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A SELF-CONVICTED MINISTER. MR EMMERSON'S FATAL DEFENCE.

In this issue will be found that part of Mr. Emmerson's Fredericton speech which attempts to explain or defend his two price bridge contracts. The premier wandered into occasional discussions of the character and conduct of various politicians. These outside remarks are not reproduced, but the chief commissioner will admit that his whole defence and explanation is contained in the verbatim report which is reprinted from the government press. Mr. Emmerson had previously stated that he would make a complete reply at Fredericton to the charges made against him, and as he read his speech, and had given advance copies to the press of his party, it seems fair to assume that he has nothing more or better to say. The Sun claims no credit for giving Mr. Emmerson's reply the same cir-

culation that was given to the charges. The reply is a confirmation of charges. Mr. Emmerson's defence shows beyond doubt that he has It is not pecessary to discuss with

used to establish the fact that the Mr. Holmes computed the cost according to his measurements at 6.44 cents per pound. Mr. Emmerson admits that the price paid was 6 1-2 cents. This shows that the engineer was a small fraction within the mark. Having the premier's confession on this point, we may dispense with the engineer's measurements on the two priced tridges. Six and a half cents is more than double the market value.

The presider is less accurate when he gives the cost of the Salisbury and Sussex bridges, which were built by contract, and for which he says the government paid the Dominion Bridge commany six cents and seven cents per pound. No such price was paid for these bridges by the late Commissioner Ryan. It is not for us to judge whether Mr. Emmerson believes himself to be stating the facts, but it will be noticed that he neither gives the weight nor the total cost of these tender and contract bridges. If he does not know the price he can get it from his engineer, or may learn it from the books of the builder. When he gets the figures he will know, if he does not know it now, that the price paid for the Sussex bridge in 1892 was less than 51-3 cents per pound, including transportation, erection, flooring and painting. The price of bridges and material was at least onethird lower in 1897, yet in 1897 Mr. Emmerson paid twenty-five per cent. more for bridges delivered in pieces at the Record foundry than his predecessor paid five years before for the structure delivered, erected, completed, floored and painted. Mr. Emmerson paid 61-2 cents per pound at the bridge works. Mr. Ryan five years before, when the market prices were much higher, paid for the Sussex and Salisbury bridges a price that metted the builder 33-4 cents per

The other point which Mr. Emmer son makes is that he is getting better bridges than could be had by tender and contract. How does he prove this? First by stating that some of the work in the contract bridges were too light. Does he not know that the heavier the work is the tess should be the price per pound, and that any contractor at half the Record price per pound, would be only too glad to increase the weight? But if the contract bridges were defective was there no remedy but to give the work at double the ordinary price, by private contract to a favorite firm? Mr. no substitute for him in platform abil- diction of the central government.

pound at the works.

the one unable to prepare specifications giving the correct size and equirements? Mr. Emmerson says that they do this all right with the Record company. Why would they not do it with any contractor?

If proof were needed that good bridges could be procured under the tender and contract system, Mr. Emmerson himself vives it. His story of the Woodstock bridge is an answer to the rest of his speech. That bridge cost, when completed, erected, floored and painted, less than four cents per pound at a time when the market price was far higher than last year. The price would be equivalent to 2 3-5 cents at last year's current rates, or say two-fifths of the price which Mr. Emmerson now pays for bridges at the contractor's shops.

instructive correspondence which Mr. Emmerson produces shows that the contractors would like to have had \$8,000 more, or \$50,000 in all in order to have made a substantial profit out of the job. This shows that the contrarctor in those days of far higher prices could have supplied, er-

cted, and completed a bridge at 4 3-5 cents per pound, and made a big profit out of it, notwithstanding the remarkably rigid inspection of which the contractor complained, and in spite of a series of unforseen difficulties in procuring material from abroad. The obvious conclusion to which one

