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LIBERAL ENTHUSIASM AT HIGH TIDE.

MAGNIFICENT RALLY AT YORK.

ovation for Hon. A. G. Blair, Whose Words to Liberals Were Greeted by Cheers and Unbounded Enthusiasm.

since the memorable federal campaign of 1900 when Hon. Mr. Blair fought the Conservative party and the forces of the Conservative party and C. P. R., has there been such a solid victory-producing political gathering here as that of Monday night at the Theatre.

o'clock when Hon. Mr. Blair arose to speak.

HON. MR. BLAIR'S SPLENDID WELCOME.

Minister Makes a Vigorous Speech and Great Enthusiasm Prevails.

Hon. A. G. Blair was given a reception which could not possibly have left him in doubt as to the enthusiastic sympathy of the vast audience before him. The people rose as one man and cheered again and again. When quiet had been restored he spoke of the pleasure which it gave him to meet his constituents and of addressing them upon political topics. He alluded to the great disadvantage under which he suffered of not being able to visit his constituency as often as he would wish, and it had unavoidably been some months since he had been for any length of time in St. John or the province. His duties were onerous and exacting and they called for his presence almost continuously at Ottawa.

The Memorable Battle of 1900. He had not, however, forgotten the last struggle in which he had been engaged in this city, and his hearers would remember that a dark picture of calamity and want what a dark picture he had painted by his opponents in the event of his adhering to the decision at which he had arrived with respect to the arrangement between the Imperial and the Canadian Pacific.

People Showed Their Confidence.

The officers of that railway company had since come before him with many applications in the interest of the road and he did not think they would say he had perfect fairness, having regard to public interests. (Cheers.)

Candidates Welcome.

Shortly after 8 o'clock the city candidates on the government ticket took seats on the platform and were greeted with prolonged cheers. Soon after, Hon. A. G. Blair entered and as he made his way through the crowd on the stage round the front his progress was marked by cheer after cheer which ended in a shout of applause as he reached the front and bowed his acknowledgments.

BLUE BOOK TELLS HOW BLOCKADE OF VENEZUELAN PORTS WAS ARRANGED.

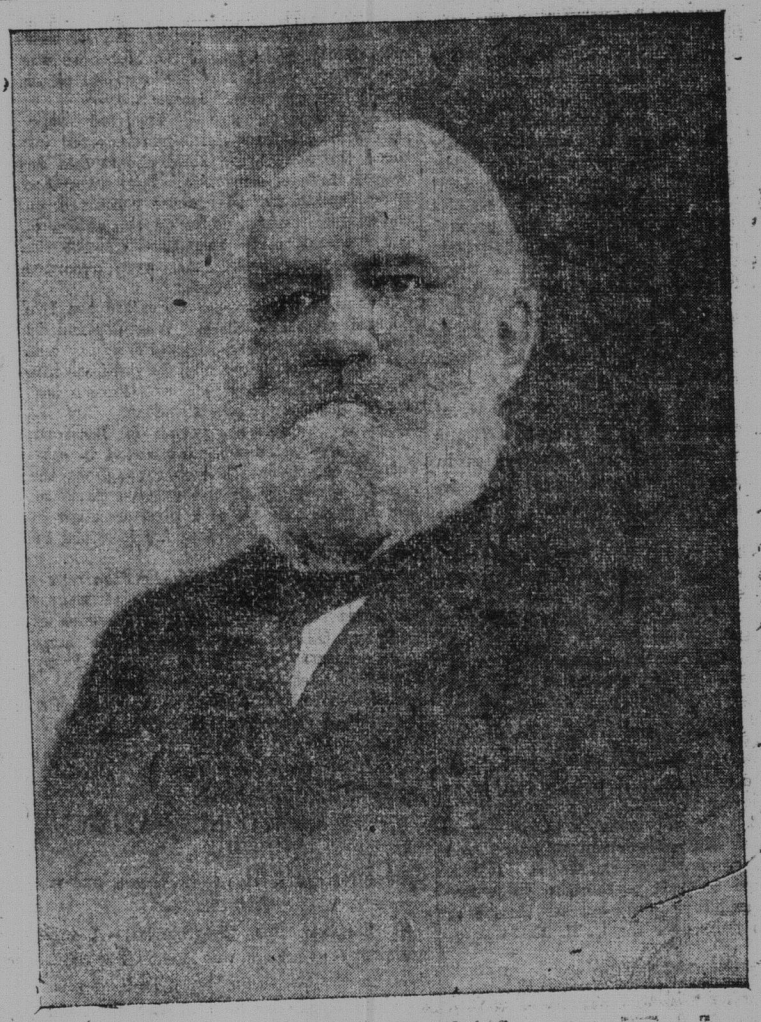
London, Feb. 16.—The Venezuelan blockade issued this evening shows that after conversation between Foreign Minister Lansdowne and the German ambassador, von Wolff-Meternich, July 23 last, the latter said: "We should be quite ready to confer with the German government in the view of joint action." He suggested Aug. 8 for a joint naval demonstration. The British admiralty of his expressed the opinion that the best demonstration would be a blockade.

