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HOW THE LIBERALS FOUND THEIR CANDIDATE.

Mr. Allan Green Elton to Mr. W. K. Reynolds and Mr. McLaughlin was not fixed in the minds of some interesting election friends to ponder over.

This is nomination day and a week hence will see the result of the election.

When Progress went to press last week the gentlemen who now form the government ticket had not been chosen but they were on the same evening (Friday). This paper gave the current rumor as to who was likely to be honored by the party and named, Robertson, McKeown, McLaughlin and Allan, as the probable favorites. Two of them were chosen but to the great surprise of nearly all the people neither McLaughlin or Allan had a place on the ticket. The former was not even named and the latter was downed in convention.

The inside story is a very interesting one showing the differences that exist in party ranks but to trace it to its source would take more space than Progress can give to it.

Instead of choosing Messrs. McLaughlin and Allan the convention thought Mr. D. J. Farley of the North End and Mr. W. K. Reynolds would be better suited to them. So they made the ticket Robertson, Farley, McKeown and Reynolds.

So describe the consternation that this produced in certain quarters the next morning is hardly possible. Mr. Allan's friends could not imagine that the man who had placed himself in the gap in 1892 and had since then been a consistent supporter of the government, was turned down at the present moment and his place given to Mr. Reynolds. But it was so. Neither could a great many of their Roman Catholic understand why their choice, Mr. Daniel Mullin, should be set to one side and Mr. Reynolds chosen in his stead. They stood in the market place and on the street corners and asked the reason why. But they asked in vain and after two or three days made up their mind to accept the convention's choice. This was said to be due to the fact that a few of the co-religionists of Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Mullin had met the same afternoon and discussed the matter. At that time it was not a question as to what Catholic would be chosen but whether there would be a Catholic on the ticket. This question always comes up in St. John and as the years go on the necessity for it arising does not seem to disappear. Protestants and Catholics are good neighbors, do business together, are friendly in every way and yet one does not seem to be willing that the other should represent him.

This time it appears that the Catholics made up their mind that they must have a man on the ticket. Mr. Carleton had represented them in 1892 and there had not been an election since then but representing as they felt they did a considerable portion of the government support they took this position that they did.

That made a difference. There were some who had been approached and asked to be candidates who felt, rightly or wrongly, that the ticket would be weakened if their Catholic friends insisted that they should be represented. So one of them, at least, made his acceptance conditional upon the fact that his wishes in this respect should be carried out. When he found that they would not be he would not allow himself to be considered as a candidate for political honors.

The how had many strings and the only thing to do was to decide which was the strongest and best. There was Allan, Farley, McKeown, Robertson, Reynolds, Mullin, McLaughlin in the first place. Of course the selection of Mr. Reynolds on the list down but still there was enough and to spare. The same of Mr. J. Fred Watson seemed to have been withdrawn, perhaps because his uncle, Mr. Parley, was on the list of those to be chosen. The opposition was not sorry for this because Mr. Watson would have been a hard man to fight in the North End and his many personal friends all over the city would have disturbed the serenity of the vote. If they were glad that Mr. Watson was not coming against them they were also pleased the next morning when they discovered that Mr. Allan was not to be on the ticket. True, there was Mr. Farley, a merchant and a good alderman, but his strength according to their ideas was more than offset by the fact that the

St. John City.									
WARDS.	WARDS.								
	Shaw.	Smith.	S. Ockton.	Alward.	Allan.	Trueman.	Carleton.	Hetherington.	
Lorne.....	263	263	263	264	232	233	231	236	
Lansdowne.....	301	300	297	299	274	277	277	278	
Dufferin.....	269	266	266	267	278	285	283	278	
Victoria.....	324	318	319	310	134	143	138	139	
Stanley.....	50	51	41	51	90	90	92	90	
Kings.....	205	190	193	189	199	203	205	103	
Wellington.....	413	358	361	354	237	238	253	216	
Prince.....	373	350	345	356	308	325	341	306	
Queens.....	389	374	368	360	193	206	187	184	
Dukes.....	295	282	284	285	154	166	151	152	
Sydney.....	153	150	149	148	200	203	201	200	
Guy.....	265	300	278	269	230	151	149	152	
Brooks.....	158	187	162	161	108	91	97	82	
Non Residents.....	24	23	22	22	17	18	17	15	
Totals.....	3484	3412	3358	3334	2652	2629	2622	2531	

