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GOVERNMENT AGAINST CLEAN ELECTION IN KINGS

Refuse to Sign Agreement Presented by Opposition Not to Spend Any Money for Bribery, Liquor or Illegal Acts in Approaching Contest---Conference at Hampton Monday Fruitless.

Hampton, Kings county, Feb. 10.—The two committees appointed by the nomination convention of the government and opposition parties, respectfully, in Kings county, met this morning at 10 o'clock in the probate court room here. The government party men were Ora P. King, Henry Gilbert, H. P. Robinson and J. M. Scovil. Those of the opposition were James A. Moore, F. C. Bogart, A. B. Smith and Samuel A. McLeod.

After a brief exchange of courtesies, Mr. Moore submitted the following draft proposition for discussion and approved by the government party committee:

At the nominating convention of the opposition party in Kings county, held on Thursday, Jan. 30, 1908, at Hampton, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, the use of money for improper purposes in elections has become a crying scandal in Canada,

"Therefore resolved, that we, the opposition party of Kings county, in convention assembled, do hereby express our strong disapproval of such use of money for the purpose of debauching the electorate,

"And further resolved, that a committee of five be appointed from this convention for the purpose of meeting a like number from the government convention in order that arrangements may be made which will insure the running of an absolutely clean contest in the present campaign."

In conformity with this resolution the following committee was duly appointed to represent the opposition party in this matter: Jas. A. Moore, F. C. Bryant, E. L. Perkins, A. R. Smith, S. A. McLeod.

Acting under the authority vested in us by the opposition party in convention assembled, we hereby make the following proposition to the committee appointed by the government party in this county to discuss the above subject, six:

1. That no money shall be paid, either directly or indirectly for the purchase of votes.
2. That no intoxicating liquor shall be furnished electors by the candidates or their agents for use in this election.
3. That no entertainment shall be furnished electors by the candidates or their agents either on the day of polling or on nomination day.
4. That no money, tickets or passes shall be supplied by the candidates or their agents to provide railway transportation to voters either to the polls or nomination proceedings.

In connection with the above proposition, this committee desires to state on behalf of the opposition party in Kings county that we have no amount of money, nor have we in contemplation the raising of any election fund for other than legitimate expenses. The candidates representing the opposition party in Kings county have contributed no stated amount of money for election purposes, nor have they been asked for any stated sum. The money necessary for legitimate purposes of the campaign is the only fund the opposition party in Kings county have or will have, and to this fund the opposition candidates, in common with supporters of the party, will contribute as the legal expenses of the election may require.

This committee desires to state that, on behalf of the opposition party in Kings county, we are authorized to say that no person approached as a possible candidate for this party previous to the nomination convention was asked for a contribution of any amount to any fund other than that required for the legitimate expenses of the campaign.

Any newspaper reports tending to create an impression other than this stated, we utterly disclaim, and any misunderstanding that may have arisen between any person discussed as a possible candidate in this election, and any supporters of the opposition party is utterly and absolutely apart from the question at issue.

With these facts before you we request that the representatives of the government party in this county make such arrangements with the representatives of the opposition party as will insure the running of an absolutely clean contest in the present campaign.

No discussion was had upon the general merits or any particular detail of the opposition paper, and after securing a type written copy the government party committee went off to their headquarters at Heath Hall, to prepare their counter blast, leaving the opposition men waiting for an hour and a half for the acceptance or rejection of their comprehensive and clearly defined plan for insuring an absolutely clean electoral campaign.

At 12.30 the government party committee returned to the court house with the following rejection of the opposition proposition, which was read by O. P. King, and all discussion of the questions involved was curtly refused:

Whereas the undersigned committee has been appointed at a convention of the local government party to confer with a committee of the supporters of the opposition, who requested that such committee be named to meet with their committee for the purpose of endeavoring to secure a pure election in Kings county; and

Whereas it has become public and notorious through the public press, and it has been stated directly to members of this committee that Samuel A. McLeod, William McLeod, and M. W. Doherty, a committee representing the opposition party for Kings county, did on or about Jan. 27, 1908, approach Dr. George N. Pearson (an announced candidate for the opposition party), and stated to said Pearson that George B. Jones, another candidate of the same party, had agreed to contribute $1,000 as his share of a campaign fund to be raised for election purposes, and did request said Dr. Pearson to contribute a similar sum for the purposes aforesaid; and

