

## MONSTER MEETING IN THE RINK.

### Convincing Speeches by Sir Chas. Tupper Mr. Foster and Others.

### Two Overwhelming Arguments.

### Liberal Deception and Misrule -- Promises Made and Deliberately Broken.

### The Tortuous Course of the Alleged Liberals Pointed Out and Condemned.

The Liberal-Conservative meeting in the skating rink last night was a magnificent one in every respect. The speeches of Sir Charles Tupper and Hon. Mr. Foster were attentively listened to throughout, and an excellent hearing was also given Messrs Stewart and Martin, the standard bearers of the party of progress in West and East Queens.

The audience was the largest ever assembled within the rink, and was limited only by the capacity of the building. Everywhere that a seat could be placed one was put, but notwithstanding this hundreds of electors were obliged to stand. Every section of the province was well represented in the great crowd. The

crowd was orderly and well conducted, the only interruptions being in the nature of applause and cheers with a question or two that was quickly answered.

The speeches were delivered from a platform that had been erected for the occasion in the southern end of the rink. On this platform were seated Sir Charles Tupper, Hon. Mr. Foster, Mr. Alexander Martin, M. P., President of the Liberal-Conservative Conference of Prince Edward Island, Mr. P. Blake, President of the Liberal-Conservative Association of the West Riding, who presided over the meeting, and representatives of the press.

Among those who occupied seats on the platform in the vicinity of the speakers were ex-Governor Howland and Mrs

Howland, Senator Prowse, Senator Ferguson, Senator McDonald, Mr. A. C. McDonald, M. P., Hon. Daniel Gordon, Hon. A. J. McDonald, Mr. Cyrus Shaw, M. L. A., Mr. J. Kichham, M. L. A., Mr. John McLean, ex-M. P., Mr. W. S. Stewart, Q. C., ex-Mayor Dawson, James Paton, Mr. J. T. Mellish, Mr. C. C. Gardner, Mr. A. A. Lefurgey and others.

The interior of the rink was especially decorated for the occasion, and presented a brilliant appearance under the glare of electricity and gas. The balcony at the southern end of the rink was artistically decorated with bunting and spruces. On the top and on either side were appropriate mottoes. Across the top of the balcony was the greeting, "Welcome Sir Charles and Distinguished Guests." On the right side of the balcony was the inscription: "Patrons of the Volunteer Heroes" and on the left "The Hope of Canada." About the rink were to be seen such inscriptions as "Imperial Unity for Defence and Legislative Independence of Canada," "Canada for the Canadians," "One Policy," "One Flag," "A United Canada," "British Preference for Canadian Produce," etc.

The balcony was filled with ladies, and there was also a good sprinkling of the fair sex in other parts of the building. It was exactly eight o'clock when Sir Charles Tupper and Mr. Foster arrived, their coming being signalized by applause and cheers which were renewed as the distinguished statesmen took their places on the platform.

A few minutes later, Mr. Patrick Blake, the chairman opened the meeting, speaking as follows:

Ladies and Gentlemen,—

I have very much pleasure indeed, this evening to have the honor of presiding at this immense meeting. It is one of the greatest meetings, I think, that has ever taken place in Charlottetown. It is to meet the grand old veteran, the Leader of the Liberal-Conservative party. Only a few years ago we had the pleasure of having Sir Charles in this rink. But since then great changes have taken place, and still greater changes will take place in the near future. Sir Charles Tupper was here on that occasion as leader of the Liberal-Conservative Government, and we expect that the next time we shall have the great pleasure of greeting him as the grand leader of the Liberal-Conservative Government of Canada.

I am not going to take up your time this evening because you have come here to hear Sir Charles Tupper, and our good friend the Hon. Mr. Foster. Mr. Foster will point out to you why Sir Charles Tupper shall be leader of the next Government.

On this occasion, when we have so many of the fair sex with us, I know I need not ask you to preserve order. Without any further preface I now declare the meeting open and have much pleasure in calling upon Mr. Martin, who has this day received the proud honor of being again unanimously nominated as the standard-bearer for the Liberal-Conservative party in East Queens. I feel sure Sir Charles Tupper and Mr. Foster will bear me out in saying that Mr. Martin has received to-day the most enthusiastic nomination that any man could desire; and he would be a heartless man if he were not proud of his nomination. I now call upon Mr. Martin to present the address:

Mr. Martin then came forward and read the following address:—  
To the Hon. Sir Charles Tupper, Bart., G. C. M. G., G. B., M. P.

