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ST. JOHN LIBERALS IN **ROUSING CONVENTION** NAME 4 STRONG MEN D. J. Purdy, E. E. Lantalum, Mayor Sears and A. O. Skinner

the Candidates

Attorney General, Following Candidates in Splendid Speech, Presents Issues of Campaign to an Enthusiastic Audience --- A Straight Party Fight.

There was nothing cold or cheerless | importance of taking up the fight in a inside Berryman's Hall last night. It systematic manner in order to ensure the election of the ticket to support the was the occasion of the Liberal nomin-Government which in the end will ation convention and ratification meetprove of great assistance to the people of St. John. (Cheers.) The present gov-

> erament had dealt fairly with the people of St. John and it behooved every man to canvass and fight for the whole ticket. (Applause.) Everything was, working splendidly in Liberal circles in both local and federal politics and the candidates selected by them are sure to win. He said the opposition platform consisted almost wholly of accusations and it seemed almost as if they accused the government of everything but honesty. Mr.Flemming spends three or four days every session accusing the government of extravagance and making statements that are alays promptly refuted. His allusion to the Premier's offer of placing an accountant to judge. between his and Flemming's statement was greeted with warm applause. Personally, he said, he was not a speaker but a worker. He could point to re+ sults in Wellington Ward to prove that

> Attorney_General's Fine Reception Hon. H. A. McKeown was greeted with loud and continued applause. He

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ing, and early in the evening the regular delegates and the substitutes began | ertson. to arrive and assemble in one of the ver rooms.

The Delegates Present

following: Dr. C. F. Gorham, T. O. O'Brien, W.

J. Mahoney, W. A. Lockhart, Dr. A. F. Emery, F. Green, G. T. Bailey, John Morrisey, Col. Blaine, P. W. Thompson,

The Labor Candidate E. LANTALUM, M. P. P. osition in any of their criticisms o the acts of the government. **The School Book Question** Speaking of the school book question he took up the opposition state-

ments that the prices paid by the people of this province for their school books were extortionate and he point ed out in most emphatic language that if the other opposition statements have made upon this question then they are no greater truth in them than those baseless indeed. (Applause).

To listen to their charges that the people here are paying extortionate prices for school books one would expect to find New Brunswick away and he had no doubt they would win ahead of other provinces in the prices in like manner again and carry their whole ticket to victory. (Applause.) charged. What are the facts? There is not one

province in the whole of Canada in which school books are as cheap a in New Brunswick. (Tremendous applause).

remarked incidentally that he felt lone-He would quote for their benefit parative statement prepared by the some at not being in the city fight, and nost competent authority in educahe recalled five years ago when he was on the ticket with two of the tional circles in this province. present candidates and George' Rob-In the first place he would remin

them that in Ontario the school read-When that ticket was announced the ers are being changed and that the opposition ridiculed the idea that dealers are selling the old stock they that they would be elected and what have on hand very low so that they was the result? The ticket was 'remay not become "dead" on their Among the delegates present were the turned victorious, just as this ticket hands.

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will be. (Great applause). Now what does the opposition do The opposition is shown in the posi-Their speakers compare the price of tion of spreading picturesque slanders these readers being reduced and sold at 15 cents with ours quoted at, 40 and drawing upon their imagination for statements. It was his wish to cents. Is that fair ? nlace the simple facts hefore them for

fashion upon the use made of his said, "Don't build this wharf or that, surprising, considering the magnificent bridge." The logical outcome of their voe given him at the mayoralty election that his name was mentioned position upon the highway act, urging that the control of the roads and connection with the candidature. But bridges should be placed in the hands he had been undecided since hundreds of the municipal authorities will be had pledged him support for a thir to throw the entre burden of these services upon the municipalities. As it port of the masses of the citizens had now, if there is an accident to a been spoken of as given to him and in ridge-and the speaker in this con- the end he felt that by going a step ection spoke of the damage to a St. higher he might be best serving th Martins bridge by the recent freshet interests of the people and the city. that it would cost \$2,000 to fully re- All that he had ever done had been pair-the government is notified and in the interests of the people, especialgives instructions at once for the ly that class against whom conditions prompt repairs to be made. If Mr. Ha- are hardest. In this connection he alzen's policy was adopted and the money luded to the strike and said his efforts handed over to the municipal councils had been without any intention of for roads and bridges, so much money gaining popularity, but settling a diswould be paid over to each county pute that was keenly felt by many and then the administration could

men and their families wash its hands of the whole business. He touched in a brief way upon the The county councils would have to look fact this was the city of his father after the bridges and the roads. Then and forefathers and of the natural in a few years if retrenchment became pride he had in its advancement and imperative why it might become nehis affection for his fellow citizens. essary to lessen the bridge and road grants to the councils. Then the load, The Policy of Attack

yould begin to bear upon the munici-So far as he could see the policy of palities and in the end the entire burthe opposition was one of attack. He len would rest there as a logical refailed to see what results they hoped But this government does not pro- to accomplish by such methods. The interests of the city, the province and pose to do this. So far as it can the government proposes to do its best for the dominion were so closely interwoven that it was difficult to say where one began and the other ended. He spoke of the cost of public works

and the difficulty of keeping expenditure within the estimate, giving as an the opposition city ticket and the claims example the water works' construction, which would cost fully one-third more than the estimate. And yet what citizen would be without that great supply. of splendid water? He did not believe in the discussion

of has beens so much as to look to the future, and now that the city was in a transition state and the federal gov-

electing opposition men to help turn working in harmony with it. He did not be given St. John, but every one made. knew that there would not be the same

reciprocity with the opposition in power in Fredericton. He made some happy references to his opponents upon the opposition ticket

and his warm personal friendship for them.

allows his sayings to remain in the business. To make that man secure, to see that he is protected, the government passed an Act for Securing of Wages to Wage Earners, whereby wages are made priority over all other debts where an assignment is made for the benefit of the creditors.