Whereas the said Samuel A. McLeod, a member of the purity committee, appointed by the local opposition to confer with the undersigned, was and is the same Samuel A. McLeod who, with William McLeod and M. W. Doherty, approached the said Dr. George N. Pearson, and requested that he contribute a sum of money for the election purposes aforesaid as a condition precedent to his receiving the nomination of the opposition party; and

Whereas it is understood by your committee that said Samuel A. McLeod, William McLeod, and M. W. Doherty stated to the said George N. Pearson, that he would be expected to contribute a like amount with the said George B. Jones, that is to say the sum of $1,000; and

Whereas, that since the appointment of the opposition committee to confer with the undersigned committee regarding a pure election in Kings county, it has come to the knowledge of the undersigned committee that the opposition party has offered to a resident of the parish of Springfield, who was going to work in the woods in the parish of Kars, and who is a supporter of the government party, a certain financial consideration to remain in the woods until after the third day of March, which fact the undersigned committee are prepared to verify; and

Whereas this committee of the local government party is sincerely desirous of having this election contested on pure principles, and wishes hereby to place the government party on record as being in favor of purity in elections.

Therefore resolved that in view of the above statement of facts which so far remain uncontradicted and which indicate on the part of the opposition party an entire absence of good faith and a lack of intention to adhere to the proposals contained in their statement delivered to us today, this committee respectfully declines to act in conjunction with the opposition committee until such time as the facts herein contained are publicly investigated and publicly denied.

ORA P. KING,
HENRY GILBERT,
H. P. ROBINSON,
J. M. SCOVIL."

The opposition committee's denial that any of their candidates had contributed or had been asked to contribute any stated sum towards an election fund, and that any election fund existed other than that for legal electoral requirements, was met by the request that S. A. McLeod would place in their hands his denial over his own signature that he had approached a possible candidate with a demand for a stated sum, to form, together with similar amount from another possible candidate, an election fund for the purpose of conducting the approaching campaign. Naturally, in view of the expressed disclaimer and repudiation by the opposition committee contained in the last paragraph but one of their proposition, Mr. McLeod declined to comply with the request of the government party committee, seeing that it was their evident intention to reject all overtures for the mutual adoption of measures for carrying out the views of the respective nomination conventions. This intention the opposition committee felt was still further proved by the demand that negotiations should cease until all sorts of election rumors and canards involving the bonafides of the committee and party had been "publicly investigated and publicly denied."

The opposition committee expressed to your correspondent the deep regret that their desires and efforts to carry out the unanimous demand of the opposition party in Kings county, for a pure election have failed to impress the government party representatives with the necessity for a change in this regard.

MEMBERSHIP IS NOW MORE THAN 200

Fish, Forest and Game Preservation Society is Leaping Ahead.

The second meeting of the St. John branch of the New Brunswick Fish, Forest and Game Preservation Society was held Friday night in the board of trade rooms. It was a very enthusiastic gathering of more than seventy representative citizens. That the objects aimed at by the society appeal to the interests of all classes is clearly shown by the fact that since the first meeting the membership has increased from sixteen to more than 200.

At the meeting last night the president, F. H. Flewelling, was in the chair. Many present spoke on the matters presented for consideration. Among others who addressed the gathering were: T. H. Estabrooks; Dr. Geo. U. Hay, J. H. Estey, John White, F. McClure Sclanders, Frank Rankine, Dr. G. A. Hetherington, Ald. T. T. Lantalum, Fishery Inspector Belyea and F. Q. Dowling. They pointed out that the society's objects appeal not only to the sportsmen of the province, but it is really an economic consideration and should interest the farmer, the lumberman and the dweller in the cities.

The State of Maine, it was shown, and it is a fish and game country inferior to New Brunswick, derives such a large income from licenses that during the late financial stringency in New York it was quite unaffected. The secretary of the society, Douglas C. Clinch, will be glad to have the names of any who wish to become members.

Salvation Army's Prison Work.

Joseph S. Pugmire, secretary of the Salvation Army's prison work in Canada, issued the following report

Prisoners	23,176
Discharge	1,377
given employ-	692
ire to live	
	1,357
	2,579
	1,591
	1,417
	492

FREE TRIP TO THE GOVERNMENT CONVENTION

I. C. R. Was Used to Carry the Faithful Free of Cost to Moncton.

Moncton, Feb. 7.—(Special)—How the local government proceeds to give its campaign a successful appearance may be judged from the methods employed to get a crowd to Moncton for the recent government convention. Free tickets were distributed by the government party throughout the county, as well as along the line of the Buctouche Railway to all who could be induced to attend the convention and public meeting.