St. John County.				
PARISAES.	McKeown.	Rourke.	Dann.	McLeod.
Simonds No. 1.....	58	87	130	129
Simonds No. 2.....	50	41	63	77
Simonds No. 3.....	82	83	64	72
St. Martins.....	228	248	132	151
Lancaster No. 1.....	288	271	251	238
Lancaster No. 2.....	59	43	51	32
Musquash.....	63	60	138	122
Non Residents.....	113	108	151	150
Totals.....	971	941	980	971

York County.								
PARISHES.	Allan.	Low.	Ynder.	Pika.	Blair.	Wilson.	Colter.	Anderson.
M. Sutton.....	133	131	129	135	97	91	93	96
Fredericton.....	486	423	398	424	69	654	609	619
Millville.....	75	75	83	81	57	51	51	53
McAdam.....	35	34	34	32	19	15	15	17
St. Croix.....	10	10	10	10	8	8	8	8
O'Byr Stanley.....	226	233	218	214	113	105	94	103
Stanley.....	139	135	135	117	201	204	201	206
Bloomfield.....	50	53	49	—	102	93	91	90
Harvey.....	134	131	129	134	97	91	93	96
Kingsclear.....	110	106	105	114	150	145	151	149
Cork.....	199	210	201	207	60	62	58	58
Gibson.....	128	126	130	137	91	88	90	81
Nashwaak.....	141	139	145	129	31	29	32	26
French Vale.....	131	129	131	129	61	59	56	59
Queen Front.....	73	74	75	73	38	27	38	39
Queen Black.....	108	107	108	108	41	42	42	43
North Lake.....	140	138	128	122	146	151	157	140
Keswick.....	15	15	15	15	4	4	4	4
Nortondale.....	152	152	144	146	137	133	134	131
St. Marys.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals.....	2485	2421	2367	2327	2144	2086	2049	2040

others mentioned above were not in the field.

How convention proceedings do differ! The conservatives seem to have their delegates chosen before hand and they know what to do when they get together. The liberals, or rather the Emerson party, on the other hand, did not seem to have any delegates. Some wanted the whole meeting to nominate the candidates in an open convention while others wanted delegates chosen and the thing done in a more formal way. The open order business was adopted for why not, as Patrick Gleason, Esq., said that it was understood that Messrs. Robertson, Purdy, McKeown and Reynolds would be the candidates? what need was there to select delegates. That was an admission that some did not like and it was an unwise one too. Perhaps Mr. Gleason was a trifle sarcastic and did not approve of having the candidates selected which he as one prominent voter was called afterwards to go through the form of doing the same thing. There were some there who were not satisfied and consequently there were nominations outside of the chosen four. That was how Mr. Allan was nominated and that was how Mr. D. Mullin would have been nominated had Thomas Driscoll spoken before the nominations closed. Had Mr. Mullin been in the field there would have been a tie for with the vote split between him and his opponent Mr. Allan would no doubt have been chosen.

It is not that Mr. McKeown nominated Mr. Reynolds is supposed to draw the disagreeable recollections of previous

rights when as the "boy candidate" he was in the field of local politics. Whether or not it will have the desired effect remains to be seen.

The nomination of Mr. Allan made it necessary to choose delegates and some of those who got on the list must have surprised those who read the morning papers. Of course the old and tried workers were there and chosen but here and there some men who had chased the praises of the independent party would appear on the list. The conversion of an independent is enough to make even the liberals proud but the sincerity of their conversion seems to be doubted by their old associates.

Some idea of how the contest has gone in the past will be gathered from the returns of 1892 that are printed on this page. They will be interesting reading at the present time. That was the last local election that was held in St. John and Westmorland that there has been one in York county since. The figures of that contest are not available at the present moment. The St. John returns are official and the others as complete as they could be had the morning after the election.

Of course both sides are claiming a victory but no claim will be recognised until the votes are counted next Saturday evening. As a rule the liquor dealers are supporting the government. They were not pleased when the present law was passed and the restrictions and increased license fees placed upon them but still they have not withdrawn their support. But they aren't pleased this year at the elections being called on Sat-

urday. According to the law they cannot open their places of business and as Saturday is their best day of the week this is a matter of serious moment to them.

