

THE SEMI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH, ST. JOHN N. B., FEBRUARY 11, 1903.

SIGNS OF GOVERNMENT VICTORY EVERYWHERE.

CHEERING REPORTS FROM SEVERAL COUNTIES.

Grand Rally at the Opera House, Friday Evening With Hon. A. G. Blair, Hon. L. J. Tweedie and Hon. H. A. McKeown the Probable Speakers--The Situation Outside the City--Opposition to Place Miles E. Agar on County Ticket.

There is a vigorous activity throughout the province on the part of the government supporters. Already calls for conventions have been issued in several counties. On Friday night the big mass meeting at the Opera House will be a feature of the opening week of the campaign here.

IN KINGS COUNTY.

Prospects Bright for the Government--People See No Good Reason for a Change. St. John, N. B., Feb. 8--(Special)--Colonel Donville's call for a convention of the Liberals of Kings county to select candidates in support of the local government has aroused great enthusiasm amongst the government supporters.

appeal to the people has been made, they are crying that the government has sprung the election upon them.

MR. LAFOREST NOT A PROPHET.

There is a Running Mate for Mr. Gagnon in Madawaska, and a Strong One, Too--Two Government Members There, Instead of One, the Probability. Edmundston, Feb. 7--Fred Laforest's puff in the St. John Sun a few days ago created considerable amusement here. His prediction that the government could not find a running mate for Mr. Gagnon has been suddenly exploded by the announcement that Major Jesse Baker, of Baker's Brook, was prepared to accept the nomination on the government ticket with Mr. Gagnon.

READY IN ALBERT.

Opposition Effort to Stampede Temperance Vote a Failure--Government Supporters Present Strong Front. Howells, Feb. 7--(Special)--The announcement of the dissolution of the local legislature found the government supporters in this county ready for the coming election. The government is feeling stronger than it has been in any campaign for years, and a united front will be presented to the opposition. The opposition ticket is generally conceded to be weak, and Mr. Gross, the stronger candidate of the two, will not poll so large a vote as he did in the by-election of 1900 when he was defeated by S. S. Ryan. The effort made to stampede the

temperance vote in favor of the opposition was so apparent as to deceive no one, and has consequently resulted in failure. The principal figure in this attempt was a disappointed office seeker who had guaranteed, if he secured the desired position, that he would not only support the government but would use his best endeavors to bring over with him his brother--a prominent member of the opposition.

NO OPPOSITION IN KENT.

Will Sacrifice Has Not Yet Been Found--Mr. Hebert to Run as Independent Supporter of Government. Richibucto, Feb. 7--(Special)--For the past few months the opposition has more diligently searched Kent county in the hope of finding three gentlemen willing to be sacrificed as a ticket in opposition to Messrs. Barnes, Johnston and Goggin, but the willing sacrifice has not been found. It is not expected that there will be any opposition ticket nominated on the district.

DISMAL OUTLOOK FOR OPPOSITION IN YORK.

Pinder the Sole Leader, and He Was Not Able to Get Even a Caucus of Opposition Voters--May Be Candidates, But Only for Appearance Sake. Fredericton, Feb. 6--(Special)--Whatever Mr. Hazen may be able to accomplish in other parts of the province in the way of locating the main body and inducing candidates to take the field in his behalf, he will find the field in York an exceedingly difficult one. The opposition party here is thoroughly demoralized and to no one is the truth of this more apparent than to Mr. Hazen himself, who no later than the present week spent two days here in a vain search for candidates to uphold his cause.

IN RESTIGOUCHE.

All Points to Commissioner of Public Works and H. F. McLatchey Being Elected. Campbellton, Feb. 8--(Special)--The return home of Hon. C. H. LaBilloye yesterday was the signal for the commencement of active preparations for the election campaign. The convention for the ratification of the candidature of Messrs. LaBilloye and McLatchey as the government standard bearers, is fixed for Wednesday, and the indications are that this will take the form of a grand rally of the government supporters. The Liberals are united and enthusiastic, and the divisions which have marked previous local elections in Restigouche are happily absent, the party being unanimous in their support of the government candidates.

and if somebody will "put up the stuff" Harry McLeod and Donald McCallister are talked of as possible colleagues in case more suitable victims cannot be found. The friends of the government in this constituency are thoroughly united and are ready to enter upon the campaign with vigor and determination. Some important additions have been made to their ranks since the last contest and unless there is a great change in public opinion between now and polling day, it is difficult to see how an opposition candidate in Restigouche will be able to save his deposit.