Evidently the government party managers feared there would be a frost unless attendance was made easy. The opposition cannot make free use of the Intercolonial, but its cause is making great progress in Westmorland. The ticket will easily carry the outlying parishes and come into Moncton with a majority which should mean victory.

LaBILLOIS AND CURRIE NOMINATED AGAIN

Campbellton, N. B., Feb. 7.—At Restigouche government convention yesterday Hon. C. H. LaBillois and William Currie the present members were unanimously renominated. At a public meeting in the evening Premier Robinson and the candidates spoke and were well received. At the convention in the afternoon resolutions were passed approving of the construction of the interprovincial bridge between New Brunswick and Quebec at Metapedia, endorsing the Robinson administration and its policy in connection with the construction of the International Railway.

Mrs. James Murray, of 25 Harding street, met with a painful accident Sunday evening while trying to board a car in Main street. It started and she was dragged quite a distance.

Egypt has practically been under British government since 1883.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Robert Melrose.

Mrs. Mary Annand Melrose, wife of Robert Melrose, of Seely street, died Friday morning. She had been in indifferent health for some time. She was the second wife of Mr. Melrose and was seventy-four years old. A. R. Melrose, of Vassie & Co's, is a stepson.

O. Isaiah S. Dimock.

Windson, N. S., Feb. 7.—(Special)—O. Isaiah S. Dimock, one of Windsor's aged and most respected citizens passed away at his residence Satisbrook, at the ripe old age of 93 years. He is survived by six sons, Henry W., of Hartville; James E., of Halifax; Fred C. and Arthur in Seattle; Constantine in Japan and Stuart at home. Mr. Dimock was married three times, his last wife, who predeceased him two years ago, being Jane Marshall, of Annapolis county. He was born in Newport, Hants County, but he came to Windsor forty years ago and settled on Satisbrook farm, where he since lived.

John C. W. Flanders.

On Friday morning, Jan. 31, at the home of his father, John O. Flanders, of Maple View, there passed from life's activities to the great beyond his youngest son, John C. W. Flanders, at the early age of thirty-four years. The deceased had been in failing health for about two years, being afflicted with a fatal disease which slowly but surely burned out life's lamp. He had always lived at home on the farm and was regarded by his parents as their main support in their old age. He was a dutiful son, a kind and affectionate brother and a true friend and his early demise will be regretted by all who knew him.

As the end came unexpectedly sudden the members of the family living abroad, namely a sister, Mrs. Beacon, of Boston, and a brother, James, of Montreal, were unable to be present at the deathbed but arrived the next day.

The funeral took place on Sunday at 1 p. m. and was attended by a large concourse of friends and neighbors. The services were conducted by the Rev. T. D. Bell, who made a very impressive address from the text "Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth," after which the Oddfellows, to which order the deceased belonged, took charge of the remains and were marshalled by F. B. Chapman. The pall-bearers were G. E. Ridgwell, F. Johnston, Theo. Giggie, T. C. Campbell, Wm. Keith and H. Fullerton. After a short service at the grave by the Rev. T. D. Bell, the burial service of the order was conducted by the noble grand, Fred Barton, and the chaplain, A. W. Ridgwell, surrounded by about twenty members of the order, which was very impressive.

Leonard M. Williams.

The death of Leonard M. Williams, aged twenty-two years, only son of Hiram C. and Maria Williams, of 23 High street, occurred Sunday morning. He had been ill about one year and bore his sufferings with great cheerfulness. His bright and happy disposition made him a general favorite, and many friends in this city will mourn his early death. He was a consistent member of St. Luke's church and was actively identified with the Cadet corps. He is survived by his parents and one sister, Miss Edith A. B.

E. P. Eastman.

Moncton, N. B., Feb. 8—Death occurred last night at Petitcodiac of E. P. Eastman, former high treasurer of the Supreme Court I. O. F., New Brunswick. He had been ill ten days with heart trouble. He was born in December, 1847, at Dennisville (Me.), and took part in the American civil war for two years, afterwards coming to New Brunswick. He was identified with a number of lumbering concerns after coming here and was on the Canadian staff at the St. Louis Exposition, representing lumber interests of New Brunswick. The remains will be interred at Garland (Me.)

Stephen Weldon.