"Hear, hear" and applause. Years ago, continued Mr. McKeown logs were cut in the woods, driven in the streams, rafted and towed and then men who worked and waded looked for their money in vain if financial misfortune overtook the operator. Then the government stepped in and passed The Woodmen's Lien Act, whereby any person who performs any labor or service upon logs of lumber shall have

While the opposition makes charges about the expenditure of moneys for wharves and bridges they have never to that was that he had al-ways been a Liberal and it was not with the base of **TURNED DOWN IN KINGS**

and it was suggested to had better make up his mind as to this

Opposition, Through G. W. point. To any one familiar with the doctor's sterling sense of honor the fact of this Fowler, Tendered Him peculiar proposition can readily be magined Having been personally solicited by Mr. Fowler and by Mr. Fowl-Nomination --- He Acer's representations having determined upon offering himself as a candidate, and having publicly and repeatedly so cepted and Canvassed. announced and then to be informed that there was still a question both as to whether or not he would be the man and as to whether or not he would com-

ply with the requirements, came natur-Then He Was Ordered to ally as a great surprise. The committee who bore this message and made Contribute \$1,000 as Price the demand denied all knowledge of any previous understanding had with for Nomination - He Re-

fused and Was Cut Off the

SUSSEX. Jan. 30 .- It had been understood by both political parties in this county for the past fortnight that been in close personal intercourse with G. N. Pearson, the well known physician of this town was to be one of the must have been familiar with the reopposition candidates in the coming election.

wining the truit Withing the past two, of three days, case has been given, out which has however, it has been, amagunded that placed the doctor in a very unfair light the doctor's name would not be placed before the opposition convention. The he feels he can no longer remain withreason given for this was that the doc- out a vigorous and emphatic denial. In tor had at the last moment backed. In order to ascertain the true facts which he has been placed by people of the case your correspondent had an and party for whom he has made sacriinterview with Dr. Pearson, and the fices for the past twenty-five years, he following are the facts: Dr. Pearson is too well and favorably

known throughout the county for any one to doubt for a moment his veracity not mean to say the assistance would and the truth of the statement he has

Ticket.

More than a fortnight ago Dr. Pearson was approached by George W.Fowler. M. P., who as leader of the Conservative party in Kings county would be supposed to have authority in such

matters, and after repeated and urgent requests both from Mr. Fowler direct and through his representative Wiliam McLeod, Dr. Pearson consented to offer as a candidate upon Mr. Fowler's advice, the doctor publicly announced his decision and received assurances of support from numerous friends. After being in the field for ten days

the doctor was on last Monday again approached by a committee of three leading Conservatives, S. A. McLeod Wm, McLeod and M. W. Doherty who stated that they had come to see him so as to arrive at an understanding whether he or Jas. A. Murray or James A. Moore, of Waterford, should be the opposition representative from this section of the county. Coupled with this it was pointed out to him that it traveller. was required of him that certan addi-

Dr. Pearson entered into an undertional conditions of a financial nature be complied with before the delegates would agree to acept him as a candidate

the doctor. That the committee could not be sincere in that is best evidenced by the fact of one member of the committee who acted as Mr. Fowler's representative in the negotiations which resulted in the doctor agreeing to run. Also it is pointed out that still another member of the committee had

Mr. Fowler on political matters and sult of Mr. Fowler's negotiations. Since the interview a statement of the

before the public, a position in which order to exactly explain his position i has deemed it only fair to himself to state the truth of the matter.

> Another Sussex correspondent states that nothing in the political history of the county has caused greater liscussion than the turning down by the Conservatives of Dr. George N. Pearson, who has all along been con sidered as having a sure place on their ticket. At the convention at Hampton today he was not even mentioned. although there were three other names submitted from this end of the county. The leaving off of Dr. Pearson's name is a source of considerable relief to the Liberals, among whom he had many warm friends and admirers, and by whom he was recognized as the strongest man the opposition had available.

It is stated on excellent authority that the reason Dr. Pearson was not accepted was because he was not prepared to put up \$1,000, the amount which had been placed as the price of admission by the party managers. The fact that James A. Murray has been chosen would indicate that he has 1.000 which he prepared to put into the pool to further Mr. Hazen's campaign. Mr. Murray is a commercial

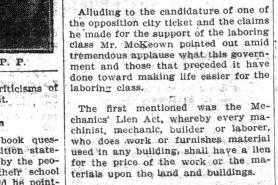
tanding with the campaign managers and publicly announced himself as a

candidate. This agreement was entered into with George W. Fowler, M. P., who afterwards repudiated it and who

chanics' Lien Act, whereby every ma- vernment has shown a disposition to assist it, he does not see the use of used in any building, shall have a lien out a provincial administration that is "Is that not a good act, a proper protection for the men who work?" he asked. "Yes, yes," came from several parts of the hall. Then it may be, said the speaker, that a young man, a clerk, or any employe working for a concern, with faith in it,

So if anything happens that business the young man's claim comes ahead and must be paid. Was that a prope protection for this wage earner?

lien on the fogs for his pay." Was that not a wise and



sult of Mr. Hazen's policy.

the roads and bridges.