is forced after reading Mr. Emmerson's bridge story is that as the government had the machinery for forcing the contractor to build the right kind of a bridge at one price in 1892, it might have kept on getting the right kind of bridges at one price. Why on earth did the government abandon the policy of preparing specifications for bridges and accept any sort of weak structure that might be offered. Emmerson now claims that they And when the commissioner concluded to return to the policy of building good bridges, why did he not return to the policy of getting them for one price, as was done in 1892, in-

d of two, three and four prices, as

As to the claim that the new bridges better than those of other provinces. Mr. Emmerson must excuse commissioner is no more anxito get good bridges than other ioners, and no more than great railway companies which risk their property and human life on their bridges. His contractors ctors. They buy it at the same rices, get the goods in the form from the same makers. If the favorites made a heavier bridge at 6 1-2 cents per pound than the Nove the steal at the two price rate. paying 6 1-2 cents per pound at the of the same quality for less than half the money the moment that Mr. Emmerson calls for tenders, and at that price the heavier and stronger his engineer requires the work to be, the better contractor will like it.

We hope that every elector who has read the bridge charges will read Mr. Emmerson's statement. The proof furnished with the charges was strong but Mr. Emmerson makes it absolute

(From Daily Sun February 4.) YESTERDAY'S NOMINATIONS.

Yesterday announcement was made of the choice of strong opposition tickets in Westmorland, St. John and Carleton Today the Sun reports equally strong nominations in Albert, Kings, Sunbury and York. These are days when a New Brunswick liberal conservative has reason to be proud of his party. In response to a call of the country for a stronger legislature and a better government, we see busy men laying aside the claims of their business, overcoming in many cases their reluctance to enter public life. and cheerfully stepping to the front to lead in the struggle. The sacrifice is

their appreciation of it. In Albert county, Mr. Peck, whose candidature in a by-election brought him to the favorable notice of the outside public, is again in the field. He is well known as a prudent, sagacious Peck is personally popular, and has fairs. His colleague, Mr. Trites, who is a native of the county, though he now lives just beyond the border, has a good reputation as an enterprising contractor, and is one of many sons of the county who have fought their way with success in the outside world.

worth making, and the people will

If there was uncertainty as to the chance of obtaining a strong opposidon ticket in Kings, the doubt and anxiety could not long survive in the face of the ardor with which conservative party entered upon well known that neither Mr. Fowler, Major Campbell, ner Dr. Morrison desired a nomination. But they could not refuse the peremptory call of the they knew it to be the call of duty. a d together they enter the field with strong and well grounded confidence. Mr. Fowler has responded to the cision of his party as given at stundard beared of the conservative

Three years ago when the coalition in Kings county was held to be in existence. Mr. Fowler was a large ment in the success of the attorney general at the polls. Mr. White can find

Ity or popularity among his remaining friends. Major Camptell, the warden of the county, has more than once and now for the first time consents. Mr. Campbell is a peculiarly suitable upon the work and see that it meets representative for an agricultural county. He is a first class farmer, and to agricultural parliaments, and carable of giving Mr. Labillois much valuable information. Dr. Morrison is not now a resident of Kings though he has close relations with the county, and is well known there, both as a speaker and in a professional capard forcible speaker, and will carry on an aggressive campaign from the The time is ripe for it, for the feeling against the government is already strong in that county, as Dr.

nomination of Mr. Parker Glasier in Sunbury is no surprise to any the whole or a part of the representaone. His position in the county as a tion would be given to the governbusiness man, a large employer of labor, the personal standing and high repute of himself and his family, and had personally nothing to gain in his own public record insure his election as one of the candidates. Mr. Hazen, who has been chosen as his sist in bringing about a change of colleague, is not as familiar to the people of Sunbury as to the citizens voted himself more to federal than to when they knew that all they could the present contest has not been with cocomplish might be surrendered in out distinction. He is one of the abused men in the opposition party, but he will not be any the less liked in Sunbury for that. The election of Mr. Hazen will probably give councils of this province.