The death occurred Sunday of Stephen Weldon, a well known Albert county resident, who passed away at home in Upper Coverdale.

Samuel P. Kyle.

Sussex, N. B., Feb. 9.—(Special)—Samuel P. Kyle, a resident of Upper Corner, aged sixty-six years, died yesterday at 12.30 o'clock. He had been a great sufferer from rheumatism for some time past, and a slight paralytic stroke ended his sufferings. Deceased was a wheelwright and well known in the county. A wife, one daughter and four sons survive. The daughter is Miss Ida, of Manchester (N. H.), the sons are Frank, Thomas and Evans at home, and Robert of Boston.

The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock, interment at Upper Corner. Rev. Geo. Orman will officiate.

Rodney McLeod.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 10.—Rodney McLeod, a retired produce commission merchant of this city, died today at the home of his son, F. P. McLeod, 69 Humboldt avenue, Roxbury. Mr. McLeod was 77 years old, a native of Kings county (N. B.), and was a resident of that locality until 1881 when he came to Boston to engage in business. A widow and two sons survive. The funeral services will be held in the Baptist church at Penobsquis (N. B.), to which place the body will be taken for burial on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Daniel Michaud.

Mrs. Rose Ann Michaud, wife of Daniel Michaud, proprietor of the Three Mile House, died suddenly in her home Sunday night of hemmorhage of the brain. She had apparently been in her usual good health, but while she was setting in her parlor last evening the attack came. Drs. Lewin and McIntyre were summoned from the city but Mrs. Michaud died ten minutes after their arrival.

She is survived by her husband and one daughter, Mrs. David Corkery.

George M. Brown.

Word of the death of George M. Brown, which took place in Boston Monday morning after a lingering illness, was received here yesterday. Deceased was the fourth son of the late David Brown, track master of the C. P. R., and a resident of the West End. He was about thirty-five years of age, and for some years was employed in the C. P. R. general offices in this city, but of late had been connected with the steamship business in Boston. He was well known in the West End, where his widowed mother resides. Besides his mother he leaves four brothers and two sisters. The brothers are: William, manager of the Canadian Northern railway, Edmonton; Robert, of the Canadian Northern, Edmonton; Gavin, of the C. P. R. at Woodstock, and Walter B., of the C. P. R. in this city. The sisters are Mrs. Samuel Thompson, of the West End, and Mrs. Bruce Hill, of Winnipeg.

Walter Brown was in Boston when his brother died, and is expected home with the body today at noon. The funeral will be held on the arrival of the train. Deceased was a member of the Masonic fraternity. He has a large circle of friends who will be deeply grieved at his death.

LOCAL NEWS.

Reports from up river sections indicate that conditions are now very favorable for getting logs out of the woods.

There were nine marriages in the city last week. There were 17 births. Five of the infants were females.

W. M. Thurrott, of Maugerville, and Dr. J. Peake, of Belmont, the government candidates in Sunbury county, were at the Dufferin Monday.

On Saturday at Chubb's corner Sheriff Ritchie sold the Azorbrook copper mine, near St. Martins, to W. A. Mott, of Campbellton, for $1.

The park authorities protest against snowshoers who when crossing the public gardens trample over the shrubs. They suggest that the paths only be used.

Fred Doyle, the diver left Tuesday morning for Grand Falls, where he will make inspection of the piers of the old bridge there for the C. P. R.

Deputy Sheriff A. R. Foster, of Carleton county, arrived in the city Thursday evening with a patient for the provincial hospital. He left for home again Friday morning.

Rev. Mr. Townsend, who has accepted the call to the Fairville Presbyterian church, will be inducted into the charge Friday evening, and will occupy his new pulpit for the first time next Sunday.

John F. Ryan, of Quispamsis, thinks that Wm. Ryan, a seaman of the German ship Magdelena, who died in San Francisco recently, was his brother whom he had not seen in 27 years. He will communicate with the proper authorities.

Coun. F. C. Taylor, of Blissville, Sunbury county, was in the city Monday. He reports that his parish will go solid for Hazen and Glasier and that the election of the opposition ticket in Sunbury is assured.

Thorne Bros., hatters, have called a meeting of their creditors for the 10th inst. It is said they have offered to compromise for 30 cents on the dollar. Their liabilities, it is understood, are about $12,000.

Hon. A. T. Dunn said Monday that the officials in the civil service have determined to appeal to Ottawa against the recent decision of the Supreme Court of this province that they must pay taxes in this city.

