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The Truth is not in the Patriot when it says the Arsenault Administration has committed the Island to an expenditure of \$875,000 for Improved Roads to be Raised by Taxing the Farmers. Premier Arsenault has given His Pledge, which we Reproduce, that not a cent of Additional Taxation will be Imposed.

INSPIRING SPEECH BY PREMIER ARSENAULT

One of the Most Impressive Political Speeches Ever Delivered in the Province was Given by the Premier at Corran Ban, and is Here Reproduced. Read it, and You will be Uplifted. Why He Appeals for an Overwhelming Majority.

Following is a verbatim report of the speech delivered at the political meeting at Corran Ban last Monday night by Premier Arsenault. It covers the political situation in a masterly manner and should be read by every elector in the province:

The Premier said: I have been enjoying myself immensely as a hearer, and am rather reluctant now to come forward as a speaker. I have travelled a long way to see you and to become acquainted with you, notwithstanding a gratuitous intimation to me that I had no business here. As to whether my presence here is welcome or otherwise, I hazard no surmise; but it so happens that at this time the whole province's business is my own, and that fact is my warranty for attending this meeting tonight. In any event, ladies and gentlemen, it occurred to me that the good people of Corran Ban might like to see the Premier and see what he looks like anyhow. When I was coming here today from Summerside, I was filled with conflicting thoughts as I saw our beautiful country with its acres upon acres of fertile land, and our picturesque groves of trees and the cozy homesteads nestled among them. When I saw before me the vivid beauty of our little province in all its prosperity, and reflected on all its nightmarish through which we, in common with the rest of humanity, had just emerged; when I thought of those countless little homesteads in France and Flanders laid low in ruins, and the land in that once happy and quiet country now practically all churned up and covered with debris so that for generations to come it will be absolutely useless, at all events many thousands of acres of it; when I thought, too, of all our brave boys who had gone over there and who now lie buried in a foreign field; when I contrasted the frightful devastation of our admirable Allies' country with the calm and prosperous condition of our own, with its beautiful fertile crops,—when I contemplated all these things and considered the fact that we were here enjoying our liberties as we had been wont to do, still living untrammelled under the free folds of the Union Jack, I realized, perhaps to a greater degree than you do, how very much we have to be thankful for, and how small indeed we must feel when men come here and endeavor to arouse the meaner passions of people, appealing to their prejudices in an unworthy attempt to set class against class and, by exaggeration and a distortion of facts, to try to gain some fleeting advantage at the expense of truth and principle. You do not all see eye to eye with either party, but differences of opinion are no reason for jaundiced and passionate appeals to prejudice and personal dislikes. Such, surely, is not the lesson we have learned from the sacrifices of the war! Have we caught no vision from the brilliant part our noble men have played in the fight against a tyranny that would have necessarily imposed upon us, had we fallen, a narrow and demoralizing confinement of thought? If we devote our best endeavors to low appeals to the baser passions and prejudices of our fellow-men, then undoubtedly we have failed to appreciate the meaning of the victory we gallant men have achieved. I cannot feel otherwise when I listen to petty criticisms and sordid reiteration of untruths in regard to small and insignificant things brought up one after another; and I can assure you, ladies and gentlemen, that so far as the Government are concerned, we are trying to do, and are looking to, the bigger things, and are dealing with the problems that call for serious consideration. The petty criticisms that we have heard so frequently are no indication of progression, and it is our earnest desire to progress. Fault-finding and personal vilification do not betoken anxiety to construct, and this is the time of Reconstruction. We must undertake and carry out the important things that lie before us, and must not allow small politics to interfere with and retard our progress. It is said that we are spending a lot of money. Certainly we are, and I am regretful that we have not been able to spend more during the last four years. As Mr. Bell said the other night at the Tryon meeting, the dollar today is worth only fifty cents as compared with the dollar of four years ago, and we have been trying with the revenue we had four years ago—in reality, cut in half today—to hold things down. Before 1911 they say they had only \$357,000. Well, it was worth more than \$500,000 today. (A voice: Hear, hear.) I am not complaining. It is true they had a limited revenue, and I acknowledge they could not do things. I dare say Mr. Hazard—a splendid gentleman whom I know to be as honorable a man as ever stood

