

HAMPTON.

Hearing of the Argument in the Kings Co. Election Re-count.

A Number of Technicalities Discussed by Counsel—Decision Reserved.

HAMPTON, Nov. 22.—(When Judge Wedderburn re-opened his court this morning to deal with the matter of the re-count in Kings county election, Mr. DeConti was represented by C. N. Skinner, C. J. and C. J. Milligan, and Mr. Fowler by J. M. McIntyre, L. A. Currey and F. M. Sproul. Both candidates were present, and a few spectators.

The judge opened proceedings by producing the ballots cast at the election. Mr. Currey raised the objection before opening the package that the demand for the re-count did not make it appear either that his deputy returning officers had improperly counted the ballots or improperly rejected any. There should have been a statement of facts showing that the ballots had been improperly counted or improperly rejected. Again, rejection should have been made when the ballots were being counted.

Some discussion followed between the judge and Mr. Currey as regards the interpretation of the new act and previous acts, the trend of the judge's remarks being clearly opposed to Mr. Currey's view. Mr. Currey still contended that, before the judge could give an order for a re-count, the material facts must be submitted to the judge. This had not been done.

The judge said he considered that Mr. McIntyre had fully complied with the act. His honor, in answering some of Mr. Currey's objections referred to the intricacies of the election law, spoke of the ballot as picturesque, and said there was more bribery, corruption and intimidation under the new laws than there used to be at the time when each candidate provided his own ballot.

The judge said the objections were entirely technical, and he would hesitate before acting on them, citing Chief Justice Strong in support of his views. J. M. McIntyre then made a new objection, that the petitioner's affidavit does not set out that a sufficient number of ballots have been improperly counted to affect the return.

The judge intimated that it would be impossible for the petitioner to have done this. "Then," declared Mr. McIntyre, "the applicant should not have been made." Mr. McIntyre next went on to argue that the affidavit should have stated that the objection to the allegedly improperly counted ballots had been made when these ballots were counted.

The judge thought this was not a preliminary objection, but one that should be raised when a disputed ballot comes up. Mr. McIntyre quoted a decision by the late Chief Justice Ritchie in a case before him that this point was one that "required serious consideration."

Judge Wedderburn said there is no decision bearing on this point. He ruled that the objection is not properly a preliminary objection.

Mr. McIntyre produced a copy of the sheriff's proclamation as evidence on the point made regarding the title of the constituency, and proposed to call Sheriff Hatfield to testify in that regard.

Mr. Skinner objected to this course as unnecessary and in that it was an unnecessary discussion, this matter was allowed to stand for the present, the judge intimating that the petitioner will have to prove that he has jurisdiction before he would open the packages of ballots.

Mr. Skinner now replied to the objections of Mr. Currey and Mr. McIntyre. He contended that the petitioner's affidavit disclosed sufficient grounds to ask for a re-count. He held there was no doubt of the jurisdiction of the court. The petitioner, he claimed, had fully complied with the law in his statement regarding improperly counted ballots. It would be impossible to furnish specific information. The question of a re-count is not one between candidates, but one dealing with the rights of the people. Technical objections or cranking constructions of law should not be allowed to interfere in a matter of this kind. Mr. Skinner then took up the legal side of the question. He maintained that a reasonable view of the law must be taken and that it was clear the court had jurisdiction. As to the point that objection should have been taken when the votes were being counted, Mr. Skinner held that nothing should be done that would shock common sense. Trivial objections should not prevent. The law, he claimed, had been carried out. In reference to the summons or notice being improperly entitled, Mr. Skinner said the judge had jurisdiction outside of the affidavit. Supposing the judge had irregularly proceeded, said Mr. Skinner, his jurisdiction would not cease. The title of the summons, he insisted, makes no difference. The court is called only to re-count the votes, and technicalities should not be allowed to

COLLISION AT SEA.

Steamer Numidian Ran Down the Nova Scotia Schooner Alma.

Fearful that the Schooner and All on Board Have Been Lost.

