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Straight Party Ticket in Field for Conservatives

J. L. Stewart, F. D. Swim, Lawrence Doyle and Jerome A. Gallant, are the Standard Bearers Chosen by Enthusiastic County Convention of Liberal-Conservatives

The Liberal-Conservatives of Northumberland County met in convention in Newcastle Town Hall Saturday afternoon, J. L. Stewart, M. L. A. President, presiding, the County Liberal-Conservative Association in the chair, forty-three delegates present from nine parishes, the stormy weather and bad roads preventing the attendance of the contingents from the remote parishes of Ludlow, Glencle, Hardwick and Alnwick.

The following delegates were in attendance besides a number of visitors: Blissett Parish—Frank D. Swim, M. L. A.; Edgar Betts, and C. B. Betts, Doaktown; Blackville—James H. Dale and Archie Alcorn, Blackville; B. N. T. Underhill, Underhill; Councillor Geo. M. Hays, North Renous; Derby—Councillor Everett J. Parker, William Bell, Barton Vanderbeck, John Betts; Chatham—J. L. Stewart, M. L. A.; D. Lahay, Philip J. McColm, R. A. McDougall, Harry Brockner, J. D. Johnson, Charles Reinsboro, Martin Flanagan, R. A. Lawlor, Guyon Mercereau, Chatham; Councillor A. S. Harriman, Frank Manderson and Claude Brown, Loggieville.

Newcastle—John Ferguson, Thomas Russell, John H. Ashford, William E. Fish, Joseph Anderson, R. H. Gromley, Wm. Landry; Northwick—John McColm, James Walsh; Nelson—Richard O'Brien; Rogersville—Jerome A. Gallant, Andrew L. Doucet, John Bastian and Frank Laviole; South Esk—Wm. J. Power, Cassilis; William T. Saunty, Ellenstown, Wm. Power.

In his opening address the President said that Premier Murray had pronounced a policy which would commend itself to everyone in the convention. However one might be guided by party feelings still the great majority of people of this county were more influenced by good roads than by party sentiment. The government had not only promised good roads but were giving the county a sample of them. They had accorded to the independent members of this county the right to make recommendations re the roads. It was very flattering to Mr. Swim and himself that the Government had announced that they would not put up a ticket in this county against them. As the Government was sticking to that policy, he would do all in his power to support the Government's road policy commended itself to 90 per cent. of the people of this county.

On motion of Jas. H. Dale, the convention proceeded to election of officers, which resulted as follows: President—John Betts, Millerston; Vice president—Charles Reinsboro, Chatham; Secretary—John S. Scott, Newcastle; Treasurer—Claude Brown, Chatham.

Mr. Betts regretted the withdrawal of Mr. J. L. Stewart, who had been President over the Convention. He urged regular meetings and an attempt to keep up the interest permanently. The fact that some parishes were not represented there that day might be partly due to their neglect of Parish Association meetings. He would do all in his power to keep up the interest. There should soon be emerged in a greater battle still—the Dominion contest. The appointment of one member of the Executive from each Parish was left to the officers and the retiring President.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted, on motion of John Ferguson and John McColm: "Resolved That this Convention, having carefully considered the policy of the new Government, as explained by Hon. James A. Murray, heartily endorse it as being in the best interest of the Province, and well adapted to promote our agricultural, mining, educational and industrial progress. The road policy that is outlined by the Minister of Public Works is the most progressive one any New Brunswick government ever adopted and will result in giving the County good highways."

On motion of J. D. Lahay, the report of the Nominating Committee was received.