KELLY'S CROSS IS STRONG FOR THE GOVERNMENT

The meeting at Kelly's Cross on Wednesday night was well attended and much enthusiasm was manifested from the Conservative standpoint. Mr. John P. Bradley presided. The speakers in order were Hon. Murdoch Kennedy, Mr. Mark McGuigan who spoke in the absence of Mr. Cousins, M. A. J. McNevin, Mr. Cyrus Crosby, Dr. W. J. McMillan and Mr. Thomas Wigmore. The Government candidates received a splendid reception, and made a very fine impression. Mr. Kennedy touched on the financial situation and showed the great improvement effected since the Conservative Government took hold of affairs. Mr. Mark McGuigan who followed, contradicted himself several times by first claiming that a financial health had been achieved, and then stating that the liabilities \$54,000 and stating later in the meeting that they had gone behind \$30,000 a year continuously for seven years. Mr. McNevin, who spoke next pointed out the inconsistency of the last speaker and was cheered to the echo. He referred to the increased expenditure made by the Government for education. He also dealt effectively with Agriculture and Public Works and took his seat amidst hearty applause. Mr. Crosby, who followed, dodged the question of finances and contented himself with trying to make out that the present Government had done absolutely nothing for Education and tried to give the impression that the Liberals were the real friends of the teachers. He dealt at some length in his own naive style with the ballot act which

LIBERAL MISREPRESENTATION AND CANARDS

Everything else having failed and seeing the tide is flowing strongly in favor of the Government, the Patriot and a number of Liberal candidates as a last resort have entered upon a campaign of scandal and misrepresentation with a view to trying to engender distrust in the minds of the people against the Government which they find is at present very popular. Daily some new story is started and Conservative candidates are kept busy proving the falsity of such reports. One of the latest appeared in yesterday's Patriot where in glaring headlines it asserted the Premier has committed the Province to a huge amount of taxation. In an interview last night the Premier informed the Guardian that so far as this Province is concerned no agreement has been entered into with the Dominion Government regarding the Road Grant. It is confidently expected that the claims of the Province against Canada will be adjusted, and if so the funds will be available to take advantage of the grant. The Patriot asked the Premier the other day with respect to the Road Grant. This is the reply he gave on Wednesday night at the Malpeque meeting. On the other hand the Patriot has not asked Mr. Bell what he intended doing. The inference is plain. The Patriot has absolutely no hope that the Liberals will be returned on the 24th inst. otherwise it would not be so anxious to learn from the Premier what he proposed doing.

The electors are now warned from this out that the Liberal candidates, the Liberal press and the Liberal heeblers will start all sorts of false stories to try and influence their vote and also attempt to prejudice the returned men against the Government, the popularity of which is unquestioned. Let these stories be treated with the contempt they deserve. The Liberal opposition has nothing to offer to the people and they are bending all their energies by slander and misrepresentation to try and draw the attention of the electorate from the main issue. The people are warned to give no heed to these trumped up stories.

ANOTHER PATRIOT MISREPRESENTATION

In pursuit of its contemptible policy of misrepresenting facts in order to bolster up its crusade against the popularity of the Government the Patriot alleged yesterday that the Government propose putting on an educational tax. This is not true and needless to say the Patriot knows it, but it suits its policy to play on the prejudices and passions of the people instead of appealing to their reason. What the Government has done has been to give the school districts an opportunity of voting whether they prefer a direct school tax to maintain their schools in the interests of the rising generation or whether they prefer the present system of voting supplements. When the bill was before the House the Liberals wished the tax to be enforced without taking a plebiscite. Now that the electors are being given the opportunity to decide the matter for themselves the Patriot tries to make the people believe that the tax has already been imposed. It is simply scandalous that such glaring misrepresentations should be permitted in a paper that claims to be respectable.

NO ADDITIONAL TAXATION

PREMIER ARSENAULT DECLARED AT CORRAN BAN AS FOLLOWS: "HOW ARE WE GOING TO GET THE MONEY THAT IS NEEDED? I WILL NEVER ASK THE PEOPLE OF THE PROVINCE TO PAY ONE CENT MORE IN TAXES UNTIL ALL EFFORTS HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED TO COLLECT WHAT IS DUE US IN OTTAWA."

