

THE FIGHT GOES ON

Out of the stress and tumult of the provincial elections campaign one fact emerges, as clean-cut and positive as it crystallized in Nova Scotia months and years before the election writs were issued. It is this:

Nova Scotians demand—and mean to have—their rights in Confederation.

The Provincial Rights movement is as strong today as it ever was—stronger. It has not been confused or blurred by the opportunisms of a Machine that has been wrecked beyond repair. Machine politicians who for their own selfish purposes, and in an endeavor to snatch a verdict, attempted an eleventh-hour appropriation of the Provincial Rights demand, have received their answer. **The People Refused to be Fooled.** They know who have stood for the rights of the Maritimes: they know who tried to wreck the Maritime Rights movement—and they have pronounced their verdict in thunder tones.

The Machine press and Machine politicians have indulged in a great deal of misrepresentation on this subject; and not a little deliberate falsehood. To say that The Halifax Herald launched its campaign for Maritime Rights after the Federal elections of 1921 is false in fact and in inference, as we have repeatedly established by the reproduction of articles which appeared in The Herald long before the elections of 1921 were brought on. And during that campaign The Herald secured from practically every Nova Scotia candidate—Liberal and Conservative—a pledge that they would do their best to secure the rights of this and the other Maritime provinces.

Nothing has been done. The Federal members from this Province have not lifted a finger in behalf of Nova Scotia.

The people do not forget. They know who fought the battles for Maritime Rights when the Machine press and Machine politicians were denouncing the movement and heaping abuse and insult upon its leaders. And they were not deluded by an empty gesture on the eve of the elections just held.

The campaign for Provincial Rights will go on. Justice for Nova Scotia and the sister provinces of the Maritimes will be secured. There will be no halting, no turning back.

The fight has been steady and persistent. Much has been accomplished: much remains to be accomplished.

The leaders of the movement will not be discouraged by abuse, or daunted by the taunts of those who—for the cheapest kind of partizan purposes—sought to wreck the movement—and then tried to forge it into a political weapon for Machine use.

The fight will go forward with increased vigor and determination until the rights of these Provinces are established and secured.

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