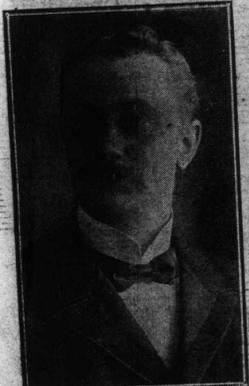


PREMIER ROBINSON EXPOSED FALLACY OF HAZEN'S STATEMENTS

Rousing Government Rally at Norton Last Night—Premier in Vigorous Speech Dealt Effectively With Opposition Cries—Hon. Jas. Barnes, A. B. Copp, Ora P. King and Dr. McVey Also Spoke.

NORTON, N. B., Oct. 16.—This evening the Temperance Hall here was crowded with an enthusiastic audience, which listened to Premier Robinson, A. B. Copp, M. P. P., Hon. Jas. Barnes,



PREMIER ROBINSON.

Dr. W. B. McVey and Ora P. King, M. P. P., speak on behalf of the present provincial administration. The meeting lasted about three hours, and had a social as well as a political side. At about half-past seven the Norton Band assembled in front of the Campbell House, where Premier Robinson was staying, and played for some time shortly before eight, when a band march to the Temperance Hall, where tonight's meeting took place. The hall was speedily filled and a good-sized audience had assembled when Premier Robinson mounted the platform. Those with him were Hon. Jas. Barnes, Ora P. King, A. B. Copp, Dr. W. B. McVey and George G. Scovill, M. P. P. Mr. Scovill presided at the meeting. At the close the people of Norton had an opportunity of meeting the premier.

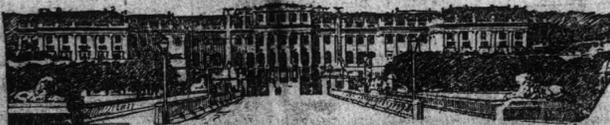
Ora King, M. P. P.

The first speaker of the evening was Ora P. King, M. P. P., who met the cordial reception he always receives from a Kings County audience.

Mr. King said it had been six years since he addressed the people of Norton. At that time the burning issue had been whether or not there should be a new steel bridge at Norton. The opposition had said that that bridge would never be built. "Tonight," said Mr. King, "I had the opportunity of walking over the new bridge in company with the premier of the province." (Applause.) Mr. King went on to allude to the loyalty to the government that Kings had shown for the past eighteen years. He knew that loyalty would be continued toward the new premier, who was a young man with the entire confidence of his party. Criticism had been made by the opposition concerning over expenditure of money. Let them show where the money had been expended and he would be glad to see it. It was absolutely impossible to keep down the expenditure to what it was in 1890 or 1895.

The Central Railway had also been criticized. Mr. Maxwell of St. John had called it a sink hole, but when an offer had been made to the province by a reputable company to pay a per cent. on the expenditure for a

EMPEROR FRANCIS JOSEPH AND ARCHDUKE FRANCIS FREDERICK, THE HEIR TO THE THRONE



Schonbrunn, Imperial Palace Near Vienna.



Emperor of Austria-Hungary.



Archduke Francis Ferdinand.

ever, had gone to Ottawa and threatened the matter out with the Deputy Minister of Railways and Canals. The result was that the English company and the International company, instead of paralleling one another's lines, had amalgamated and have announced that they will build a magnificent bridge across the Restigouche at Campbellton.

Mr. Copp produced one of the pamphlets which are being circulated by the opposition in various sections of the province. "In this manual," said Mr. Copp, "I can see so dignified a term as 'mean enough' to accuse the Hon. Wm. Pugsley of stealing \$200 from the province for private telegrams. Is there any one within the sound of my bell who believes such a thing about Dr. Pugsley?"

In conclusion Mr. Copp warned the electors of Norton against taking a leap in the dark and taking as their premier an untried man in preference to Mr. Robinson.

Hon. Jas. Barnes

Hon. James Barnes of Richibucto followed Mr. Copp. He first took up the working of the road law. In his own county good roads were non-existent until the new highway act went into force. Now in Kent county there were miles of magnificent built and drained roads. Mr. Barnes next took the Central railway as his subject. He was intimately acquainted with the road. Because he had worked in connection with it when the American company building it had thrown up the work. It had been the original intention to build the line to the coal fields above Minto, but lack of capital had compelled the company to abandon that plan. At that time the provincial government had stepped into the breach and taken over the work. As a result a good line of railway was in existence and a line of industry had been established at Minto.

