

BAXTER SAYS VENIOT CAUSE OF HIS RETURN

Broken Pledge on Grand Falls Brought Him Back, He Declares

DENES McLEAN IS DIRECTING FORCES

Richards Assails Alleged Laxity of Dry Law Enforcement.

FREDERICTON, Aug. 7.—The first political demonstration of any size in Fredericton during the present provincial campaign took place tonight when Dr. J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., leader of the Opposition, and C. D. Richards, former House leader and candidate in the urban constituency of Fredericton-Devon-Maryville, spoke in the Opera House. The meeting was attended by an audience which filled the hall and left some standing. Women were well represented and many people from places outside also were in attendance. J. A. Reid, ex-Mayor, was in the chair.

DECLARES NO PLEDGE.

Dr. Baxter spoke first and left for Saint John, Mr. Richards speaking after him. The issues of the campaign which previously had been discussed were covered by both speakers. Dr. Baxter concerning Maritime union, said he had favored it but that it was not an issue of this campaign. He said that Angus McLean had no pledge from the Opposition and no promise of a pledge. He had been, however, one of a party of 25 business men who had approached him and requested that he come back to New Brunswick to attempt the rescue of the public business of the province from the "financial madman" in charge. When he had asked what would become of them if he should fail in the attempt they said, "It will make no difference for there will be no business left if the Veniot Government remains in power."

MARITIME UNION.

Dr. Baxter expressed his satisfaction at the attendance. The gathering was real. It was not a report emanating from some remote part of the province. If a paragraph appeared in the New-Castle Advocate to the effect that Dr. Baxter was deserting Richards they would know what value would be attached to it. If the Saint John Globe and other "illustrious lights of journalism" repeated, they also would know how to take it.

He knew that a canvass had been made about Fredericton not to support Baxter, the man who would hurt New Brunswick into Maritime Union and deprive Fredericton of its position as centre of administration and everything else it had. There would be some basis for that, for in the past he had spoken in favor of Maritime Union.

In this campaign the question of Maritime Union was not an issue. The new government, which was coming in, would have no mandate from the people to deal with Maritime Union.

COMPENSATION ACT.

Dr. Baxter also dealt with the Compensation Act canvass. He said the Opposition could make no change in that act, but would make a change in administration. He outlined the steps which led up to the passage of the Workmen's Compensation Act. He stated that the late W. F. Halloway was the originator of it. He would give the present Government credit for passing the act, but he would not permit the former Government to be deprived of the credit of taking the greatest forward step in compensation ever taken in the province.

USED OWN MONEY, HE SAYS

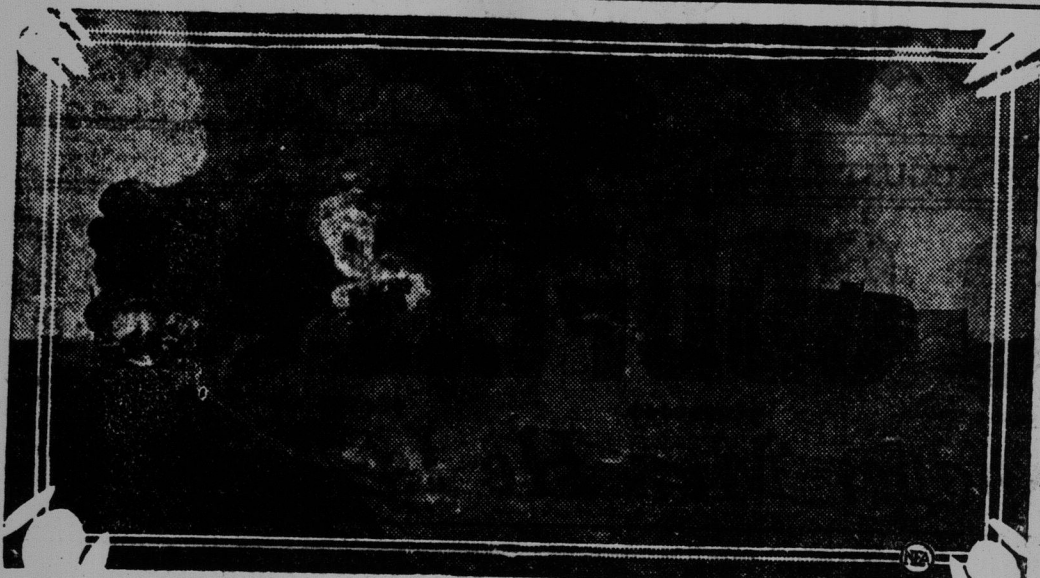
Someone in the audience mentioned the Gleaner.

Dr. Baxter, following up the remark, said that it reminded him of the boodle fund in which he was said to have been concerned. He lost his own money in that. In fact he believes he was the only man who had used his own money to save the province a loss. He had a recollection, however, of an item of \$10,000 which was contributed to a certain journal which was an instrument of moulding public opinion. He presumed that the services rendered were satisfactory at the time.

HYDRO ISSUE.

