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ENTHUSIASTIC MEETINGS IN LOWER PART OF COUNTY

Messrs. H. W. Woods, M. P. P. and D. Morrison Addressed Audiences at Alnwick and were most Cordially Received—Many Tropics of Interest were Discussed and Views of Residents Obtained

Mr. H. W. Woods, M. L. A., for Queens County, who has been appointed Federal organizer for the Province, visited Newcastle last week and expressed a desire to visit parts of the County as he had not time at present, to spend more than two or three days, and invited Mr. Morrison to accompany him. They visited Alnwick as far as Portage River and Mr. Woods was very much taken with the part of the County he had gone through, in fact he was astonished at the extent especially of the parish of Alnwick. As it was only a formal visit he had only opportunity of meeting part of the electors but he with Mr. Morrison addressed some of the people of Neguac who had gathered together in a few minutes notice, and also was surprised to find such a meeting of over a hundred people who had gathered at Tabusintac, to hear some of the political matters discussed.

All through Alnwick he found a very strong feeling in favor of the present Government and naturally the great question that was interesting the people there was transportation facilities in the way of a railway. This large district is very much handicapped especially in the winter season for the want of transportation. Mr. Morrison explained to them that a company had been formed and a charter got but it was necessary to get a line surveyed before we could expect any Government assistance and asked the people to work together as a unite and they would receive assistance from all over the County, but they must show a direct interest in it themselves; that it was not a political question but that the present Government's policy was to assist transportation and that on both sides of the Miramichi River there should be railway extension, one from Newcastle connecting with the line at Tracadie and the other from Loggieville connecting with St. Louis in Kent County.

Mr. Morrison appealed to them strongly to sink all sectional feeling

and to work all together for the interest of the County. He was endeavoring to get a wharf at Tabusintac, also a light-house, and he had succeeded in getting better mail service for them and he would continue to do so as Alnwick had always stood nobly for the Conservative Party and he could assure them of everything he could do to extend transportation in the way of a railway would be done. He was not appealing to them now for votes as there was no sign of an election for some years and it was well to discuss this question when the heat of an election was not on, and he would ask them all both Liberals and Conservatives, to work together for the accomplishment of this much needed railway, not only in that part of the County but all over he was endeavoring to get the Government to give much needed Public Works as there was a growing time all over the Dominion and Northumberland had her just claims for assistance.

Mr. Woods also spoke expressing his pleasure in meeting so many of the electors and was agreeably surprised in that part of the County which he had visited. He could easily understand that the people in this district as was explained by Mr. Morrison were anxious about railway transportation. He asked them to work together as it was only by united strength they could accomplish this much needed railway. He spoke along the lines of agriculture and gave a very interesting address in that respect and assured them that anything he could do in the way of advancement of this railway as well as any other matter, they would have his assistance. Mr. Woods expressed regret that he was not able to spend more time in the County at the present time but that they would see him again in his capacity of Organizer at a later date. Messrs Woods and Morrison also visited Bay du Vin and met some of the electors there. They found a very strong unanimous feeling in both these parishes in favor of the present Government.

WILL SUSSEX BE ANOTHER PITTSBURG

Discovery of the Natural Gas Means Big Boom to Kings County

Much agitation is taking up the public mind of the people of Sussex, N. B. at the present time over the prospects of their discovery of the natural gas. Work has been going on steadily and everything points to the prospects of Sussex being one of the Pittsburg of New Brunswick. The following is taken from the Sussex Record:

"To be, or not to be," that is the question which is agitating the public mind of Sussex at the present time. Are we some day to be one of the Pittsburgs of New Brunswick or not? The whole topic of conversation in this vicinity is, are we going to become a great gas and oil centre or not?

Who he it to the man who would say we were not in public, as he would stand a great chance of being punished severely for his indiscretion.

An oil expert recently in the columns of the Record informed the public that "Extreme optimism was necessary to conduct the gas and oil business," and in this he struck the keynote. As far as Sussex is concerned there is nothing but the most optimistic feeling here, with no pessimists in sight.

Much interest is being manifested in the work being carried on by the Maritime Oilfields Company, Limited, whose boring operations are the centre of attraction, for not only our own citizens, but many visitors from outside places.

The big drill has already punched its way into the bowels of the earth some 600 feet and in the course of travel has gone through several pockets of gas, just enough gas to be tantalizing, and working up one's expectations of what is to come later—perhaps not from this hole—but some other adjacent one which is yet to be bored.