On motion of J. D. Lahay, the report was adopted unanimously. Speeches from the candidates were then in the order of the day. F. D. Swim Mr. Swim appreciated the confidence placed in him. He had been an Independent Conservative. During four years there had been many changes. Premier Murray seemed a big man in both body and mind, and could be relied upon to give as good legislation as this province has ever had if not the best. Hon. B. F. Smith was at the head of a department that was giving a good road policy. The automobile was revolutionizing road making. This county had had \$16,000 spent on its roads the past year. With J. L. Stewart he had gone over this county with the engineer and explained all the roads and bridges. They had linked up with the Auto Association of Chatham and taken them along. They had examined the bridges themselves, and so could tell the Minister of Public Works exactly what was wanted. They had been to Rogersville several times, and the grant got for that place appreciated the grant got for them. He was glad to see the Conservative party once more in line. It was not long before a Dominion election. There was a fight ahead, and he for one would take off his coat and go into the contest.

J. L. Stewart Mr. Stewart was happy to see himself once more straight in line with the grand old Conservative Party. He and Mr. Swim were orphans for four years, but were now back again in the fold—not because they had changed their principles but because the opposition which drove them away had disappeared. Now all must stand together to win. When people studied conditions, those sure of the government's defeat got very doubtful. It was generally admitted that, even without Northumberland, the Government would be sustained. But Northumberland must not be left out in the cold. The ticket, if elected, would distribute the public money only in the best interest of the county, without regard to personal preferences or party affiliations. As an advisor to the Government engineer he had done always what he thought was the best for all classes. He thought Mr. Swim and himself had deserved the confidence of this county. Hundreds of people who at first opposed him had since congratulated him upon the impartial way in which he had acted.

J. A. Gallant Mr. Gallant in an able speech thanked the convention. He had consented to run only the night before, but was now in the fight with heart and soul. He would consider himself elected, the representative of the whole county, not merely of the French people. He would act fairly and square with all, and would pay special attention to the question of Education and agriculture. "Give us a well educated population and good farmers and we will have a prosperous province" said Mr. Gallant. Education and agriculture, he thought, had not been encouraged as much as they should have been. Having taught school 25 years in P. E. I. and also having some knowledge of the school system here he thought that the training of teachers in P. E. I. was superior to the N. B. system, and ahead of any province but British Columbia.

Lawrence Doyle Councillor Doyle appreciated the nomination, but thought he was not the best man for the fight. It was not advisable to elect a Liberal government now, in opposition to that at Ottawa. A Liberal government here would be the assignees of the organization of Tweedie and Pugsley. He was willing to serve the Party, but wanted 24 hours to think over the acceptance of a nomination. J. L. Stewart said Mr. Doyle could safely be given 24 hours to decide. He felt sure he would run. Mayor Montgomery of Dalhousie being present, was asked to speak, and in a ringing address urged a united Conservative North Shore. In touring the province by auto, he had found that the roads which were so bad in 1908, were so much better now as to be beyond comparison with those of the earlier date. He would be proud to be able to tell Rogersville of its most harmonious and enthusiastic convention, having been held here.

R. A. Lawlor R. A. Lawlor, K. C. of Chatham, delivered a ringing five minute speech full of enthusiasm and light. It gave (Continued on page 6)

MILITARY PREPAREDNESS IN SWITZERLAND



Switzerland continues to prepare for defence against any possible invasion of her territory by Germany. It has been rumored from time to time that Germany contemplates such an entry. The view in the top panel shows an old Swiss railway carriage which is at present being used as a military office; the one at the bottom shows the school room of a hamlet in Switzerland which serves as a sitting room for soldiers off duty.

To Question The Candidates

Local Representative of the N. B. Trades and Labor Council will Ask Them to State where they Stand on Certain Matters Pertaining to Labor

At the nomination proceedings in Newcastle next Saturday afternoon, all candidates for Legislative honors will be asked by Alderman H. H. Stuart of Newcastle, acting on behalf of the Trades and Labor Council of New Brunswick, of the Fredericton branch of which he is a member to publicly state where they stand in regard to the political demands of organized labor, which are substantially as follows:

1. Workmen's Compensation Act—To be administered by the provincial government covering every worker, male and female.
2. Factory Act—Providing for a female inspector and reducing the hours of female labor.
3. Bureau of Labor Act—Provision to be made for a commissioner at the head of the bureau who shall be a member of the Provincial government with portfolio.
4. Fair Wage Schedule—To affect the work of all classes engaged in government work.
5. Legislation providing for at least 14 days training for motormen and conductors.
6. Health Act—Provision to be made for the practical inspection of all localities.
7. For the abolition of the contract system on all public works.
8. The abolition of the election deposit of \$100 now required of all candidates for the Provincial Legislature.
9. Direct Legislation through the initiative (the right of a certain percentage of the electorate to initiate legislation and, on petition, have it submitted to a popular vote and, if supported by a majority of those voting, passed into law) and the Referendum (the right of the same percentage of the electorate, on petition, to have any Bill of the Legislature before being finally passed submitted to a popular vote which shall determine whether or not such Bill shall become law.)
10. Equal suffrage for men and women, with equal pay for equal work.
11. An eight hour working day.
12. Government ownership of all public utilities.
13. A Widow's pension law.
14. Free school books.
15. Compulsory education up to sixteen years with dental and medical inspection of the pupils at regular periods.

The many friends of Mr. Alfred Marr, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis will be pleased to hear that he is rapidly recovering.

Liberals Still Shy One Man on Ticket

Rebt. Murray, of Chatham, Dr. F. C. McGrath, of Newcastle, and Councillor D. V. Allan, of Neguac, are the Liberal candidates for the Legislative Assembly in Northumberland county. They are the remnants of the ticket nominated by the Liberal convention at Chatham Monday afternoon. Those Parker, of Doaktown, was the fourth man named by the convention, but after the convention adjourned the disconcerting discovery was made that Mr. Parker, an erstwhile Conservative, was also a contractor under a Conservative government at Ottawa, and his name was therefore unconsciously rubbed off the Liberal slate and, that of Councillor I. G. Schofield, of Blackville, tentatively substituted. Mr. Schofield after vain blishments on the part of Liberal candidate seekers, declined the dubious honor tendered him, and the last word from Liberal headquarters is that the gap in the Liberal line is still gaping, although desperate efforts are being made to fill it up. Councillor J. W. Vanderbeck has been besieged, importuned, wheedled, cajoled, and coaxed in every conceivable manner to permit his name to go on the Liberal ticket but to all the Grit arguments he has turned a deaf ear and a heart of adamant. He doesn't fancy the cat's paw part in the Liberal comedy.

At Monday's convention Councillor Vanderbeck, Chas. J. Morriay, Stanley Miller, and Councillor Chas. J. Rogersville were all proposed as nominees, and all were turned down. The chief rivalries of the convention were those between Dr. McGrath, and Chas. J. Morriay of Newcastle, and F. J. Tweedie and Robt. Murray, of Chatham. Dr. McGrath, the Newcastle nominee has been a member of the town council for several years, but his political complexion heretofore has not been very noticeable. It is said that he was a conservative until a short time ago when presumably he aligned himself with the Liberal forces in the county.

It was rumored around Newcastle this morning that Hon. J. P. Burchill would step into the breach in the Liberal ranks, caused by the defection of Mr. Parker and Councillor Schofield. The Advocate tried to get Hon. Mr. Burchill on the telephone to learn the truth, but he was said to be out of town, and could not be located.

BEAN SUPPER A very successful Bean Supper was held at the home of Mr. Spurgeon Amos, Thursday evening, Feb. 8th, by the Lower Derby Soldier Comforts' Aid. The proceeds amounted to \$22.35 and will be used in buying yarn for soldier's socks.

Smelt Season to Go On until Feb. 25

Value of Catch in District \$100,000 Greater than Last Winter

Smelt fishing, which was to have ended today—Feb. 15th—has been extended for ten days by a special permit from the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, Hon. J. D. Hazen. This will be a boon to New Brunswick fishermen, some of whom have had a none too profitable season, although the season as a whole has been very successful. The permit was issued upon the recommendation of Mr. Donald Morrison, Fisheries Inspector for District No. 2, comprising the counties of Restigouche, Gloucester, Northumberland, Kent, Westmorland and Albert.