James Holly & Sons, Indiantown, have received a letter from Hon. Wm. Pugsley in reply to a request for a fog horn near Green Head point on the river, promising to urge the minister of marine and fisheries to have the work done.

Thomas R. Kent brought his boring apparatus from St. Andrews to the city Friday. On account of a blockade, however, he was unable to get it through to Lepreaux where he has the contract to bore for the Dominion Iron and Steel Company.

At the meeting of slaughter house commissioners Friday the inspector, Dr. W. H. Simon, submitted the following figures of killing during January: Kane & McGrath, 216 cattle, 48 sheep, 10 calves, 12 swine; J. E. McDonald, 104 cattle, 50 sheep, 8 calves; M. J. Collins, 25 cattle, 5 calves.

Councillor Robert Connely, of Great Salmon River, came into the city Monday to attend the funeral of Hon. A. I. Trueman. Mr. Connely, who is manager for the Bay Shore Lumber Company, reports that conditions in the woods are now excellent for hauling. As a consequence the company are pushing the work of getting out their logs and if the weather holds they will soon have the entire cut on the brow. Mr. Connely left for home last evening by way of Sussex.

An excellent programme was successfully carried out at the entertainment given in St. David's school room last evening under the auspices of the Young People's Association. Selections from the works of Dickens were chosen as the subject and some of the best known scenes from the novelist's writings were given. Music composed by contemporaries of Dickens added a pleasing feature to the programme. The programme as published yesterday was given. Rev. A. A. Graham presided.

Weddings.

Desmond-Jeffrey.

A very quiet but pretty wedding took place in Holy Trinity church on Saturday evening when Miss Mary Jeffrey, of the North End, became the wife of Dennis Desmond. Rev. J. J. Walsh performed the ceremony in the presence of a large number of friends of the contracting parties. Miss Katie Jeffrey, niece of the bride, acted as bridesmaid while Frank Martin was the groomsman. The groom's present to the bride was a substantial check and to the bridesmaid a pearl crescent. Mr. and Mrs. Desmond will reside in Main street.

Green-Penrose.

Monday at the home of the bride's father, Henry Penrose, 144 King street, Carleton, a very pretty wedding took place, when his eldest daughter, Princie Portici, was united in marriage to Leroy Green, of this city.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Sampson, of St. George's church. Only the immediate relatives were present.

Claimed St. John as Birthplace.

William Ryan, a sailor, who claimed St. John as his birthplace, died in the United States Marine Hospital in San Francisco, recently. He shipped on the German ship Magdalena at Newcastle-on-Tyne on July 23, 1907, when he gave his age as 52 years. Mayor Sears yesterday received a letter from W. R. Hearn, the British consul in San Francisco, enclosing another from the German consul containing an account of Ryan's death. It was added that $58.85 in wages was due him. This has been sent to the board of trade, London.

Canada's Heavy Bounties.

Ottawa, Feb. 10—The total of the bounty payments for the calendar year was $2,758,346. The iron and steel bounties were $2,305,295, and the payments on petroleum totalled $414,158.

OPPOSITION HOT SHOT INTO GOVERNMENT CAMP

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find Scotch coal good enough if he tried it.

Continuing, Dr. McInerney said among the few spasmodic promises before the elections was the government's expressed intention to send gentlemen to the old country in the cause of immigration. He ridiculed Hon. James Barnes' idea of Japanese labor, referring to him as gentle James, who after consulting the Delphian oracle on the banks of the Buctouche, had passed into an hypnotic sleep strongly suggestive of chloroform, only to bob up again as somebody with a high sounding title. One thing was certain, he said, New Brunswick must be a white man's province. They wanted no Mongolian to take up the white man's burden. (Cheers.)

In closing Dr. McInerney spoke of the grand reports coming in from all over the province and the fact that among opposition candidates were some of the best men engaged in industrial pursuits. There was victory, he said, in every breeze and they must stand together and work for the good cause they all had at heart.

Robert Maxwell, M. P. P.

Mr. Maxwell was received with much cheering and shouts of "he's all right." After referring to his previous campaign and the great honor done him on that occasion, he urged that in the same way in the present contest there might be no personalities but that the candidates should be judged by their public actions and conduct.

Turning to a consideration of the government's claim for recognition, he said things for which the government claimed credit were the passing of the mechanics lien act, the woodsmen's lien act and other measures for the relief of working men. As a matter of fact all these laws were forced from them at the point of the bayonet, and had it not been for the work of the opposition not one of them would have become law. (Cheers).