The York conservatives are not to be intimidated by new combinations erd attacks from Ottawa. They meet Mr. Blair as they have met him be fore, and with the same men, who some years ago showed him the road

THE CANDIDATES IN QUEENS. As everybody expected, the Queens courty conservatives have confirmed the nomination of Mr. Frank Woods. When he was named last summer Mr. political support meant anything. Woods' candidature was received with great favor, and he has since been considered the leader of the Queens ticket, whoever his colleague as hard fighting ground for the oppothere is full of pluck and bas exrresed confidence in the election of Mr. Woods or of two opposition men if a strong colleague should be checen. They seem now to have got to offer. But first of all they had to their man. As the other candidate condemn or explain away the Moncremed last summer was unable to ac- ton resolutions. cest the choice has fallen upon H R Hetherington. He is a young man, a native of Queens, and a member of R well known county family. Probably, Mr. Hetherington had no expects tings a few weeks ago. But he es in other constituencies, the feeling is strong against the government and in favor of a change. Three years ago the county was allowed to go to the severament by acclamation. That sort of thing is not bappening anywhere this year, and the prospect is that the government will not hold if even by fighting.

WAR IN THE PHILIPPINES. with Spain. An amendment is under despatches announcing the battle at Manila will be read at the same time with a strong article by Hon. John an intelligent knowledge of public af- Sherman, formerly secretary of state, protesting against United States interference with the first of Asiatic re publics.

THE COAST FISHERIES.

In his manifesto, Mr. Emmerson speaks of the claim of the provinces to the control of the shore fisheries and consequently to the proceeds of the fishery award. The fishermen this province and doubtless of the other ports of Canada would hardly like to see that claim sustained and enforced. The dominion government pays in bountles to fishermen more than the whole of the interest on the proceeds of the fishery award. It also protects the fishermen in the enjoynent of their territorial rights. The fishermen could not expect so good protection from a number of provincial governments, while their chance to get the whole proceeds or the award would be greatly reduced. Whatever action may be taken as to the river fisheries, the coast and sea. Ashermen are better under the juris-

(From Monday's Daily Sun.) BAD TIMES FOR COMPROMISERS.

One wholesome result of the Moncton convention is the discouragement it has given to political bargaining and compromise. It follows from this that representative men of the highest standing are prepared to accept nomination as opposition candidates even in the government strongholds. He is a well read man, a clear In previous contests the right men hesitated to take up the fight even when the local prospects of success were good, because there was always the possibility that in some other county a deal might be made by which ment without a struggle. Men who politics, but who had a desire to asgovernment, did not feel called upon John. Until lately he has de- to make a fight in one constituency another place for the comfort or gain of a group of political friends and foes. This oppressive nightmare remained with those who honestly desired to perform a public service and who would have been ready to do their share if they could have felt sure of loyal co-operation along the line. Such an unpleasant and unpromising state of affairs was perhaps more the result of a vicious system than of personal defect. Coalition meant compromise, and compromise neant bargaining, and bargaining in

No doubt Mr. Blair, Mr. Pugsley and Mr. Emmerson hoped to bargain their way through on this occasion might be. Queens has been regarded They began the auction before they dissolved the house. They camped sition, but the conservative party down individually or collectively in Westmorland, St. John, York, Charlotte, Sumbury and other counties They had portfolios and other things

The rejection of the offers where they have been made, of occupying this position when he province a party which believes thor-began to take part in the positional oughly in itself, and whose members bas proved himself to be a strong and believe in each other. One effect of copular speaker, and has made so this mutual trust and confidence is good an impression on the party and seen in the list of opposition candiwhich received seductive offers the field the four strongest men in the county. These candidates accepted the position because they knew that they would be supported this time not only in their own constituency but in every other county. If Charlotte had listened to the voice of the tempter, Westmorland, Kings and This was the day set for the vote in Albert would have had less inducement the United States senate on the treaty, to put forward their most strenuous efforts. The constituencies which held consideration respecting the future of the earliest conventions have set a the Philippines. The people of the good example to those that were to Philippines have not awaited the vote, follow, and have at the same time but have undertaken to manage their testified their reliance on the good own future. So far as can be learned faith of those that came later. So far in the federal contest of 1891, and from the despatches the attack on no instance of a breach of faith has like Mr. Chipman, carried on a camthe United States forces was serious occurred. Each constituency in its and determined. The better armed turn has come forward with candiand disciplined forces prevailed in the dates who are not only strong at end, as they are likely to do in any home, but whose names are good outpitched battle, but if the resistance side their own counties. Few conto the United States becomes general stituencies are now left to be heard it may require a long and expensive from, and we may fairly assume that war to complete the work of subjuga- good faith will be kept and that the tion. The situation in the United whole province will have in a few States is complicated by a strong op- days have entered upon a compact position in some quarters to the occu- which is in every respect honorable pation of the Philippines. It is some, and worthy. This is a compact to thing of a coincidence that the carry to the end an aggressive campaign for the defeat of the Emmerson government and the establishment of a strong and capable liberal conservative administration in this province.