Notwithstanding predictions made early in the season, to the contrary, and despite considerable soft weather and the consequent loss of time and nets in December, the season so far has been much better on the whole than that of last winter. In December, the total catch for the district was 245 cwt. larger than in December 1915, and in Northumberland it was 3040 cwt. more. The fishermen of the whole district received \$48,000 more for their catches than they did in December 1915, and of this increase Northumberland received \$25,000. In January the high market prices sent the value of the smelt catch soaring to \$51,000 more than it amounted to in January 1916, although the weight of the catch was 421 cwt. less.

The reasons for the extension of the season were that many of the fishermen owing to scarcity of ice in December could not get their nets out, while others lost heavy in the thaw, with the result that some have had a poor season financially; the demand, for smelt, as indicated by the market prices, is heavy, and the weather still cold enough to make it certain that the additional catch can be marketed without loss.

It was predicted in the early part of the season that the soft weather would result in a large quantity of smelt being spoiled, but the fishermen and dealers say that no such result has followed, and that owing to good facilities for marketing the smelt not one pound has spoiled.

Prospects Look Good For Government Ticket

"Principles and not Personalities" is the Issue on Which Conservative Candidates will Wage Their Campaign

Prospects for the government ticket in Northumberland county are highly encouraging, and indications at present are that all four nominees of the Liberal-Conservative county convention will be elected.

No Conservative has anything to say against the Liberal nominees personally, and it is an encouraging sign of the dawn of a better day politically, that the present campaign will be much freer from personalities than previous campaigns have been. That question that is being put up to the people is simply: which party promises the better government? and upon this issue the Liberal-Conservative campaign will be waged.

It is significant that J. L. Stewart and F. D. Swim, who were elected New Brunswick Conservatives five years ago, find themselves straight in line with the Murray Government's policies without sacrificing their principles in any respect. This is due to the fact that Hon. J. A. Murray has shown himself to be the boldest and most progressive political leader New Brunswick has seen in a decade and more—a leader with intelligence to perceive the real needs of the province, and the courage to make an honest effort to meet those needs. Stewart's and Swim's independence, insofar as their aims are concerned, has never been open to question and Hon. J. A. Murray's honesty, intelligence, and progressiveness, by the same token are qualities which no one who has sincerely examined his career can find any good reason to doubt. It is therefore only a natural development of conditions that has brought the present government and Northumberland's two formerly independent representatives into harmonious relations. It can not be said that the government has come around to Messrs. Stewart and Swim, nor that they have "gone over" to the government. In their progressive struggle for better things, Hon. Mr. Murray, and the Northumberland team have reached the stage of mutual agreement in their views, and are therefore happily able to work together towards the common end of giving the province better government.

The organization work in the Con-

Tabusintac Strong For Premier Murray

Tabusintac, Feb. 13—At a meeting of the Liberal-Conservative Association of Tabusintac, held in the store of J. W. Robertson on the 12th inst., the following officers of the polling district association were chosen:

Pres.—W. M. Beattie, Tabusintac; V. Pres.—M. S. Stewart, L. Neguac; Sec.—J. W. Robertson, Tabusintac

Executive Committee John W. Stymiest, Tabusintac; John C. Robertson, Tabusintac; James G. Savoy, Tabusintac; James J. Robertson, Tabusintac; Douglas Murray, Tabusintac; James Ashford, Tabusintac

The meeting was very harmonious and all seemed determined to support the Murray government.

TO RECRUIT FOR THE NAVY A naval recruiting committee for West Northumberland was formed at the Town Hall Wednesday night, at a meeting called by Mayor Fish for the purpose of meeting E. M. Robertson, special recruiting officer, of St. John.

Mr. Robertson is one of the war's heroes, having lost a leg in France more than a year ago, where he was fighting as a member of the famous 28th Battalion.

The committee is: R. Cory Clark—Hon. Sec. C. E. Fish—Chairman W. A. Park, Geo. Stables, Alex. McKay, J. Andre.