NOMINATIONS YESTERDAY

The following candidates were duly nominated yesterday at the different county centres, Summerside, Charlottetown and Georgetown:

- PRINCE COUNTY FIRST DISTRICT COUNCILLORS
Hon. Sir Charles Dalton, Conservative.
Charles Metherall, Liberal.
- ASSEMBLYMEN
Dr. E. J. Keir, Conservative.
Benjamin J. Gallant, Liberal.
- SECOND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS
W. H. Dennis, Liberal.
Charles R. Read, Independent.
- ASSEMBLYMEN
H. D. Dobbie, Conservative.
A. C. Saunders, Liberal.
- THIRD DISTRICT COUNCILLORS
J. W. Keir, Conservative.
A. E. McLean, Liberal.
- ASSEMBLYMEN
Hon. A. E. Arsenault, Conservative.
J. Blanchard, Liberal.
- FOURTH DISTRICT COUNCILLORS
J. H. Myers, Conservative.
W. M. Leis, Liberal.
- ASSEMBLYMEN
J. W. Warren, Conservative.
J. H. Bell, Liberal.
- FIFTH DISTRICT COUNCILLORS
Thomas H. Linkletter, Conservative.
Creel McArthur, Liberal.
- ASSEMBLYMEN
Hon. James A. McNeill, Conservative.
John J. McNally, Liberal.
- QUEENS COUNTY FIRST DISTRICT COUNCILLORS
Alex J. McNevin, Conservative, nominated by Thomas Wigmore, Grahamsville, seconded by John T. Kelly, Stanchel.
Cyrus Crosby, Liberal.
- ASSEMBLYMEN
Murdoch Kennedy, Conservative, nominated by Malcolm Bell, South Melville, seconded by Daniel McDonald, Stanchel.
John S. Cousins, Liberal.
- SECOND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS
Louis L. Jenkins, Conservative, nominated by Dugald McPherson, North Wiltshire, seconded by Rudolph LeClair, North Rustico.
George E. Hughes, Liberal.
- ASSEMBLYMEN
Chester McLure, Conservative, nominated by Arthur Dickieson, New Glasgow, seconded by Angus McPhee, New Haven.
Bradford W. LePage, Liberal.
- THIRD DISTRICT QUEENS COUNCILLORS
John J. McMillan, Conservative, nominated by John McPhee, McCanneville wharf, seconded by Joseph McKenna, Tracadie Cross.
David McDonald, Liberal, nominated by James H. Cumiskey, Webster's Corner, seconded by John R. Munn, Marshfield.

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NOT A SAFE SEAT

There is scarcely a safe seat for the Opposition in the Province. In a few districts they have a faint hope. The sounding bell is not likely to worry the house again with his "furthermores" "wherefores" and his "aspects" and "plebs" West River is melting out of their reach and even the second district of Prince, which sent the lone two in 1912 is causing anxiety, among Liberals. Verily their sins have found them out.

GOVT. CANDIDATES CAPTURE NEW GLASGOW

Mr. Chester McLure Receives Great Ovation from Former Neighbors and Elicits Commendation from Former Liberals. Meeting Overwhelmingly Favourable to Government Candidates.

The political meeting at New Glasgow on Wednesday, July 16th, took place in their beautiful hall, which being one of the largest in the district was still not large enough to accommodate the number of people. Great interest is being taken in the meetings as evidenced by the large number of electors, as well as ladies who always adorn the platform.

The first speaker of the evening was Mr. LePage. He spoke along the lines followed at the previous meetings, and charged the Government with neglect, and tried to criticize their financial position; but a man has to labor hard with very little result to break down the good work done by the conservative party.

Mr. McLure followed Mr. LePage, and as a former resident of New Glasgow was most heartily received by the people. One would judge from the reception given to Mr. McLure that nearly all the electors were his supporters, and judging by the applause from the ladies, if they had a vote their verdict would be unanimous. In beginning his remarks Mr. McLure again dealt with the false statement of the opposition candidates and the Patriot with reference to his position on the increased gratuity to the returned men. Mr. McLure's arguments and proposition of what should be done for the returned men was clear and well defined. He stated that he for one if his influence was of any service, would be ready in every way possible to thoroughly reimburse the returned man for the services he had rendered his country and the loss of time to himself. Mr. McLure further stated that if that gratuity was to be \$1,000, \$2,000 or \$3,000 according to what was fair and equitable to all soldiers, he would work for their interests in that respect.

The financial condition of our province was thoroughly taken up by Mr. McLure and it was clearly shown where Prince Edward Island stood with reference to our financial position. Mr. McLure showed that the province of Prince Edward Island from a financial position was in the best condition of any of the provinces of the Dominion. He dealt at considerable length with reference to the system of making better roads, the improvement and beautifying of the sides of the roads and showed that by having these improved, conditions it would add a great deal to the value of our farms. Mr. McLure also took up at considerable length the educational conditions existing in our province, and judging from his remarks and his experiences in educational matters in this country, the electors should rest assured that he would be in a position to handle this question to a better advantage than the opposition candidates. He dealt also with the work of the agricultural department, and other issues, all of his remarks meeting with the approval of the electorate.