CONVENTIONS IN COUNTIES CALLED.

Kings--At Hampton, Thursday, Feb. 12, at 1 p. m. Restigouche--At Campbellton, Wednesday, Feb. 11, at 3 p. m. Queens--At Gagetown, Thursday, Feb. 12, at 2 p. m. Carleton--At Woodstock, Thursday, Feb. 12, at 2 p. m.

BISHOP POTTER FAVORS OPEN BARS SUNDAY.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 9--When District Attorney Jerome comes up February 11 to urge the passage of the bill to permit the sale of liquor in New York city on Sunday between 1 o'clock in the afternoon and 11 o'clock in the evening, he will bring a letter from Bishop Potter endorsing the bill and should be permitted to judge for himself what is best for him in the matter of drinking.

THE GOVERNMENT CANDIDATES.

List of Probable Tickets in the Various Counties of the Province. The following are the probable government tickets in the various counties:-- Restigouche--Hon. C. H. LaBilloye, of Dalhousie, and H. F. McLatchey, of Campbellton. Gloucester--There will be two tickets, both supporting the government. One will be H. F. Barnes, John Young and Joseph Poirer; on the other Frank Curran, Pierre Marois and Jerome Boudreau. Northumberland--Hon. L. J. Tweedie, James O'Brien, J. P. Burchill and Charles Fish. Kent--James Barnes, Urban Johnson and J. B. Goggin. Westmorland--Hon. Clifford Robinson, A. S. Copp, Dr. Gaudet, of Memramook, and Ernest Smith, of Shediac, or Frederick Magee, of Port Elgin. Albert--C. J. Osmen and S. S. Ryan (already nominated). Kings--Hon. Wm. Pugsley, G. G. Scovill and Ora P. King. St. John City--Hon. H. A. McKeown, George Robertson, D. J. Purdy and a Catholic nominee, among those mentioned being Thomas Gorman, M. P. Mooney, Aid. John McGoldrick, John L. Carleton and Edward Lantalam. St. John County--Hon. A. T. Dunn and Dr. Ruddle. Charlotte--Hon. Geo. F. Hill, James O'Brien, W. F. Todd and Wm. Russell or W. C. H. Grimmer. Queens--Hon. L. P. Parris and Isaac W. Carpenter. Sunbury--Harry Harrison and James Peake, of Oromocto. York--W. P. Whitehead, John Campbell, Geo. W. Allen, and W. J. Scott, of Springhill, a new candidate. Carleton--S. B. Appleby and Henry McLean, the present members. Victoria--Thos. Lawson and James E. Porter, the present members. Madawaska--N. A. Garson and Major Jesse Baker, a new candidate.

Bereford Goes Home.

St. John, Feb. 7--Lord Charles Bereford was a passenger on the Cunard liner Saxonia, which sailed today.

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GUILTY OF FAKE PROMOTING.

St. Louis, Feb. 6--The jury in the case of the United States against the officers and directors of the Lincoln Mountain Gold Mining & Milling Co., is charged with using the mails for fraudulent purposes, has brought in a verdict of guilty in the United States district court. The mining company owns acreage six miles north of Cripple Creek which, it was announced in circuit letters and in a prospectus contained millions of dollars of low-grade ore that could be treated at a profit by the cyanide process. It was shown by witnesses that the company had realized about \$200,000 from the sale of stock that was disposed of as from \$1 to \$2 a share. W. F. Wernse, Edward Wernse, Harry Wernse and G. W. Spencer, all of St. Louis and members of the brokerage firm of W. F. Wernse & Co., who floated and advertised the stock, as well as H. J. Wharton and H. C. Topping, of Chicago, directors of the company, were found guilty. Sentence was suspended. --New York Commercial.

St. Louis Brokers Convicted of Using Mails for Fraudulent Purposes.

