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GREAT LIBERAL VICTORY IS CERTAIN. GOVERNMENT IS SURE OF TRIUMPH.

Administration Certain to Carry the Province by a Sweeping Majority According to Reports from the Various Counties.

Special despatches received by The Telegraph from various sections of the province Thursday are here given and go to show that a sweeping government victory tomorrow is assured.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY IS ALL RIGHT.

Premier Tweedie and Colleagues Sure of Their Election.

Newcastle, Feb. 26 (Special)—Everything points to the return of the premier and his colleagues on Saturday. They have the back of them in the industrial men of the county. The government has always stood by Northumberland, and now Northumberland will stand by the government. Any reports that the government is going to be beaten are groundless. It has never been stronger.

Chatham, the premier's own town, intends to support him to a man. A large and enthusiastic meeting was held there on Friday night, and the premier replied very effectively to the slanderous campaign that has been used against him. The situation in New Brunswick is very promising, and it looks very much as if Messrs. Morrison and Morrissey would be defeated in their own towns.

A joint meeting was held at Douglas town, Tuesday night. Messrs. Fish and O'Brien made talking speeches in reply to Messrs. Morrison and Morrissey. The meeting was strongly government.

The upriver people are solid for the government, and James Robinson, M. P., Millerton, is supporting the government. The business interests of Loggie, down river, will not give the opposition from as in that locality, and in expectation they are sending their strongest there. All the strength of the opposition can bring to bear will not change county from what it was four years and the same four will again represent in Fredericton.

EFFORTS TO SAVE HAZEN.

Be Knifed—York County a Cinch for the Government.

Fredericton, Feb. 26 (Special)—The friends of the government are putting up a stiff battle against Hazen and Gasier in Sunbury, and are confident of electing their whole ticket on Saturday. Doctor Peake has developed great strength in Lincoln and the big majority which these polls gave the opposition candidates in the last contest will be entirely swept away.

Lincoln is the opposition stronghold, and if anything like an even vote is polled there, both Hazen and Gasier will be sniped away, as the other parties went against them last election and will do even better for the government this time.

Mr. Hazen's friends realize that they are fighting a losing battle, and are ready to sacrifice Gasier with the hope of saving their leader.

Reports from all over the county are of the most encouraging nature for the government candidates, and indications are that they will lead in the city alone by a substantial majority and carry at least 10 of the 14 parishes.

The opposition candidates are going about whistling to keep their courage up, and have no more hope of being elected on Saturday than the man in the moon. It is extremely doubtful if one of them will have a majority in their own polling district. Pinder was beaten at Nackawic in the last contest, and the friends of the government are ready to move him under at that poll this time. None of the opposition candidates have developed any strength, and it is difficult to see how they will be able to make a better showing than the quartette which went down under an avalanche here four years ago.

Messrs. Whitehead, Campbell, Allen and Burden will be York's next representatives in the legislature.

500 LIBERAL MAJORITY.

Hon. Mr. LaBelle Predicts Big Majority for Government Ticket.

Campbellton, Feb. 26 (Special)—Messrs. LaBelle and McLatchey addressed the largest political meeting ever held in Campbellton last night. They addressed Colborne parish last night, and they addressed a meeting this afternoon at Seven Mile Ridge and another tonight in Balmoral, and will close the campaign by a final rally at Bel River crossing tomorrow night. The prospects in Restigouche never were

better for the government candidates. It is not a question of being elected, it is a question of majority, and the commissioner of public works in conversation today put it in the vicinity of 500.

To substantiate the report sent about Mr. Mott's conduct at the government meeting here and to show how false is the Sun's report we quote from the independent local paper issued tonight:

"Then, after a two hour address, the speaker (Mott) was putting the fisheries question upon the bulletin board, when a bolder aspect and the speaker was asked by the chairman not to trespass at such further length upon time, as the premier wanted a short time in which to make his reply. Mr. Mott then asked for a showing as to his continuing and of course the house divided along party lines, he resuming his address. The enthusiastic element of the government supporters resented the pro- and took possession and finally pronounced the benediction. Mr. Mott was driven from the platform and Mr. Tweedie had no chance to reply."

Mr. Mott certainly injured his cause. An influential gentleman from Moncton stated here today that Westmorland would return four government supporters. The opposition will not elect more than three supporters in the province.

THREELIBERALS IN GLOUCESTER.

