

THE SEMI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH, ST. JOHN, N. B., WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1904.

CONSERVATIVE ORATORY AT THE
WORK THEATRE DREW FAIR CROWD

Dr. Daniel, M. P., A. A. Stockton, Dr. Alward, Miles E. Agar, George V. McInerney and Others Among the Speakers—Some Interruptions.

The Conservative rally held in the York Theatre on Saturday evening was fairly successful from the standpoint of attendance. There was not a great crowd, but the fact that the meeting was held on Saturday was probably responsible for this. There was, however, considerable applause at times.

R. B. Emerson presided and introduced the various speakers. He advised the Conservative electors that the present campaign would be one of the most severe ever undertaken in Canada and to have their efforts crowned with success would be necessary to work zealously and unitedly.

Dr. J. W. Daniel, M. P., was the first of the speakers and, considering the size of the audience he received a very cordial welcome. He said the meeting had been called under an arrangement made with the Conservative leader by the party managers of several provinces. This arrangement provided that within forty-eight hours of the announcement of the dissolution of parliament meetings should be held in Montreal, Toronto, St. John, Halifax and other large Canadian cities.

Dr. A. A. Stockton, the next speaker, in opening, devoted a few minutes to answering the criticisms from the young man in the gallery who enquired about the bridge workmen. Dr. Stockton told him that he probably was employed by the government but that he must be careful for after Nov. 3 his job would be gone.

Mr. McInerney, in his speech, referred to the changes which had taken place in the Liberal administration since 1896 or 1900. Some of the most men had disappeared, notably Sir Oliver Mowat, Hon. David Mills, Sir Henry John de Lotbiniere, Hon. Mr. Tarte and Hon. G. Blair. They had been succeeded by Mr. Suberling, Charles Hymans, Hon. Joseph Lemieux, Hon. Raymond Prefontaine and Hon. H. R. Timmonson.

Mr. Miles E. Agar, in his speech, referred to the Liberal tariff, which, he said, had not produced a new industry for Canada. St. John required justice. He personally was interested in St. John through to such a large extent that he thought it a good place to live in. He didn't know where he would die but he also thought St. John a good place to die in.

Dr. Silas Alward devoted most of his time to the G. T. P. which, he said, was not endorsed by any section of the St. John press. The Sun and Star opposed it first and then the Globe and the Evening Times followed. He said the arguments in condemnation of it were not the same as those of yore. There was one paper which supported it but it had passed away. He said nothing but the cost window and a chaotic and painful mind.

WRIGHT HELD FOR
SUPREME COURT

Justice Morrison Committed
Havelock Man to Hampton Jail.

Two Testify That McKnight Used a Club on the Prisoner, But Others Positively That the Reverse Was the Case—Mrs. Wright Too Ill to Appear.

Sussex, N. B., Sept. 30.—The preliminary examination in the Havelock murder case was again resumed this morning before Judge Morrison. Mr. McLevry appearing for the crown, and H. H. Parlee for the defence.

The first witness called was Herbert A. Fowler. He was the constable who arrested Wright's arrest, and swore to that effect. Oldfield Proctor, the second witness, testified that when he arrived he saw Wright with a stick. He then saw the light continued in the centre of the street between Mrs. Wright and Oscar; then Oscar rushed across the street and hit McKnight with a stick. The men at the prison were next called. He arrived in time to see Sam Keith, Chip Keith and Sam Perry pull Oscar Wright from the door of the Wright shop. Mrs. Wright fell to the ground, and McKnight returned to the shingle pile. Mrs. Wright and Oscar continued a duel with sticks. Witness lost sight of Oscar, but saw a stick descending and saw McKnight hit Oscar with a stick. He then saw the former witness, and his testimony was very much the same. He saw McKnight leave the shingle piles with a club in his hand and take an active part in the beating of Wright.

Afternoon Session. This afternoon Adam Steeves was the first witness examined. He said: I was at Havelock on Friday evening and saw the letter part of the fray. I walked towards station and spoke to Oscar Wright as I passed, saw no quarrelling when I got there. Saw a crowd assembled, some of the crowd clinched Oscar and took him away. Oscar said: "Let go of me or I'll hit you." Oscar was next called. He said: I saw Oscar Wright and McKnight with a stick. Witness did not know who it was, next I saw McKnight walking on the street towards the pile of shingles. Next saw Oscar Wright strike McKnight with a stick. Witness said: "Look out, Billy; they are going to hit you." Did not see any stick in McKnight's hands, but saw one in Oscar Wright's hands. I saw McKnight fall.