Petroleum and natural gas has been known for half a century to exist in New Brunswick. The first recorded drilling for these products was in 1859, when three shallow wells were sunk near Moncton, and all gave good showings in both oil and gas.

Between 1876 and 1880, Mr. L. W. J. Emery, Jr., of Bradford, Pennsylvania, drilled several wells in Westmorland County, with satisfactory results, but owing to the very great development of the oil industry in the United States at this time Mr. Emery discontinued his work in New Brunswick.

No further work was done with regard to the development of oil and gas in the Province until the year 1899, when Mr. Matthew Lodge, acting for several prominent business men of Moncton, N. B., obtained from the Provincial Government, a license from the Crown to prospect and develop oil and gas within the Province over an area of 18,000 square miles.

The New Brunswick Petroleum Company, Limited, was formed by Mr. Lodge and this Company drilled some 80 wells in the counties of Westmorland and Albert, and one well in Kent County, and one succeeded in proving the existence of oil and gas over a large area. The company expended some \$225,000 in its operations.

In 1907 the New Brunswick Petroleum Company obtained a two hundred year lease from the Government of the Province, granting to the company the sole and exclusive oil and gas rights over an area of 10,000 square miles—the greatest concession of the kind in America. Two years later the N. B. P. Co., made arrangements for the continuance of the development work with the Maritime Oilfields, Limited, a syndicate financed by English and Scotch capital.

The Maritime Oilfields, backed by ample capital and employing the best oil and gas experts from the United States, energetically developed the areas in Albert County and have a record of unqualified successes. Within an area of three square miles in Albert County they have some 20 odd wells producing gas, and many of them also flowing oil. This gas has been piped to Moncton, nine miles, and to Hillsboro, four miles. The New Brunswick gas is free from sulphur, poisonous and all deleterious substances, and is piped direct from the wells to consumers, requiring no purification. It has a higher calorific power than any other known natural gas, therefore is ideal for power purposes.

Natural gas is especially suited for certain industries, especially in the manufacture of Portland cement, glass making, and steel smelting, and in almost every district where natural gas has been discovered these and allied industries have sprung up. Na-

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OFFICER FIRED UP-ON AT CLOSE RANGE

Sergt. Bellevue of the Moncton Police Force Had Narrow Escape

About 3.30 o'clock Saturday morning the city of Moncton came within an ace of having a partial repetition of the "Buck and Jim" tragedy of twenty years ago.

At the hour named, Police Sergeant Amie Bellevue, while in pursuit of a midnight prowler was fired upon at close range, the bullet going through his helmet within a hair's breadth of the top of the head. A narrower escape from death could not well be imagined.

It is believed by the police from the description given by the sergeant that the desperado who fired the shot was none other than Ben LeBlanc, a local character, whose recent escape from the provincial hospital for the insane, at St. John, has been given considerable publicity during the past week or so.

The officer was looking over the Eastern end of the city, and while walking across to King street he noticed a man prowling about. He started towards him when the fellow ran away.

The sergeant at once gave chase and had run but a little way when the man wheeled about, drew a revolver and fired at close range, the bullet going through the officer's helmet, knocking it off his head. The man resumed his running and hurriedly got under cover. Sergeant Bellevue, who was armed, remained about the scene of the shooting for an hour and made a thorough search of the barrel factory premises and other likely spots in which the fugitive might have taken refuge. He was unsuccessful in locating him, however, and finally gave up the chase, returning to the police station at 4.30.

Chief Rideout states that LeBlanc when last under arrest declared that he would shoot the next officer who tried to arrest him.

"BIG TIM" SULLIVAN BOWERY BOSS DEAD

New York Congressman Known as Friend to the Needy Killed by a Train

politician, who rose from newsboy to Congressman, is dead. His mangled body, was identified by his step-brother, Larry Mulligan after it had lain for thirteen days in a local morgue. Sullivan, who was ill, eluded his pursuers in the early morning of August 31, and a few hours after was struck and killed by a train at Pelham Parkway. With no identification marks on the clothing or articles in the pockets, the dead body lay in Fordham morgue for thirteen days awaiting identification. It was then sent to Bellevue morgue, Peter Burfield, a well-known stationer, there, who had known "Big Tim" and liked him before his mind became clouded saw something about the expression of the features that stirred his memory. After he had pondered a while Burfield remarked to a reporter: "That looks a little bit like 'Big Tim.' Peering at the mutilated and discolored face, the reporter thought so too. The telephone brought 'Big Tim's' friends in groups to the morgue, but none recognized in the changed features the man they had known in his prime. Larry Mulligan, Sullivan's step-brother, was summoned. He looked at the face and turned away. "It's 'Big Tim,'" he said.

