

9-1-1948

09/01/1948 Governor Frank G. Payne Speech

Louis-Philippe Gagné

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalcommons.usm.maine.edu/fac-lpg-speeches-1948>

Recommended Citation

Gagné, Louis-Philippe, "09/01/1948 Governor Frank G. Payne Speech" (1948). *Speeches 1948*. 7.
<https://digitalcommons.usm.maine.edu/fac-lpg-speeches-1948/7>

This Speech is brought to you for free and open access by the Speeches at USM Digital Commons. It has been accepted for inclusion in Speeches 1948 by an authorized administrator of USM Digital Commons. For more information, please contact jessica.c.hovey@maine.edu.

Sept. 1, 1948

Your reception committee has allowed from five to eight minutes to the Mayor of Lewiston to speak to you to-night. It would take at least that length of time to make a political speech, but I do not suppose it should take that long to extend the most cordial welcome to a native son who has been such a credit to our City.

I realize that you, Republicans, have actually invaded Lewiston. It certainly takes a lot a courage to do so, because first our community is ~~not~~ a City that is not fit to live in, and secondly it is a Democratic stronghold.

~~xx~~

Our local form of government being on a non-partisan basis, I am certainly more than pleased to speak on behalf of our citizens and assure you, Mr. Payne, of our greatest admiration and of our best wishes. You have done so well in every field, whether social or political, that this City of yours, this community of ours, has but ~~our~~ pride for you and is very happy to honor you to-night.

on the day of the

You are the Republican choice for Governor of this State. I am not

familiar at all with politics, so I am not in a position to make any forecast for the coming election. However, I happen to know that there are quite a few Democrats in Lewiston.

The best encouragement I could give you, Mr. Payne, is that our citizens will always have a great deal of respect and love for ~~xxx~~ a native son who has already been acclaimed all over the State as a leader.

Therefore, ~~xx~~ I have the honor, as Mayor of Lewiston, to welcome you to our City, a City most fit to live in, ^{for} whether you are a Democrat, a Republican or a dog-catcher.

*our member of Congress,
Mrs. Marguerite Chase
and Mayor Nelson*

I take this occasion also to extend our greetings to everyone of your fellow candidates who are the guests of our Republican citizens. All of them have a great many loyal friends here and.

*I hope you
come back to Lewiston
it may be an honor
to the State. September
16 will*

*a friend to everyone, and Mayor Nelson, who
may become one of our great statesmen.
Both have a great many loyal friends here
and ~~we~~ should always feel some in our City.*