Within a stone's throw in a west end London locality, of Swansea the following surnames exist: Head, Neck, Body, Leg, Long, Short, White, Brown, Black, Green, Dark, Brewer, Porter, Beer, Day, Knight, Jug, Lwer, Waggood, Goodway, Fenny. Edward Haller introduced mercury as the liquid for use in thermometers in 1860.

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Twenty-eight tons of plum-pudding were provided for the inmates of the London work-houses on Christmas Day, together with innumerable quantities of beef and cakes. Three centurians were among the diners.

Drinking among fashionable women in New York and among women of the lower classes is on the increase, but among women of the middle classes it is gradually lessening.

The reason why men manage burst while cooking is that they contain too great an allowance of bread-crumbs. Roll them for a minute or two before you try them, and you will find the annoyance avoided.

It is estimated that about 3,000 women and girls are employed in flower selling in the streets of London.

It is stated that in London 600 children are born every day, and 250 enter school for the first time every day.

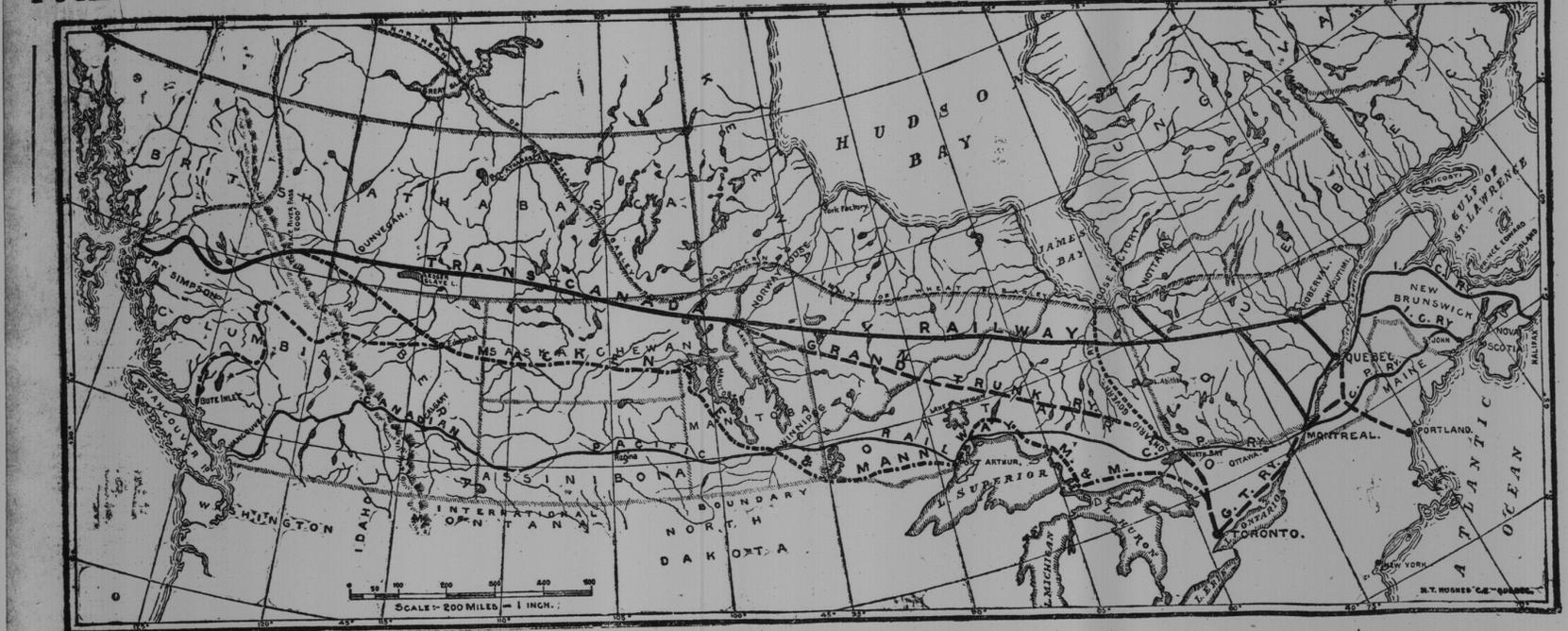
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THE PROPOSED AND EXISTING RIVAL ROUTES TO THE PACIFIC.