The speaker then turned to the consideration of the financial record of the government. This, he said, was the most remarkable aspect of their career of which anyone could speak. The financial critic of the opposition challenged the statement of the premier and provincial secretary that there is a surplus of between $8,000 and $9,000, and claimed there was a large deficit.

When the premier was challenged by Mr. Flemming he promptly threw up the provincial secretaryship, placing the burden on the shoulders of Mr. Allen, a gentleman who formerly lived in Shediac and who has been fed with dominion pap for the last seven years. (Laughter). The government said what was the use of turning over the legislature to Mr. Hazen, who was a novice, but they contradicted themselves by giving the highest office in the province to a gentleman who never was in the local legislature and who never would be. (Cheers).

When Mr. Pugsley was premier he claimed he had a nice little surplus, but when the local opposition asked what was the balance due to the various banks they found out it was $192,666.75. He challenged the premier or provincial secretary to prove that this was not the amount of the overdraft or that the accounts in all departments were not overdrawn.

The enormous expenditure, Mr. Maxwell pointed out, had been going on in the face of an increasing revenue. In 1907 the increase was $100,000 more than they had the year before.

Independent Auditor General.

Mr. Hazen promised, if returned to power, he would introduce legislation making the auditor-general independent of parliament. He also promised to repeal the highway act and immediately the premier promised the same things. The local opposition, Mr. Maxwell continued, had for years been fighting the school book ring. Mr. Robinson now proposed to appoint a commission to consider this question. But he would not consent that the public accounts should be examined by a proper commission.

Time and time again the opposition had asked for the accounts of the Central railway, but unsuccessfully. The fact was that many bills which were supposed to go through the auditor-general's office never reached his hands. Further than that, that official said that more than $100,000 had been expended in public works no detail of which had ever reached him. The committee of auditors proposed by Premier Robinson would be a farce, and no one knew that better than he did.

Mr. Maxwell then went on to speak of the increased dominion subsidy. He claimed that instead of $130,000 the province ought to receive $146,000. He went on to point out that by law $15,000 of this $130,000 was to be allowed to lie at interest at Ottawa to go towards paying off the bonded debt of the province, instead of which the money had all gone into general revenue and been spent. He then charged that the government had for years kept ten per cent. off the teachers' fees, thereby destroying their usefulness. Now, at the last moment, after years of effort on the part of the opposition, the government took credit for increasing their allowances. They had not as yet announced the amount, but he ventured to say it would not be any more than the ten per cent. would come to.

The government also claimed that, owing to railway legislation passed before they came into power, they had been saddled with a debt of $1,000,000 when they came into office. Even were this true, the speaker claimed such a debt ought to have been taken care of long ago out of the ordinary revenue. The fact that they had not in twenty-five years been able to pay it off showed that they were unfit to be continued longer at Fredericton. (Cheers).

Mr. Maxwell then went on to speak of some of the expenditures made by the legislature. He mentioned the $48,000 or $50,000 spent on the work of consolidating the Statutes of New Brunswick. This, he said, benefited no one only the lawyers. He was glad there were no lawyers on the St. John ticket. This was the first time the ticket had been clear of lawyers for many years.

The government, he said, had taken thousands of dollars out of the pockets of the people ostensibly for school books, which, in reality, went into the pockets of their friends. He claimed it is well within the mark to place the amount thus paid out by the people at between $60,000 and $65,000. Mr. Maxwell went on to say that there had been many useless changes and that the old books were better than those now in use.

The Railway Deals.

He then touched on the Central Railway. The government claimed that they had helped St. John materially to build their facilities but they had thrown away more money on the New Brunswick Coal & Railway Company's line than would have built the whole of the terminal facilities. If the government were honest they would say that the Central was run at a loss and not only so but they should also state that they were using the road to haul the coal mined by their friends.

When the present attorney general was elected by acclamation he made a statement to the press that the opposition were as guilty of the highway act as the government. This statement, Mr. Maxwell said, was absolutely false and Mr. McKeown knew it.

