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ST. JOHN LIBERALS CARRY THE DAY.

TORY HOWLERS PUT TO SHAME.

Attempt to Prevent Government Speakers from Being Heard Debated by Hon. Mr. McKeown's Determination and Eloquence—Liberal Standard-bearers Fight and Win Great Battle on the Hustings.

nomination proceedings in St. John were more replete with interest than the attempt made by the opposition to interfere with the right of free speech on the part of the Liberal candidates, particularly the Hon. H. A. McKeown, against whom the Tory and Tory howlers were most largely directed.

At the Court House. Sheriff Ritchie opened his court at 10 o'clock and closed it at 2 o'clock. The nominations of Hon. H. A. McKeown, George Robertson, D. J. Purdy and Edward Lantahan were filed by A. E. Macintyre; those of Hon. A. T. Dunn and Doctor Ruddick by Councillor John Long; those of Messrs. Shaw, Wilson, Maloney, Hatheaway, Anderson and Agar by James E. Cowan.

At 2 o'clock the sheriff adjourned his court until March 4. Before this almost everyone had gone to the York Theatre. The speakers had been arranged as follows:— Hon. A. T. Dunn, 30 minutes; Mr. Anderson, 30; Doctor Ruddick, 15; Mr. Agar, 30; Mr. Dunn, 15 for reply; Hon. H. A. McKeown, an hour; Geo. V. Johnson, an hour; D. J. Purdy, 15 minutes; Wm. Shaw, 30; Edward Lantahan, 15; John E. Wilson, 15; George Robertson, an hour; Mr. Hatheaway, an hour; Mr. McKeown, 30 minutes for reply.

At 2:30 hours Sheriff Ritchie took the chair and called on the first speaker. The first of insults and rebuffs which the Tories poured upon Mr. McKeown were met by a dignity and determination which made for him many friends for the government cause.

He Challenges Inspection. One was that the department of crown lands was loosely carried on. To this he made his opponent answer in a way which was a dramatic finish to the speech.

Muskoka Charges Answered. A great canvass had been made about the Muskoka lands. His honours remember the by a sale of lands recently when so much was put up at Fredericton.

and the government did not wish to force them to operate and throw more lumber on the market, for the result would be to cause a drop, and prices would go down. Revenue from the Lands. The Campbells were paying \$1,800 a year mileage for protecting the lands from fire and but some 400 miles were vacant and there was the cost to the Campbells of protecting these from fire and to prevent stealing of lumber.

County for the Government. Mr. Dunn said his colleague and he had been through the county, and the prospects were first class for the government. Doubtless some listening to him voted in the county, and he would be pleased to have them cast their ballots for himself and Doctor Ruddick.

F. M. ANDERSON. Opposition County Candidate Tries to Show That Administration Has Not Done Well. Fred. M. Anderson, one of the county candidates, was the next speaker and got a good hearing.

The Scaling System. Describing the scaling, Mr. Dunn said a competent man goes into every camp, finds how many teams are used, computes the length of haul, whether up or down hill, figures the standing timber, whether it is thick or scattered, and estimates what the production will be.

Discontented Sealed Discharged. At least five sealers had been discharged since he had taken office. Only last fall just twice the quantity returned by a sealer had been found, and he was dismissed.

DR. RUDDICK. Brief Address Made by Hon. A. T. Dunn's Running Mate in the County. Doctor Ruddick, who is Hon. Mr. Dunn's colleague in the county, was warmly welcomed by the electors.

Progressive Policy. Every effort had been made to show a bad side to the government, and many good things had been said. He need not go into details, but everyone knew great and rapid and marked had been the agricultural development of New Brunswick since the administration of Kings county alone some \$20,000 worth of dairy products alone had been exported last year.

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of power. The speaker had always been a Conservative, but he wanted the Liberals to help him this time. Mr. Agar then went into the Fort Kent dam project and pictured the horrors that would result from its erection.

MR. DUNN REPLIES. Takes Up Points Raised by Opponents and Shows Their Weakness. Replying at the close of the county candidates' address, Hon. Mr. Dunn said that from the remarks of Mr. Anderson one would think that all the North Shore lumber operators were the biggest rascals in New Brunswick.

Some Kindly References. He had only praise for those who had preceded him. The modest and kindly bearing of Mr. Agar, however wrong the speaker might believe his politics to be, showed him to have the qualities which fitted him to be a candidate if not to be elected.

OPPOSITION TACTICS. Attempt to Prevent Mr. McKeown Having a Hearing, But He Wins Out. The speaker desired to kindly criticize the platform of the Conservative party in this contest.

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county, whose interests are bound up in the county. Mr. Dunn closed amid applause and cheers. HON. H. A. McKEOWN Has to Fight a Battle Against Rowdism, But Makes a Staunch Stand and Wins. As Mr. McKeown was announced great cheering greeted the popular representative and it was some time before he could begin his address.

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McKEOWN, THE HERO OF THE DAY

Conservative Machine Had Hooters in the York Theatre, But Their Efforts Failed—Magnificent Presentation of the Government's Cause Greeted by Cheers—A Hard Day's Fighting.

interests of St. John by his connection therewith. If all were true, and Doctor Pugsley had gone into the project with the idea of raising St. John, the speaker thought the first man to rise against him and from whom condemnation would come would be those who put such enormous sums of money into the mill, and every single mill owner in the city, he said, besides the fact that he was a supporter of the government, and it might be reasonably concluded that Mr. Agar is unnecessarily alarmed over the matter.

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THAT VICTORIA WARD INCIDENT

1. Nelson L. Rand, of Moncton, in the county of Westmorland and Province of New Brunswick, do solemnly declare:— 1. That I was present at the nomination day proceedings in the York Theatre, St. John, and heard the cover-up made against the Hon. H. A. McKeown, one of the candidates on the government ticket, that he had at the last election, in Victoria ward, threatened or intimidated Conductor David McQuarrie, now deceased.

2. That Conductor David McQuarrie stated to me soon after the election that the statement referred to was false, and that the Hon. H. A. McKeown had not interfered with him on that occasion in any way. 3. This denial was made to me on the train, between St. John and Moncton, so the result of a conversation between us in reference to the election in question, and I make this solemn declaration, believing the same to be true and knowing that it is of the same force, virtue and effect as if made under oath, and by virtue of the Canada Evidence Act, 1883.

N. L. RAND. Declared by the said Nelson L. Rand, at the City of St. John and Province of New Brunswick, this 21st day of February, before me, C. J. Milligan, a commissioner for taking affidavits to be read in the supreme court.

MR. LINTON'S LETTER.

To the Editor of The Telegraph.— As Col. J. R. Armstrong referred to myself in his explanation of the conversation with Mr. McKeown regarding the charge of the latter gentleman having intimidated the late Conductor McQuarrie on election day in 1899 in Victoria ward, I wish to state the facts of the matter. I was walking on Union street with the Hon. H. A. McKeown. It was some little time after the election, and we met Colonel Armstrong at the corner of Union and Green streets. Mr. McKeown complained to Colonel Armstrong of the statement the latter had made in court, charging interference with electors on the part of Mr. McKeown. No direct reference was made to Conductor McQuarrie or any other particular case. A few days after we went into the office, Mr. McKeown told me that Colonel Armstrong had just stated to him that he had made inquiries in the case of Conductor McQuarrie and had satisfied himself there was no truth in the report that Mr. McKeown had sought to interfere with him in any way. I afterwards had a conversation with Conductor McQuarrie, and that gentleman stated there was absolutely no truth in the story that Mr. McKeown had interfered with him on election day in Victoria ward or elsewhere.

T. A. LINTON.