ALFRED HALLE, MET A VIOLENT DEATH

Alfred Halle, 32 years old, of Lewis, married, and the father of four children, met with a violent death on the deck of the steamer Manchester inventor, in the Louis Basin, Saturday morning, when the foremost of the vessel gave way. The steamer Manchester inventor arrived in Quebec Friday morning, and after discharging Quebec consignments, was taking on board part of outward cargo. This consisted of timber and a large piece of wood was being hoisted on to the vessel when the foremost, to which the hoisting gear was attached, suddenly snapped and the piece of timber which was hanging to the boom attached to the mast, swung along the deck, struck Halle and crushed him against the side of a staunch iron, completely cutting off one of his legs and smashing his head. Halle was a brother of Rev. Professor Halle, of Lewis College, and also had two sisters nuns, one of whom left here last Sunday for missionary work in South Africa.

THE EAST BETTER THAN THE WEST

Rev. H. A. Goodwin of Moncton Gives His Views on the Subject

Rev. H. A. Goodwin, the new pastor of the Central Methodist Church, Moncton, who formerly resided in the Canadian West for a number of years, in an interview on the difference between conditions in the east and west, gave some very valuable facts which we herewith reprint.

As Rev. Mr. Goodwin lived in the East before going to the West, he has excellent ideas about the difference in the living between the prairie provinces and the Maritime provinces.

"What are the differences between the East and the West?" "That is a pretty hard question to answer," replied the reverend gentleman, "as it covers a very large field." Continuing, he said, that the differences between the West and the East are not as great as a few years ago. The settlement of the West country into more definite customs and established life in past accounts for the change. With a better understanding between the two extremes of our great country there is a fuller realization of mutual interests and common life.

"Even amidst the heterogeneous people of the West, the Canadian spirit and standards of life are being fairly well sustained. Contrary to what was stated in Moncton a few months ago the people of the West entertain the most friendly feelings towards the people of the East. They have no jealousies or resentments, but regard themselves as enjoying a little better advantage over those of the Eastern provinces."

"Is there any difference between the farmers of the West and the farmers of the East?"

"Yes, there certainly is, replied the reverend gentleman. "The farmers of New Brunswick make more money than any of the Dominion of Canada. He gets better prices for everything he produces than the farmers in the other sections. The merchants are also making more money on their 'turn over' than in cities of the size of Moncton in the prairie provinces."

"How does the cost of living in the East compare with the West?"

"If anything the cost of living in Moncton is greater than the cost of living in Manitoba," replied Rev. Mr. Goodwin. "Wages in the East have not kept pace with the general cost of living and the laboring man in the West and the mechanic are paid a better price for their work and the living expenses are not any greater."

"Continuing he said that the conditions socially are very similar. "The Westerner has more 'push' than the Easterner and that is because his circumstances and opportunities urge him to be more aggressive. The man from the East sees his chance and goes after it."

Concluding, the Rev. Mr. Goodwin said that in the matter of religion and the church, the Easterner enjoys few advantages over his Western brother. When you lift a man from the associations of a lifetime and transplant him, he has a more open mind and is easier led to new ideals and a progressive policy. The Westerner is not less religious and he supports the church more liberally, and as a consequence they are building larger and better churches.

Rev. Mr. Goodwin finished up his interesting interview by saying that he believed the East has a great future.

It seems to be the general verdict of all who are in a position to know, and those who have seen, that the East holds out better inducements to those who are ambitious than the West does now. Our farmers and our merchants are more prosperous here than in the West, and if they still had the "push" which the Rev. Mr. Goodwin claims the Westerner has, we would certainly have a greater East.

About 14.40 Saturday as No. 199, the west bound Ocean Limited, was coming into Moncton, Mrs. Geo. Cochrane of Sunny Brae, was struck near Hall Creek's Bridge.

She was at the time walking with another lady in the direction of Moncton.

The train was stopped, the woman placed in a pullman car and brought to the station. She was taken to the City Hospital, and medical aid summoned.

It was found that her shoulder blade and two of her ribs were broken. She is to be removed to her home immediately. The train was in charge of Engineer Warren Gross of that city, with engine 438.

Mrs. Cochrane is the wife of Captain George Cochrane of Sunny Brae. The Captain is at present absent on a voyage.

N. B. REPORT TO THE FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Of the Tax Reform League of Eastern Canada, Held in Toronto Sept. 2nd--Officers and Members of the Fourth Annual Convention of the Tax Reform League of Eastern Canada.