The speaker then turned to the bonding of the International Railway. When the matter was up in the house it was stated that the first thirty-three miles of the road were all that would be guaranteed. In spite of that Mr. Pugsley introduced a bill at the next session to guarantee a total of $880,000 for the whole road. More than that, no plans or profiles were ever put in the public works department for more than the first thirty-three miles. Mr. Malcolm, the speaker went on, was the International Railway Company and owned everything. They were not through with it yet and if the electorate was foolish enough to return the government to power Mr. Malcolm would be backed for another guarantee, and it would mean more money expended for the Central. He said there was one way to prevent a further increase in the bonded indebtedness of the province and that was to vote the whole opposition ticket. (Loud and prolonged cheering.)

W. F. Hatheway.

W. F. Hatheway was received with loud cheers. At the outset of his speech he expressed a hope that there would be no personalities in this campaign. He particularly wished the press to observe this, and hoped that the candidates might go through the wards discussing the issues in a business like way.

All four government candidates were well known to him. He believed also they had the best interests of the province at heart. He was sorry that Edward Sears had declared himself opposed to the new assessment act. He thought the electors would do well to find the reason for this opposition. The new assessment act proposed to levy heavier taxes on the banks, telegraph and telephone companies, and Mr. Sears had opposed it.

Mr. Hatheway said he would at a future meeting discuss more fully the question of the lumber resources of the province. Only one point he would touch on, a point of vital interest to the people of Portland, who depended so much on the saw mills for their livelihood. This was the policy of the International railway. It was the aim of that road to bring the round logs from the country which they cross and transport them to St. Leonard's and so into the mills of Van Buren and other United States points, where United States workmen would reap the benefit of sawing them into lumber.

Personally he declared himself in favor of imposing a tax on logs thus transported to the United States, the tax ensuring work for the mills along the St. John river and all over the province.

Mr. Hatheway then turned to the transportation question, one which must soon come strongly before the electors. Not once had the New Brunswick legislature protested against the proposed route of the G. T. P. There were three alternative routes surveyed, and the one finally chosen was the one farthest removed from the St. John river. He asked why this was, and contended that the great influence of Nova Scotia was apparent in it.

Turning to the Central railway, he said he was thoroughly conversant with that road. He professed not to be able to understand why thoughtful business men, such as Mr. Purdy and Mr. Lantalum undoubtedly were, could ever have been satisfied to give the right to build the railway to a company having no financial responsibility.

Cold Storage.

Mr. Hatheway next referred to the cold storage warehouse. He sketched the history of the efforts made by F. E. Williams to establish such a plant in St. John. The government of New Brunswick had passed an act granting a subsidy of $60,000 to any company which would build and equip such a plant. Mr. Pugsley, who was then premier, told the house that it would cost $85,000 to complete such a building. This charter was given to George McAvity, a gentleman whom the speaker never knew to have any knowledge of cold storage, but the government had every confidence in him. It was stated then that a company was formed and the premier, on the floors of the house, said that they had secured a lease of land in Portland worth $1,500 for $500. He also stated that the dominion government had undertaken to build a spur into the property.

Six years passed away, and nothing was done till Sir Frederick Borden, in December, 1906, had an act passed in Ottawa providing that $30,000 more would be granted to any one building such a warehouse. Immediately Mr. Williams, of St. John, became busy to form his company. It was remarkable, however, how little such men as Mr. Williams could effect against such big men as Sir Frederick Borden, who was a cabinet minister and drew $8,000 a year. Hon. Sidney Fisher, another cabinet minister, wrote to Mr. Williams to say that he had received an offer from his colleagues and he did not approve of his (Mr. Williams') scheme.

Mr. Hatheway continued that he had never heard Sir Frederick Borden was particularly well up in cold storage. He was minister of militia and spent millions of dollars every year in his department. He knew all about colonels and captains, but he never heard that he was an expert on the cold storage of fruit or dairy produce. However, when Mr. Williams went to Ottawa he was taken into a room where the minister of militia was, and was patted on the shoulder in a patronizing way and told "I am going to sidetrack your scheme. I have one of my own in which I am interested."

Mr. Hatheway then contended that the New Brunswick government were to blame in the first place because they did not insert a proviso in the charter that it would be forfeited unless operations were begun before six years. The cold storage warehouse would enter into competition with Slipp & Flewelling, the butchers in the market and all who conducted cold storage on a small scale. For this reason, if no other, they ought to have been carefully watched.

There was another point, however. When the legislature framed the charter provision was made that the property of the company should be vested in the crown. This was a disgrace, as neither the mayor nor the corporation of St. John could levy any taxes on the company till the bonds became due. The speaker asked was it fair to grant such privileges to a company composed for the most part of Ontario men; to a company the direct object of which was to come into competition with the local store keepers who were so heavily taxed? Still another strange feature was that the interest on the bonds had been advanced from three to four per cent. Mr. Purdy protested against this move in the house, but he did not vote against it.