Premier Robinson

Amid great applause Chairman Scovill introduced the speaker of the evening, Premier Robinson. He opened his remarks by saying he was there under false pretenses. He had expected to attend a swell organization meeting, but instead had found a most excellent local government meeting. Mr. Hazen had said that the office of attorney general had been hawked about the country and offered to various gentlemen, including Mr. Barnhill, Hon. A. S. White and C. A. A. White. That statement was incorrect. It was not necessary for the office to go begging, as there were in the government service several gentlemen eminently suited to be attorney general. The interests of the province were not being neglected and the appointment of an attorney general would be announced in good time.

Highway Act

The highway act had been greatly criticized. Mr. Hazen had said that if the control of the roads to the municipal councils. Just how the condition of the roads would be improved by such action was not apparent. Mr. Hazen himself, on the other side of the road, had complained the highway act in many particulars. The act like all others was not perfect, and the government was not bound to preserve it in its present form. In all probability as time went on it was likely that alterations would be made in the road law.

Mr. King had dealt with the railway policy and it was not necessary to go into it in detail. Arrangements had been made, however, whereby the Atlantic and Lake Superior Railway would amalgamate with the International and build a line from Gaspe to the River St. John.

The premier also spoke briefly on the immigration and settlement policies of the government. The great tract lately purchased in the north of the province would be rapidly and wholly settled by men from the Ban-

ish settlement in Victoria County. Other settlers were also to be brought in.

Finances in Good Shape

Much criticism had been made about the financial state of the province. New Brunswick's financial condition was the best of any province in Canada. (Applause.)

In the financial statement made at the present time New Brunswick's financial condition was the best of any province in Canada. (Applause.)

The premier, continuing, said that during the recent stringency in the money market, New York, Winnipeg and Montreal all failed to sell their bonds. The city of Fredericton, presiding over by an opposition candidate who government, could get an offer of only 85 per cent. for its bonds, whereas the province disposed of its bonds at 96 per cent. in St. John.

Election Date Not Fixed

Concerning the time of election, the premier said he was not prepared to say when that would be. From all appearances, however, he judged that when the time came the people of the province would give the existing government another lease of power and he felt confident that it would do its best to properly administer the affairs of the country. (Prolonged applause.)

To Form Liberal Club

At the meeting last night a committee, of which Thos. Gilliland was chairman, was elected to consider the formation of a Liberal Club. Following is the report they made:

"NORTON, N. B., Oct. 16.—Your committee beg to leave to you a report which we recommend a club be organized, called the Liberal Club of Kings County. This club is to be composed of honorary presidents, viz.: Senator Donville, Hon. Dr. Pugsley, Hon. A. S. White, Geo. G. Scovill, M. P. P., Ora P. King, M. P. P., and Dr. Wm. B. McVey be appointed an active president pro tem, the acting president to communicate with the chairman of the different parishes to call a public meeting to arrange what steps would be approved to the best interests of organization of the party.

CHATHAM SECURES REV. GEORGE WOOD

Pastor of St. Stephen's Church, Amherst, Accepts Call to St. Stephen's in That Town

AMHERST, N. S., Oct. 16.—At the special meeting of the Wallace Presbyterian, held at Oxford yesterday, Rev. Geo. Wood, pastor of St. Stephen's church, Chatham, N. B., was called to the pastorate of St. Stephen's church, Chatham, N. B. Mr. Wood will preach his farewell sermon here on the 31st inst. During Mr. Wood's four years' pastorate of the church here he has made many friends and his many friends both in his own church and of other denominations will regret to hear of his departure from Chatham, which he is going to one of the best parishes in Northern New Brunswick and they have secured in Mr. Wood a preacher of much ability and one who will prove a power for good in the community.

DEATHS

MRS. JANE HARPER.

JACKSONVILLE, Oct. 16.—The funeral of Mrs. Jane Harper, wife of John Harper, one of the best known and most highly respected farmers in the county, was held at her late residence today. The services were conducted by Rev. E. C. Turner, assisted by Rev. C. T. Phillips.

