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NOMINATIONS OCTOBER 31; POLLING NOVEMBER 7.

GEORGE F. GREGORY APPOINTED

To the Supreme Court Bench in Succession

TO JUDGE VANWART.

Word Came to Mr. Gregory Yesterday as He Was Conducting a Case in the County Court at Fredericton--Congratulations on His Appointment.

Fredericton, Oct. 8--(Special)--The many friends of George F. Gregory, Q. C., will be pleased to learn that he has been appointed to the vacancy on the Supreme Court bench made by the retirement of Hon. Jas. A. Vanwart. The pleasant news was received in a telegram from Hon. A. G. Blair this afternoon, while Mr. Gregory was conducting a case in the County Court here. He received many congratulations.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN WAR.

British Are Trying to Surround the Enemy

--Hope for a Canadian's Recovery Abandoned.

Johannesburg, Oct. 8--General Barton is fighting with a Boer commando northeast of Krugersdorp. Several bands of guerrillas have reappeared in that district recently and more are expected.

Colonel Henry, who wears the decoration of the Star of India and who is reorganizing the police department here, has introduced the system of identification by finger marks and in this way intends to register every native.

Capetown, Oct. 8--The Boers now occupy Wepener, as well as Rouxville and Ficksburg, in Orange River Colony, and the British are attempting to surround them.

Capetown, Oct. 8--The Cape House of Assembly today passed a second reading a bill to raise a loan of £500,000 to ensure the immediate payment of half the losses sustained by private persons through the war.

Hope Abandoned. Toronto, Ont., Oct. 8--(Special)--The Military Gazette tonight says: "A private cable from Cape Town conveys the sad intelligence that the doctors have given up all hope of saving the life of Lieut. and Brevet Capt. C. M. Nelles, of C. C. D., Toronto, who went to Africa as a captain of the C. M. R. He was badly crushed by his horse falling on him."

Leslie Majeste Again. Berlin, Oct. 8--Herr Maximilian Harden, editor and publisher of the Zeitschrift, has been sentenced to six months imprisonment in a fortress for Leslie Majeste, his specific offence being an article in the Zeitschrift entitled "The Battle of the Dragoons."

American Pine Products Co. Berlin, Oct. 8--The American Pine Products Company has just been organized at Hamburg to absorb two firms that have been importing from Savannah. The new concern is a joint stock company with a capital of 1,000,000 marks.

HON. H. R. EMMERSON ENTHUSIASTICALLY CHOSEN IN WESTMORLAND COUNTY.

The Best Convention the County Has Known Was Held in Moncton Yesterday--Hon. A. G. Blair, Hon. Wm. Pugsley, Messrs. Hawke and Robinson Address a Great Meeting in the Evening--I. C. R. and Other Matters Put in Their True Light.

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ed consisting of Messrs. J. T. Hawke, Albert Anderson, D. Doiron, Dr. E. T. Garden, Jeremiah Keenan, Geo. Hallan, Frederick Magee and John J. Sweeney. It was suggested that Mr. Robinson, M. P., be tendered the nomination. Mr. Robinson, speaking briefly, advised the selection of Hon. H. R. Emerson, as the candidate. He made a motion to this effect and being seconded by Dr. Gaudet, of Memramouc, the motion was carried unanimously, with three ringing cheers.

amid an enthusiastic demonstration. It was nothing, however, to the outburst of cheering which occurred a moment later when the chairman tendered him the nomination of the Liberals of Westmorland. Mr. Emerson said "I accept."

of the government railway system. For that reason he accepted the nomination as a personal sacrifice for, in becoming the candidate for Westmorland, he had to refuse a Supreme Court judgeship, which had been offered him. His sacrifice was the measure of his determination for, when he decided to contest Westmorland, he made it a stipulation that the judgeship should be filled. There was

recalled the fact that in 1887 he had stood upon the platform as a candidate in the Liberal interest. He had on that occasion indulged in some prophecies. Subsequent events convinced him he was a failure as a prophet, and he left all prophecies to more venturesome and experienced men. Sir Charles Tupper in 1887 stood upon the same platform a few days after he (Emmerson) had spoken. Until that time Mr. Emmerson said he had some hopes of election but, after the splendid promises Sir Charles had made, he knew there was no chance of his being elected.