In the name of the Liberal-Conservatives of Prince Edward Island we bid you a most hearty welcome to our Province. Your great services to your country, extending over a period of half a century, in many capacities of great responsibility and importance, have received deserved recognition at the hands of our Most Gracious Sovereign, as well as from distinguished men in all parts of the Empire; but we

assure you that none have watched your career with greater pride and appreciation than the people of Prince Edward Island, among whom, we are proud to say, you spent some of the early days of your life. It must be a matter of great satisfaction to yourself, as it is to your friends everywhere, that you have lived to observe the application of the trust of all tests, that of time, to your work as a statesman. With respect to all the great measures with which your name has been connected during your long public life, no difference of opinion prevails today. A united Canada, increased in area over three million square miles since first confederated, a great transcontinental railway and a wisely conceived National Policy regarding Canadian industries, stand as memorials of your courage, your wisdom and your patriotism.

The experience of the last four years in the Government of this country by your political opponents with their record of corrupt deals, broken promises and wasteful expenditure, has caused the public mind to turn to you, the great leader of the Liberal-Conservative party, as a deliverer, and we rejoice that with unimpaired mental vigor unabated physical force and accumulated experience, you have with so much self-sacrifice placed yourself once more at the service of Canada.

We rejoice in the opportunity of welcoming, as your companion in arms, a gentleman who has performed such noble services in guiding the finances of Canada for so many years. We recognize, as every one must do, that bad as has been the financial blundering of the past four years, matters would have been still worse were it not for the statesmanlike criticism of Hon. Geo. E. Foster.

Cherishing as we do the warmest admiration of the life and memory of the great Chief, Sir John A. McDonald, under whom you served during so many years of noble exertion we hail with delight the association of his distinguished son, the popular Premier of Manitoba, with the Liberal-Conservative party in the campaign you are now waging with such great manifestations of popular enthusiasm. To you, as to us, the consecration of his noble qualities of head and heart to the service of Canada is one of the bright spots in the political horizon, and it would have afforded us great pleasure to welcome him with you tonight as we confidently expected to be able to do.

In the appeal which will shortly be made to the electorate of Canada we are assured of the overwhelming defeat of the present government and feel justified in conveying to you a confident assurance that Prince Edward Island will contribute its full share in the attainment of that object which will be the means of giving Canada a more competent, progressive and honest administration.

- ALEXANDER MARTIN,  
Pres. of Lib-Con. Conference of P. E. I.
  - EDWARD HACKETT,  
Vice Pres Lib-Con Association of P. E. I.
  - PATRICK BLAKE,  
Pres West Queen's Lib-Con Ass'n.
  - JAS. CLOW,  
Pres E. Queen's Lib-Con Association.
  - DANIEL GORDON,  
Pres Lib-Con Association for King's.
- Ch'town, September 4, 1900.

Sir Charles Tupper was the first speaker, and on coming forward he was given three rousing cheers and a tiger. Canada's "grand old man" spoke for upwards of an hour and a half with great clearness and vigor, his remarks being closely followed and received with frequent interruptions in the way of applause and cries of "hear" "hear." Sir Charles spoke as follows:—

Mr. President, ladies and gentlemen: I desire in the first place to tender my hearty thanks for the very kind, encouraging and altogether too flattering address which you have been good enough to present to me this evening. I always come to Prince Edward Island with the greatest possible pleasure, and it is only the arduous character of the duties which have been imposed upon me as leader of Her Majesty's loyal and constitutional Opposition in the Parliament of Canada that has prevented my having the pleasure of meeting you since 1896. As leader of a great party it is necessary for me to meet as many of the people in this country as I possibly can. Otherwise I would have returned here long since, because there is no more charming spot to be found in Canada.

I come to you at this time on a most momentous and important occasion. The most important occasion that presents itself to the great electorate of Canada or of any other country is the time when they are called upon to discharge that most solemn and important duty of deciding upon which of the great parties should devolve, for the next parliamentary term, the administration of public affairs.

I do not hesitate to say that I present myself here to you tonight, as leader of the great Liberal-Conservative party, with the utmost confidence. I do not intend to appeal to you tonight as Liberal-Conservatives, but on broader and more comprehensive ground,—as intelligent, hon-

est and patriotic men, whether Liberals or Conservatives.

We have the proud consciousness of knowing that if there is on the face of the civilized globe a yeomanry, an electorate, that is pre-eminently qualified to judge impartially and fairly the actions of public men it is the great electorate of Canada; and I intend to present to you tonight, whether Liberal or Conservative, some of the claims that the great party that I have the honor to represent have for your consideration.

On two occasions Canada has had a Liberal Administration. From 1873 to 1878 the Mackenzie-Laurier party were in power, because Sir Wilfrid Laurier was a member of that Government; and you have also had an opportunity of witnessing the administration of public affairs by the Liberal party for the past four years. But for the remaining time since Confederation, the Government has been in the hands of the Liberal-Conservatives, and the pages of history and your own knowledge and recollection, tell you the manner in which they administered the affairs of our country.