CITY COUNCIL

At an adjourned meeting of the City Council held last night, the Mayor and all the council being present, the estimates for the current year were submitted by the Finance Committee. The estimated receipts are \$114,000.45 and the estimated expenditure \$113,799.75 leaving an estimated surplus of \$200.71. A bye law re motor vehicles for passengers and motor trucks was passed.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

All members are requested to meet at their Home, No. 75 Kent Street, Friday morning at 8.45 o'clock to attend the funeral of their late Brother, Lieutenant Governor Augustine C. McDonald, Parade dress.

He was enthusiastically applauded for over an hour. Mr. McLure closed his remarks by thanking the people of New Glasgow for their attentive hearing, and judging by the enthusiastic and prolonged applause, "Mac" is a sure winner in that district.

Mr. Hughes then followed but seemed to keep clear and did not reply to any of the arguments that the previous speaker had brought forth in favor of the Government. He followed a theme of responsible Government and told the people that we were gradually losing responsible form of Government. He criticized the local Government for buying \$75,000 worth of Victory Bonds. Mr. Hughes referred to the Victory Bonds as a gamble with the people's money. However, the intelligent electors know that there is no gamble, but it is an investment.

Mr. Jenkins, who followed Mr. Hughes, made the most telling speech in his campaign. He reviewed every issue before the people took up thoroughly the agricultural problems and mused upon the fisheries and all the other issues of the campaign. He then referred to Mr. Hughes having gone after him on the Falconwood question when he did not have an opportunity to reply to him. Mr. Jenkins dealt with the running of this institution and showed the meeting the misrepresentation that had been done concerning him, not only on the floor of the house but during the campaign. Mr. Jenkins received an excellent hearing, and was enthusiastically cheered at the close of his remarks.

Mr. Arteman Moffatt then followed in a short speech, taking up certain ideals to which electors and candidates should rise. He also congratulated the district on the two new candidates, Messrs. McLure and LePage dwelling especially upon the eloquent and manly manner in which Mr. McLure handled the subjects taken up by him. He stated he was pleased to hear all of Mr. Buntain's cutting reference to the vital questions in the firm way in which he did.

Mr. John H. Buntain of South Rustico followed and made a short but excellent speech, but as his arguments were very telling on the opposition candidates with respect to their neglect in the district, not wishing to hear all of Mr. Buntain's cutting remarks, they endeavored to interrupt him. Notwithstanding these interruptions, he made an excellent address concluding with a well received tribute to Mr. McLure whom he characterized as one of the ablest and most effective speakers who had addressed meetings in this locality.

A vote of thanks was then tendered to the chairman, Mr. A. B. Dickieson for the able manner in which he had fulfilled his duties. Each candidate thanked Mr. Dickieson for his fair and impartial manner by which he dealt with each candidate as regards time of speaking.

The meeting then closed and the consensus of opinion and the remarks made show clearly that Mr. Jenkins and Mr. McLure would receive a satisfactory result from that district.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

- **Auto lunches served daily at McMillan's Hotel, Stanhope. Phone 35c. 7026-7-15M1F.
- **COME to the Strawberry Festival at New Glasgow Saturday night, July 19th. 7126-7-18M2ip.
- **An ideal place for a holiday is McMillan's Hotel, Stanhope. Surf bathing. Terms moderate. Telephone. 7026-7-15M1F.
- **CAR FOR HIRE—FIRST CLASS Overland Car, Paddy McDonald Stand McLellan Bros. Phone 450. House phone 411-J. 6396-6-13M1F.
- **The ladies of North Rustico intend holding a strawberry festival Monday evening, July 21st on the North Rustico school grounds. Coffee and sandwiches served. Not fine on Tuesday. 7136-7-18M2L.
- **Reserve Monday evening 21st for the ice cream festival at Hunter River Presbyterian church grounds. Proceeds for Mission. If not fine the night following. 7151-7-18M2L.
- **AN ICE CREAM and strawberry festival will be held at Cherry Valley Hall Saturday evening, July 19th. Reserve the date as this will be the ice cream festival of the season. If not fine Monday the 21st. 7033-15M4L.