PARLIAMENT DISSOLVED AND GENERAL ELECTION ANNOUNCED.

OTTAWA, Oct. 8--(Special)--An order-in-council was passed and approved today dissolving parliament, and a proclamation will be issued to that effect tomorrow.

The writs for a general election will also be mailed tomorrow.

Nominations will take place on October 31st, and voting a week later--on November 7. The campaign will thus be one of the shortest in the history of the country.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier left tonight for Montreal, accompanied by Hon. William Mulock. The premier will hold a series of meetings, the dates of which have already been given, in Quebec during this week, and will start in Ontario next week, commencing on the 16th in Toronto. The other meetings he will hold in Ontario have not yet been arranged, but it has been fixed that he will speak at Parkhill on Saturday the 20th. The writs are made returnable on December 5.

The returning officer for St. John is Sheriff H. Lawrance Sturdee.

LORD STRATHCONA'S WELCOME HOME.

Gave a Big Reception--Says That the Laurier Preferential Tariff is Warmly Received in England.

Montreal, Oct. 8--Lord Strathcona arrived from England via New York shortly before noon today and was met at the station by about 1,500 McGill students and a goodly number of C. P. R. officials. His lordship addressed the crowd, thanking them for the kind token of esteem. He was frequently interrupted by cries of "what's the matter with Strathcona's Horse," etc., questions which were answered with uproarious cheers.

After receiving greetings his lordship was escorted to his carriage, which was drawn by the students, notwithstanding the rain, through Windover, St. Catharines and other streets to his residence in west end. During the demonstration at the station the students became restless, doing some damage to the street cars. They also enjoyed football practice with leaves of bread ab-

A ST. JOHN FAMILY Had a Trying Experience at Galveston

Word has been received of the trying experience of a St. John family in the terrible flood at Galveston, Texas, recently. It has before been told that Mrs. Conboy, formerly of South End, and her two sons and two daughters, had removed to Galveston within the last year. They took up residence with Daniel McCormick, Mrs. Conboy's near relative, there. When the news of the terrible flood and storm reached St. John, there was great anxiety among relatives and friends of the family in St. John as to their safety. It was some time before a telegram could be got through to them and a reply received, but the good news of their safety was finally received.

IN THE AWFUL STORM.

Mrs. Conboy and Her Daughters Were Caught in a Room in Their House by the Flood--Death of Their Relative Followed the Terrible Experiences.

Considerable loss of cattle and horses and other belongings was sustained by Mr. McCormick. He, himself, the day after the storm, was taken ill with heart trouble, greatly due, doubtless, to the terrible experiences and the hardships of that day. The letter bears the sad news of his death, which occurred the day following the storm. Mr. McCormick will be kindly remembered by many in St. John.

Mrs. Conboy and her family, at time of writing, were not decided as to their future course.

Appointed Judge for Three Rivers.

Ottawa, Oct. 8--(Special)--Hon. E. J. Robitoux of Montreal, is to be judge of the Supreme Court for the district of Three Rivers in succession to Judge Bourgeois, who has asked within the last few days to be relieved on account of ill health. Mr. Robitoux is a well known figure in the province of Quebec, both in the legal profession and otherwise as a public man. He was a member of the Marchand government.

NO BETTER RECOMMENDATION COULD GOVERNMENT HAVE.

OTTAWA, Oct. 8--(Special)--The trade of Canada for the two months of the fiscal year, ending August 31 last, was over \$7,000,000 greater than for the same time last year, when it was the greatest then on record. The imports have increased by over \$3,000,000, and the exports by over \$4,000,000 this year. The following are the figures for the two months as compared with the corresponding two months of last year:--

Table with 3 columns: Item, 1899, 1900. Rows include Dutiable goods, Free, Totals, and Duty collected.