Hydro was the issue of the campaign. The Opposition was in favor of developing Grand Falls, but developing them with the public interest safeguarded. The Opposition was not going to rush into this to please J. J. McCaffrey. Continuing he said that ex-Premier Foster made a serious blunder in connection with the Grand Falls. A repetition of that at Grand Falls was not wanted. There

SIX DIE AS TRAIN CATCHES FIRE



Six men who were "beating their way" across the country were killed when their freight train was wrecked at Taylor, Tex. This picture shows blazing tank cars, which were ignited by the collision. The men were riding under these cars.

were land and other damages then not included in the payment of \$1,200,000 to the International Paper Company.

Hydro from Musquash had meant much for Saint John. It had been a great advantage, but it was paid for at less than cost and should not be provided by the involuntary charity of the rest of the province.

TELLS OF INVITATION.

With regard to the charge that Angus McLean had opposed the Government because requests for stumpage reduction were made, he had something to say. Angus McLean was opposed to a pledge and no promise of a pledge. But he could say that before nomination day—long before—Angus McLean and 25 other business men came to him and asked him to come from Ottawa to lead the Opposition because they wished the business of the province of New Brunswick rescued from the hands of this "financial madman."

SAYS VENIOT "SUCKER."

He had asked what would become of them if he became leader of the Opposition and failed. The reply was: "It will make no difference. There will be no business left if the Veniot Government remains in office."

With regard to the payment of \$1,200,000 to the International Pulp and Paper Company, Dr. Baxter said that Premier Veniot who had agreed to pay for "book increase" in the value of their Grand Falls rights. Had Veniot lived up to his promise to place the whole information before the people before he acted he (Baxter) never would have left Dominion politics to return to New Brunswick. He repeated the statement made previously that he would cancel the Grand Falls contracts at once if returned at Premier.

C. D. RICHARDS.

C. D. Richards said the size of the audience and the enthusiasm was a strong reply to the campaign of abuse and vilification which had been going on in this constituency. He was pleased by the reception given Dr. Baxter, the leader of the Opposition. He saw many before him from various places in York and he felt sure that the design of the Government in its gerrymander would be defeated.

DENIES LABOR BACKED IT.

In the province he believed there was a strong feeling of indignation against the Foster-Veniot Government. Such canvasses as the lumber lords and workmen's compensation existed only in the imagination of those who started them. He knew an emigrant had been busy about the city among working men. He did not regard that man as a true representative of working men. He could state that last night's meeting addressed by that man had not been called by officers of organized labor.

The speaker claimed part of the credit for the retention of the university of New Brunswick in Fredericton, and criticized the Government for alleged lax enforcement of prohibition.

ATLANTIC SHIP RATE CHANGES ARE DEFERRED

North Atlantic Conference Extends Trading Period to December 31

MONTREAL, Aug. 7.—With the extension of the trading period from Sept. 30 to Dec. 31 by the North Atlantic Conference, there will not be any change in ocean freight rates from American and Canadian to British and Continental ports for several months.

The conference is an association of steamship companies whose representatives meet monthly, two of the meetings during the year being held in Montreal. The midsummer Montreal conference opened in the Mount Royal Hotel yesterday and continued until this evening.

The trading period, as it is known

in shipping circles, is for three months. The North Atlantic conference announces rates from time to time to be in existence for three months or longer—the trading period.

As the meetings are held monthly, there may be revisions, either upward or downward, depending upon contingencies or unforeseen circumstances, but unless these arise the rates in existence today will continue in force until the end of the year.

Ocean freight rates on grain are not fixed by the conference, these are open and fluctuate from day to day so that the decision of the meeting does not affect grain shippers.

Slain With Hammer In Mistake For Another

NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—The police believe that Louis Leonardi, who was killed in his third floor apartment at 57 Morton street, was murdered by thugs who mistook him for a man who had been living until recently in an apartment on the floor above. A woman who had deserted her husband was living with him and the police learned the husband had threatened revenge. Mrs. Leonardi and her baby, Mario, were in a rear bedroom when two men

entered from the fire escape. She protested in Italian and was told to talk English and "quit faking."

While one of the two men was beating her husband to death with a hammer, she tore a gag from her mouth and shouted in Italian. The man left to guard her yelled, "For God's sake, Jimmy, let's get out of here; we're in the wrong place." The men fled.

SHOES MATCH FROCKS

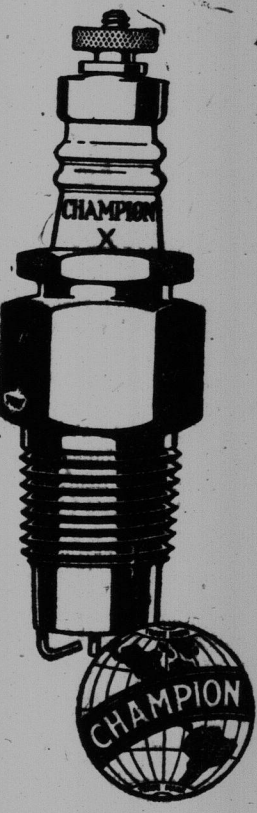
Buckskin frocks in the new pastel shades are very attractive with silk or flannel frocks that exactly match

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Government's "Dutch Courage" Due to Arrival of the Boodle Fund

Opposition speakers are telling why Veniot couldn't wait until after election to let Grand Falls contract, and the arrival of the fund confirms their statements.

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