RESIDENT'S SECRETARY IS NOW CABINET MINISTER.

Washington, Feb. 16.—The senate today affirmed the nomination of Hon. Geo. Cortright to be secretary of commerce and labor under the act creating the new department. The nomination was referred to the committee after the senate voted on executive session and the committee reported on the floor. Senator Dewey cordoned the nomination with a favorable commendation. He asked for immediate action and as there was no opposition Mr. Cortright was confirmed.

THE PREMIER IN HILLSBORO.

Hillsboro, N. B., Feb. 16.—A meeting in the interests of the government candidates for Albert county was held in the Hillsboro hall on Saturday night. A large hall was packed to the doors. W. F. Taylor occupied the chair. After the candidates, Messrs. Ryan and Osman, had spoken, Premier Tweedie was introduced and held the close attention of his hearers for an hour.



HON. A. G. BLAIR, New Brunswick's Able Representative in the Canadian Cabinet.

in elaborating the thought of how important it was that the electorate should always feel a sense of trust in their representatives. Government was not possible under any other conditions. They all knew how promptly his prediction had been fulfilled that immediately after the contest the writer port business of St. John would be resumed, and from that day to this the traffic had been growing at a rapid pace. It would continue to be his object to respect the trust reposed in him by the people of St. John and not to neglect them in respect of any matters upon which they would be asked to give judgment.

The Question of Patronage.

There were two directions in which duties were imposed upon a representative. One was in relation to the question of large and public importance. The other was in relation to the individual and personal interests of his constituents. The distribution of patronage among friends and enemies of a minister in the many departments of the government of Canada, holding the office of minister of railways and canals, and in this relation he cleared to say a word with regard to Colonel Tucker.

J. O. McCLELAN DEAD.

A Nephew of Ex-Governor McClelan, and Highly Respected Resident of Albert Co. Passes Away. Riverside via Albert, N. B., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—This community is saddened by the death of J. O. McClelan, which occurred today at his home here from the effects of a gripper. Mr. McClelan, who was a son of the late Thos. McClelan, was a nephew of ex-Governor McClelan, and was of age and up to the time of the sudden illness which caused his death was in the enjoyment of vigorous health. He was a man of rare business qualities and strict man of rare business qualities and strict integrity, widely known and universally esteemed, and his death is generally felt to be a severe loss.

WESTMORLAND CO. NOMINATES FOUR STRONG CANDIDATES.

Messrs. Robinson, Copp, Sweeney and Legere the Winning Ticket. Convention Decides to Run the Ticket on Straight Party Lines—Great Enthusiasm—Temperance Party Chooses a Man in Charlotte—All Well in Madawaska. Moncton, Feb. 16.—(Special.)—The adjourned Liberal convention held here this afternoon to nominate candidates for Westmorland was largely attended. The W. C. T. U. hall, where the convention was held, being filled. Dr. E. A. Smith, president of the Westmorland association, presided. The first business was the appointment of a nominating committee, as follows:—

MEMBER FOR GALWAY.

Charles Devlin, Canadian Immigration Commissioner at Dublin, Suggested as a Candidate. Montreal, Feb. 16.—(Special.)—A London cable to the Star says: "The name of Charles Devlin, the Canadian government agent at Dublin, is favorably discussed as the Nationalist candidate for Galway, where the seat is vacant owing to the imprisonment of Colonel Lynch." "Mr. Devlin holds that Ireland is entitled to a modified system of self-government, based on Canadian lines. If chosen, he would make the seventh Canadian in the imperial house."

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THE PROVINCIAL CAMPAIGN.

Continuing, the minister said: "I want now to say a few words about the provincial government now on trial before the people. I do not conceal from you the fact that I am personally friendly to that administration, or that I am personally friendly to the individuals who compose it. They are my successors; they inherit the conditions which are controlling them largely today from my administration. Whatever their character may have been, I thought the province was well governed, and it appears that the people were of the same opinion."

No Tariff Tinkering.

Mr. Blair said he could heartily endorse all that had been said by Mr. McClelan in relation to the marvelous growth of the trade of Canada flowing from the policy of the present administration. No body of judgment and discretion would say in the face of these facts that the time had come when new methods ought to be tried, or that any tinkering should take place with the tariff. (Hear, hear.)

Extraordinary Trade Growth.

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