The agitation for Tax Reform in New Brunswick has gone steadily on since the third annual convention of the Eastern Canada Tax Reform League in Toronto last September. In December, Mr. A. B. Farmer, secretary of the League, had a most successful lecturing tour of a week, speaking to large and interested audiences in Halifax, Middleton, Springhill, New Glasgow and Pictou, N. S., and in St. John, Newcastle and Moncton, N. B.

In February, Rev. W. C. Keirstead, Ph. D., professor of Philosophy and Economics in the University of New Brunswick, spoke before the Canadian Club in Moncton, advocating lower taxes on improvements and personality than on land and demanding a system under which the community can lay its hands upon the unearned increment of land. The same question has been discussed at subsequent meetings of the Club and at the meetings of Moncton Tax Reform Association.

Later in February, the motion of J. L. White, M. P. P., at a meeting of Grand Falls Board of Trade, "That it was the opinion of that Board that the interests of the town would be advanced if the present system of taxation were changed by taxing the land and dispensing with all taxes on the improvements thereon," caused a general discussion of the matter of taxation and called out forcible addresses by the mover and others, but was withdrawn to be re-introduced at some future meeting. Grand Falls did not ask Tax Reform of the Legislature this year.

Newcastle asked this year and was granted an Act by which its poll tax is fixed at \$5.00 flat instead of having as formerly to be reckoned under the General Assessment Act which calls for the raising of one-sixth of the revenue by poll tax and which made Newcastle's poll tax last year \$7.75. Campbellton's poll tax by special Act is \$3.50, and that of St. John is lower still. Moncton's this year is \$5.25.

No other legislation of any importance in Tax Reform was obtained from the New Brunswick Assembly this year. Campbellton, which asked in 1912 for the right to exempt improvements upon a majority vote of the people, and Moncton which asked the same year, for permission to gradually exempt improvements, both requests being refused, will probably make similar demands at the coming session.

In Newcastle Council last winter a motion to ask for legislation authorizing gradual exemption of improvements, should the people be willing, was defeated by a vote of 5 to 3.

St. John, which has Direct Legislation within wide limits under a commission form of government which seems to be working successfully, is thinking seriously of installing the Somers system of valuation and going a considerable length in the direction of abolishing all taxes but those on land, at the same time preserving to all citizens the right to vote.

The New Brunswick Assessment Act authorizes the exemption of the first \$200 of income. In St. John the first \$300 is exempted, and in Moncton \$600, both being very much behind Halifax, where \$1000 is exempted. But in few, if any, of our towns and counties is income fully assessed, the practice however, working out so that the smaller the income the more nearly the law is carried out in full and the larger the income the more of it escapes.

At the meeting of the Maritime Board in Newcastle, on the 20th inst., the following motion (similar to that adopted by the Union of New Brunswick Municipalities at its convention in Newcastle in 1911, but not followed up by the Executive, nor considered at the 1912 convention) received much support and evoked a general and vigorous discussion in which not one of the speakers advocated the retention of our present system of taxation:

"Be it resolved: That this Maritime Board of Trade assembled in convention in the town of Newcastle request the Government and Legislatures of the Maritime Provinces to pass at their next sessions bills providing that any county, city or town in their respective provinces shall, upon a majority vote of the qualified ratepayers voting, have the power to reduce or abolish, within its jurisdiction, taxes on polls, improvements, personal property and income, or any one or more of these, and raise its revenue by means of a Land Tax with or without a poll tax and with or without a system of business Licenses, also that copies of this resolution be sent to the Provincial premiers and opposition leaders."

After being thoroughly discussed, the matter was adjourned, and finally the following amendment, moved by Hon. Donald Morrison of Newcastle and Smith L. Walker, M. D. of Truro, was adopted:

"That this Board recognizing the general dissatisfaction that exists with respect to the distribution of the burden of civic and municipal taxation, particularly with respect to arriving at a correct valuation of personal property and income, memorializes the Local Government to appoint commissions at their next meetings to investigate the grievances complained of with a view to providing a remedy; also that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Governments concerned."

It is to be hoped that the Governments of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island will take action in this matter as soon as possible, and that its commission appointed last year by Nova Scotia will report at an early date.

Regretting that I am unable to attend the Fourth Convention and hoping that much progress will be made this coming year.

I am your obedient servant,
(Sgd.) HENRY HARVEY STUART,
Vice-President for N. B.,
Newcastle, N. B. August 30, 1912.