Let me draw your attention for a few minutes to the leading question that has occupied the public mind since 1867. The first question was that of bringing Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia into confederation. Prince Edward Island, as you know, was a coy maiden, and required a good deal of attention before she made up her mind to throw in her lot with Canada. Does any person at the present time question the wisdom of extending that confederation from sea to sea? I think you will agree with me that we are all of one mind on that subject. When the Right Honorable Sir John A. Macdonald, that great statesman whose memory ever remains green in the minds of patriotic Canadians, that great statesman whose devotion to his country has raised a monument in his memory which will never be lost sight of by patriotic Canadians of all classes and all parties—when that great statesman undertook to carry the question of Confederation, who opposed him? The Liberal party. (Applause.) The government of the Right Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald, comprised, in the first instance, of seven Liberals and six Conservatives—and there is where we get the name Liberal-Conservative—felt that it was the duty of every patriotic man in this country to use every means in his power to carry out that which the Confederation Act provided for, viz: its extension to the whole of British North America. First they brought in Prince Edward Island; then they obtained possession of Rupert's Land, that great territory that had previously been under the control of the Hudson's Bay Company, and then that fine rich mineral country, British Columbia, which was separated from the Northwest by the Rocky Mountains and the Selkirk. All this was undertaken and carried to completion by the Liberal-Conservative party. And instead of the Liberal party giving them any aid they did everything in their power to obstruct it. But today there is not an intelligent man in either party who will not say that one of the greatest and one of the most important events that ever took place in any country was the consolidation of British North America. (Cheers.)

When the Liberal-Conservative Government of 1873 were succeeded by Mr. Mackenzie, everything was going on well, financially, commercially and in every other respect. But I am sure I need not refresh your memory by going into the deplorable position into which Canada fell under Liberal misrule. I do not think a greater contrast was ever presented to an intelligent people than the condition of Canada under the Liberal-Conservative Government and that under the Mackenzie-Laurier Government. The country sank day by day and became so depressed that we began to despair of its future. We did in Opposition, then, as the Liberal-Conservatives always do. Our policy does not depend upon which side of the House we sit. When on the Opposition benches, we feel bound to give the best advice in our power, which we believe to be in the interests of Canada; and although that advice may not be received in the spirit in which it is offered, we feel that as patriotic men we are bound to offer that advice in such a way as will promote the progress

and prosperity of Canada. We gave the Mackenzie administration the best advice in our power. We propounded the National Policy. At that time the country was sinking day by day. Our industries were paralyzed. Boston and New York became the commercial capitals of Canada, and when they became the commercial capitals of Canada our had money to go there for the purpose of obtaining that which we required. When the money of a country goes to a particular locality you will always find that labor is compelled to follow it. The result was our country was depopulated, our industries paralyzed. It was then that the Liberal-Conservative party propounded the policy of protecting Canadian industries in order that we might manufacture what we required on Canadian soil and by Canadian labor. The Mackenzie Government refused to adopt that policy, and why? It was only last season that we had Sir Wilfrid Laurier saying at a dinner given to Sir Richard Cartwright that the Mackenzie government had made up their minds to adopt that policy until a brigade of free traders came up from the Maritime Provinces and told them that they would turn them out if they adopted that policy. (Sensation.) Nevertheless, having become convinced of what the country required—knowing that in justice to the Canadian people they were bound to adopt that policy, they abandoned it because they preferred to sit on the Government benches and see the country go—well, I won't say where—than to adopt the policy of their opponents. We propounded that policy in parliament and subsequently throughout the country, and convinced the people that in order to save Canada there must be a radical change. And the result of that was that the party which only four years before came into power by a majority of 74 was hurled from power by the indignant people, without regard to party, by a majority of 85. Again, I say, not to the Liberal-Conservatives, but to the honest independent Liberals, do you want any better evidence of which party was right and which party was wrong?

Sir John A. Macdonald and his Government felt that the Confederation of Canada was a confederation on paper only if it was to be confined within the narrow bounds of its original limits. An inter-oceanic line of railway stretching from ocean to ocean was necessary, if you wanted to make more of it than a mere paper Confederation. We grappled with that question, just as we grappled with the question of Confederation, just as we grappled with the National Policy which infused such life and vigor into every section of the country and furnished us with the revenue that was necessary, not only to carry on our public works in a thoroughly efficient and satisfactory manner but to also enable us to deal with one of the most gigantic questions that five million people on the civilized globe ever succeeded in grappling with successfully—that was the construction of that great inter-oceanic line of railway. If today you have from the shores of Cape Breton on the Atlantic away across to the shores of the Pacific that line of inter-oceanic communication, you owe it that great Liberal-Conservative party who had the courage to grapple with this gigantic undertaking and carry it to a successful completion. (Cheers and applause.) What did the Liberal party do when that question was brought up? Banded themselves together from one end of this country to the other in opposition to the National Policy which furnished the means of this great development—banded themselves together in deadly hostility to the Parliament of Canada carrying out that great railway work. (Cheers.) In this connection my duty compels me to speak of

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