HE DIDN'T NEED SYMPATHY.

A Widower who Had no Use For Let'ers of Condolence.

A St. John lady had rather a startling surprise the other day and one that has led her to meditate on the instability of all things human—especially mankind.

Somewhere about the beginning of December the wife of an old and intimate friend died in Portland Me. after a few days illness. As the deceased was also a life long friend of the lady in question the latter was naturally shocked and felt the deepest sympathy for the bereaved husband.

She postponed writing the usual letter of sympathy such things always seem to call for, for as the lady expressed it "these letters are always difficult things to write, and I kept putting it off from day to day, till my husband finally made a point of my doing so last week."

The letter was written and mailed, and on the same day the lady received a copy of a Portland paper with a marriage notice heavily marked with red ink. The groom was her bereaved friend of whom she had been thinking for weeks and pining as a wretched and broken hearted. The lady says she won't write any more letters of sympathy or waste any more pity on widowers, especially if they happen to be living at a distance.

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AN UGLY STORY DENIED.

THE FACTS OF THE ACCIDENTAL DEATH OF SYBIL JONES.

How Vanwart Came to be With Her and How He tried to Save Her Life When Both Were in Danger of Drowning That Winter's Eve.

A strange story comes from the St. John river where the sad accident that resulted in the drowning of Miss Slipp took place.

The unsuccessful attempts made to recover the body of the young girl is no doubt responsible for the additional attention the accident has received, but there are a number of people in the vicinity who appear to have circulated an unpleasant story which is as false as it is ridiculous. As the tale has reached Progress, they wish to imply that the young man, Fred Vanwart, who was skating with Miss Slipp not only made no attempt to save her but that the accident was not so much an accident as was supposed.

This is a serious reflection and the story ridiculous and false as it is, has worried the parents and relatives of the young man. His father is John O. Vanwart the proprietor of Evandale house and those who know him and his family can well understand his anxiety to have the facts known which beyond all doubt make it sure that the drowning was a pure accident.

Those who remember the eclipse of the moon between Christmas and New Years may not recall that it was on the 27th of December, the same night as the large and gay party gathered near Hampstead to enjoy themselves gliding over the perfect surface of clear ice. That was the night that Sybil Jones left her parents in her happy home and went out with her skates to enjoy the fun and meet her friends. That was the last time her parents saw her.

About the same time young Fred Vanwart went for a chum of his to go out skating but as he had gone before he reached his house he returned home and went with another friend who happened to be there. As they skated up the river they met Sybil Jones and she accepted the invitation of young Vanwart's friend to skate with him.

It was sometime later before the three met again and then the young lady asked Vanwart if he would not mail a letter for her at Hampstead but before doing so she asked him to skate across to the Wickham shore where she wanted to see a friend of hers. They started and had left the party perhaps three or four hundred yards when suddenly their skates caught in soft ice and slush and they plunged headlong into open water—a space about five feet wide and nine long that had been caused by a "burst" in the ice. To save himself and his companion was of course the first thought of the young fellow but the ice was soft and their gloves refused to cling to the ice in the way that they would do in frosty weather. Then it was that Vanwart realized that they were in great danger and he shouted as loud as he could. But the noisy laughing crowd failed to hear them, little knowing that two persons were struggling for life within a short distance of them. To climb on the ice and then pull his companion was the next thing to do. He had found it impossible to lift her up high enough so that she could get out and he found it the hardest kind of work to get out himself. When he did so and turned to pull out Miss Jones she had disappeared, slipped off the edge of the ice and chilled and soaked with water sunk beneath the surface.

Vanwart then started for assistance and he gave the alarm at J. R. Vanwart's. Several men started at once and when he had changed his clothes he followed them. But it was useless and the young fellow had to go to the girl's parents and tell them what had happened. He returned the letter at the same time. Next day he joined in the search for the body. These are the facts and Progress prints them with pleasure, in order that they may rest a story that is as ugly as it is false.

They Were Turned Down.

A gay party went sleighing the other night and among the number were two young men from a King street establishment. It goes without saying that the drive was a very pleasant one, in fact the two guests mentioned found it especially so, with the result that they didn't turn up at their usual places until late in the afternoon of the following day. Frenzied as it may seem when they did turn up they were promptly turned down by their employer and now two young men are looking for a job.