DEATH CLAIMS YOUNG LADY

Miss Elizabeth G. Foran Passed Away Yesterday

The sad death occurred yesterday morning of Miss Elizabeth G. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Foran, of consumption. The deceased young lady was only about twenty-two years of age, and was beloved by all her acquaintances, of whom there were many.

For a number of years she was a prominent member of St. Mary's choir, and only about three weeks or so ago, sang a solo in that church.

Her sister, Miss Katie Foran, a trained nurse of New York has been spending the past few days with her and the whole community extends their sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Foran in their loss of so young a life.

The funeral will take place Thursday morning at 9.30 o'clock and Requiem High Mass will be celebrated by Rev. Fr. Cormier at 10 o'clock, after which interment will take place in St. Mary's cemetery.

Mrs. Chas. Morrissey and Miss Mollie Hennessy left this morning for St. John for a few days.

NO THAW MOVIES ALLOWED IN HUB

Mayor Fitzgerald Wont Permit Picture Houses to Show Them

Mayor Fitzgerald says he will not permit any of the moving picture houses of Boston to use any of the Thaw pictures taken in connection with his escape, capture and flights through Canada and New Hampshire. James H. Reid, playwright, made the request of the mayor, asserting that he had some very fine pictures of incidents in the Thaw affair. The pictures, he said, were all clean and not offensive in any form. Mayor Fitzgerald said that the life of Thaw was sufficient to banish the pictures from Boston. He said further that under no conditions would he permit the pictures to be displayed in the theatres of Boston.

The reason some women change their minds so often is because their husbands give them no change in their pocketbooks and they have nothing else to change.

The Methodist pulpit here was occupied morning and evening by Rev. Mr. Day of Tabusintac.

UNION OF N. B. MUNICIPALITIES

To Meet in Moncton October 15th and 16th Will Have Interesting Program

The eighth annual meeting of the Union of New Brunswick Municipalities will be held in Moncton, Wednesday and Thursday, October 15th and 16th. An interesting programme has been arranged for the two days' session, and a number of timely subjects of general interest are to be discussed at the convention, and the subjects for discussion give assurance of an interesting meeting.

The address of welcome will be delivered by Mayor W. K. Gross. The presidential address will be by Aid. W. E. Farrell, of Fredericton. Hon. J. K. Flemming and Hon. John Morrissey are also to deliver addresses at the opening session.

Among the papers, or subjects for addresses is "Police Administration" by Commissioner McLellan, of St. John. J. King Kelley, county secretary, will give an address on "The Utility of the Municipal Farm for Delinquents." Another St. John representative on the programme is Peter Clinch who will speak on "Municipal Fire Protection and Insurance."

A number of important resolutions are to come before the meeting. Among them is one introduced by the delegates from York and Restigouche counties, to the effect that the Act of Assembly exempting railways from taxation should be repealed, and that property of railway companies should be liable to taxation on the same basis as the property of other corporations, and as such property is taxed in other provinces of the Dominion and in the United States.

Another resolution introduced by the Mayor of Dalhousie, favors the making by or conjunction with the governments concerned, an inter-provincial highway of good standard construction across Canada.

The matter of harvest excursions is among the topics to be discussed by the delegates.

ARM FRACTURED AT BRIDGE

Manuel DeRoche Has Painful Accident While at Work on Bridge

Manuel DeRoche of Rogersville, a master mechanic on the new bridge, met with a painful accident on Monday afternoon while working one of the big pumps used for working water out of the caisson on the eastern abutment. He was standing on a plank when it tipped, throwing him a distance of twelve feet to the concrete below, and in trying to recover himself he fractured his wrist and received other bruises about the face.

He was taken to the office of Dr. Desmond who attended to the injured man and yesterday morning he left for his home in Rogersville.

Mr. DeRoche was a popular man at the works and his many friends regret his accident.

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

The above meetings will be held in the Brussels Street Baptist Church, St. John, next week commencing on Tuesday 23rd, with a ministerial conference. On Wednesday and the three following days the services of the Association will commence under the presidency of the Rev. Dr. Cousins of Newcastle, who is the Moderator of the Assembly.

Dr. Cousins will deliver his Moderator's address on Wednesday morning. It is expected that there will be a large attendance as very important business has to be transacted. Several prominent speakers from Boston, U. S. A., are expected to take part. Hospitality is being offered by the ten Baptist Churches in St. John, so ample provision will be made for the comfort of delegates and visitors.

A man who has been married six times may still seek the seventh heaven of happiness.