Mr. Parlee—I did not see Oscar and Mrs. Wright have a duel with sticks. Dudley Keith sworn said: "I reside at Havelock; was present at the fray on 18th inst. I am a right doer by and three pulled him into the middle of the street. Mrs. Wright followed them and struck Oscar on the head. Oscar shouted: "Men help me." Did not hear any threats. Mrs. Wright said: "—you will kill me." I turned the horse then and started to drive away. She said: "For — sake, Du! get out and help kill him." She then drove away. I went to Mr. Seely's and asked if Ira Wright was in there and got no answer. I walked again and he (Ira) came to the barn door and asked, "what is the matter?" Witness said there is a crowd beating Oscar, and Mrs. Wright was beating him on the head. I said: "You better go over and stop it; I am afraid they will kill him." He then came to the road and hollered for Walter and said "Come on." My wife got out of the carriage and I drove Walter and Ira to the Wright shop, a distance of about one-half mile. When we got to the shop I saw Oscar get up and take off his coat and said: "If it is fight you want I will give it to you." Oscar then made for me and I saw him take the side of my head. Did not see what Ira and Walter did. I drove on. Next I saw Ira Wright and Chip Keith. I heard Ira say: "Chip, you got down your club." Ira said: "Sam, lay down your club." Sam said: "No, I never will." Then I heard a woman holler: "McKnight is killed." I then drove home.

Jonah Keith. Jonah Keith was next examined. He said: I reside in Havelock; am eighteen years of age. I saw the latter part of the fray. Arrived there about 7 o'clock. Saw Mr. S. Wright beating Oscar on the hands. Saw McKnight about ten minutes after he arrived. He was standing a few feet from me; was there all the time until McKnight was struck. Did not see any stick in McKnight's hands, but saw one in Oscar's hands until Oscar hit Billy.

Robert W. Keith. Robert W. Keith sworn. He said: Am a son of H. A. Keith and aged fourteen years; was at the road on the 16th. Went to the scene on my bicycle. Went to the Wright shop; saw Oscar and Keith with

I next saw McKnight coming down the road. Ira Wright ran towards McKnight. I next saw Oscar coming from the upstairs window and saw him have a monkey wrench. He then made over for McKnight. Did not know whether they hit McKnight or not, but they took hold of him. I heard Oscar tell Ira to go get the house. I next saw Mrs. Wright hitting Oscar over the hands. A crowd pulled Oscar from the door and Mrs. Wright followed him up still striking him. Dudley Keith then drove up with two men in. They got out, took off their coats and a general mix-up took place. I next saw Mrs. Wright and Oscar having a fight with sticks. I saw McKnight with a pile of shingles stooping down. As he raised up Oscar Wright hit him with a big club. When McKnight fell his head could not be seen more than two feet from my feet; did not see McKnight with a stick. After McKnight was struck, Mrs. McKnight came to him. I asked Mrs. McKnight if I would go for the doctor and she said yes. I started on my wheel and got the doctor.

Mr. Parlee—I do not know how long it was between the time I saw Oscar at the shop door until McKnight was struck. J. McLevry produced a certificate from Dr. Thorne, of Havelock, stating that Mrs. Wright was unable to attend. There was one witness present that was not examined. Mr. McLevry said that he had other witnesses, but they were merely corroborative and he did not think it necessary to call them. Judge Morrison asked the prisoner if he had any questions to ask or remarks to make, and he answered, "No."

Judge Morrison then said that under the evidence given there was nothing else to do but send him up for trial. He was then committed to jail at Hampton until the January court.

HON. A. S. WHITE. On motion of Prof. J. H. Rhodes, Hon. A. R. McClellan was appointed to the chair. Mr. White gave a lengthy address, and speeches were also given by G. J. Suman, M. P.; Alex. Rogers, ex-M. P.; S. S. Ryan, M. P.; and Martin Coleman, the veteran Orangeman.

Liberals of Rothesay Parish Organize. A meeting of the Liberals of the parish of Rothesay was held in the pavilion of the Hotel Bellevue last evening to organize the parish. It was largely attended, and the work of organizing was begun. Dr. Wm. B. McVey was elected chairman, and Walter S. Saunders secretary. The meeting was most enthusiastic. Brief addresses were made and the routine work was begun. The meeting adjourned until Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. The report last night was of indications that Hon. A. S. White will sweep the parish.

St. John's New Paper. The new evening paper, the St. John Times, made its appearance on Saturday, taking the place of the Gazette. The Times presents a good appearance and is decidedly new. With regard to politics, it says: "The Times will pursue an independent course, and will not be the organ of any party. This does not mean that it will withhold either criticism or support from a man or a measure; but its policy will be guided by what is deemed to be in the public interest under conditions as they arise."