For the same period of two months the Canadian exports were: 1899, \$28,743,577; 1900, \$32,955,850.

NEWFOUNDLAND ELECTIONS.

Promise of a Warm Contest--The Reid Enterprises.

St. John's, Nfld., Oct. 8--The forthcoming colonial election promises to be the most hotly contested in the history of Newfoundland. The government organ, the St. John's Herald, has announced that Mr. Reid will have absolute control of the legislature and be able to obtain such legislation as will permit him to transfer his numerous franchises, of immense importance to the colony, to a limited liability company.

They also assert that Messrs. Reid and Morine have entered into a combination for this express purpose and that the latter's promise to resign the post of counsel to the former is not an adequate safeguard considering the great interests involved.

It is generally understood that the Reid enterprises will be capitalized at \$250,000.

Phoenix Park Recalled.

Liverpool, Oct. 9--James Fitzharris, the Phoenix Park purriner, known as "Skin the goat," was rearrested here last evening for failing to report himself, under the terms of his prisoner release license. It is probable that he will only be temporarily detained.

SETTLEMENT IN SIGHT.

Thought That the Strikers' Convention

WILL ACCEPT

The Ten Per Cent. Increase Offered--The Plan of the Convention--There May be Trouble Today at Williamstown--Quebec is Short of Coal.

Hazleton, Pa., Oct. 8--The issuing of the call today by President Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers, for a joint convention of the anthracite mines to be held at Scranton, beginning next Friday, for the purpose of deciding whether to accept or to reject the 10 per cent. net increase in wages offered by the operators is a long step in the direction of bringing the great coal miners' strike to a close. Genuine satisfaction was expressed today by both miners and persons not directly connected with the coal industry that the contest is approaching an end. Business throughout the entire anthracite coal field is practically at a standstill and it will take some time before normal conditions will again prevail.

It is believed the convention will not be a long one, as it is expected the strikers will almost unanimously accept the advance in wages. There is, however, a possibility that by the introduction of a proposition to abolish the sliding scale and another to have the operators agree to a yearly scale, and another to have the operators agree to a yearly wage contract the termination of the strike might be somewhat delayed.

None of the operators who could be seen today would have anything to say in regard to the contest. They have, however, preferred to wait and see what action the convention will take.

Some of the local unions in various parts of the coal fields have selected their delegates to the convention and many of them were in session tonight for that purpose. President Mitchell's call for a joint convention of the anthracite mines to be held at Scranton, Pa., beginning Friday, Oct. 12, at 10 a. m.

The basis of representation will be one vote for each 100 persons on strike, or, if desired, one delegate may represent as many as 500 mine workers; but no delegate will be allowed to cast more than five votes.

Each delegate should have credentials signed by the chairman and secretary of the meeting at which he is elected, and whenever possible credentials should bear the seal of the local union.

(Signed) John Mitchell, president United Mine Workers of America; T. B. Nichols, president District No. 1; Thos. W. Duffy, president District No. 7; John Foley, president District No. 2.

Preparing for the Convention. Scranton, Pa., Oct. 8--Music Hall, a theatre adjoining the district headquarters and capable of seating a thousand people, has been secured for Friday's convention. The probability is that the headquarters will be maintained in this city until the strike is over, as this is the metropolis of the anthracite region.

After the big demonstration of Wednesday afternoon the work of arranging the preliminaries of the convention will be commenced.

Trouble Feared at Williamstown. Harrisburg, Pa., Oct. 8--Two thousand miners participated in a parade at Williamstown tonight. About 300 men at Williamstown went on strike today and more are expected to remain out tomorrow. The mine officials, however, assert that they will be able to keep their collieries in operation. Trouble is feared tomorrow. Sheriff Raff has a large number of deputies on the ground.

Short of Coal in Quebec. Quebec, Oct. 8--(Special)--In consequence of the miners' strike, coal in Quebec has gone up to \$7 a ton. There is a shortage of about six hundred tons.