



"OUR SOLDIERS ABROAD AND THEIR CRITICS AT HOME." —J. Frise.

T. D. PATTULLO IS CHOSEN CANDIDATE OF LIBERAL PARTY

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certainly be elected. Mr. Pattullo, unfortunately, was not present, having left a couple of days ago for Bella Coola, where he will do some work in the interests of the Liberal party.

During the period when the delegates were making their choice, short speeches were delivered by a number of those present. The chairman, Captain Stork, in his usual happy style, criticized the government for insincerity and breach of trust.

Dr. Kergin, an old-time Liberal and an ex-member for this district, was then called upon. He criticized the speech of the Premier at the closing of the House. Sir Richard said they were going to the country on their record. If they had any sense of propriety, they should rather go and hire themselves.

He also criticized the action of the government in guaranteeing seventy millions to the C. N. R. Next year the province would have to pay interest on this which would amount to some four million dollars.

The government had also pretended to advance \$50,000,000 to the farmers. Even if the government could get that amount, it would be the worst thing that could happen. They would waste it as they did the other funds of the province and somebody would have to pay it. Loans to farmers, was a plank in the Liberal platform for years; but it would be dangerous to have the McBride government get the handling of it.

He denounced Premier McBride in connection with time-worn speech of that gentleman in which he had been accustomed to say that he found the province broke and restored prosperity. What he did was to liquidize the assets of the province. He sold all the land and timber and now the country was far worse off than when McBride took charge.

He also referred to the fishing business, and showed how Bowser had made a monopoly of it. Nobody could start a cannery without Bowser's consent. He closed with a few searing remarks about Price Ellison's cows. The fact that he was asked to resign showed he was guilty and the transaction reflected badly on the government.

W. E. Williams was the next speaker. He humorously referred to Premier McBride as Shakespeare's Falstaff, who said "I think the Devil will not damn me for fear the oil that is in me will set fire to Hell." The Premier was the peacemaker, while Bowser did the rough work. He told how a hotel man of the Interior who had lost his license went to McBride to have it restored. The Premier was full of promises and introduced the man to Bowser and asked if there was no way for it to be given back. Bowser said: "Yes; there is one way. Get a new Attorney General."

He showed how liberty and democracy was crushed in this province. No independence could exist where a man was coerced into voting for any party before he got his rights. We were singing, "Britons never shall be slaves," but there was a worse kind of slavery than even the Kaiser could impose. There was the slavery of the moral nature which the present machine methods were bringing about. We were

talking about vote by ballot but it was rather graft by ballot.

L. W. Patmore was then called upon and made a good speech. He said that the crimes of the McBride government were as varied as the colors of Joseph's coat. They ranged all the way from cattle rustling to handing over millions of the province's wealth to railway kings.

He gave a good exposition of Bowser's part in the failure of the Dominion Trust. The charter this company got from the Dominion was the same as all charters the Federal government grants. They refuse all trust companies the right to take deposits. Bowser amended this by a provincial bill which he knew was illegal. When he was chastized by the Federal authorities he repealed it next year but his firm of solicitors enabled them to continue taking deposits by a little agreement which was pasted in each pass book. Their agreement made the deposit rather a loan and this gave no protection whatever to the depositor. This was a trick of Bowser's firm to rob the people.

Bowser tried to defend himself by asking for pity. He said he didn't know it was so bad. But Bowser had a provincial inspector whose duty it was to inspect all trust companies every three months. The Dominion Trust Company was not inspected for two years, during 1913 and 1914. John Place had asked for these reports in the House and it was then found out that it was never inspected. It was Mr. Bowser's place to see that this was done. Why didn't he do his duty? Was here an interested reason? The responsibility rests on him. If he knew that this report was not made, he was criminally liable for not enforcing it; if he didn't know, he was guilty of criminal neglect. One form of the dilemma was as bad as the other.

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