Successful Hunter. Rev. W. W. Lodge, Dr. J. J. Ryan, C. J. Barnhill and W. E. Mason have returned from a successful moose hunt in the county of Victoria. Mr. Lodge christened his new rifle with a fine blue bear, while each of the others brought home splendid moose heads as trophies. George Price, of Grand Falls, guided the party. They also took with them the veteran Indian moose caller, John Malparry. This does not mean that they are shy of that section of the province.

King's County Court. Judge Wedderburn is expected to arrive at Hampton from St. Louis, on the 5th of the Kings county court on Monday, the 10th, at 10 o'clock, a. m., when the panels of grand and petit juries will be called. The docket of cases made up and the general business of the court proceeded with, without delay.

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IMPROVEMENTS OR ELSE HIGHER RATES

Increase at Fredericton Tomorrow—Volunteer Fire Companies for Various Towns Suggested—Moncton Granted Extension of Time.

The board of underwriters has ordered a flat increase of fifteen per cent. in Fredericton fire insurance, to go into effect tomorrow, and to apply to all risks in Fredericton except churches, dwellings and other buildings and Sunday school houses. This is because a chemical engine has not been secured by that city, as the underwriters requested, though the request for re-laying King street main has been completed.

Because of the increase in Fredericton information as to other towns in the province will be of interest. The board has considered the conditions in each place, and sent to the authorities of each some time ago a statement of what they had done to ensure fire protection. The response has been generally to meet the board's requirements.

Moncton. Moncton was asked to lay a new 12-inch main, and if not completed by Oct. 1, there was to be a fifteen per cent. increase in addition to the previous ten per cent., on all risks except churches, dwellings and other buildings, and Sunday school buildings. The board was most enthusiastic. Brief addresses were made and the routine work was begun. The meeting adjourned until Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. The report last night was of indications that Hon. A. S. White will sweep the parish.

Bathurst. Bathurst now has a volunteer fire company, an engine and hose and, in case of fire, water is pumped from the river. The board wants the town to be incorporated, a building law established, water for fire protection secured by gravitation or by building nine tanks of 10,000 gallons each a double cylinder chemical engine and men to operate it. If by Sept. 1st, 1905, rates will be reduced 15 per cent. if a tank service, they will be reduced 10 per cent; if nothing is done the rates are to be increased 20 per cent.

St. George. For St. George the underwriters suggest incorporation of the town, a building law, a pumping station, and stand pipe of 150,000 gallons, pipe system, hydrants and hose, and a volunteer fire company. If these things are done by Sept. 1st, 1905, the rates are to be reduced 15 per cent, if not they will be increased 20 per cent.

Edmundston. Edmundston suggestions for water protection are made—a pumping station, a 250,000 gallon reservoir, pipe service, fire hydrants, hose and equipment, a volunteer fire company, and if the town be incorporated a fire department is urged. If these things are done by Sept. 1st, 1905, the rates are to be reduced 15 per cent, if not they will be increased 20 per cent.

Grand Falls. For Grand Falls the underwriters have recommended a pumping station, arrangements for auxiliary service, a 250,000 gallon stand pipe to give a 50 pound pressure in any part of the town, and 10-inch main from the river to the stand pipe and mains from the stand pipe along various streets; the placing of hydrants, securing of hose, formation of a volunteer fire company, establishment of fire districts

and placing of a fire alarm bell. If these be done by Sept. 1st, 1905, the present rates are to be reduced 15 per cent, if not they will be increased 20 per cent.

St. Stephen. In St. Stephen a fire district and building law are urged by May 1st next, subject to approval of the Cabinet board, a flat increase of 15 cents will be made, to be removed when all is satisfactory.

Woodstock. Woodstock is asked to establish a fire district the restrictions to be the same as mentioned in connection with the other towns. If the building law and fire district are not in force by May 1st, 1905, a flat increase of 10 cents is to be made, to be removed when the fire district is established.

Chatham. In Chatham, the board wants a fire district, in which frame buildings exceeding 25 feet from street level and fire district are not in force by May 1st, 1905, a flat increase of 10 cents is to be added to all risks, to be removed when the fire district is established. An efficient fire alarm system is also demanded, including seven alarm boxes, the equipment of the system to be satisfactory to the board. If this is not done by Nov. 1st a flat increase of 10 cents is to go in force to be removed when the board's requirements as to fire alarm are complied with.

Newcastle. In Newcastle a fire district is required, to be of the same provisions as applies to Chatham. If not, a flat increase of 10 cents is to be made, to be removed when the fire district has been established. The capacity of the town reservoir is 119,000 gallons and the underwriters deem this insufficient for fire protection and the council is required to increase it to 200,000 gallons by Jan. 1st, 1905, if not a flat increase of 15 cents is to be added to the present rates in the fire district, to be removed when the board's requirements are complied with.