Among those who attended the funeral were Fred Harrison of Houlton, Me., who came in his automobile; John Fleming of Fredericton, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Kilburn of Kilburn and Hugh Harrison of Woodstock.

GEORGE BEATTIE.

REXTON, N. B., Oct. 12.—The funeral of the late George Beattie was held October 11th, and very largely attended. The services at the house and grave were conducted by Rev. A. D. Archibald, Jesus, Saviour of My Soul, and Jesus, Pilot Me, were effectively sung. The pallbearers were John McMurtry, George Palmer, Thomas McMurtry, George Palmer, William Thompson and Capt. George Irving. Interment was at St. Andrew's cemetery.

H. M. BURK.

BOWMANVILLE, Ont., Oct. 14.—H. M. Burk, ex-M. P. for East Durham, died at his residence here yesterday afternoon at the age of 85 years. He was born at Burlington, where his father also was born. He was president of the West Durham Reform Association. Mr. Burk, who was a Reformer, was first returned to parliament in April, 1874, upon the resignation of the sitting member. He was a widow, three daughters and two sons. One of his daughters is the wife of Col. Hughes, M. P.

BATTLE FOR CONTROL OF ILLINOIS CENTRAL WAS BEGUN YESTERDAY

After a Warm Discussion Between Representatives of Fish and Harriman, the Annual Meeting Was Adjourned Until Today—"\$1,000,000 Cromwell" One of the Lawyers in the Case.

CHICAGO, Oct. 16.—The meeting of the Illinois railroad stockholders was adjourned until 9 a. m. tomorrow. No vote was taken on election of directors. The proceedings of the day were opened by a meeting of the directors. No business was transacted save that on motion of Mr. Fish it was decided to admit representatives of the press, and the committee of three election inspectors was finally completed. It was stipulated yesterday by Judge Ball that a committee of three should be appointed to pass upon the eligibility of the proxies. For this committee Mr. Fish, who was to select one member, chose his private secretary, Chas. F. Henman. Mr. Harriman selected Louis Ertch assistant to the president of the Illinois Central, the two were to select a third, but the choice of an additional member was left to J. G. Farrar, acting for Mr. Fish, and Mr. Cromwell for Mr. Harriman. The two men argued for the greater part of the night and discussed many names, but were unable to agree upon the third man. When the meeting of the directors was called it was still undecided and finally a motion was made to select Judge Farrar, that Judge Ball be asked to select the third man, which was adopted. The judge named F. S. Conway, a prominent manufacturer of this city.

The actual proceedings of the meeting were opened by the collection of the names of the stockholders personally present and then Mr. Cromwell, who to all intents and purposes was the presiding officer, declared that the three inspectors would receive the proxies in an adjoining room. He also moved that the meeting would take an adjournment until 3:30 in the afternoon. The motion was adopted.

Immediately after Mr. Harriman had called the meeting to order with three raps of his gavel at 3:45 o'clock, Mr. Cromwell arose and said: "I am informed by the members of the committee on proxies that they have been unable to finish their work and are not prepared to report for several hours. I therefore move that an adjournment be taken until 8:30 o'clock tonight."

Instantly James A. Patten was on his feet. Mr. Patten is a large man, whose appearance and manner suggest that he is entirely capable of caring for himself in any kind of a fight. He objected to the adjournment strongly, saying:

"I move to amend the motion by making the hour 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. There are many stockholders here who live outside of the city, and for whom it is inconvenient to attend a night meeting."

Mr. Cromwell arose, courteous in the extreme. "I would call the attention of the stockholders," he said, "to the fact that this is a business meeting for the conduct of important affairs. I recognize any stockholders who are here, but this is a case where we should stand to business without considering our comfort or convenience. I therefore insist upon the adoption of my motion."

"I desire," said Mr. Patten, with an aggressive manner and in warlike tones, "to call attention to the fact that when the night session is over the lawyers can take a cab and reach their hotels in five minutes, which the stockholders who live out of town cannot do without taking a much longer time. This meeting is a meeting of the Illinois Central stockholders and is being run by the stockholders and not for the convenience of a few attorneys."

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MISS ELIZABETH BELL.