> Note another result of this confidence and trust between constituencles. Confidence of one constituency in the firmness and final perseverance of the others, brings strong men to the front, who mean to win. This produces the general feeling of secur ity and certainty of the outcome of the struggle. The belief grows stronger, and strengthens into assurance, that a change of government is mpending. Then all the stock arguments in favor of compromise on the part of the electorate are swept away. What is the value of an offer of office by a government which will soon have no offices to give? Who cares for the patronage of a minister whose patronage will be gone when the votes are counted? Even the ancient and opportunist canvass that constituencies should vote with the government in order to secure public money becomes an argument the other way when a feeling gets in the air such as has prevailed during the last few days.



MONDAY'S OPPOSITION NOMINA-

TIONS.

St. John and Charlotte have preconstituencies that had preriously held conventions. Unusual nterest attaches to the action of these two counties because both gave the government candidates an unopposed election three years ago. This year they are not giving the government candidates an election on any terms

St. John county calls upon two councillors, who have already shown that they have the confidence of their own parishes, and who, though preferring to fight in the ranks, have not felt free to refuse the call to a more prominent position. Captain Carson has been several times elected to the municipal council, and enjoys the unlimited esteem and confidence of his own townsfolk. He is regarded everywhere as a fair and upright and capable man, who can be trusted to do his duty in any position in life to which he may be called.

other end of the county, and is perhans not so well known outside of his own parish as Captain Carson. In a sonably expect to make a good impression in the east. Mr. Dean unments of the people in the coast dis-

The county ticket is thus thoroughly representative, and appeals for support with strong assurance of suc-

Charlotte county comes to the front with an opposition tickets composed than a local reputation. Mr. J. D. Chipman, who sat in the last house for the balance of a broken term as an independent member, is well known throughout the movince both personally and as a man of business. He is vice president of St. Stephen's Bank, and of the Imperial Trust Company, and a director in several important corporations. Mr. Chipman contested Charlotte against Mr. Gillmore in 1887, and polled a splendid vote. Unfortunately he is now ill and absent from the county, but it is not ! likely that his friends will fail him on that account.

was the standard-bearer of his party paign that paved the way for the ver of sufficiently good position to have had opportunity to refuse the position of solicitor general from the of St. Stephen, and editor of the St and most influential weekly papers. ple for the first time in a political terday, Mr. Grimmer observed that offer of the position of solicitor gen-

to Mr. Grimmer himself. The ticket is completed by selection of Mr. Hartt, one of the leading business men of St. Andrews, who seems to have close relations with both the farmers and fishermen. see no reason to doubt the suc this ticket in Charlotte, especially as the one named by the govrnment party appears as a whole inferior to it in ability influence and representative charac

eral as an inducement to a candida-

ture in that county, and it is general-

ly understood that the offer was made

On the arrival from Digby yester day afternoon the str. Prince Edward was docked at the wharf former! used by the Monticello, her berth a the Long wharf having been taken by Connolly dredge and scows. Mr. Gifkire of the D. A. R., who is in the city, will endeavor to arrange the common council for the use of the

THE LATE SIMON BAIZLEY.