In conclusion, Mr. Hatheway urged the electors to listen to both sides during the campaign and then vote for the men who, they believed, would best conduct the business of the province. He urged that none should split the ticket and prophesied that the opposition would be returned to power on March 3.

At the conclusion of his speech Mr. Hatheway was rewarded with a burst of loud applause.

Before the meeting broke up the chairman called for three cheers for the King and the candidates, which were given with a hearty good will.

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TO PROBE ST. JOHN COLD STORAGE MATTER AT OTTAWA

Ottawa, Feb. 10.—The St. John cold storage matter, already referred to, is to be brought up in the house of commons at an early day. Possibly an effort will be made for a parliamentary enquiry.

TROUBLE IN CHARLOTTE

To the Editor of The Telegraph:

Sir,—That Senator Gillmor is making the coming contest his own fight, in Charlotte, is the one opinion here now. It was quite evident from the start that he and his "body guard" were working more strenuously than ever before in a local election, but the secret of their efforts is out. The senator is not satisfied with being a member of the upper chamber; he wishes to be the successful opponent of G. W. Ganong, M. P., and intends resigning at the next election to contest the county once more. To better help his cause he is doing his best in the election, hoping to convince the public that the present contest is a straight Liberal and Conservative fight, at which several good Liberals and opponents of the present administration at Fredericton are annoyed. But, that he is trapping some of the leaders in his own party is now quite plainly seen. Mr. Armstrong who is now a member of the government ticket, is the first victim. It is well known, and especially by the senator's friends, how bitterly Mr. Armstrong attacked "the man with the barrel" at the last election; also that Mr. Armstrong was to be a candidate for the next Federal nomination and had a good chance of defeating the senator for the candidature. But now the senator has the field to himself. He comes to Charlotte, has Mr. Armstrong nominated for the present ticket with the promise of a job if defeated, and thus has the way cleared for himself. Just what offer Mr. Armstrong has, is not known, but it must be quite a recompense, as Mr. Armstrong surely saw by the vote he received at the convention—38 out of a possible 61—how he stands with the party. Although some of the government suporters are kicking because Mr. Armstrong is on the ticket, still the senator's friends are chuckling to themselves about the way they got rid of a dangerous opponent. That Mr. Armstrong allowed himself to be thus bluffed is a conundrum, for his friends in the county, who resent the action of Senator Gilmour coming down from Ottawa to manage the campaign, especially when he showed his ability in that line when he ran his own election four years ago; and as the senator and Mr. R. T. Wetmore are sore at points, all chances of getting Mr. Wetmore and his followers into line are despaired of.

The chances for the government ticket in Charlotte are very slim and old supporters of the government think the chances would have been materially strengthened by the senator staying in Ottawa attending to his duties instead of coming to Charlotte to run a local campaign for his own benefit.

Yours,
CHARLOTTE.

St. George, Feb. 10, 1908.

PERSONALS

Miss Helen H. Arnold returned to the city from Woodstock on Saturday.

Among the Canadians registered at the Canadian government offices in London during the week ended Jan. 28 were Mr. Wm. Vassie and Miss Vassie, of St. John, and Mrs. Walter G. Jones and Miss Jones, of Halifax.

Mona, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Robinson, who has been seriously ill for ten days, has so far recovered as to be out of danger, and her speedy recovery is looked for.

Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Ingram, of the Pines, Miramichi, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Robinson, 106 Elliott Row.

Thomas Bell, Percy Masters and C. E. L. Jarvis, of St. John, were in Halifax Saturday.

R. A. Snowball, of Chatham, was in the city Monday.

Hon. L. P. Farris, commissioner of agriculture, is at the Royal.

Judge Landry is at the Royal.

Dr. J. E. Hetherington and Mrs. Hetherington, of Cody's, came to the city Monday.

Irvin Ingalls, of Grand Manan, was registered at the Victoria Monday.

Bayard Elkin returned from Sackville Monday.

Miss Maud Appleby, of Hampton, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Justus Chapman, of Fairville.

Waterville Publishing Co. Suspends.

Waterville, Me., Feb. 10—The Sawyer Publishing Company today suspended for two weeks. The employes will then be notified as to further plans.