As a part of the campaign which the committee will conduct in its efforts to secure recruits for the navy, it is hoped to bring a British Man O' War to the Miramichi some time in the coming summer.

RECEPTION TO RETURNED HEROES Mayor Fish is arranging for a civic reception to Sgt. Jas. Craik, of the Fighting 26th, and Pte. Edw. Wiseman, of the Princess Pats, who have returned wounded to their homes in Newcastle. The reception will probably be tendered them next Monday evening, the 19th inst.

Pte. Jack Woods was home this week, having been called to Chatham from the Militia Convalescent hospital, owing to the death of his father, Mr. Wm. Woods.

servative interests is moving along smoothly, and in Chatham and Newcastle committee rooms have been opened, and active work begun.

Tomorrow (Friday) morning a meeting of the Liberal-Conservative Executive will be held for the purpose of completing the details of the campaign.

Tonight, (Thursday) the Acadian representative on the Liberal-Conservative ticket, Jerome A. Gallant, is in Bay du Vin, where he and others will address a meeting, while F. D. Swim, M. L. A., will be the chief speaker at a meeting to be held in the Newcastle committee rooms in the park building on Henry street, next to the Empress Theatre.

On Friday night Mr. Swim and others will speak at Hardwicke. On Saturday all the candidates will be in Newcastle for the nominations.

Monday night J. L. Stewart and others will address a meeting at St. Margarets, and Sunday afternoon or evening it is probable that Mr. Gallant will explain the issues of the campaign to a gathering of his fellow Acadians at Eel River.

Next week all of the candidates will be busy every night, and meetings will likely be arranged at Chatham, Tabusintac, Newcastle, Boiestown, Doaktown, Blackville, Millerton, Redbank and possibly a few other places.

Premier Can Not Come

Efforts have been made to have Premier Murray deliver one speech in Northumberland county, but his time is all taken up with other engagements which can not be broken and he therefore can not come.

Hon. B. Frank Smith, however, may be heard in either Chatham or Newcastle one night next week. He has been invited to speak in one place or the other, and is anxious to accept the invitation if it is possible for him to do so. His answer will be given on Sunday.

Hon. Dr. Landry at Rogersville. The provincial secretary, Hon. Dr. Landry, has been invited to speak at Rogersville, and it is likely that he will be there either Wednesday or Thursday night of next week.

The schedule of meetings which will be arranged Friday morning will be sent out to all polling divisions in the county at once.

Going after Medical Inspection of Schools The Newcastle Women's Institute held their regular monthly meeting at the residence of the president, Mrs. C. C. Hayward Tuesday evening. Fifteen members were present. Roll call was answered by a helpful hint from each member.

Mrs. A. E. Shaw read a very helpful paper on "Hot Soups for Cold Days," and Mrs. R. W. Crocker read "Left-Overs Make Delicious Dishes When Disguised."

A vote of thanks was given the Lonsbury Company for the use of their rooms for the recent food sale. Another food sale for the benefit of the Field Comforts Association will be held at the same place on March 10th.

It being St. Valentine's Eve, the members had a pleasant half-hour drawing Valentines.

A very interesting discussion was held on Medical Inspection of the Public Schools which has been demanded for some 8 or 10 years by the Northumberland County Teachers' Institute. The secretary was asked to request the supervisor of Women's Institutes for instructions as to how to proceed in the matter.

Next meeting will be a social evening, the second Tuesday of March.

RED CROSS WILL COLLECT OLD PAPER In keeping with the true war spirit of conserving the country's resources, the Newcastle Red Cross Society has decided to undertake the collection of waste paper. This is an enterprise in which everybody can help. Tons of paper which could be saved, go to waste annually in the town, and the waste means waste effort in replacing it.

It is intended to ask all citizens to gather up all the old paper in their possession and donate it to the Society. It will be baled and sold and the Red Cross will use the proceeds in its beneficent work. The school children will be asked to help by bringing paper from their homes to the school where it will be collected in bulk, thus saving the work of going around to each house. Full particulars of the Red Cross scheme will be announced shortly.