ST. MARTIN'S, N. B., Oct. 14.—The death of Miss Elizabeth Bell occurred very suddenly at her home in Fairfield. The deceased was a woman of estimable qualities, and a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. She leaves to mourn her loss two brothers and five sisters.

JAMES ANDERSON.

The death took place at London, G. B., of James Anderson, formerly of this city. Mr. Anderson was a son of the late John Anderson, and was with his father in the clothing business carried on by the latter for many years on King street. The late firm of McKelch & Russell purchased the business on Mr. Anderson's retirement. One of the sisters of the deceased—Margaret—was married to Sir Harry P. Burrard, who died some years ago. The other married Andrew Bell, 34 Hammersmith Road, London, and at his home Mr. Anderson died Sept. 24.

MRS. T. C. STEVENSON.

ST. STEPHEN, N. B., Oct. 14.—Mrs. T. C. Stevenson, who has been ill some weeks with influenza, passed away Monday morning. Mrs. Stevenson was about seventy-four years of age and had been a member of the Methodist church for more than six years. She leaves a husband, one daughter, Mrs. Everett Nesbitt of this town, and a brother, Samuel Creighton of Berwick, N. S.

HIRAM P. BRITAIN.

The death of Hiram P. Britain at Norton on October 6th removed one of the most successful farmers in that section of the county. Mr. Britain was born in 1832 and lived the greater part of his life in Springfield. He was a man of high character and universally respected. He was an active worker in the old Free Baptist denomination. He had been an invalid for the last year or two. His first wife was a Miss Casse, who died sixteen years ago, and two years later he was married to Miss Green, daughter of the late James Green of Norton, who survives.

JAMES MCCARTHY.

NEWCASTLE, Oct. 14.—James McCarthy died at his home yesterday afternoon. The deceased leaves a widow and one daughter. He was the result of one daughter. Mr. McCarthy was a member of the Free Baptist denomination. He had been an invalid for the last year or two. His first wife was a Miss Casse, who died sixteen years ago, and two years later he was married to Miss Green, daughter of the late James Green of Norton, who survives.

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JOHN W. DAVIS.

The death of John W. Davis, one of the oldest and most respected residents of Springfield, Kings Co., occurred Saturday last, after an illness of ten days. Mr. Davis was born in Springfield in 1833, choosing farming as his occupation. By his industry he has left behind him one of the finest farms in that section of the county. In 1854 Mr. Davis married Sarah Jane Sprague, who predeceased him a little over four years ago. Of this union six children were born, three sons and three daughters, all of whom are left to mourn the loss of a kind and loving father.

The sons are Dr. E. N. of this city, A. W. of Hatfield's Point and C. D. on the homestead. The daughters are Mrs. A. W. Jones of Springfield, Mrs. J. D. Wetmore of Lower Prince William and Mrs. C. I. Cain of Stewarston, Kings Co. He is also survived by twelve grandchildren, five granddaughters and four sisters. Mr. Davis came to this city a little over two weeks ago to visit his son, Dr. E. N. Davis. He was then in the best of health. Immediately on his return home he was stricken down, living only a few days.

MRS. ANDREW LEITCH.

The death of Mrs. Andrew Leitch occurred yesterday at her late home, 177 Rockland Road. Mrs. Leitch had been in failing health for the past two years. She is survived by her husband, Andrew Leitch of the I. C. R., and by one daughter, Mrs. Richard Sullivan of this city. The deceased had been a resident of the North End for the last thirty-five years and had many friends in that section of the city. The late Mrs. Leitch was endeared to many by her lovable character and quiet and unassuming manner.

MAJOR JOHN ALLAN.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Oct. 14.—On Saturday evening Sergeant Major John Allan, a native of Ireland, and who for twenty years a resident of Charlottetown, died here, aged eighty-four. For sixty years he was identified with the militia forces of the Empire, entering the army as a drummer boy. He was with the first British troops in the Crimea, fighting at Balaklava, Alma and Sebastopol, was twice wounded and received a medal and clasp for bravery. He next fought under Sir Colin Campbell throughout the Indian mutiny, receiving a medal, clasp and the Indian pension. He came to the island in 1857, and was for many years an officer of the 82nd battalion.