

A GREAT MEETING.

CONSERVATIVES CONFIDENT. Such a Gathering Points Only to Victory.



Last Monday's Rally Most Enthusiastic--The Opera House Packed to the Doors--Three Excellent Speeches.



DR. DANIEL'S RECEPTION. Such as Only Accorded a Trusted Man.

If all the people who gathered at the St. John Opera House last Monday to hear Hon. T. Chase Casgrain, M. P., and E. F. Clarke, M. P., had been seated...

made by the chairman and Dr. Daniel he must confess that he felt nervous, for he was not quite sure how he was to justify their praises.

BRITISH PREFERENCE. The great mistake the liberal party made was when they inaugurated what is known as the British preference.

Columbia to Nova Scotia, and he and his party are prepared to stand by it. Referring to the coming elections, Mr. Casgrain said that it was not significant that the conservatives were defeated in 1900.

Speaking of Dr. Daniel, Mr. Clarke said that since he had been in parliament he had never taken his seat in the commons who more sincerely desired to reflect the opinion of his constituents.

numerative positions in the public service, notably one J. B. Jackson, whose only claim on the gratitude of the liberal party was for his efforts in securing perjured testimony for the purpose of depriving Mr. Donald Sutherland, a very worthy man of his seat in North Oxford.

The only solution for the people was in the election of the conservatives. If the liberals were sincere, why withhold information about the condition mentioned in the petition of Mr. Cox and Mr. Hays?

As usual, the address of Dr. Daniel, the first speaker of the evening, although brief, was a good one, and it was well received by the audience.

THE SISTER PROVINCE. Speaking of their tour through Nova Scotia, Mr. Casgrain said that they began speaking on Monday night and addressed a meeting every evening during the week.

It would be well for us if we took a leaf out of John Bull's book. That great statesman, Sir Charles Tupper, had set forth a policy that we should have a mutual preference with Great Britain.

Mr. Casgrain quoted from a political pamphlet which was circulated in Manitoba, saying that the liberal party is directly opposed to protection and that the party stands divided on the question of tariff.

Speaking of the fiscal policy of the present administration, he would justly remark, in passing, how greatly impressed he had been with the great natural resources of Nova Scotia, but their development and extension depended mainly upon the inauguration of a permanent fiscal policy.

LORD DUNDONALD. Lord Dundonald was in charge of the militia of this country, and made a dignified protest against the prostitution and degradation of the militia for political purposes.

The Canadians have pledged their credit for nine-tenths of the cost of the road, and we might as well pay the other tenth and own it ourselves.

A WORTHY REPRESENTATIVE. It was not only a pleasure for him to speak in support of conservative principles, but also in support of his good friend, Dr. Daniel.

Everyone was surprised at the magnificent display which Dr. Daniel got up and they looked upon it as a sign that a great change was coming.

How did we stand, said Mr. Casgrain, in respect to British preference? We had given everything we had, and how can we hope to secure a good bargain now?

Mr. Casgrain said he wished to refer to another question and that was the finances of this country. Before 1896 the liberals went round crying that the taxes levied by the conservatives were too heavy.

Mr. Clarke pointed to a single industry that had been created by the liberal policy, and that was the manufacture of a new school in the U. S. After the ceremonies were over and the corner stone laid, he was observed perched in splendid isolation on a great deal of cackling was so vociferous that one bystander asked another what he thought was the matter with her.

Mr. Clarke quoted from Hansard and Mr. Fielding between Mr. Casgrain and Mr. Fielding, in which the opposition leader was endeavoring to get some assurance from the finance minister that the road would not go to far beyond the trunk line.

TRANSPORTATION QUESTION. Mr. Clarke then plunged into a discussion of this question, of which he demonstrated his complete mastery. The question should be examined from a national point of view, and its satisfactory solution meant a great deal to Canada, and particularly to St. John.

A GREAT RECEPTION. As Dr. Daniel rose to speak he was cheered several times, which was a repetition of what occurred on Saturday evening.

Mr. Casgrain said that he intended to speak as patriotically as possible to his opponents, and he would be sorry to insult any liberals that might be present.

GOVERNMENT REPROACHED. The conservatives, said Mr. Casgrain, were not the only ones who reproached the government, for deputation after deputation had gone to the house of commons urging the government to give the country more protection.

THE SITUATION IN QUEBEC. Mr. Casgrain said that he could well remember when an audience would get up in their seats and cheer when Sir Wilfrid Laurier's name was mentioned, but that had gone by.

Mr. Clarke referred to this juncture to the number of young men who had identified themselves with the liberal conservative party. The number was increasing every day.

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HON. T. CHASE CASGRAIN. Before introducing Hon. Mr. Casgrain, Mr. Hazen made reference to the present, drawn no doubt by Mr. Casgrain's eloquence.

Mr. Casgrain said it was hardly necessary for him to refer to the year 1877, when the conservative party promised to give Canada a protective and national policy.

THE STEEL INDUSTRIES. If the government had given the proper protection to the steel industries they would have saved the industry at the Soo, and helped that at Sydney.

E. F. CLARKE. When E. F. Clarke rose to address the meeting he met with a reception which must have been gratifying, although his welcome in Nova Scotia has been most flattering.

Mr. Clarke made a most impressive speech, and expressed his inability to adequately give utterance to his appreciation of the kindness with which the magnificent audience greeted him, and modestly remarked that no doubt it was because of distinguished colleagues and himself were strangers here, and also indicated their warm sympathy with the cause of the liberal conservative party.

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