Hartland. Hartland is required to have a fire district by May 1st next or a flat increase of 10 cents is to be added, to be removed when all is satisfactory to the board. The requirements are the same as in the other towns named. The town is also to increase the capacity of the present reservoir and provide for it additional services of supply, or establish a pumping service on the river bank connecting with the town main to be used in a dry season or when the reservoir supply is exhausted. If better water supply for fire protection is not secured by Nov. 1st an additional flat increase of 15 cents is to be made.

Centreville. Centreville is recommended to have the town incorporated and building law put in force, a 150,000 gallon stand pipe put in and mains through some streets, hydrants, and hose secured, a volunteer fire company organized. If done by Sept. 1st

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Port Elgin. Port Elgin is recommended to 1 pointed, a building law put in a electrical engine secured, with ladder equipment and a fire alarm erected. If not done by Sept. 1st the rates are to be increased 15 per cent.

Hillsboro. Hillsboro has no fire protection board has recommended that if tion either by pumping station stand pipes or otherwise is established satisfactorily by Sept. 1st, 1905, 15 per cent reduction in rates be made, otherwise, 20 per cent increase. If the town be incorporated, a building law is urged.

Albert. Albert is promised 15 per cent reduction if by Sept. 1st, 1905, fire protection by pumping stations and stand pipes or otherwise is satisfactorily secured. If not 20 per cent is to be added. If incorporation is secured a building law is recommended.

U. N. B. SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED YESTERDAY. Fredericton, N. B., Oct. 3.—(Special)—At the faculty meeting today the following scholarships were awarded upon the results of the junior and senior matriculation examinations:—L. A. Wilnot Scholarship, \$100 a year for three years, Wm. Woods of Queens county.

Ans. Dow Scholarship, \$50 a year for two years, given to a first class license teacher taking the Senior Matriculation—F. A. Jewett.

County Scholarships, \$60 a year for one scholar in each county. Carleton county—F. W. C. Wetmore. York county—F. Winslow. Sunbury county—Harold Alexander. St. John county—Grover Martin. Charlotte county—Miss Graham. Westmorland county—Miss Knig. Northumberland county—Miss F. Albert county—Lloyd E. Wood. Awards will be made later for the other counties.

The L. A. Wilnot Scholarship, which is one of the most valuable in the gift of the University is given to the student taking the best standing in the Senior Matriculation examination. Lectures opened today with full attendance of students. New students are reported from Nova Scotia, Quebec and Prince Edward Island and a good sized freshman class is expected.

Portland Man Drowned. Portland, Me., Oct. 2.—James H. Black, aged 35, unmarried, was drowned by the overturning of a small punt in which he was fishing in the inner harbor late today. His two companions swam ashore.

Rev. Miltidge Walker, of Hampton, will attend the church convention at Boston, and then go south for the winter, to take a charge among the Samnites.

MAY QUEEN RAISED

River Steamer Towed to Newcastle—Expect She'll Be Here This Week.

The latest word from the May Queen is that she has been floated and towed to Newcastle wharf, Grand Lake, and that one of her small pumps is keeping her free of water.

The large pump taken up by the Beatrix Waring was found hardly necessary after the boat was raised.

Capt. Watson said last evening that he did not know just what damages the steamer sustained. He was confident, though, that repairs could be made. He expects the May Queen down river by the middle of the week, under her own steam.

While cutting timber at Lepreux light-house Saturday, John Allan, son of Robt. Allan, of the customs house, was badly off, the axe slipping and nearly taking his toes. His wounds were dressed by Dr. Reynolds, Lepreux, and he was then brought to his home in St. John.

St. Martins Conservatives Organize.

St. Martins, Oct. 3.—At a meeting held in the interest of the Liberal-Conservative party Saturday night in Temperance Hall, Mr. Kelly was elected chairman, to elect delegates to attend the convention that will be called in the near future for the purpose of choosing candidates to contest the constituency.

Speeches were made by the chairman, W. H. Rourke, Capt. Creamer, A. W. Fownes, David Brown, Jas. V. Brown and others.

The meeting then proceeded to elect their delegates which are as follows:—J. Y. Brown, W. H. Rourke, J. P. Whiting, Manford Scholes, A. W. Fownes, Mr. Kelly, M. R. Daley, John Manett, C. Milne, Samuel Osborne, Capt. Creamer, S. A. Fownes, Alexander—Wm. Smith, J. B. Hodson, Wm. Calloun, Samuel McCurdy.

The meeting then organized permanently for the campaign. A. W. Fownes was chosen chairman, M. Kelly vice-chairman; Wm. Smith, secretary; Treasurer. Executive committee—S. A. Fownes, Wm. Fletcher, James Rourke, Geo. Paterson, John MacLure, Jas. V. Brown.