Councillor Dean comes from the

recent spirited local contest he showed that he stood high with the people who know him best, and he may readerstands the feeling and the requiretricts and the rural sections, and is

Mr. George Clarke is also a promi nent man in Charlotte county. He victory in 1896. Mr. Clarke is a law-Emmerson government. He is Mayor Croix Courier, one of the strongest Mr. Grimmer comes before the peocontest, though he is well known as a member of the Charlotte county bar. In fact, he has the same government testimony to his legal standing as Mr. Clarke. In his remarks yeshe had personal knowledge of the

Monticello berth by their steamers.

Simon Baizley, who passed away on

Saturdray in his 83rd year, was one of the old shipbuilders who made St. John famous in the days of wooden ressels. He was thoroughly master of his trade, and neglected not the smallest detail in carrying out the work he undertook. He was for a long time foreman with Hatheway & Small, and when he left that firm to engage in shipbuilding for Scammell Brothers, Mr. Hatheway spoke of him Among the large vessels Mr. Baizley constructed were the Mokana, J. Walter Scammell, E. D. Jewett, Mand Scammell and Emma G. Scammell He also built a large fleet of schooners for Messrs Scammell, among them the Rough Diamond, Mocking Bird and Humming Bird. Mr. Baizley first built at South Bay, and afterwards in Portland. He spent a few years California, where he also engaged in shipbuilding. Mr. Baizley was not only an adept at his own trade, but he had quite a mechanical turn for the wood trude generally. At one time he constructed a sled which attracted a good deal of attention. The aled was a kind of a combination, by which it could be converted into a sleigh or used as the ordinary sled. Mr. Baizley's family consisted of four daughters, the eldest of whom dead. The others are Mrs. E. D. Jewett, Mrs. Thomas Hilyard and Mrs. Fred Roberts, who with his wife survive him.

Mr. Balzley was buried at 2.30 o'clock Monday afternoon from his late residence, Douglas avenue. Funeral services were conducted at the house and grave by Rev. R. P. Mc-Kim, rector of St. Luke's church. Interment took place at Fernhill.

TRADE OF PARRSBORO.

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125,000 tons of coal were shipped from the port in barges and schooners.

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DEATH OF PILOT SPROUL.

The death occurred on Saturday afternoon of John Sproul, one of St John's oldest and most capable pilots. The deceased was born here about 64 years ago, and held a pilot's branch for upwards of 40 years. Mr. Sprout was highly esteemed by all who knew him and was always regarded as one of the most trustworthy men in his business. He was a widower.

CAMPORELLO

WELSHPOOL, Campobello, Feb. 3. William Lank of North road, who has been for several weeks sick at Eastport at the residence of his sister, Mrs. Geo. Mallock, has returned A party was held in Flagg's hall on

Jan. 24th, and also another on Jan

Frank S. Cummings of Cummings's Cove. Deer Island, paid Campobello a visit last week.

WOLFVILLE.

News of Interest to Students and Friends of

WOLFVILLE, N. S., Feb. 6.-News ha WOLFVILLE, N. S., Feb. 6.—News has just been received of the death of Frederick Harris in Boston, son of Mrs. Judson Harris. He was the youngest of a large family of thirteen. Rupert Harris of this town is a brother. The late Mrs. Hays of Woodstock, Mrs. Barnaby of Miltown, Mrs. McLeod of Parrsboro, and Mrs. Burpee Witter of Halifax are sisters of the deceased. He leaves a wife, but no children. leaves a wife, but no children.

The announcement of the death of Dr.
Lewis Johnson of Stellarton, formerly of
Wolfville, brings to mind the fact that he
was a member of the first class to graduate
from Acadia, the pioner class of 1843.

The thorty fifth annual meeting of the therty-fifth annual meeting Fruit Growers' Association will be held in Octuage Hall on Feb. 20, and will continue three days.

Miss May Stafford of Amherst, a pupil at Acadia Seminary, fell upon the ice re injuring her knee cap, making a soo

The Rev. Mr. Dykeman of Fairville dministetred the ordinance of baptism to four young men on Su evening. A very large congregat was present and the rev. gentle discourse was listened to ed attention. The special m will be continued every night this

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