The cut above is of more than usual interest at this time, when the question of proposed transcontinental railroads is being discussed, and it is to be one of the important issues in parliament this year. It shows the existing lines and those proposed. Four routes from east to west appear. They are: (1) The main line of the Canadian Pacific from St. John to Vancouver. (2) The various sections of railway owned or controlled by Messrs. MacKenzie & Mann, which are to be connected in a through line from Toronto to Butte Inlet, with an alternative route to the coast from Edmonton, passing northwesterly to Port Simpson.

(3) The Grand Trunk railway extension from North Bay, in a northwesterly direction, until it strikes the line of the Trans-Canada somewhere in the neighborhood of Norway House, apparently intending to follow it to Port Simpson, if the necessary legislative permission can be obtained; and (4) The Trans-Canada, the shortest, most direct and most northerly of the lot. The enormous success which has followed the construction and operation of the Canadian Pacific railway, and the magnificent work done by it in the upbuilding of the Canadian western country is known to all. The promoters of the Trans-Canada naturally have much to urge in its favor. They propose to fight the Grand Trunk

Pacific at Ottawa, saying it seeks to get the Trans-Canada route west of Lake Winnipeg. The Trans-Canada people say, among other things:-- Less has been heard, outside of Quebec, in far, of the project and claims of the Trans-Canada than of the other proposed transcontinental routes and, therefore, a brief enumeration of them will be interesting in view of the prominence which the subject is bound to assume at the coming sessions of both the dominion parliament and of the provincial legislatures. Unlike any of the other routes, the Trans-Canada is to be purely a Canadian road, from ocean to ocean. Not a mile of its line will be in American territory. Great things are claimed for it as an im-

perial highway. Should international difficulties ever, unfortunately, occur between the United States and this country, it would be absolutely impossible for hostile troops to reach and interrupt the service of the Trans-Canada, which runs from three to five hundred miles from the frontier, though, of course, it would be very much more difficult to defend a road which runs for so great a length so near to the boundary as the Canadian Pacific railway. The eastern terminus of the Trans-Canada at Chicoutimi and Quebec, its western at Port Simpson, and the point at which it touches James Bay, could easily be defended against all comers by British fleets, while in view of the possibility

of an Anglo-Japanese alliance, it is interesting to note that the distance from Liverpool to Yokohama via the Trans-Canada is only 9,280 miles, against 12,089 miles via New York and San Francisco. From Quebec to Port Simpson via the Trans-Canada railway is only 2,830 miles, all of it south of the northern limit of wheat, while the distance between the same points via the Grand Trunk railway will be about 3,400 miles, and from Port Simpson to Port Simpson via Grand Trunk railway about 3,900 miles. It will be remembered that the distance from Quebec to Vancouver by C. P. R. is 3,078 miles. The expected saving in both distance and gradients by the proposed road, over existing routes from Manitoba to the Cana-

dian seaports on the St. Lawrence is so great that the promoters are ready to undertake to carry wheat from all points on its line in the Province of Manitoba to the ocean steamer at Chicoutimi. Montreal or Quebec, at rates which will save the farmers of Manitoba and the Northwest about seven cents per bushel on present cost of transportation to the seaboard. It is claimed that this saving alone will much more than pay the total interest upon the cost of the road's construction. Sir Sandford Fleming and Sir William Van Horne say that this is the best location for the next transcontinental railway. The map shows that the proposed line is one of the most direct which can span

the continent. Starting from deep water termini at Chicoutimi, Quebec and Montreal, for the charter provides for a line to Montreal nearly as short as that to Quebec; it is destined to traverse and develop the best part of the newly discovered wheat and timber lands of Northern Quebec in the James Bay district, to tap the whole of the James and Hudson Bay trade, to open up the valuable mineral country of Northern Ontario, to cross the centre of the rich wheat lands of the Peace River Valley, and finally to reach one of the finest ports on the Pacific coast by a pass in the mountains only 3,000 feet high, as compared with 4,425 feet at Crow's Nest, and with 5,400 at Kicking Horse.