PORTLAND, Me., Nov. 23.—Passengers on the steamer Numidian, which arrived today, report that the steamer was in collision with the schooner Alma, of Lockport, N. S., Wednesday morning, and after towing the schooner until Thursday, the latter broke away and has not been heard from since. The Alma, they say, was leaking badly at the time, and fear is expressed that she may have gone down. The Alma carried a crew of seven men, and two of the Numidian's crew were placed on board the schooner after the accident to assist in working the pumps. The captain of the Numidian will not make any statement regarding the affair, saying that he desires to first make his report to the British consul here.

Lars Pedersen, a Swede, one of the passengers of the Numidian, was a witness of the collision. He said: "It was a long time before the collision. It was about three or four hours, I should say. We towed her all day Wednesday and Wednesday night. Thursday morning I was out on deck and a gale had blown up. It increased the velocity until a frightful sea was running, and the schooner began to make pretty bad weather of it. She would keep bringing up on her towing hawsers with vicious tugs, and finally both snapped off. The schooner rapidly was going down and the ship was stopped. Owing to the way the sea was running it was impossible to get near enough to the schooner to pick her up."

"For four hours she was in sight, and then the thick weather shut in all about us and she disappeared from view. "There was a fearful sea on and it don't seem possible that the schooner in her disabled condition could have lived. She stayed cruising about all the afternoon in a vain hope that we could find the crippled craft, but she had disappeared. At night we resumed our course, for everything had been done that it was possible to do."

The schooner was said to be loaded with salt. The last issue of the Maritime Register reports the British schooner Alma, 115 tons, Captain Lent, as having cleared from New York for Halifax, Nov. 12. "This would just about bring her in the position of the Nova Scotia coast where the collision occurred."

MONTICELLO ENQUIRY.

The enquiry into the cause of the loss of the str. City of Monticello was resumed on Thursday at the custom house.

The first witness called was F. A. Crowe, agent of the Monticello. He said there were no regular stevedores. Cargo is stored in the regular place. Stowing was all done under supervision of officers. No movement ever took place to his knowledge. Heard no complaint about a vessel loaded there. Never were any claims for damage on this account. Steamer did not leave on time last trip on account of the storm. It left port at 10:45 a. m. on Friday, 9th. There was no more cargo than usual. She was heavily loaded. The weather was all right when vessel left. Captain had no discussion about weather with me. Believed vessel was staunch and sea worthy. The vessel is inspected every year in Yarmouth by Mr. Hill.

Capt. Fleming was called and said that he had commanded the Monticello for eight years. During that time the steamer had been in drydock several times. Never knew her to damage any cargo by leaking; no cargo was stowed in the lower hold. The hull was of iron of 7-16. The lower hold was divided into compartments. There were four, connected by sluice valves. Had been out in the bay in bad weather. Never had to stow her between Digby and St. John. She would have about four feet free board when loaded. If the cargo were not carefully stowed she would have a tendency to draw more forward than aft. This was looked after in witness time. When loaded the steamer drew nine feet. Extensive repairs were put on her in 1899-90, partly to the hull and partly to the superstructure. The upper wooden work was secured to the hull by a grunnel plate of iron. It was well fastened. In 1899-90 the ship was practically rebuilt. The vessel never went ashore while under command of witness. Never heard of her going ashore. Did not consider the fact that she was a paddle boat against her. Never saw a side-wheel boat do better than this coast for that class of steamer. There must have been a tremendous sea to have stowed her between Digby and St. John. She was the best sea boat on this coast for that class of steamer.

Sworn declaration of Capt. Smith, of Pharsala, was then read and put into evidence. Capt. C. J. Wasson said that he was in charge of the Monticello during the summer of '98. George F. Baird was manager. She ran to Gaspe, Touche ed bottom sandy bank, very often while approaching wharves. She did not sustain any damage from that cause, although once lost the rudder by striking against a log. Occasionally met heavy weather in Bay Chaleur. The vessel never leaked at all. Considered her a safe boat for that route.

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