Silly Opposition Statements Contradicted by Mr. Curran.

Bathurst, Feb. 26 (Special)—The situation in Gloucester county, where both tickets are favorable to the government, is certainly very satisfactory for the straight Liberal ticket. Messrs. Boudreau, Curran and Morris are holding meetings throughout the county and judging by the splendid reception they are getting, it looks as if they would have a majority in every parish. The large parishes of Beresford and Carleton will certainly give overwhelming majorities to the Liberal ticket.

The Hon. Mr. Blair's call upon Liberals to stand together will be heard in this county. The election of Messrs. Boudreau, Curran and Morris will assure three solid supporters to the present administration ticket in the county.

There is utterly no ground for the silly statements made in several opposition papers that the Liberal ticket is opposed to the government. It is a straight Liberal ticket such as the tickets that have been formed in Westmorland and St. John, and the Liberal candidates approve of the general policy of the Tweedie government.

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PROHIBITIONISTS TO DIVIDE UPON LINES OF PARTIES.

Montreal, Feb. 26 (Special)—At the annual meeting of the Dominion Alliance of the Province of Quebec here today, it was decided that the Prohibition party of Canada should divide itself in order to strengthen its cause.

A resolution was adopted to the effect that there should be two distinct political sections of Prohibitionists, that all Liberal Prohibitionists should unite to promote the cause in their party, and Conservatives do the same. This will be recommended to the council of the Dominion Alliance.

DRAMATIC SCENE IN UNITED STATES HOUSE.

Washington, Feb. 26—Amid scenes which recalled the memorable and exciting days of the 61st congress, when party feeling ran fiercely and the hall of representatives resounded with denunciations of the alleged "high-handed methods" of the majority, James J. Butler, of Missouri, was unseated today by the house and George C. Wagner, of New York, was elected by leaving the hall, but engaged in legislation, and they began the fight as soon as the gavel fell at noon.

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SYRIAN PEDDLER MAY HAVE A CHANCE FOR LIFE.

Ottawa, Feb. 26 (Special)—The governor-general has not yet signed the order-in-council confirming the sentence of death on the Syrian, who is to be hanged on March 12. Lord Minto is anxious to find out whether the man, being a foreigner, and unable to speak English, was given a fair trial.

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MONCTON CHEERS FOR LIBERALISM.

Opera House Crowded to Hear Mr. Blair, and Overflow Meeting Was Held—May Be Locomotive Building Works at Moncton.

Moncton, Feb. 26 (Special)—The Opera House would not begin to hold the vast crowd that congregated to hear Hon. A. G. Blair and other Liberal speakers in the interest of the Liberal candidates tonight.

Some time before the hour of opening, the Opera House was crowded to overflowing, and an overflow meeting addressed by H. R. Emmerson and H. J. Logan, was held in the W. C. T. U. hall, where Dr. E. A. Smith, of Shediac, presided.

Alderman James Phinagan presided at the meeting in the Opera House, and the speakers, particularly the minister of railways, received an enthusiastic greeting.

Hon. H. R. Emmerson was the first speaker, being followed by H. J. Logan, M. P. for Cumberland, and J. T. Hawke, all of whom appealed to Liberals to stand by the Liberal ticket in the contest, and thus lend support to the minister of railways.

When Hon. Mr. Blair asked to speak at 10 o'clock the hall was still packed, and he was greeted with cheers. After briefly referring to his reception, Mr. Blair said he had previously discussed upon this platform matters strictly pertaining to local affairs, and matters of more national importance. Tonight he found himself constrained to make some reference to both these classes of public questions. He was unable to find wherein a great wrong was inflicted on this province by the present administration as the opposition tried to make out. He had listened to Mr. Hazen on nomination day, but he failed to get light as to any good reason why people should transfer the responsibility of government from the present administration to him. Nor could he discover who was to be held responsible for the affairs of the province. He was called upon. Corruption and extravagance were charged, but were not sustained by the leader of the opposition, who first pointed out the large sum the government had spent on steel bridges, and then turned around and contended they had not built enough steel bridges in the constituency he represented.

Leaving this branch of the subject, Mr. Blair dealt exhaustively with federal affairs and particularly with the department of public works. He pointed out the large sum the government had spent on steel bridges, and then turned around and contended they had not built enough steel bridges in the constituency he represented.

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