Mr. Flemming's challenge. Yet that is the fact. Mr. Flemming challenged the premier to meet him, and the opposition even offered to give Mr. Robinson the last word. The government party refused to agree to anything but a joint meeting at which Mr. McKeown would have the last word. Well—he had it. And how does his party like it?

The Sun astonished its readers this morning by saying that "the issue is not so much between Liberals and Conservatives as between those who have faith and those who fear for the future of New Brunswick." Now what does Dr. Pugsley, the great leader of the Liberal party think of that? And the Moncton Transcript? And Mr. McKeown? And Mr. McDade?

The Sun this morning did not feature the announcement of the minister of railways that I. C. R. men were not to busy themeselves in provincial politics. The I. C. R. vote is needed if it can be got, and the remarks of the minister are not to the liking of the government party leaders in this province.

Mr. McKeown last evening contended that the debt would soon be wiped out by the sinking fund, and in the next breath declared that there must be increasing debt or no more public works. He illuminated the subject with a blaze of darkness.

The Times has reliable information from Restigouche that there has been a remarkable revulsion of feeling in that county against the government. In localities where before it was strong the government is now remarkably weak. The defeat of the government ticket is expected.

The opposition meeting at Chatham this week, following that addressed by Dr. Pugsley outclassed it in enthusiasm and in numbers, and indicated clearly the return of the opposition ticket in Northumberland.

When comparisons of debt are made as between Ontario and New Brunswick the old province of Ontario should be considered, and not its immense new territory now being opened up. New Ontario is a great province in itself.

For the information of the Sun it may be stated that Mr. Hazen himself offered to give up his time to Mr. Flemming last night if the premier would consent to have the debate between him and Mr. Flemming alone.

The attack upon Mr. B. Frank Smith in Carleton county is of a nature to materially assist in his election and that of his whole ticket. The government party in that county must find itself in sore straits.

All this talk about the unprogressiveness of the opposition party as compared with the government is mere folly. The issue is extravagance and recklessness or business like conduct of the affairs of the province.

The Sun says that Mr. Flemming talked blue ruin. On the contrary he presented in a calm, clear, dispassionate manner the state of the finances of this province. If that spells blue ruin, Mr. Flemming is not responsible but the Robinson government.

Premier Robinson last evening failed to answer the St. John Globe's statements regarding the public debt of this province. His hearers did not fail to note the omission.

The government candidates in this city will be kept busy until March 3rd in a vain attempt to explain why their leaders did not make out a good case at the opera house last evening.

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When Sweet Red Rose is mine?

Or, having danced the saraband
Within the palace gate,
And bent upon the young queen's hand
In stolen tete-a-tete.

How shall I stoop to meaner joy,
Carousing at the inn—
A barmaid for my vulgar toy,
A heartache for my sin?

Nay—standing at the palace gate,
As any beggar might,
I'll sing my love song as I wait
Into the lonely night.

Perchance an echo of my voice
May find its way within,
And help her to some queenly choice
Where else a doubt has been.

While in some lull of music there,
A memory may rise
Of kisses on her royal hair,
And Love's lost Paradise.—
—Frederick Truesdell in Appleton's Magazine.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

ONE OBJECTION.

"What do you think of the simplified spelling?"

"It would be all right if it wasn't so hard to learn."—Detroit Free Press.

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MUSCULAR CHRISTIANITY.

A clergyman says that Christians should work as hard at their religion as hockey players do at their game. Then every sinner would have five stitches in his scalp and a broken nose.—Toronto News.

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SURE!

Wherever two men and a maid are found,
Or turn it the other way,
You are sure to be right,
If you look for a fight,
For where there's a frill there's a fray.
—Boston Transcript.

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NEVER SAW ONE.

Peggy—"Was that p'liceman ever a little baby, mother?"

Mother—"Why, yes, dear."

Peggy (thoughtfully)—"I don't believe I've ever seen a baby p'liceman!"—Punch.

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A RESULT OF THINKING.

"I've just been thinking," said Willieboy.

"Thinking what?" demanded Silliman, to whom the idea of Willieboy's thinking was somewhat disconcerting.

"That in Adam's case it must have been a real re-leaf to change his clothes," said Willieboy.—Harper's Weekly.

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PATIENCE.

"A lot o' folks' patience," said Uncle Eben, "resembles dat of de man who stays in de house an' waits foh de snow to melt, regardless of de people dat's fallin' down on his sidewalk."—Washington Star.

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A FOOTBALL COACH.

Little Willie—"Say, pa, what is a football coach?"

Pa—"It must be another name for an ambulance, my son."—Chicago Daily News.

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HARDLY ANY.

There isn't
Much bliss
In a tele-
Phone kiss.
—Birmingha[illegible]

There's little
To please
In a postage
Stamp squeeze.
—Chicago Record-Herald.

THE ISSUE

The Sun misrepresents when it says the opposition object to the expenditure of money on the roads. The cause of the complaint is waste or diversion to political purposes of money that should be spent on the roads. It is only necessary to point to the alleged annual expenditure ($390,606.10 in 1906), and then to the state of the roads, to make it clear that the money was not spent on them. Who got the money? The favorites of the government.

The time has come to have a fair accounting for all public expenditure. Too long the people have been dazzled by large schemes and blinded to their real interests. No amount of talk about what the federal government has done or may do will blind the eyes of the electors to the real issues in this contest. It is a fight for better government in New Brunswick, and an honest accounting for every dollar expended. It is, moreover, a fight for the interests of the people as against those of school-book companies and contractors generally.

Dr. Pugsley must answer for his own acts. He is a federal minister, pledged to guard the interests of this province at Ottawa. He must do that, whatever party rules at Fredericton, or he must face the consequences. All over the province men who were Liberals when Dr. Pugsley was a Conservative or a Mugwump are supporting Mr. Hazen. They will not accept dictation. They recognize the need of a change at Fredericton, and they will first secure that result. When the federal elections are brought on they will choose their course in that campaign. For the present they are opposing Mr. Robinson, not as Liberals or because he is a Liberal, but because they want a better administration of purely provincial affairs.

It took an expert a good deal more than four days to investigate the finances of the city of St. John. The books of an ordinary mercantile house could not be audited in that length of time.

The government "are not afraid to spend money" says the Sun. This statement has never been disputed. They spend too much for the return the people get for it.

The Sun has modified its transports. It now concedes to the opposition as many seats as in the last house. This generosity is greatly appreciated, no doubt.

Mr. Flemming has once more demonstrated his ability to be an able member of the new government of this province.

The echoes of last night's meeting will ring throughout the province, to the confusion of the government party.

The report of the four-days' expert examination of the provincial finances is to be sprung on the eve of the elections.

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